

LOVE'S AFTERGLOW.

Dear heart, feed me the spoons of burning tears...

LINCOLN'S JOKE.

Fixing the Responsibility For the Loss of Harper's Ferry...

Harlock was summoned, but did not know where the blame lay...

Then the president assembled the four generals in his room...

"Who, Mr. President; who is it?" asked the distinguished quartet...

SLEEP MYSTERIES.

Tasks Often Performed While the Worker Slumbers...

"One can become so accustomed," he said, "to a monotonous task...

"Men have composed great literary works in their sleep...

A penny for a priceless book. A workman once purchased for a penny an aged looking volume...

Improved on Solomon. In a certain Sunday school a little girl told the story of Solomon...

At a Disadvantage. Bacon—Would you call him a good talker? Egbert—No, I would not.

Had a Woman to Blame. "I have had dreadful luck. This morning I dropped my spectacles, and my wife stepped on them."

The Poet Answered. "Do you know that I was born on the same day Emerson died?"

WINTER BUTTERFLIES.

A Hardy Breed For Which Frost and Snow Possess No Terrors.

Coming in one day from a walk in a heavy snowstorm, I dropped upon the evening table some triangular brownish bits that I had at first slight like flakes of dried bark.

On the approach of winter most of the butterflies, those delicate little creatures of fair weather, naturally die.

These insects pass the winter both as chrysalids and as mature butterflies. Normally they remain in the chrysalis form only about two weeks, but it is probable that the severe cold overtake them before they are fully developed.

Numbers of the force have been known to ride or walk in the very month of a cocked .45 Colt and never much.

Then the president assembled the four generals in his room and said to them: "Gentlemen, Harper's Ferry was surrendered and none of you, it seems, is responsible."

"I was counsel for a railway company in the west," says a prominent New York lawyer, "in whose employ a section hand had been killed by an express train."

"I can't make a match," I said almost tearfully. "Why, that's funny," he said in a hatefully patronizing manner.

Summary Conversion. Hawaiians all became Christians through the simple process of an edict—kapoo—of one of the sturdy old Kamehamehas.

What He Had Done. A tactful and delicate even for a Frenchman was the reply made by a Parisian who had not found "a life on the ocean wave" all which one could wish.

The Name Oscar. It is interesting to remember that the name Oscar was bestowed by Napoleon on the hero of the battle of Borodino.

The Practical Girl. "Jack told me he could live on my kisses forever." "Are you going to let him?" "Not till I find out what I'm going to live on."—Chicago Journal.

Teaching the Drummer. "It was the custom in the days of our old navy for the women to bring to the most all the worn articles which were to be inspected, handed in and exchanged for new."

Plants That Hate One Another. Fancy two plants being so unfriendly that the mere neighborhood of one is death to the other?

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He hurts the good who spare the bad. "I have had dreadful luck. This morning I dropped my spectacles, and my wife stepped on them."

THE WATERMELON.

Africa is the Original Home of This Luscious Fruit.

The humorists always associate the African with the watermelon, assuming that the taste of the colored man for his favorite dainties arises from his life in the southern states, where the melon vine grows like a weed.

As a fact, however, the African taste for the watermelon is hereditary. The vine is a native of Africa, where it is found wild in the great central plains of the continent, and has also been cultivated for many ages.

The melons mentioned by the Israelites as being among the good things they had in Egypt were undoubtedly watermelons, for in the wall paintings about the time of the exodus the melon vine is represented, and in one case a long procession of slaves is depicted, each bearing on his shoulder a huge dark green watermelon.

Botanists say that varieties of the melon are found in southern Asia, and some even claim that the plant grows wild in central and South Africa, but Africa is no doubt the original home of the melon, and in his preference over every other kind of vegetable or fruit the African merely displays a taste that has been fixed in him by thousands of years of indulgence.

It would seem that these insects keep guard over the nests. Is a hornet's nest guarded by sentinels, after the manner of ant hills? It is not so easy to decide, for their private habits do not invite familiar approach.

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AN ILLUMINATING REPORT.

National Civic Federation Commission Shows the Impracticability of Some Municipal Ownership Theories.

An attempt has been made to belittle the full committee report of the National Civic Federation because it doesn't settle offhand the entire question of municipal ownership.

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"BRYANISM WOULD REMAIN."

The Springfield Republican, in a notable editorial, asks and answers a very interesting question. The question is this: "Suppose in one of his innumerable railroad journeys Mr. Bryan should be accidentally killed. That would instantly eliminate him as a living personality and force him from American politics. What would happen then to Democratic politics?"

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