

IF. If you have a happy voice, Sing, that others may rejoice; Let its tender cadence flow...

If you have a precious thought, That to you has gladness brought, Write it not within your breast; Write it and make others blest!

If you have a loving word, Speak it where it can be heard, Souls are languishing to-day, For the words that you might say;

Between the curtains of snowy lace Over the way, is a baby's face. It peeps forth, smiling in merry glee, And waves its pink little hand at me.

My heart responds with a lonely cry, But in the wonderful by and by, Out from the window of God's "To be," That other baby shall beckon to me.

That ever haunting and longed-for face, That perfect vision of infant grace, Shall shine on me in a splendor of light, Never to fade from my eager sight.

A I that was taken shall be made good— All that puzzles me, understood; And the we white hand that I lost one day Shall lead me into the Better Way.

WHERE SHE DREW THE LINE.

Laura, said young George Van Perkins, tenderly, do you think you could consent to leave this beautiful home, where your innocent childhood was spent...

You would miss many of the conveniences and enjoyments of city life, pursued George, in a community of hard-working settlers.

I should be one of the workers myself, exclaimed the fair girl with beautiful enthusiasm.

With youth, health, devotion to each other, and the future before us, there is no reason why we cannot be happy, even in a western frontier village...

None of these things, George, are essentials to real happiness.

And where the trivial customs that prevail in so-called refined circles are unknown; where women never turn to look at each other's dresses as they pass on the street.

THE WATER OF SUPERIOR.

How cold the dark water of Lake Superior is! One evening when we were steaming across that lake I asked the mate what was done when a man fell overboard.

THE ORIGIN OF PETROLEUM.

Professor Medeleef, in Engineering, has advanced the theory that petroleum is of mineral origin, and that its production is going on and may continue almost indefinitely.

His hypothesis is that water finds its way below the crust of the earth, and then meets with carbides of metals, particularly of iron, in a growing state.

Oil bearing strata occur in the vicinity of mountain ranges, and it is supposed that the upheaval of the hills has dislocated the strata below sufficiently to give the water access to depths from which it is ordinarily shut out.

It is alleged, he mate said, that this lake never gives up its dead, that to be drowned in Lake Superior is to be buried for all time.

Charlie, age eight, brought home a slinking yellow pup, bow-legged, drooping-tailed and shame-faced.

Charlie's eyes flashed indignantly. He isn't horrid. That shows how much a girl knows. The man told me he is a full-blooded cur.

THE EDITOR'S MARRIAGE.

The good book has said that it is not well for men to be alone. It has been saying so for about 2000 years, more or less, but it was only yesterday that we concluded that such indeed was the case, and proceeded to get us a wife.

good, clean beds and a square meal for 50 cents. There it was in that mansion that shot from Cupid's bow was shot clean through our two tender hearts.

Yes, there we saw the Widow Pledger, and it was there we wooed and won and wedded her. It was a moonlight night she approached us with a board bill in her hand, but all undaunted we fell at her feet and poured forth the tale of affection that filled our bosom.

The ceremony! Who can tell about it? There was the parson—we promised him \$2; there was the bride, all white fludds and veils and flowers and ribbons and smiles, and there was we—the whole is summed up in the confession that we hereby breathe forth to the brethren of the press—we are no longer we—we are, us.—Eagle Guleh [Idaho] Warwhoop.

WHAT HE DISCOVERED.

A handsomely dressed young woman entered a crowded street car. A long whiskered old fellow, wearing a dingy slouch hat and a suit of homespun clothes, got up and said: Miss, take my seat.

The young woman sat down without thanking the old fellow; and, slyly winking at a woman whom she knew, whispered:

How do you like my gallant country hoosier? I don't you think that he would cut quite a figure in a dime museum?

Miss, said the old fellow with a smile which clearly bespoke his unconsciousness of the unlady-like ridicule, I believe I left my pocket-book thar on that seat. Will you please get up a minute?

The young woman got up. The old fellow sat down, and, stroking his whiskers, remarked:

B'lieve I'll jest keep on setting here, Miss. I stood up so much at the dime museum jest now that I'm sorter tired. I've got a leetle more politeness than these here gentlemen but I have discovered that I ain't got nigh so much sense.—Arkansa Traveller.

ODD WAYS OF RUSSIANS.

When Russian friends meet they kiss twice once on either cheek. The men greet each other in this way, the same as women. Frequently I have seen great burly Russians, with flowing beards, smoking strong cigars, meet and kiss each other so affectionately that their lips give out sounds like the suction valves in air pumps.

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LIFE IN LIBERIA.—There is not a horse or a mule or a jackass in the country. The cows are about as big as Newfoundland dogs and no milk. The oxen are useless. There is not a carriage or wagon or even a wheelbarrow in the republic, and there are not three plows owned in the whole population.

The other morning Mr. P. T. Barnum, the veteran showman, entered his New York office, hung his overcoat on the rack, where there were a number of other coats, and began his daily work.

I say, Pat, remarked one Boston coal-heaver to another, did you hear that the coal is going up higher? Going up higher, is it? returned the latter.

General News.

—Simeon Jones, commissioner to the Argentine Republic and to Brazil, has arrived at Ottawa to receive his instructions. He goes to Toronto and Hamilton in a few days to interview merchants.

—The directors of the Federal bank met on the evening of the 14th and it is officially announced that Samuel Nordheimer, president, and J. S. Playfair, vice-president, have been replaced by H. C. Hammond of Toronto and William Hendrie of Hamilton respectively.

John Rutledge, the guard in the central prison who was stabbed on Friday by convict Neil, died this afternoon.

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Derby, North Co.; Nelson, 99 Monday; J. Betts Douglass, North Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.

Penobscot, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Wednesday; J. W. Floyd.

St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent.

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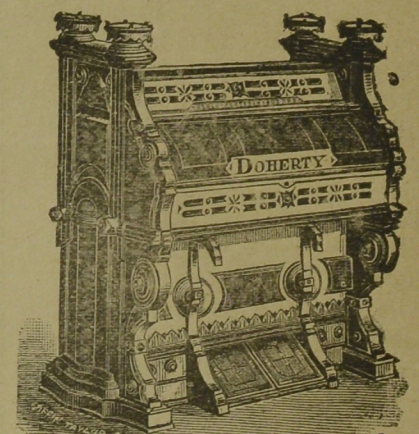
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