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THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW CENTURY.

THE OLD TO THE NEW:—" He might have been a squealer,
A mugwump-fake, or heeler,
An Anglo-manise man;
But in spite of small temptation
To shine in celebration
He remains an American."



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MOTTO FOR OKLAHOMA—Free speech, free soil, free shoot.

THE FINEST THING in the Easter bonnet was the girl that had it on.

UNCLE THURMAN calls Wanamaker "a pious cuss." That is to say that Wanamaker, being pious, is a curse; and how truly Democratic that is!

WHEN THE STATUE to B. Franklin had its face washed it was discovered, to the astonishment of all, that the face was adorned with a fine old smile.

SHALL protest while I have a breath of body in my life.

-G. Z. Erwin.

GREAT TRUTH—To the lamp held out by Byrnes the vilest sinner oft returns.

THERE IS a question. Where, for instance, will be the birds that sing a hundred years to come?

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SURELY OKLAHOMA should be admitted as a state. The delay has been too long by at least five minutes.

THE OTHER world is principally good because your wife is there too and so you don't have to button your own collar.

MR. STEVENS, the World's searcher, is believed by some to be such a liar that the New York Herald can't believe him.

THE NEXT CENTENNIAL.

DURING THE next hundred years we shall have bal-

There will be such means to safety in traveling, in buildings, in everything, that nobody will die except of old age. A new kind of 'phone will preserve whatever has been sung or spoken, with a universal, selfacting cat to edit the matter and scratch out the objectionable portions of it. One will hear from his friend at the north pole, if he happen to be at the south pole, with as little trouble as if the friend were in the next room with the intervening door open. If the moon is inhabited our second cousins will live there and they will drop to see us, or we shall drop in to see them, at any moment. There will be continuous communication between every shore and every vessel that departs from it until the latter reaches its destination, and no vessel will go down without leaving the occupants of it safer than they were before. Weather observers will not only predict cyclones and blizzards, but supply the means to prevent them. Explorers will ride winged steeds through the little stars and shoot the meteors off in great blazes of celestial fireworks. The sense of hearing, or the means to its development, will be so improved that we shall have music from the angelic choir at stated intervals, without money and without price. Will Uncle Sam rule the universe? Probably not, for he will be satisfied with possession of the continent. Will heaven and earth come

together because the latter has grown to the former's knowledge? Let us fold our ambitious wings and hope not, for that would mean the destruction of the nicest little world that any of us ever occupied.

THE COMING MILLIONS.

THE UNITED STATES is, by the proffer of political liberty, the assured personal proprietorship of every man in himself, the lessening of the difficulties in the conflict of life, and the broadening of opportunity, an attractive force, drawing to itself vast masses of population from the older world. Notwithstanding the temptation of the favorable climate of Brazil, and the bounty of free and fertile land offered by the Argentine republic, the competitive emigration to the southern portion of this continent is broken and thin.

The Latin races, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and French, have never proven persistent or successful as a colonizing people. It was greed of gold, and not home-seeking, that stimulated the Spaniard. The Castilian adventurer, or Portuguese don, expected to reap a quick fortune through the peonage of the subdued Indian or the enslaved negro. The new world was to these early sojourners with "magnificent expectations" just what Cuba is to them now, and what this country is in a narrower way to the temporary Italian and Chinamen—simply a foraging ground. The harvest of luck or labor, when gathered, the chevalier of fortune, as now the soldier of the spade, expected to transport with his returning self to his old home. The Latin, and the Asiatic like the Latin, races are simply

birds of passage, winging to a feeding and fattening ground, and returning quick as they may to their old nesting-place. The Teutonic and Anglo-Saxon peoples differ in this: they swarm and seek new fields for hiving, and stay. Unlike the southern European nationalities, they do not build bridges for retreat, but burn them behind them. Even English loyalty becomes here a thin veneer, soon desiccated to nothingness by the chemistry of a freer air. The blood that bred Cromwell and evolved Milton, that pulsed in the veins of every signer of the declaration of independence, is not likely, either with the strain of Puritan or cavalier, to crawl back to its old compressment after feeling the freedom of broader channels.

The Germanic races, while touched with respectful pride and remembrance of the "father-land," and glorying in the political solidification of their native principalities into a definite nationality, never thicken the thread of their sentimentality into a recalling bond.

The human contribution to this continent from the Emerald isle, large as it is, is not the

isle, large as it is, is not the largest. Yet the race is at once unique in being a race with characteristics solely its own. Fervid, if also fitful, in its love. Devout rather than discriminating in its faith; with a wit so quaint in its stumbling as to pass for mental agility touched with an enthusiasm southern in its fervor, and with more than Holland shrewdness in its methods. Hungry for political recognition, denied to it at home, and demandingly dominating, just in proportion to its previous political repression. It has no twin, nor even national family resemblance, on the planet. Clannish, yet self-contentious. Adoring a saint not of its own blood. Glorying in a banner under which it has won few successes at home and no victories abroad. With sons brave with unwonted heroism, yet winning laurels under another flag. With singers so sweet that the world listens wondering to their song; with an oratory so fascinating that its eloquence seems a second inspiration.

This contributive race comes to us as marked in its faults as in its virtues, and comes to stay; turning perhaps with a remembrance, as did the Hebrews in the wilderness, to the meadows by the Nile, but not with a love strong enough for returning.

These composite peoples, assimilating some slowly and others speedily, are builded, not without flaw and temporary weakness, in our



AN OPPORTUNE EXPLANATION.

Costigan—"Look'r th' decait av thot machine, Barney. Sure an ellypant wouldn' weigh th' like o' thot!"
FERRIGAN (bluntly)—"Yez hov th' ticket oop-side down, yez blatherin' fool!"



AT THE HUNT BALL.

MISS CROPSEY—"I understand that Mr. Blennerhasset over there is one of your hardest riders."

Mr. Burke—"He ought to be, anyway. He fell off so many times to-day I should think he'd be actually calloused."

political structure. The annual exodus "from the other side" comes with a more languid welcome than before, equaling yearly a volume of added population large enough, if it could possibly be concentrated in a western territory, to warrant a demand for another state; large enough every three years to make more than another New York city, and in a little over a single decade equaling the present population of the empire state.

Is there not in this affluent human tide another problem also to be solved?

Half a century ago the cost of a sea passage required a fair competency. The motive of emigration was also higher, and its quality of the best. Now pauperism can and does compass a passage. One of the questions, and one of nearest interest, is how to braid such legal meshes as to screen the coarseness out of the laden tide; how to save this "refuge land" from degenerating into simply a dumping ground for the ignorance and menacing poverty of Europe.

J. A.

"WHEN THE GREEN GITS BACK."

IT IS the jocund spring, as a million poets remind us. It is the rosy spring; that of the water-cress, the brook trout, and some hints of



IN DEFENCE OF HIS LOCALITY.

Mr. Genesee (making his maiden speech in the legislature)—"You may think, gentlemen, that my constituents are what you are pleased here in Albany to term 'hayseeds,' but I want you to understand that you can't fool us—not by a colossal majority!"

daisy and dandelion. It is the spring that puts patches of green on every tree, and promises the blossoms of the apple and the peach. There are glimpses to the lively imagination of the hollyhock and morning-glory in a corner of the garden and over the porch of the old house on the farm. Directly there will be home radishes and the tender onion, and the brush of the whitewash will make becoming the village fences. Oh, who would take a foreign mission to get away from these things? And how many are unhappy because they cannot get it!

THE LATE MR. ARNOLD.

REPUBLICS ARE not only not ungrateful-they are generous. How the spirit of Benedict Arnold must rejoice that the name it went by was hardly mentioned during the recent centennial festivities. The charity of forgetfulness is as sweet at times as that of remembrance. and when a bad man's grave is level with the common ground it is time to drop him from everything but history. At the same time, if Mr. Arnold, or Mr. Iscariot, or any of those fellows, born themselves again they must expect no immunity of punishment.

Enough is a feast, but few enjoy a feast in this world.



A MIRACLE AT THE TABLEAUX.

WASHINGTON (as the stage manager's dog gets in front of the Delaware packet)-" Walk out in th' wings an' whistle, Mulvey!"

HUM OF THE COURT.

THE Paper World says this is the age of paper. Indeed it is. Visit any theatre on any night.

THERE IS A PLACE in Michigan called Romeo. Go west, ye ambitious actresses, and grow up with Romeo.

THE EMPEROR of China has ten men to take charge of his umbrella; so we see again that it never reigns but it pours.

THE SUN may be said, in this study of practical science, to be a very good baking powder, because it always rises in the yeast.

BE IT ever so humble there seems to be no place like Oklahoma.

T WILL be found presently that Jay Gould was given authority of possession of the continent by Christopher Columbus and the constitution of the United States.

THE SPINNING-WHEEL is charming to sing about; but the girls who spun wool with it have been relegated to some extent to that vacuity of memory which belongs to the ordinary milk-maid who had to earn her money too.

SOME PAPER suggests baseball for ladies. The man who writes this paragraph has seen one game between two women nines, and he begs, as an amendment, to suggest that Cornwallis be resurrected and the country be surrendered to him.

THIS COUNTRY has its narrowest escape in the peaceful end of the centennial celebration. Happily, the four hundred, unlike those boys in gray, didn't know how to fight; and it is besides established that four hundred is not a majority, THE MAN PIGOTT died much too soon. It was the obvious right of every man to help him to the desired end with the end of his boot.

A PAPER has the heading "The Fashions in a Nutshell." We see.

The papa of the establishment is a lost man if he does nutshell out.

SIR CHARLES RUSSELL wept like a child after speaking six consecutive days, and all his audience were equally dissolved in cheers.

JOHN SHANE of Cincinnati had his mustache dyed, and through the poison of the dye lost the mustache and is apprehensive with regard to his lip. A woman would never make such a mistake as that. She would bleach.

NOT SUCCEEDING VERY WELL.

MRS. RIPLEY—"Good mornin', Miss Grimshaw. Come right up an' set down. We expect our son from Californy ter-morrer an' father's tryin' ter carry out that air scriptur' idee with th' fat calf."

SOME RECENT evictions in Ireland create surprise because they haven't been followed by the suicide of the government which permits them.

MRS. HARRISON sometimes, after shopping in Washington, carries her purchases home with her. That seems strange to some persons; but of course she has the reasoning faculty sufficiently not to take them to Indianapolis.

WHEN FRANCIS JOSEPH heard that Fred Grant was booked for Vienna he shut his lips firmly and said he wasn't afraid; but it was noticed that there were a pallor and a hectic flush in his ancient cheek that had not been seen there before.

TWO BLACK MEN who lynched somebody have been pard oned by the governor of South Carolina because the example of lynching had been set them by white men who were never punished. As the two governors of the Carolinas said each to the other on a memorable occasion, it's a long time between events like this.

THE FIRST INAUGURATION.



THE fresh grass brightened along the wa New blossoms burst from each bended The world was a fair young world tha

From the lonely hillside homestead, down Up from the glibelands, warm and brown-Came the country folk into New York to

A straggling hamlet 'mid marshes bare, With its clusters of houses here and there, And 'round it the sea-tides circling fair.

The puritan maids with their modest eyes, The stalwart youths in their homely guise, The sires, and grandsires, and matrons wise

And children silenced from talk and song, Half scared, half smiling, stood mute among The earnest groups of that listening throng.

any, indeed, all told were they ame from near and far away t first inauguration day.

very face had a heart beneath, every life, from its happy breath, moment's call would have gone to death

High in the sight of the multitude, Firm and strong, like a god he stood; Or, better—a Christian soldier, good.

And the bells were ringing—not many, then Were the chimes that echoed, again, again, The gladdest tidings e'er come to men.

But out on the quiet waters whirled That message swept, like God's thunder hurled Over the whole wide, wondering world.

And a hundred years have come and gone Of the freedom fought for—the freedom won-By the sword and the pen of Wāshington!

A hundred years of Time's fateful flight, Yet still, at our sea-gate, day and night, Fair Liberty stands with her lifted light.

SWEET CHARITY.

Tramp (at the South ferry)—"I'm about frozen, mister. Can't yer gimme an elevated ticket to Bleecker street? It's only five cents."

Philanthropist-"I don't like to do that, my man, but here's a ticket to a charitable society up-town. They'll investigate your case if you walk up."

DECLINED ALL 'ROUND.

Miss Cashley-"I am sorry, Mr. Gushington, but it can never be. But I will always be a sister to you."

Mr. Gushington—" Pardon me if I decline. How could I gracefully congratulate a future brother-in-law, sister, should you by-and-bye decide to wed?"

PRESENCE OF MIND.

Boarding-house keeper (2 a.m.)-" Ha! You vas going to skip, ain't it? Pay me dot bill or I calls der police!"

Jack Borrowit—" 'Sh, Carl! I was just going to leave this gripsack

at your door as security. Got to catch an early train."

"Did Java good coffee to-night?" said he; "Bah! to drink such a coffee is Mo-cha-ry."



A CONTINUED CONVERSATION.

PORTER—"Jersey City! All out!"

AHRENS (retail dry-goods, talking in his sleep)—" But ve vill hef some more in der nexd time you calls, mine frent."



FROM THEIR STANDPOINT.

Mr. Devon Wileyshire—"What's all this dayvlish fuss about, deah boy?"
Mr. Sevenache Hawthorne—"I believe these American fellahs are canonizing some old fossil that invented a pie or something."

HE MOVED IN A HIGHER SPHERE.

Magistrate-" The officer charges you with having no visible means of support.'

Baboony (haughtily)—" Aw—I suppose my means of suppawt are usually invisible to fellaws of his clawss. I'm a champagne boomer, Mr. Justice."

ALAS!

- I had told her that I loved her, She had whispered me the same; Then in innocent flirtation I was caught. The climax came.
- She demanded back her letters; And my mind is in a whirl, For by some mistake I sent her Letters from another girl.

BLUE MONDAY.

Wiggins (who has got outside the bulk of his week's salary, entering Third avenue table d'hôte)-" Hello, Starvely! what have you today-greens?"

Starvely (same circumstances; jabbing his fork into the spinach)-"Nop; blues."

PROBABLY TRUE.

Mrs. Brown-" If you had only listened to me"-Mr. Brown-"I'd have been talked to death long ago."



THE PRETTY MAN.

T was at the railroad crossing that we hap-

pened for to meet, Where a freight-train had the impudence to interrupt the street;

It was near the midday meal-time-many mortals waited there,
But not another creature half so marvelously

'Twas no foolish, foolish woman, but a creature on a plan
Far more strangely fascinating; 'twas a pretty,

pretty man.

One who looked so calmly scornful of all com-mon, human clay

That scarcely one in all the crowd could turn

All beautifully polished with the best of toilet

soap, *
His vivid cheek was fresh enough to move a misanthrope;

And from his garments fragrance fell, ex-tremely rich and rare, While odors of the barber-shop were wafted from his hair.

His white, expansive shirt-front shone-a marble sort of shine, Like that upon the shirt-front of a first-class laundry sign; And straggling from a button-hole, two ways across his breast, A watch-chain loudly added to the glory of his vest.

I'm not a judge of smoke, and yet, the smell was so intense, I dare assert that his cigar was worth some several cents; And yet with light and liberal hand when all its fire was spent, He tossed the stub away as if it hadn't cost a cent.

Upon the girls in plain array he coldly turned his back, Though gallantly he smiled on one who wore a sealskin sacque; And it seemed a dreadful pity such a being was a clerk, He seemed so like a gentleman all unobliged to work.

Oh, the poet seeth pathos even in the pomp of pride,
And I felt a throb of pity as I lingered near his side;
And when the engine cried "Toot-too," and when the train swept by,

MRS. GEORGE ARCHIBALD.

WANTED-ARISTOCRATIC FRUIT.

Fruit-dealer-" Mrs. Uppertenne, we have some fine blood oranges, just arrived; shall I send you some?"

Mrs. Uppertenne-"Yes, if they're nice blue-bloods; the last were just some of those ordinary red ones that everybody can get."



CONGRATULATORY.

Officer Geogegan (to his cousin, just over)—" Pfwhat are yez doin', Kathie?" Katle—" Th' missus wor afther tellin' me t' ring th' bill fer supper." Officer Geogegan—" It's lear-rnin' th' ways av th' shwells fast yez are, dar-rlint."

ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY.

Jack Borrowit-" You told me these goods wouldn't fade, Moses, and see! this coat is perfectly ruined after three weeks' wear.'

Moses—"Ah, you did not ask me if it vould vash, mein friendt! I gif no guarantee against dhose spring rains."

BARRED OUT.

Wiggins-" If you're out of work, Jack, why don't you try to get on a jury?"

Jack Borrowit-" Can't. I read the papers every day, looking for a job; and what lawyer would accept a man of that kind?"



WHAT IT WILL COME TO.

MISS DESPLAINES—"Who's that talking to Mr. Dosset?"
MISS BRENTOR—"I'm sure I don't know. Can't amount to much. I notice she isn't branded."

MEN WE HAVE MET.

E. B. POND, MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO.

HE pioneers of California have evaded the scalpingknife of time as successfully as they did that of the poor, painted, thirsty redskin, whose appanage they crossed on their way to the gold-fields forty years or so ago. The diminution of hair caused by high hats and frequent occupancy of front seats at the ballet has affected few of them. The present mayor of San Francisco, who traveled to the land of the setting sun with an ox-team in 1852, is one of these

old-timers who are obliged to visit a tonsor regularly in order to keep their locks shorn. Not only is he not bald, though fifty-six years of age, but he has as perfect a set of white, unblemished and unpurchased teeth as can be found in a dozen counties. The sound constitution which these natural possessions and a sturdy frame indicate was obtained in a pastoral spot in Jefferson county, New York, not far from Watertown. It was there that while milking one of his father's cows the mayor ascertained by experiments, in which a playmate acted as target, that he could discharge the lacteal fluid from the bovine with such accuracy and force as to strike an object ten feet away every time he chose to do so. The mayor is a busy man. The door of his private office is always open and he denies himself to no one. He has been twice elected supervisor and twice mayor, and so for six years has been in public life, with two more before him. He has exercised the veto power more than any previous mayor of his city. He would, in the opinion of a disappointed politician, deliberate very carefully over the bible if it were presented to him in the form of an ordinance before affixing his signature to it. The mayor lives on Nob hil, but he owen he has in that aristocratic locality before he became a public official

the house he has in that aristocratic locality before he became a public official. He has large landed interests, and is concerned in insurance and mining companies, a savings bank, a sugar refinery, and other enterprises. It would take six figures to express his wealth.



LINES TO HIS ANCIENT HEIRESS.

M V love is like (I don't want rose, For she has such a dreadful nose, She'll think the rhymes I thought were those).

My girl is (Oh! I can't say sweet, For I declare that I'm clean beat, If I can find aught else but feet). My maid is gentle as (If dove I use, I'll have to couple love With it, and that I've used above). Her eyes are blue as summer skies (Great Shakespeare! how a fellow lies When at this sort of truck he shies).

Her teeth like pearls (It seems to me That that's a line I often see; But, hang it! what else can they be?) Her lips like cherries (Bah! the rouge I tasted, when with my adieux I kissed her. Helpl oh, help my muse!) Her taper fingers (Just like claws! I do believe that without cause She'd peck at virtue's self for flaws). Her raven tresses, like (Oh, dear! The way she glues them 'gainst my ear Would make an angel swear, I fear). Her shell-like ear (I'll have a fit! The facts are scantier than my wit On which to write. Say, nuse, let's quit).

WOULDN'T BE IMPOSED ON.

Mr. Long purse (married a month)—"What! Here's a bill from Dr. Wisdomtooth for those teeth you had filled last week. My dear, it isn't right for me to pay this."

Mrs. Long purse (with spirit)—" Well, sir; I should like you to inform me who would be the proper person to pay it, then?"

Mr. Longpurse—"Holy smoke! Your mother, of course. Think I'm going to pay dentists for stopping up holes that you had in your teeth before you married me and left the maternal roof? Well, I guess not."

UNREASONABLE.

Mr. Bob Tayle—
"Here, cully, gimme a
napkin, will yer?"

Waiter—" Phwat! A napkin wid a foivecint plate av bafe sthew? Do yez t'ink de charity organization is runnin' a free laundhry for dishtressed aytin'-houses?"

REVISED PROVERBS.

Bread is the stuff of life.

A dead cat has nein lives.

A new broom sweeps dirt.

While there's life there's breath.

There is no cigar without smoke.

A little knowledge is better than none at all.

When sailing never quarrel,
for
You'll find, beyond a doubt,
A boat is not a pleasant place
To have a falling out.



MIXED UP HISTORY.

Mrs. Pulsifer (to her husband, who is going to masquerade as Henry VIII.)—"Let's see, was it Henry that killed Annie Bolynn, or was it Annie that killed him?"

Mr. Pulsifer—"I ain't dead sure, but I think Annie done th' deed."

Mrs. Pulsifer—"I don't blame her, Joseph, if he looked like that."

TOO SWEET.

Waggs—"I wish you wouldn't make such affectionate pies, Mrs. Skimplee."

Landlady—"Affectionate pies! Pray, what kind's that?"

Waggs—"Why, this berry pie's so thin that the crusts are actually stuck on each other."

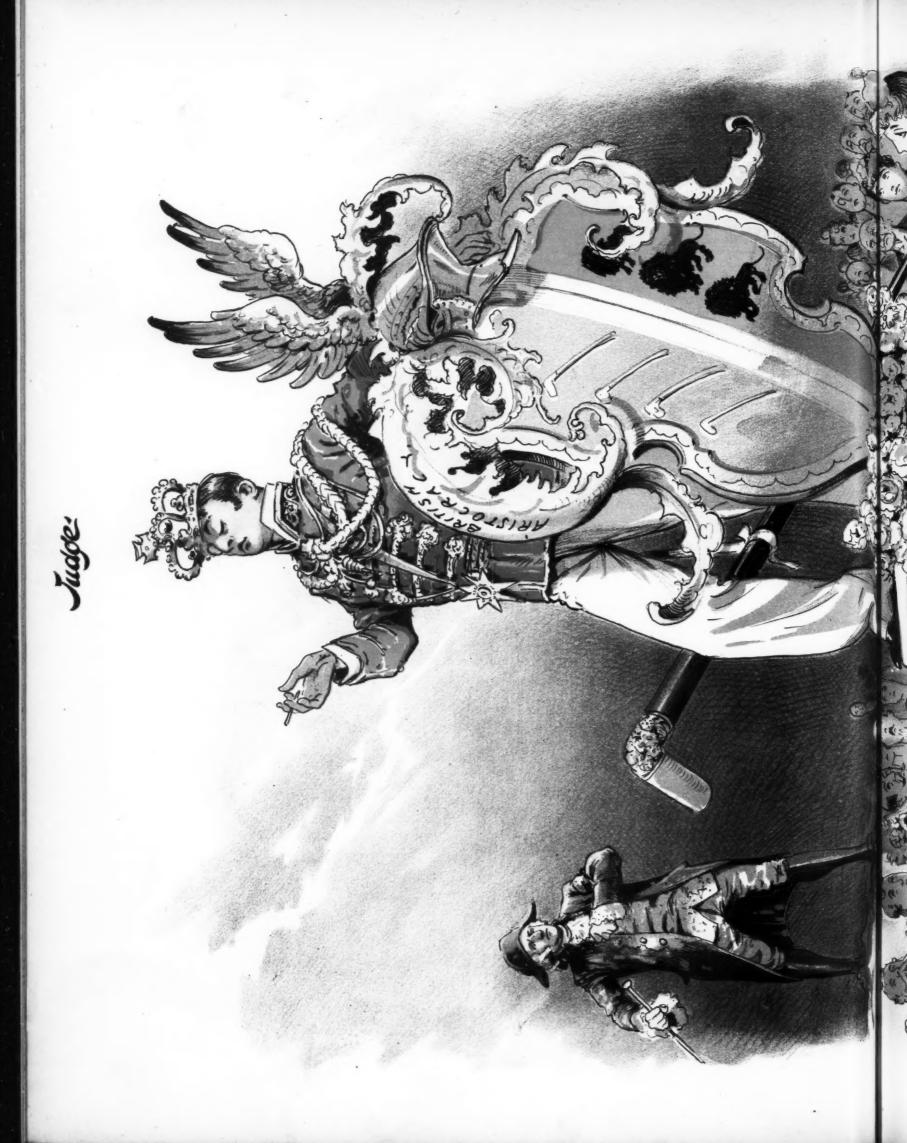
SUSPICIOUS.

"I don't know just what to think about this piece of news," said Parrott, as he laid down his paper. "There's something mighty odd about it."

"Why, the Sun and the World both agree on the facts."

"That's just where the oddity comes in."

A good name is easier won than riches.





LABOR IN VAIN.

GEORGE WASHINGTON: -. This was just what I fought against, -Anglo-American Aristocracy."





THE GAME HAS REACHED TENNESSEE.

Captain of the Black-Stockings—"Shoot dat buzzard fer us, boss. Skinny Breck'ridge's made foh home-runs on he's las' lick, an' he's startin' roun' agin!"

The buzzard.

NOTES FOR SPRING GARDENERS.

THE CHEAPEST way to raise roses is to buy them.

Daisies are very common, but still they're daisies.

Lovers like to have plenty of tulips in their gardens.

The first wild-flower is wild probably because it is the first. Dog-weed has no bark, but is so-called because it is cur-ious.

A billy-goat in the front yard is not picturesque, but he keeps the

Currant-bushes will bear in about three years, but they generally die

inside of six months.

Pussy-willows are popular this season. That is because they never grow on the back fence.

If you want some exercise buy chickens and plant corn. You can spend all your time in keeping the chickens away.

If you have any desire to help future generations you might plant a few fruit-trees in your back lot.

It is cheaper to buy maple syrup than to spend your time trying to coax it from a silver-maple tree.

PRACTICAL ARITHMETIC.

Teacher—"Dick, had you rather have two two's or four one's?"

Dick (scornfully)—"Four one's, o' course. Don't four aces allus beat two pair?"

NOT QUITE SATURATED.

"What a lot of sweetmeats Miss Caustic consumes!" remarked Bjones.

"Yes," assented Merritt. "Everything is sweet with her except her temper."

PROGRESSIVE RECITATION—WITH AN OCCASIONAL LAPSE.



"It was night in the great city."



'She looked at him pleadingly for a moment."



"It lay at his feet, a simple piece of paper, but"—



"It was the long-lost will of his grandsire!"



"Are you the blawsted nephew of Sir Giles Bentynckt?"



"Take that! and that!!"



"By heavens! I have ki-i-i-ll-ed him."



"Lightning shafts of the immor-r-r-tal Jove enter me bosom with thy fierce thrusts, and "—



"Can this be d-d-death?"



"If the unrefined ass who threw that foot-stool will meet me later, he will prevent our host and his guests from witnessing a mur-r-der!!"

THE OTHER SIDE.

To his love he sent some verses. Tender verses, fond and true,
That expressed his deep devotion
Better than his prose could do.
So he clipped them from the paper,
Folded them with fondest care,
And enclosed them to his darling,
All his passion to declare.

Ah! but fate was dead against him, For, by chance demoniac, A divorce case and his verse Had been printed back to back. And his love mistook his meaning; She will never be his bride; For she didn't turn the clipping,
And she read the other side. And she read the other s

New York claims a boy five years old who can speak Greek and Latin as well as the professors. It might just as well have claimed a horse which could play the piano and sing like an angel, but the liar didn't have time. - Detroit Free Press.

-Ex

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

"Oh, Saidie!" gushed Mamie, meeting her friend on "Oh, Saidie!" gushed Mamie, meeting her friend on the street; "a dozen of us girls have organized a Browning club, and you must come to our next meeting. It is perfectly lovely." "What particular poems of Browning's have you read?" "Oh, we haven't read any yet. We've only met once, and then we talked all the evening about Miss Laura Dunvere, who is going to marry Jack Bullion next week. I don't care much for Browning, anyway."—New York Ledger.

The use of Angostura Bitters excites the appetite and keeps the digestive organs in order. Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons, sole manufacturers. At all druggists.

What makes in her cheeks that beautiful glow, That lovely light in her eye?
What makes her neck as white as the snow,
What gives to her lips their bright dye?

What gives to that graceful and willowy form, That hand so shapely and small, These graces of hers—bewitching they are— Oh, does she inherit them all?

No; her father was homely, her mother was plain; Her loveliness came not that way; She diets, takes exercises, wears low-heeled shoes, And walks several miles every day.

She's growing more lovely the older she grows, And never knows illness or ache; She's making experiments, trying to show Heredity's all a mistake.

-Roston Courier

CATARRH CURED.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that doathsom disease, Catarrh, and vainly trying every known remedy, a last found a recipe which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warrer St., New York City, will receive the recipe free of charge.

New boarder-" It strikes me these biscuits are tough. Mrs. Bazoo (the landlady)—"Young man, I made those biscuits, and I've made them before you were

New boarder (unabashed)—" I don't doubt it, ma'am; but why don't you keep them in the curio cabinet? Aren't you afraid somebody might break them?"—

*Drake's Magazine.**

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He havin' his opinyin uv me
'Nd I havin' my opinyin uv him.

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Ther wuz sound uv firin' fur away,
'Nd the sergeant allowed ther'd be a fight
With the Johnnie Rebs some time nex' day;
'Nd as I wuz thinkin' uv Lizzie 'nd home
Jim stood afore me, long an' slim—
He havin' his opinyin uv me
'Nd I havin' my opinyin uv him!

Seemed like we knew there wuz goin' to be Serious trouble f'r me 'nd him— Us two shuck hands, did Jim 'nd me But never a word from me or Jim! He went his way 'nd I went mine,
'Nd into the battle's roar went we—
I havin' my opinyin uv Jim
'Nd he havin' his opinyin uv me!

Jim never come back from the war again, Jim never come back from the war again,
But I hain't forgot that last, last night
When, waitin' f'r orders, us two men
Made up 'nd shuck hands, afore the fight;
'Nd, after it all, it's soothin' to know
That here I be 'nd yonder's Jim—
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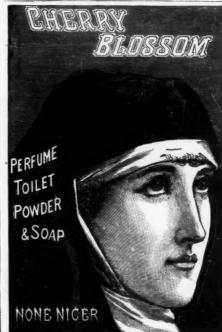
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Singing, "Heigho, my dearie;
And will you hear this song of mine—
A song of the land of murk and mist
Where bideth the bud the dew has kisst?
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When yu find a man who iz very solisitus about the wellfare ov everyboddy you kan safely put him down az one who iz hunting for a misfortune.

Thare iz plenty ov happiness in this life if we only knu it; and one way tew find it iz when we have got the old rumatiz tew thank heaven that it ain't the old gout.

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"My love, my own!"

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So he didn't get a chance to show what was in him,
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Ef he'd had a fair show, you couldn't tell where he'd come,
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I. dunno;
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Then ao'in—

But we're all like Jim Bowker, thinks I, more or less, Charge fate for our bad luck, ourselves for success,
An' give fortune the blame for all our distress,
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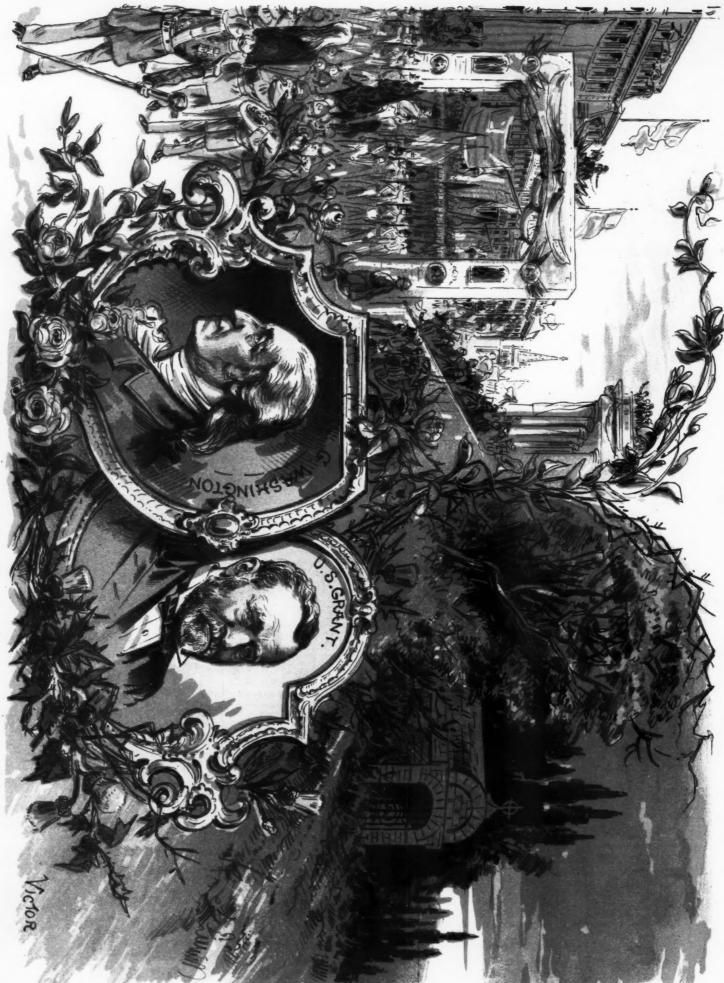
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