

POETRY.

IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

Give as the morning that flows out of heaven, give as the waves when their channel is risen, Give as the free air and sunshine are given, Utterly, fearlessly, recklessly give; Not the waste drops from the cup overflowing, Not a faint spark from thy hearth ever glowing, Not a pale bud from the June roses blowing, Give as He gave thee, who gave thee to live.

SELECT STORY

THE MISSING WILL

BY HUGH CONWAY.

Cuthbert went to his room, raked together his snuffing fire, and for a long time sat thinking over the deathbed scene. He felt sorry for the loss of a friend, and with all her peculiarities, a true friend; yet, in his sorrow, he could not help wondering what could be the contents of that mysterious letter lying before him. It must have been written when Mrs. Blatchford was in good health, as the writing on the cover was firm and powerful. Well, he knew that plain but characteristic handwriting—just the sort one would expect from a stern and strong-minded woman. But speculation was idle; for some days he must remain in ignorance of the wishes he had so solemnly promised to see carried out; so he locked the letter in his desk in company with the maltreated sermon, which Mrs. Roberts had picked up and reverentially placed on the table; then, feeling worn out with the work of the day, he went to bed and slept an untroubled sleep.

HORRORS OF WAR.

They will be exaggerated by the Adoption of Smokeless Powder. General Abbot, in his recent article in the Forum on war under new conditions, makes the suggestion that the spectacle of battle will be more trying to the nerves than it is at present. With the perfection and general adoption of smokeless powder the curtain that has mercifully hidden the shock of battle will be more. All the agony, all the horror, will be brought before the eyes of the combatants, and will act more powerfully upon troops drawn up in support of those actually engaged. "Experience has proved," says General Abbot, "that many men who fight steadily in battle faint and sick in a field hospital; how will it be when the two experiences are to a certain extent combined?"

NEWS AND NOTES.

When it takes a young man half an hour to put on a girl's slippers, she also indicates that she is generally safe to regard him as engaged. CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice having had placed in his hands by a East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested his wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, their recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOZES 184 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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EDUCATION OF THE EMPEROR.

The Emperor attended a banquet at the Kaiserhof given under the auspices of the Brandenburg Provincial Diet. In a speech he said the Brandenburgers had stood by his house in both troubled and joyous days. It was in the hour of need one learned to know his friends. He had been reproached with too much travelling, but he advised all people to travel in order to learn to judge men and things in a calmer and cooler manner than they could at home. "I have seen," he said, "the stately firmament at night on the high seas and I type of ladies. It is only a little while ago I have learned to judge of politics from the outside. Over-hasty steps have thereby been prevented. I shall follow the traditions of my grandfather, who marked out for me the path I intend to walk. To him who is with me I am grateful, and I shall know how to cope with him who is against me. If we are attacked a great and gallant people will stand by my side."

THREE MEN THRASHED.

Margaret Lane, 60 years old, weighing 175 pounds, and a giantess in strength cleaned out the Mayor's office at Gainsville, Texas. Several days ago she had been fined by the Mayor's Court for being drunk at that official's office and gave him a terrible tongue-lashing. He ordered policeman Robertson to arrest her, and she knocked the policeman flat with a blow on the nose. City Attorney Hall entered and attempted to restrain the woman, but she also flogged him. The Mayor then took a hand in the game, and she likewise knocked him down. Then she waded in and actually thrashed all three of them and drove them from the courtroom. The men are badly disgraced about the face. Mrs. Lane held the court for three hours after she drove the officials out, and only when she got ready did she leave.

PORTUGAL NOT TO GIVE WAY.

A Lisbon correspondent says: Mr. Magalhães, director of the Delagoa Bay railway, has been ten days trying to effect a settlement of the railway trouble. He has notified himself that the railway concession is determined at whatever cost or hazard to keep the railway and its lands, and to exclude England entirely from Mozambique. The company claims £1,750,000. America's claim on behalf of the Portuguese is £700,000. In view of Portugal's deliberate attempt at forcible confiscation, England and America will insist upon ample compensation for their outraged citizens.

RUSSIAN AGENTS IN AMERICA.

The Russian Government has found it necessary to take steps to identify the articles published in American papers and magazines about outrages in Russian prisons. The government lately sent to the United States fifty spies, or agents—thirty-five women and fifteen men—charged with the duty of mollifying the impressions made on Americans by the articles and to secure the passage of an extradition treaty looking to the return to Russia of fugitive political prisoners. Three of these emissaries have already reached America. One of them, a lady, is giving lectures in Russia in Western States, and another is actively engaged in the South, while the third, a gentleman, is in Washington, cultivating desirable acquaintances and occasionally writing newspaper articles.

THE CZAR THREATENED.

The czar has received a threatening letter from a woman in St. Petersburg, who signs herself Tchebrikova. The writer says unless he modifies his reactionary policy he will share the fate of Peter III, Paul I. and Alexander II. A copy of the letter was sent to each of the ministers at the same time. The police are extra watchful and conducting an active search for the person suspected of being implicated in the letter.

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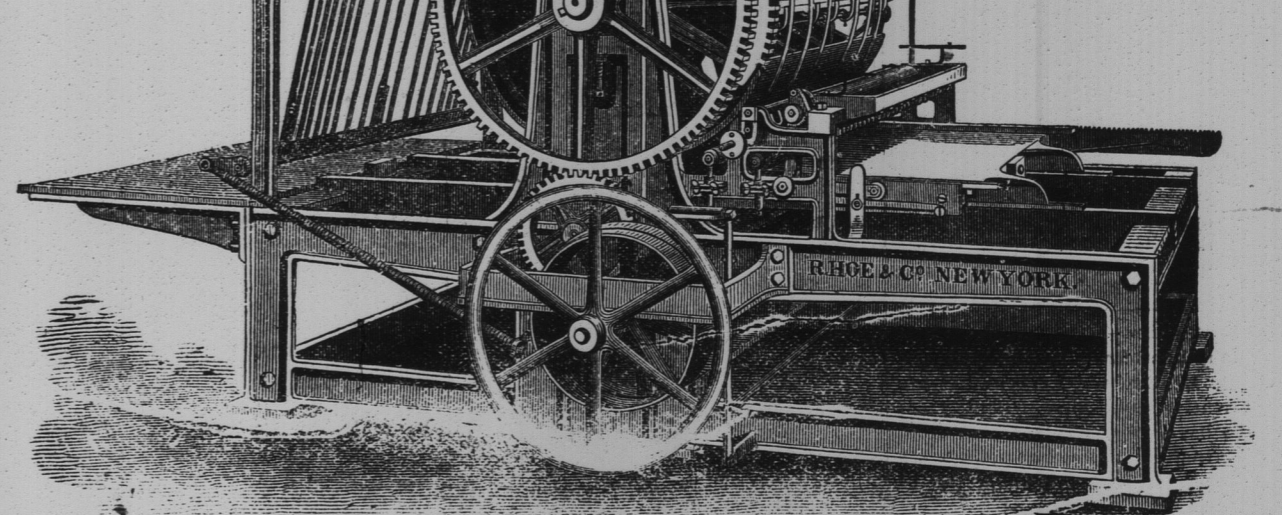
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