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Spring's Concert.
 A thousand throats have been attuned
 To praise the opening year,
 A thousand buds will burst in bloom
 From tree tops far and near.
 The vast stage will be carpeted
 With velvet green and soft,
 While in the wooded scenery
 The blue birds pipe aloft.
 And when the Master's handwork
 Is finished and complete,
 He'll lift dark winter's curtain up
 Disclosing spring's retreat.

No actors tread the living stage,
 But draperies of flowers,
 Earth's orchestra of birds and bees
 Bedeck May's emerald bowers.
 Earth, waking in her wealth of song
 Will amplify more us than—
 For Nature's yearly dramas in
 Above the robe of man!

The Kiss in Literature.
 Love's first kiss! What 'young,
 imaginative girl' has not pondered
 over it, and by way of digestion,
 given a thought or two to the count-
 less kisses which are to follow?
 How many times has she not pic-
 tured to herself, with the least per-
 ceptible quickening of the heart,
 the experience of that divine mo-
 ment when the Abelard who is to
 fulfill all her dreams will perform
 the sweetest task assigned to man.
 She has not yet met the individual
 whom fate has decreed for her, but
 fancy has painted him, especially
 if she be of the romantic turn, in
 the brightest and most unprosaic
 colors; and, though he may come
 clad in the apparel of a poverty-
 stricken tramp, he is sure to be a
 Prince in disguise.

It is not unusual for the young
 lady who spends her hours of recre-
 ation in perusing novels by the au-
 thor of "Dora Thorne" to imagine
 that the Prince will wed her in his
 own proper person; that love will
 overcome whatever scruples of pride
 there may be on his part, and that
 she will be, not only a shareholder
 in his affections, but, ultimately,
 a half-interest partner in his millions;
 and that after he has imprinted
 that delicious first kiss of love upon
 her lips their lives will be a contin-
 ued round of happiness. If the
 young lady in question be addicted
 to reading poetry, she may be con-
 strained to believe that their earthly
 existence will be whiled away in a
 valley as delightful as that which
 Claude Melnotte portrayed to Paul-
 line Deschanelles.

But alas! fortune is generally
 unpropitious; and the maiden's ini-
 tiation into the kiss of love is a
 commonplace and practical affair,
 shorn of all the delight which she
 has ascribed to it. Sometimes, it
 is a resounding smack upon the
 lips, but, in most cases, it is a
 falls half on her eye and half on
 her nose; or it may fall on her
 cheeks; and, then farewell to her
 complexion for the remainder of
 the evening! The Prince, too, is
 usually a disappointment, for the
 man who is fortunate or unfortu-
 nate enough to be her all-in-all is
 one who plods along on the lower
 planes of life, and her matrimonial
 existence, instead of being the
 dream she pictured, is an uncom-
 promising reality. She feels this
 with a force that cannot be refuted
 when she endeavors to "make ends
 meet."

And the reality is strikingly typi-
 fied for her when she gazes on the
 three future presidents and the fu-
 ture Frances Willard, whom she is
 partly responsible for bringing into
 this unhappy world.

But the old, old dream, which is
 ever new, will be dreamed, while
 the world lasts, and it will hold a
 sacred niche in the treasure house
 of memory. The hopes, the fears,
 the doubts, the multitude of ten-
 dernesses that cling about it can
 never be wholly extinguished. They
 are the varied colors which the
 hand of love has bestowed on the
 canvass of youth, and which have
 formed an immortal picture. For
 youth is the era of romanticism,
 and who, in that unconventional
 period of his existence, has not
 turned to the poets for his chief in-
 spiration? To some the terms
 poet and love have been synony-
 mous, and there are very few who
 can be made to confess that love's
 language has not a truer ring in
 verse than in prose.

The poet has left no tender feel-
 ing of the heart unprobed. He
 has described that most pleasurable
 of sensations, love in all its details,
 and he has devoted more or less
 space to a description of the first
 kiss of love. Byron, who was an
 adept in the arts of amour, and
 who has probably caught their ka-
 leidoscopic hues better than any of
 the other immortals, asserts that
 "paradise is still on earth and Eden
 revives in the first kiss of love."
 And in Don Juan he tells us how
 the hero and Haidee, walking at
 twilight on the shore, watching
 the waves and stars, look into each
 other's eyes and see their darting
 light and beholding this, their lips
 draw near and cling into a kiss, a
 long, long kiss, a kiss of youth and
 love and beauty, all concentrating
 like rays into one focus, kindled
 from above."

Everyone has read Fennyson's
 "Locksley Hall" and everyone re-
 members how the lovers' spirits
 "rushed together at the touching of
 the lips." But in "Fatima" he
 strikes a descriptive master chord
 when he says:

Oh, love, Oh, love, once she drew
 With one long kiss my whole soul through,
 My lips, as sunlight drinketh dew.

Keats, the youthful and mel-
 ancholy genius, who "ensphered him-
 self in 20 perfect years," in his poem
 entitled "Isabella," dilates thusly
 on this most tender subject:

His erstwhile timid lips grew bold,
 And poised with hers in a dewy thyme.

Burns, that wild dervish of song,
 strikes a purer note than usual,
 when he sings:

Humid seals of soft affections,
 Tenderest pledge of future bliss,
 Dearest tie of young connections,
 Love's first snow-drop, virgin kiss.

And his peer, Ireland's "sweet-
 est lyrist of her saddest wrong,"
 Thomas Moore, who not forgotten
 to touch many a delicious strain in
 this regard:

In "Aurora Leigh," Mrs. Brown-
 ing makes the autobiographical he-
 roine go into the following rapture:
 Which of our two large explosive hearts so
 That I know not. There were words that
 broke in utterance, melted in fire,
 Embraced that was convulsion, then a kiss,
 As long and deep as ecstatic night.

Nor has the forest-like Shake-
 speare neglected to allude to this
 absorbing topic. Venus apostroph-
 izes her love for Adonis in this
 manner:

I'll smother thee with kisses,
 And yet cloy thy lips with loathed satiety,
 But rather furnish them amid their plenty,
 Making them red and pale with fresh variety,
 Ten kisses short as one, one long as twenty.

And one could go on noting ad
 infinitum. No bard the shallop of
 whose fancy has touched the Isle of
 Cytheria has failed to taste the lips
 of the Paphian girl; and he has
 detailed his extreme joy or the fu-
 ture will be the same; and although
 in his wiser days, he may consider
 his youthful rhodomontades rather
 silly, he can never entirely forget
 how his heart thrilled when he
 wrote them.

But it is not only the first kiss
 of love that has found a prominent
 place in literature. It, indeed, is
 the kiss whose entralling raptures
 have been sung in all ages and in
 all climes. Literature in general,
 however, from its very dawn,
 abounds in reference to the kiss,
 signifying at different times differ-
 ent meanings. It is reprobed by
 Socrates, the philosopher; Cato,
 the censor; Ambrose, the saint.
 English literature seems to abound
 more fully in allusions to the ten-
 der theme than that of any other
 country. Nevertheless, the sweet
 practice has been borrowed from
 other lands. According to Scandi-
 navian tradition, it was brought into
 the country by Rowena, the beau-
 tiful daughter of Hengist, the Sax-
 on. At a banquet given by the
 British monarch to his allies, the
 Princess, after pressing the brim-
 ming beaker to her lips, saluted the
 astonished and delighted Vortigern
 with "a little kiss," after the man-
 ner of her own people. In the
 reign of Edward IV, the guest was
 supposed to salute in this fashion,
 not only the host, but all the mem-
 bers of the host's family. An old
 volume of "Notes and Queries"
 contains this entry on the subject:
 "When Wolsey's biographer visited
 a French nobleman at his chateau,
 the mistress of the mansion, enter-
 ing the room with her accompan-

ing attendant maids, thus accom-
 ted the guest, 'For as much, as ye
 be an Englishman whose custom it
 is in your country to kiss all ladies
 and gentlewomen without offense,
 and although it be not so here in
 this realm, I will be so bold as to
 kiss you, and so shall all my maid-
 ens.'"

When Erasmus visited England,
 the habit had taken on a vigorous
 growth, and he wrote enthusiastically
 in its commendation. He de-
 scribes the numerous kisses as won-
 derfully soft and fragrant, in which
 he showed a disposition peculiar to
 men of his day. Apart from its sig-
 nificance as an expression of tend-
 erness, kissing has been regarded
 as a mark of respect since the days
 of Caligula, when all kissed the
 hand of persons of unusual dis-
 tinction. In the reception by mon-
 archs of to-day one sees the prac-
 tice continued. And many and
 amusing are the incidents which
 one witnesses in connection therewith.
 Numerous American ladies
 have been presented to Queen Vic-
 toria, and, of course, American
 gentlemen as well. And how differ-
 ent is the American of to-day
 who loves to be "presented" from
 that sturdy type of the Yankee thus
 described by Walt Whitman.

He met the King and called him Mister,
 Asked how much he paid for the throne he
 sat on.
 He kissed the Queen till he raised a blister,
 And did it all with his old felt hat on.

The American who seeks an intro-
 duction to the Queen has lost a good
 deal of that sturdy American blood,
 and looks exceedingly sheepish as
 he goes through the ceremony.
 The ceremony consists in this: The
 "presentees" are ranged in line.
 The Queen is seated on her dais.
 The name of each "presentee" is
 called out in turn, and the owner of
 the name immediately walks up to
 the royal receiver. As he ap-
 proaches her he makes a respectful
 bow and taking her right hand,
 kisses it. Once a wealthy Chicago-
 an was among the number hon-
 ored. Others had preceded him,
 looking as solemn as a preacher
 about to pronounce his own funeral
 oration. They seemed to be seized
 with intense nervousness; their faces
 were pale, their limbs trembled.
 But the Chicagoan looked uncon-
 cerned. His turn came, and he
 prepared for the ordeal with great
 coolness. But, as he approached to
 within a few feet of the Queen his
 nerve seemed to go. He knelt, as
 is the custom, and seized the hand
 of her Majesty. But, lo, he held it
 and the Queen herself did not disdain a
 smile.

In ancient Rome kissing was re-
 garded as an act of religion. And
 something of the spirit which in-
 corporates it in ancient rites is pre-
 served in certain countries to-day.
 The Mohammedans kiss the ground
 in the direction of Mecca. The
 Jews and Russians will always
 stand around the bed of a dying re-
 lative to kiss the lips just as the last
 breath is drawn. The belief existed
 in ancient times, as it exists to-day,
 that the soul escaped through the
 lips. Spenser, in his pastoral elegy
 on Sir Philip Sydney, mentions as
 an additional cause for lamentation,
 in connection with his death, the
 fact that "none was nigh his eye-
 lids up to close, and kiss his lips."

So, in all the range of literature,
 you have mention of the kiss in all
 its forms and significations, but,
 reponderating a love all, you have
 the kiss of love. And as it was
 with the writers of the past, so it
 will be with the writers of the
 future. That kiss is simply the
 outward sign of an inward affection.
 In the words of Sam Slick, it is
 like creation. It was made out of
 nothing, and it is good. And it
 has come to stay.—*Republic.*

"What is the best sign of spring
 weather?"
 "That delightful feeling which
 makes you want to sit down and
 watch other people work."—Chi-
 cago Record.

"I know that age is telling on
 me," said Miss Sereleaf.
 "Yes, dear; but you needn't mind
 so very much. It isn't telling the
 whole truth—Tit-Bits.

THE ELECTION LAW.

The main features of this new
 law are the following:
 The Governor is to appoint bi-
 ennially three supervisors of election
 for Baltimore city and for each
 county. The county boards may
 employ clerks with the consent of
 the county commissioners at such
 compensation as the county com-
 missioners shall fix. In Baltimore
 there is to be a clerk at \$1,200 a
 year and a messenger at \$800, and
 such temporary assistants as may
 be necessary. The Governor is to
 select the supervisors from four
 names to be presented to him by
 the committee of the two leading
 parties.

The Baltimore supervisors must
 each year, before July 1st, select
 four judges of election for each pre-
 cinct and before September 15th
 two clerks of election. Two of the
 judges and one of the clerks are to
 belong to each political party. The
 county supervisors are before July
 1st, to select two judges of election
 and before September 15th, to se-
 lect two more judges and two clerks
 for each district or precinct. One-
 half of these officials to be taken
 from each of the leading parties.
 These officials are to act at all spe-
 cial elections held within the terms
 of office. They must be voters re-
 siding in their precincts, unless it
 shall appear that in any precinct
 there is no proper person residing,
 in which case they may come from
 another precinct or district. Each
 judge or clerk must be of good ca-
 pacity and character, able to speak,
 read and write the English lan-
 guage and skilled in the four funda-
 mental rules of arithmetic, not
 holding any other office and not be-
 ing a candidate. Service as elec-
 tion officer is compulsory under a
 fine of not less than \$100 nor more
 than \$300. After serving one year
 they cannot be compelled to serve
 again within a year and shall be ex-
 empt from jury duty during the
 term and one year after.

In the selection of judge or clerk
 each supervisor has a veto, and if
 they cannot agree then the super-
 visor or supervisors belonging to
 the party entitled to be represent-
 ed by the judge or clerk in ques-
 tion shall name three men who are
 eligible, and from these the other
 supervisor or supervisors shall make
 the selection.

REGISTRATION.
 The supervisors shall before Au-
 gust 1st, assign the polling places
 of each. The place of registra-
 tion and voting are to be selected
 by the supervisors and the rooms
 prepared by them. The require-
 ments as to the location of rooms
 are explicit. The officer of vital
 statistics must report to the super-
 visors monthly the names and resi-
 dences of every male person over
 twenty-one years who has died, and
 they are to be printed and sent to
 the officers of registration. The
 supervisors are to give ten days' no-
 tice of registration and are to have
 charge of and make provision for
 all elections—general, special and
 local. In incorporated towns oth-
 er than the city of Baltimore, in
 which charter elections are regulat-
 ed by local laws, such laws are to
 continue in force and the elections
 to be continued as heretofore.

In the city of Baltimore the four
 judges of election are to be also the
 officers of registration, and in the
 counties the two judges who are ap-
 pointed before July 1st in each dis-
 trict shall be registrars, so that in
 Baltimore there will be four regis-
 trars in each precinct—two Demo-
 crats and two Republicans—and
 two registrars in each district or
 precinct in the counties—one Dem-
 ocrat and one Republican. There
 is to be a new registration all over
 the State this fall and hereafter an-
 nually in the city, and in each pre-
 sidential year in the counties. The
 two registration books are to be
 used as polls books.

The bill has a fac-simile of the
 ruling of the books, residence, age
 and signature of the voter. If the
 voter cannot write, this must be so
 stated in the column. The days

for registration in the city are the
 following: Tuesday seven weeks
 preceding the general election in
 November and the three following
 Tuesdays, and on the Wednesdays
 following the said last three Tues-
 days. On Tuesdays three weeks
 before the election the registrars
 shall meet for revision. The office
 hours are from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.
 The police census of voters is to be
 made between September 1st and
 the beginning of registration. Long
 and minute directions are given for
 the method and conduct of regis-
 trations, and provision is made for
 appeals to the courts, and the regis-
 tries are to be open to inspection.

NOMINATIONS.
 Nomination are made much as
 heretofore. An independent nomi-
 nation of a person to be voted for
 all over the State requires five hun-
 dred signatures, three hundred in
 a congressional district or in the en-
 tire cities of Baltimore, Annapolis,
 Frederick, Cumberland or Hagers-
 town, and two hundred for all oth-
 er nominations. At least eight
 days before the election the super-
 visors are to publish the names of
 all candidates as well as questions
 to be voted upon.

ELECTIONS.
 Ballot-boxes are to be of glass,
 with glass bottoms. Ballots are to
 be printed as at present, the ticket
 of the party polling the largest vote
 for Governor at the preceding elec-
 tion to be on the left. Each bal-
 lot is to have a detachable coupon,
 upon which the name of the voter
 to whom it is delivered is to be
 written by the judge of election
 holding the ballot, who shall also
 write (in ink) his own name or ini-
 tials on the back of the ticket.
 The coupon is to be detached and
 strung before the ballot is deposit-
 ed. This device is to make sure
 that the voter has voted the same
 ticket he received and is not con-
 cealing it to carry outside for use.
 Each party having a ticket nomi-
 nated is entitled to have a watcher
 in the polling room. The ballots
 are marked by the voter with a
 stencil instead of a stamp as heret-
 ofore. The details of election are
 not widely different from the pre-
 sent method except that there are no
 ballot clerks, one of the judges per-
 forming that office. No one is en-
 titled to receive assistance in mark-
 ing his ballot unless he shall have
 made oath when he registered of his
 inability to read or of some phys-
 ical disability, and after making
 after an emblem carries all the
 ticket except such as are erased or
 such as are opposite names in other
 columns after which cross marks
 may be placed.

CANVASSING BOARDS.
 The supervisors of election are
 the canvassing boards in the city and
 counties and there is a State can-
 vassing board composed of the sec-
 retary of State, comptroller, clerk
 of the Court of Appeals, attorney-
 general. Sections 82 to 109 of the
 law set forth the offences and pen-
 alties. Contests are provided for
 and the bill, in order to be com-
 plete, districts the State as at pre-
 sent and provides for the election of
 presidential electors and Congress-
 men.

With the exception of the super-
 visors of election, in which there is
 minority representation, the entire
 scheme of the law is bi-partisan.
 The election officials are divided
 equally between the two parties.

BILIOUS COLIC.—Persons who
 are subject to attacks of bilious colic
 will be pleased to know that prompt
 relief may be had by taking Cham-
 berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-
 rhoea Remedy. It acts quickly and
 can always be depended upon. In
 many cases the attack may be pre-
 vented by taking this remedy as
 soon as the first indication of the
 disease appears. 25 and 50 cent
 bottles for sale by Wm. F. Green-
 well & Son, Leonardtown; Jos. S.
 Matthews, Valley Lee and all coun-
 try stores.

"My girl gave me the marble
 heart last night," said the single
 one.
 "Your wife is nought to mine,"
 said the married one. "It has not
 been two hours since my wife
 gave me the marble cake of her own
 making."—Indianapolis Journal.