

TIED.

I turn me from my toil to note
The fleecy clouds as soft they float
All silently above,
Suspended in the upper air,
No passion's blast nor waves of care
Can harm them as they rove.

Like ships upon an azure sea
Of limitless immensity,
Throughout the livelong day,
With gleaming sails and fasten'd oar,
They float, but never reach the shore
And never anchor weigh.

Here from my prison house below
I gaze and vainly wish that so
I, too, might float away,
And, shaking off the cares of life,
The myriad life with which I live,
Might rest one little day.

Mayhap upon that airy deep
An angel life in peace I seek,
With snowy, folded wing,
Oh, woe, sweet one of heavenly birth,
And to the weary ones of earth
A word of comfort bring!

—Viola Anderson in Minneapolis Botschopper

HE WASN'T A RABBIT.

And Jim White knew a thing or two
About holding a Government Job.
Several years ago, when John M.
Thurston, the well known Republi-
can leader of Nebraska, was stump-
ing that state in an important cam-
paign, he included its extreme west-
ern part, then a decidedly wild region,
in his circuit. He was proceeding by stage
to Sidney one day when they
stopped at a little station to change
horses. While this important op-
eration was going on a large, deter-
mined looking man, whose most con-
spicuous article of clothing was a
big revolver, approached the stage
cautiously, and while occasionally
glancing nervously at a small build-
ing, some 100 yards away, with a
large sign of "Postoffice" on it, he
inquired for Mr. Thurston. That
gentleman made himself known,
and the stranger said:

"You speak down at Sidney to-
night, I hear?"
"Yes, I expect to."
"I reckon I'll come down with my
petition and do a little work."
"What is your petition for?" in-
quired the judge.
"The postoffice up there," and
the man pointed at it with his
thumb.
"Is there a good prospect that
you'll get it?"
"You bet. I'm sure of it, but I
lowed a few more names wouldn't
do no hurt. When I get it, there's
go to be the doggondest biggest
change you ever seen in a small
place."
"How's that?"
"Why, I ain't had a letter out o'
that air office for over two years."
"Why not?"
"The ding'd critter that has it
now says he will shoot me on sight,
and you bet he'd do it, too, so
I lay mighty low. When a letter
comes for me he nails it to the door,
shoots it full of holes, sends word
for me to come and get it and watches
fer me out o' the window."
"How comes he to have such a
dislike for you?"
"Climbs I stole one o' his steers.
I didn't touch none o' his steers till
he'd hooked two o' my calves, and I
can prove it. But jess you wait till
my commission gets here and I get
hold of that office. I'll wad the first
letter that comes fer him into my
shotgun and fire it down the well.
Jess wait a little, judge. He'll find
that I can pound stamps with one
hand and cover the front door with
a six shooter with the other jess as
well as he can. My name is old Jim
White, and you bet when I've got
my boots on I can tie up the eastern
mail with my teeth and hold a gun
on the general delivery and money
order window both at the same time!
Old Jim White ain't no rabbit when
it comes to holdin a government po-
sition and lookin out for his rights."
—New York Tribune.

The Trail of a Moose.
The trail of a moose, leading some-
times for miles together through a
network of fallen debris, the labor of
following him, and to do so climb-
ing over and under the innumerable
fallen logs and interlacing branches,
may be more easily imagined than
described. However weary the hunt-
er may be, he must never for one in-
stant relax his caution, and in those
large silent woods never, if possible,
break a stick.

The moose has an intensely acute
sense of hearing and smelling, and
as, of course, despite all his caution,
when hunting before the snow has
come, the hunter, although moans-
sion clad, must break sticks some-
times, he finds frequently, after
working his way on the trail through
one of these horrible woods, that on
reaching the other side the quarry
has started across a mile of open
prairie to seek the shelter of a simi-
lar cover on the other side.

As the moose, even when undis-
turbed, is a tremendous walker,
browsing on the low willows as he
goes, there is no knowing when or
where he will stop again. Things
being thus, it follows that the days
when there is a high wind are the
best by far for hunting. Then in the
crashing of the falling branches and
the rattling of the limbs of the trees
the wary brute gets careless and is
easier of approach.—Blackwood's
Magazine.

Knew Something About Telephones.
A man came into the editorial
rooms of a certain city paper the
other night.
"May I look at the telephone a
moment?" he said.
He was told he might.
Then the man took up the tube
that goes to the ear, mumbled in it,
then put it to his ear. He went
through this maneuver till a "fly"
reporter couldn't stand it any longer.
"That isn't the way to talk through
a telephone," the "fly" reporter
cried.

The man gave him a quizzical look.
"I work at fixing telephones out
of repair," he said, "and although
you may not know it there are more
ways than one to talk through a
phone."
Then he shuffled out, while the
"fly" reporter stuck his head out of
the window and made some remark
about the weather.—Syracuse Post.

A Household Treasure.
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results follow its use; that he would
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BURNS' LABOR PHILOSOPHY.

Instead of Denouncing Capital He Praised
the Humble Napkin.
Perhaps the best idea of labor reform
is given by an experience he related.
Some time ago in London he was
called upon by a delegation of street
scavengers, who invited him to at-
tend a conference for the purpose of
organization. They told him that it
was proposed to convene the council
with "some tea and a cold collation."
There were to be 400 scavengers
present, and they were going to ex-
pend a quarter apiece for refresh-
ments.

Mr. Burns suggested that they
multiply this expenditure by three
and celebrate the affair by a really
good dinner. He took upon himself
to make a visit to a first class restau-
rant and induce him to supply the din-
ner.
Mr. Burns then went to a restau-
rant of his acquaintance and told
him his desire in the matter. The
restaurateur, who had feasted the
greatest millionaires of London, en-
tered into the spirit of the affair and
agreed to serve them a notably good
repast, which would probably cost
him a great deal more than the scav-
engers paid for it.

One of Mr. Burns' last instructions
to the caterer was that each and ev-
ery one of the guests should have a
napkin at his plate.
The night of the banquet the 400
London scavengers assembled to en-
joy the fine fare. Mr. Burns presid-
ed, and when the time came for
speechmaking he surprised every
one by ignoring the well known sub-
ject of the workingmen's wrongs by
refraining from any denunciation of
capitalists and by taking for his text
the homely, everyday napkin.

He informed his hearers that they
had probably never sat down to so
good a dinner, and that it was not
at all likely they could have such a
good dinner every day.
"But," he continued, "there is no
reason why you should not sit down
to well set tables, with decent china
and clean linen, and why you should
not have a napkin."
He told them that there was little
hope for laboring men until, along
with the desire for better wages and
shorter hours, they also experienced
the desire for cheerful homes, for
daily baths and neat clothes, for the
reading of books, for the use of cor-
rect language—in short, until they
felt a desire to put into their lives
something of beauty and decency,
something of the artistic quality and
much of cleanliness.

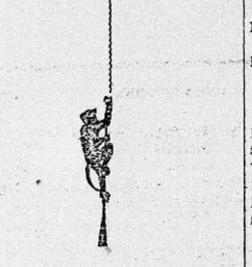
"You have eaten tonight, my
friends," said Mr. Burns, "the best
meal of your lives. It is not possible
for you to have such a dinner very
often, but it is possible for you to
put flowers on your tables, to see
that the tablecloths are clean, to be
sure that you are clean yourselves
and tidy, to eat from dishes that are
not thick and cracked and to use
knives, forks and spoons that do not
show the ugly black iron through
the plating. If you have got that
idea into your heads tonight while
you have been letting this fine food
into your stomachs, you have in-
deed done well."—Illustrated Ameri-
can.

When London Sheriffs Ate Goose.
Thavio's inn, in Holborn, a nice,
quiet spot, was formerly an inn of
chancery. Thavio was an armorer of
the time of Edward III, probably a
Welshman, and in all likelihood a
"Davie," and perhaps the original
Tary of English prejudice. There
were plenty of Welshmen in Holborn
in the days of the Plantagenets. They
would be in wait for your worship
strutting down from your inn to-
ward the court and offer cheeses of
the kind they called Talgar at less
than market prices and without pay-
ing the city dues.
The city bailiffs would run them
in if they caught them and generally
kept a sharp lookout for forestallers
and roggers and people with a
taste for bargains. Thus, in 1375, one
day after dinner, John Clerk, a poul-
terer, met John Spencer, "with 22
geese in Holborne when coming to
the city," and forthwith bought the
whole flock. He was adjudged a fore-
staller, and the geese were forfeited
to the use of the sheriff, so that there
would be a rare goose pie at the next
city feast.—All the Year Round.

A Saving Instance.
"Tell me honestly," said the nov-
el reader to the novel writer, "did
you ever see a woman who stood and
tapped the floor impatiently with
her toe for several moments, as you
describe?"
"Yes," was the reply; "I did,
once."
"Who was she?"
"She was a clog dancer."—Wash-
ington Star.

Dyes From Vine Leaves.
Dyes from autumn leaves might
seem a natural and matter of course
production, but until recently no
such thing has been thought of.
Some German chemists have, how-
ever, succeeded in extracting a sub-
stance from ripened vine leaves that,
with appropriate mordants, will col-
or beautiful shades of brown and
yellow.—New York Ledger.

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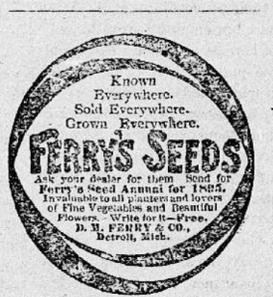
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