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THE STAR AND THE WOMAN. Far, far above the city's night, A star gleams forth in splendor bright.

Star and woman, strange sight to me, Pursuing each their destiny; The star in glory overhead, The woman seeking crusts of bread.

Yet marvel not on that great day, When skies, scroll-like, shall roll away. To see the woman raised on high, While star before the Lord, shall die.

PHIL H. SINKOH, 1625 Liggett Building, St. Louis, Mo.

If you hadn't put 'em on it is a safe guess you wish you had.

The Waterloo Courier is entirely right in saying that the infant emperor of China is not the only autocrat of his age.

The shoe manufacturers have asked for the removal of the tariff on hides. It is their sole request, but just the same they are trying to string the country.

A Des Moines woman wants a divorce because her husband has a "too vivid imagination." Additional particulars are withheld, but he is presumably one of the numerous newspaper correspondents with which that city abounds.

General Simon, the successful leader of the revolutionary forces in Hayti, postponed entering the Haytian capital until Saturday, because he shares in the ancient superstition that Friday is an unlucky day. It is suggested by the Quincy Whig that possibly he took time to search for the left hindfoot of a rabbit, caught in a graveyard in the dark of the moon. The hoodoo is awful strong in Hayti.

It has been suggested to Emperor William that he would do well to profit by the advice of Mark Twain when he said: "We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it—and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove-lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove-lid again, and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one any more."

A device, has been perfected and will soon be put on the market which will answer the calls of telephones when the person called is out. It is the phonograph principle applied to the telephone, and is called the annunciaphone. It will repeat twice to each call of the phone, any message which has been imparted to it. It will be especially useful to the doctor and lawyer, or any one expecting to be called while out.

After thirty-five years of co-operation with Iowa Wesleyan university, the German college at Mt. Pleasant is about to remove to Warrenton, Mo. The proposed change has raised a question concerning an endowment of \$30,000 accumulated by the latter college in its present location. G. W. Marquardt of Des Moines, who gave

\$10,000 to the original endowment, strenuously objects to the action contemplated, and persons prominent in the affairs of Iowa Wesleyan University hold that it should have at least two-thirds of the endowment. A committee representing the two institutions has been appointed to adjust the difficulty if possible.

Superintendent Pickett of the Creston schools has been suggested for state superintendent as the successor of Mr. Riggs, which leads the Cedar Falls Record to declare:

"The best man in all Iowa for the place is none other than Prof. Wilbur F. Bender, of the State Normal faculty. He is one of the best all-around school men in the state. We do not know that he wants the place and we doubt whether the board of trustees of the Normal would release him, but the fact remains that he would fill the position admirably."

What is the matter with continuing Mr. Riggs as superintendent of public instruction?

Building operations throughout the country for the month of November are far beyond what the most hopeful could possibly have anticipated. They are far in excess of the corresponding month a year ago. During the month permits were taken out in thirty-seven of the largest cities, according to official reports to Construction News, for the construction of 8,538 buildings, involving a total estimated cost of \$44,555,217 against 5,904 buildings aggregating in cost \$22,615,982 for the corresponding month a year ago, an increase of 2,635 buildings and \$21,939,235, equivalent to 97 per cent. Nothing like this remarkable increase has taken place in any corresponding period in years, and it illustrates to a high degree the force and recuperative possibilities as well as the enterprise of the people of this country.

In a supplementary chapter of his new book "Problems of Today," Andrew Carnegie makes some startling statements in regard to the right of the people to share in fortunes of millionaires. He points out how in most cases it is the growth of population and the demands of the people which makes possible the creation of wealth, and suggests that when fortunes must change hands at the death of the holder the government should step in and levy heavy death duties as a means of returning the money to the source from which it came. He says that the people should be assessed in proportion to their ability to support the government. Other sage remarks are that "beyond a competence for old age, wealth lessens rather than increases happiness," and that those who have made money-making their god are the most miserable, because while they have plenty to retire on they have nothing to retire to.

BILLY SUNDAY AND CYRENUS COLE. The Monticello Express said editorially in a recent issue:

"A vote was taken in nearly all of the evangelical churches of Cedar Rapids last Sunday, and it was almost unanimous in favor of inviting 'Billy' Sunday to conduct one of his revivals in that city. We await with interest the coming duel between 'Billy' Sunday and Cyrenus Cole."

The remark has called forth a reply from Mr. Cole in the columns of the Cedar Rapids Republican, of which he is editor. It is not plain to Mr. Cole how there could be a duel between two men baptized in the same faith, the one getting the faith by birth and the other acquiring it in a Chicago missionary camp. He concedes there may have been a slight divergence, due to the fact that the one has continued to read the "Institutes" of John Calvin, while the other, to use Mr. Cole's words, "has been scamping off after the emotional poets and the human hypnotists." As to his own early training Mr. Cole writes:

"For the twenty years that he lived in his father's house, one of the men referred to by the Monticello paper, heard the Bible read three times every day. When he was very young it was forbidden him to attend revival meetings, because his parents believed that what they regarded as emotional religion was not good for unformed minds and when he was older he was taught, by his mother, that spiritual stability was more to be desired than fervent piety. Times have changed and customs have changed, but a man who walks in the counsels of his youth, it must needs be well with him."

But Mr. Cole is not sure he will not like Mr. Sunday, "for a man with such a vocabulary and such personal influence, the best baseball player, the best sprinter and the master revivalist of the ultra-emotional school, must be an interesting personality, even if one can not play his game nor match his gait nor shout his halloojahs." The conclusion of the whole matter is thus admirably stated:

"This world is big enough for us all and men ought to be big enough not to quarrel over their different views, points, whether spiritual or political or financial. When 'Billy' Sunday comes he will find our door standing ajar for him."

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH. The Commoner, Mr. Bryan's weekly paper, takes exception to the advice to buy Christmas presents early. The Commoner thinks Christmas would not be really a holiday season without the joy of mingling with the Christmas crowd, the glare of the lights and the contact with others who are filled with the spirit of the season. The Commoner adds:

"Buy your Christmas presents early! We'll do no such thing. We'll wait un-

til the last minute, and then we'll get into the rush and have our toes crushed, our coats ripped and our collars wilted—but through it all we'll be as happy as kids just out of school. This cold, calculating, time-saving nerve-conserving, mechanical method of observing the Christmas season does not make a hit with us."

Per contra the Cedar Rapids Gazette says that early buying does appeal to many people and will appeal to more if buyers will only take into account the welfare of the clerks—the humanitarian aspects of the shopping game. The same paper points out that for those who want to mingle with the Christmas crowds there will still remain the privilege of doing so, no matter if they have made their purchases early.

LEAGUE WANTS STATE AID. The League of Iowa Municipalities has prepared a bill for introduction in the legislature which provides for an annual appropriation of \$2,000 to enable the cities in the state to obtain facts and matters of general interest relative to their welfare. The framers of the bill claim that the problems of municipal government are yet unsolved and are among the most important confronting the American people. It is claimed by those interested that nearly one-half of the people in Iowa live in the incorporated cities and towns, and yet not one cent has ever been expended for the purpose of municipal investigation. On the other hand, thousands of dollars have been expended to assist associations for the benefit of farmers and rural interests. For instance, the State Agricultural society is allowed \$2,400 annually, the State Horticultural society \$2,500, farmers' institutes \$75 in each county.

It is the intention of the league, if the bill passes, to maintain a bureau of information, where information relative to the work of municipalities can be secured. The money is to be used to secure information on such questions as systems of municipal government, police regulation, the control and operation of fire departments throughout the state, the establishment of water works systems, sewage systems, etc.; street improvements, and a number of other important questions.

ROCKEFELLER ON GIVING. In the third of a series of "Reminiscences" appearing in the World's Work, John D. Rockefeller says: "As I study men I can see but one way in which they can secure a real equivalent for the money spent, and that is to cultivate a taste for giving where the money may produce an effect which will be a lasting gratification." While believing in organized charity, he regards as the best philanthropy "the investment of effort, time or money, carefully with relation to the power of employing people at a remunerative wage, to expand and develop the resources at hand and to give opportunity for healthful employment where it did not exist before."

He thinks that such a "business philosopher" would be most careful not to duplicate existing industries unnecessarily. He would regard all money spent in increasing needless competition as wasteful and worse. On the subject of government ownership he says that it is the duty of men of means to maintain the title to their properties and to administer their funds until some man or body of men shall rise up capable of administering for the general good the capital of the country better than they can.

THE WAR ON CONSUMPTION. The international tuberculosis exhibition, which was first brought together at great expense during the recent congress of experts at Washington, has now been moved to the Museum of Natural History at New York, for the benefit of the people of that city. Mayor McClellan and prominent charity workers taking part in the opening exercises Monday night. The city had been placarded with elaborate advertisements, the double red cross being used as a symbol of the fight. Millions of pamphlets had also been sent out. Some of the ads bear statements like this: "Every three minutes some one dies of consumption in this country; its hundreds of thousands; there were more deaths from consumption last year than have occurred from yellow fever in 115 years. In the exhibition hall a large sign bearing the census figures to the effect that one person dies every two minutes and thirty-six seconds, will be equipped with a red electric light which will flash every two minutes and thirty-six seconds to indicate another death from the plague against which the fight is being waged."

NOTES AND COMMENT. Iowa implement dealers in session at Des Moines resolved in favor of a commission on commerce and retail trade.

"The theory of tariff revision," remarks the Sioux City Journal, "is as simple as a, b, c. The practice is different."

A car load of matches was ignited in the Galesburg freight yards by the jolting in switching and the car was burned.

"The Perfect Man" is the title of Mrs. Ellinger Glyn's latest book. The Omaha Bee notes that she is still writing fiction.

Senator Hemenway of Indiana once dug ditches in Boonville, the village he still lives in, and Senator Beveridge,

from the same state, was a book agent.

It occurs to the Cedar Rapids Gazette that the man who invented the fireless cooker would make a greater hit were he to invent a coalless furnace.

By a new adoption of the vacuum cleaning machine a horse can be cleaned in less than one-fourth the time that the ordinary curry comb and brush takes.

A breakfast tale "My husband told, 'Confound the luck, This coffee's cold.' —Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil notices that Des Moines newspapers are still worrying over the attitude of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company in refusing to operate all of its Iowa trains with an eye single to the profit and glory of Des Moines.

The Peoria Herald-Transcript thinks "one of the most exasperating jobs in the world is paying the coal bills of a furnace which will not work." The Des Moines Tribune imagines that a still more exasperating job is paying the coal bills of a furnace that works too enthusiastically.

George Ade says that when a certain college president in Indiana, a clergyman, was addressing the students in the chapel at the beginning of the college year, he observed that it was "a matter of congratulation to all the friends of the college that the year had opened with the largest freshman class in its history."

Then, without any pause, the good man turned to the lesson for the day, the third Psalm, and began to read in a voice of thunder: "Lord, how are they increased that trouble me!"

THE CURRENT MAGAZINES. Appleton's Magazine for December containing the following good things: "On the Giving of Presents," "The Salvation of Christianity V. Science and Religion," by Rev. Charles F. Aked, D. D.; "The Renaissance," a story by William Chester Estabrook; "The Real Owners of America," by Frank Fayant; "Eve and the Orange," a story, by Myra Kelley; "Spooks and Telepathy," by G. Stanley Hall; "The Red Tahir," a story, by Frances Pennington; "Why Monarchies Endure," by W. T. Stead; "The Spotted Pig of Magpie," a story by James Gardner Sanderson; "A Tide in Affairs," a story by Elmore Elliott Peake; "Jack Ashore," by Harriet Merton Lyon; "The Rosy Wreath," a story, by Dorothy Deakin; "The Green Sarah," a story, by Hugh Fisher.

The special features of the December Review of Reviews are an illustrated article on "Grenfell of Labrador," by P. T. McGrath, with thrilling incidents of the daily life of one whom Lord Strathcona has declared to be "the most useful man on the North American continent today"; "George Grey Barnard, a Virile American Sculptor," by Ernest Knauff, with reproductions of some of Barnard's most famous works; the most comprehensive magazine article that has yet appeared on the vital subject of high-pressure fire protection for our great cities, by Herbert T. Wade; papers on "Alaska's Railroad Development," by Frederick H. Chase; "The Coal Resources of Alaska," by Guy Elliott Mitchell; an illustrated article apropos of the "Corn Exposition" to be held at Omaha in December, by Will A. Campbell.

The Christmas McClure's contains two Lincoln articles; one of an eyewitness of the assassination of Mr. Lincoln and the other the story of "Our American Cousin," the play he went to see on the night of the tragedy. Dr. Henry Smith Williams contributes a paper dealing with alcohol as a chief cause of crime, insanity and pauperism; Samuel Hopkins Adams shows how Copenhagen has solved the pure milk problem, and General Kuropatkin tells why Japan defeated Russia. An attractive feature of the number is a paper by John La Farge in his series on "One Hundred Masterpieces of Painting," which is handsomely illustrated in colors. There is an unusually interesting list of short stories: "The Mistletoe Bough," by Lucy Pratt; "On the Gulls' Road," by Willis Sibert Cathers; "Simon the Gentle," by E. F. Sterns; "The Closing of the Banks," by Margaret Wilson; "Beast," by Adeline Knapp; and "The Countess of Overland Halt," by L. H. Bickford.

The Christmas Century contains the first chapter of the new novel by the author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and the new story by the author of "The Biography of a Grizzly." Mrs. Rice's story, "Mr. Opp," opens with a delightful mingling of quaintness, humor and pathos and with promise of proving the best yet written by the popular author. Mr. Seton's "Domino Rynard of Golden Town" is the study of a noble silver fox—with a purpose to show the Man-world how the Fox-world lives, and above all to advertise and emphasize the beautiful monogamy of the better-class Fox.

Among the wealth of Christmas pictures, verse, stories and sketches in the Christmas number, one article stands out as of notable significance and interest. Andrew Carnegie's discussion of the tariff, with record of his personal relation to protective schedules. Mr. Carnegie speaks on this vital issue with interest and authority, giving his

reasons for his position that a "tariff for protection," the issue forty years ago, should give place to a "tariff for revenue."

The Christmas issue of Photo-Era beats all records in the history of photographic journalism in America. Never before was so fine a piece of photographic periodical literature issued and superb reproductions are winter scenes by successful artists in this country and abroad. These have been used by Alton Bement the eminent painter and art-critic, as illustrative examples for an interesting and instructive article on "Art Appreciation in Europe and America," in which he treats the scientific aspect of composition. The number is essentially a winter work issue, both in its pictures and letter-press. Phil M. Riley describes practically every phase of "Landscape Photography in Winter," while Fedora E. D. Brown divulges her favorite methods in "Home Portraiture."

The holiday issue of the Red Book Magazine sounds the cheery note of Christmas from the especially attractive section dealing with the current drama, which closes the number. An article of a sort at once novel and exceedingly timely at this period of the year when the eyes of people turn toward the old home is "The Men Who Can't Come Back," in which James de Conlay, than whom no traveler has a closer knowledge of the Orient, tells of the fugitive Americans he has met in odd corners of the world. Gertrude Atherton writes on "Bridge-Whist and Drink," by Anne Warner; "The Hold Up," by Clarence E. Mulford; "Service," by Richard Washburn Child; "The Pursuit of the Present," by Chas. Battel Loomis; and "Appearances Are—," by Beatrice Hanscom. The department devoted to exquisitely printed portrait studies is notably attractive.

A Prophecy Realized. Sioux City Journal: James C. Davis, the accomplished Iowa attorney for the Chicago and Northwestern lines, was among the speakers at a recent Des Moines banquet, his general theme being the control of corporations, in excellent temper. He is not only qualified to speak sanely and instructively concerning the attitude of the progressive railroad interests of the country toward regulation, and with respect to the general outcome of the contest as affecting the policy of governmental control, but he is able to illustrate in his argument the judicial temperament of his mind and the excellent system of control he is qualified to exercise over himself, both in his social relation and in his relation of representative of a large and important corporate property in this state. His example is worthy of note and of imitation.

As an illustration of the self-control of the Northwestern man, which does him credit, and which an after dinner speech would be required to bring forth in fair outline, the following side allusion in his speech may be offered: "In presiding over the Cedar Rapids convention in 1901, when the governor was first nominated, I expressed the hope that hereafter in the Republican party of Iowa, there would be 'no Indians from the reservation and no Comanches from the waters of the Coon.' 'The fulfillment of that hope, then expressed but somewhat delayed, I believe is now at hand.' The reader will observe that Mr. Davis was once in politics himself. He is not now in politics. When his home was still in Keokuk, where he lived, the foundations of his success as a lawyer—as happened to other men of distinction in older times—there was thought of running him for congress; but his love of his profession held him aloof from determination to seek a political career. He contented himself in party relation with incidental service in the line he has indicated—and in that relation it was not uncommon to call upon him. But he has been to that extent regulated, and to that extent has he submitted to regulation, that political service of whatsoever nature, save as a modest suffragist, is not required of him; nor is he beset by appeal from his most intimate relations to thrust himself into the public eye as a reactionary.

Whether his predecessor in the place he occupies, who was the late Judge N. M. Hubbard whose home life was a distinction to Cedar Rapids, could have brought himself under such regulation may be doubted by the most charitable of men who knew him well. The mere suggestion is calculated to make clear what may be styled, for the sake of brevity, the success of the Roosevelt administration.

It would be futile to make contention that Mr. Davis caught the coon, though it might be alleged with some show of reason that the coon—if so mild a name be sufferable—caught Mr. Davis. The happening, however, is the result of overflows—which might be called providences—and which in no event are peculiar in their consequences to the Iowa attorney of the Northwestern lines.

No one at any time, upon any appropriate occasion, can say too much, or say it too placidly, of the beauties of hope. It is a pleasure in this quarter of the state—for this is the newest quarter of the state—to recognize that Mr. Davis, in the brightness of his intellect, was as quick as anyone to see the way of promise for the advance of the army of the free, bent

upon saving grace through regeneration. The lion and the lamb lie down together, and it is blessed under the protocol of peace, long delayed, that so many are spared to see and to hear.

Do it Now. If you chance to have a duty that is waiting to be done, Do it now. What about your Christmas shopping? Better start out on the run— Do it now.

If you haven't bought that sled for little Willie, don't delay; The crowds are getting bigger, the stock smaller every day. If you must go forth to battle with the shoppers, haste away— Do it now.

If you've planned to buy a necktie for your dear old Uncle John, Do it now. There's a crowd around the counter and your chance will soon be gone— Do it now.

The Noah's ark for little Ted, the doll for Marguerite— You had better buy them early, or by many, many feet You'll be trampled when you battle with your bundles in the street— Do it now.

You can aid the busy people who must serve while you decide— Do it now. Why delay, to get bedraggled when the last ones in collide? Do it now.

Why not turn a new leaf over—why not try the better way? In this matter, as in others, there is danger in delay. If you must do Christmas shopping,

Do it now.

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