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In Austrian black and gold;
Wrought all in silver are his cells,
Fine-spun, a thousand fold.
His dwelling has no dingy roof,
Nor dismal underground;
The sunlight gilds its slender web
On fragrant bushes bound.
And at his levee, every morn,
Such brilliants do appear,
As ne'er in any court were worn
By Christian monarch dear.
No prison dungeon has this wretch
Where victims, out of sight,
His cruel jealousy may fetch
And keep in hopeless night.
Yet subtle stratagems he springs
On harmless passers-by,
Winds his soft silk about their wings,
And hangs them up to die.
I came to sweep his work away
With swift, impatient hand;
But here the lesson of the day
He teaches, as I stand.
The tyrant luxury doth so
Our winged souls entwine,
And binds us fettered in a show,
To mock the free sunshine.
The subtle web afar I'll leave
Of fattening deceit;
The gorgeous spider shall not weave,
His letters for my feet.
The eye that views the heavens in faith,
The hand with justice armed,
Can see the snare that binds to death,
And scatter it, unharmed.
—Julia Ward Howe, in Scribner.

DELICIA.

"She was so exquisitely beautiful, it was actually provoking that there shouldn't be the least romance about her. Waves of pale golden hair rippled away from her pearly forehead, and were gathered into a superb knot at the back of her head. Such a blue gleamed in her sweet eyes, such a lovely pink mantled her soft cheek, such a smile played on her ripe mouth, that you might be, you could not have refrained from staring at her; and then, thinking of strawberries and cream, have longed for a silver spoon with which to eat her.
But for all this there wasn't the least romance connected with her. Though three-and-twenty, Delicia had never had a lover. She lived in a quiet farmhouse among the White Mountains with her father and mother all the year round. She loved them dearly—was happy with them and her horse, Joan of Arc.
Joan was beautiful, high-spirited; and Delicia, who cared nothing for dancing or flirting, and could neither sing nor play, was passionately fond of horseback-riding. There was a spirit of pride and daring in her which made her a superlative, and caused the young men of the very bare neighborhood to call her haughty. The delights of her life were the pine-scented woods, the winter landscapes of ermine snow and glittering ice, the dreamy sweetness of the autumn orchards. At twenty-three Delicia had been content with an existence lived in comparative solitude.
Then came a terrible calamity. Her father was killed by a runaway horse, and her mother, from an unbroken riding, fell, and she sank slowly but surely until, one morning bright, beautiful day, Delicia found herself entirely alone.
Outsiders then called her cold, for no one saw her weep. She only trembled so excessively behind the open graves that old Aunt Thankful, who had nursed her dead mother, was obliged to support her to keep her from falling. Otherwise she was composed, only her sweet eyes had a look in them pitiful to see.
A change had come over Delicia's serene life; the dear home-love was gone, and the girl's content had gone. With a native courage and reserve peculiar to her she made no complaint; she asked Aunt Thankful rather wistfully to stay in her house for her, and then turned to her books and horse and maiden meditations. But Delicia's dreams were troubled now. Life's grief had touched her; she knew that sorrow was in the world; she feared the future.
The strange, sad summer passed. One fine November day, Bob, the hired man, led Joan of Arc prancing to the door, the side-saddle on her back.
"I have to go to the village, miss, to buy the new mill-cow. I'll not be back till noon. You'll not mind letting Joan stand with the saddle on a little till I come."
"No," said Delicia, absently.
Her beautiful oval cheek was white under her velvet cap. There was a sad, sad smile on her face as she turned Joan's head toward the hill-road.
Yet, who had seen her beautiful, spirited figure lope along the uplands, would have divined the rare heart of the heiress of Wheatlands? She did not, perhaps, understand herself, and did not know she had asked her own soul: "Am I to be all my life alone? Will no one great and good ever ask me to be his dearly-beloved wife? If not, I shall perish off the face of the earth."
You must have guessed rarely to have known how deeply ran the stirrings of that illytic life. You would not have guessed it from anything in her perfect form, for as she turned it toward a passing carriage, the occupants were a blue-looking man of thirty, perhaps, and a very young and pretty girl.
A single glance told the story—that the young girl was loving and unhappy; that the man, for some reason, found her desirable of possession.
He had hard black eyes that repelled Delicia, yet the sight of the two seated so closely gave her a vague, painful feeling of solitude and desolation which not long ago was utterly unknown to her.
The carriage glittered by, and Joan lope softly along the woody road, soundless with a thick carpet of pine needles.
She made a circuit, and came back to the main road.
Suddenly unusual sounds attracted her attention. A crash, and violent screams reached her ear; and as she rode forward, a strange sight burst upon her view.
The carriage had gone over an embankment and was a perfect wreck; the horses lay prostrate—one of them killed,

never saw together before. Wanted to hire a horse, did he? What did you shoot him for? Of all strange actions—
The driving of the doctor's buggy into the yard stopped her remarks, when Delicia returned to Alta Vanevar to find her in a wandering delirium.
Three strange physicians devoted to nursing the invalids. A burning fever made the young girl unconscious.
Aunt Thankful's charge was conscientious, but very weak and silent. In a dream, he seemed to himself to be in a dream of delights, but perverted by a great trouble which he could scarcely name.
The radiantly lovely face of Delicia, the rustle of her dress, the sound of her footsteps pervaded his consciousness like a blessing, while his desperate quest and misfortune were only half-realized by him in the bodily weakness and inaction of brain caused by excessive loss of blood.
"How long have I been here?"
"Heing wheels, she sprang back toward Aunt Thankful's place for a few moments, and started from a momentary absence of thought to find Guy Vanevar's eyes fixed piercingly upon her.
"This is the fourth day. Are you better?"
"I am not sick, only in a sort of dream which I cannot wake myself from."
"You are very weak."
"It was you I saw when I came here, wasn't it?"
"It was you, my dear," replied Delicia, blushing.
"I remember. Oh, my sister Alta!"—trying to rise upon his elbow.
"Lie down, please. You must not exert yourself. I have something to tell you," said Delicia.
"Have been here four days, you say. Good God! what will become of her?"
"Drink this coffee and try to be quiet. Alta is safe."
"How can you know?"
"I have her in my care. Wallace Munroe is dead—accidently killed."
"And they were not married?"
"No."
"Thank God!"
"And then she asked:
"Are you sure of this?"
"Entirely sure, my dear."
He could talk no longer, but was visibly better in a few hours.
The next day, pale, wasted, but strong, in a simple earnestness, he said, quietly, to Delicia:
"How wonderfully beautiful you are!"
Something in his eyes kindled hers, and for the first time in her life Delicia felt within her pure breast the warmth and sweetness of love.
Half alarmed by her emotions and the glowing color of her cheeks, she bent upon her, she rose from her place beside him.
"You can see Alta to-day, you know, if she is better. I will go and see."
Alta Vanevar was better in body, but suffering in mind.
She looked like a living wraith in one of Delicia's long white wrappers, and turned from her brother's kiss and sat down in Delicia's lap like a tired child.
"Oh, if I could die! I know you love me, Guy; but you did not love Wallace. And he is dead. Oh, Delicia, you understand—you are a woman. I loved him!"
Guy Vanevar looked down at the two figures, buried in the great easy-chair, the scene of woman folding the suffering child to her bosom, and a look of indescribable grief filled his soft dark eyes. And Delicia, glancing up, saw it and knew it was for her.
I cannot tell you how in a few days these two grew together; but when Guy Vanevar had found his political position as a gentleman and the son of a gentleman, and discarded his disguise, which had facilitated his pursuit of Wallace Munroe, the atmosphere of mystery and suspicion was entirely dispelled, and happiness brought their development and occurrence.
Delicia realized that the prayer of her secret heart was granted—one great and good loved her, and had asked her to be his dearly beloved wife.
All had come to her—love, romance, marriage, and happiness; but to-day, scarcely less beautiful than of yore, she will tell you that few women add to their history the experience of having shot their husbands, which is hers.

Household Perils.

Under this head the Boston Journal of Chemistry has several dangerous substances which find their way into households. There are two or three volatile liquids used in families which are particularly dangerous, and must be employed, if at all, with special care. Benzine, ether, and strong ammonia constitute this class of agents, which, if not named liquids are employed in cleaning gloves and other wearing apparel, and in removing oil stains from carpets, curtains, etc. The liquids are highly volatile, and flash into vapor so soon as the cork of the vessel containing them is removed. Their vapors are very combustible, and will inflame at long distances from ignited candles or gas flames, and consequently they should never be used in the evening when the house is lighted. Explosions of a very dangerous nature will occur if the vapor of these liquids is permitted to escape into a room in considerable quantity. In view of the great hazard of handling these liquids, cautious housekeepers will not allow them to be brought into their dwellings, and this course is commendable.
As regards ammonia, or water of ammonia, it is a very powerful agent, especially the stronger kinds sold by druggists. An incident in its use has recently come under our notice, in which a young lady lost her life from taking a few drops through mistake. Breathing the gas under certain circumstances causes serious harm to the lungs and membranes of the mouth and nose. It is an agent much used at the present time for cleansing purposes, and it is unobjectionable if proper care is used in its employment. The vials holding it should be kept apart from others containing medicines, etc., and rubber stoppers to the vials should be used.
Oxalic acid is considerably employed in families for cleaning brass and copper utensils. This substance is highly poisonous, and must be kept and used with great caution. In crystalline structure it closely resembles sulphate of magnesia or Epsom salts, and therefore frequent mistakes are made any times lost. Every agent which goes into families among inexperienced persons should be kept in a safe place, and labeled properly and used with care.
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1879.

Important Events of the World During the Past Year.

JANUARY.—1. Resumption of specie payments in the United States. 2. Nine men killed and thirty-three wounded by the bursting of a gun on the British man-of-war "Havoc" at sea. 3. Intensely cold weather throughout the United States. 4. Destruction of Juan Monca in Madrid for attempted assassination of King Alfonso. Failure of the Cornish and Truro, England, for \$5,000,000. 5. Great republican victory at the elections for French senators. 6. The New York legislature passed the new criminal code. 7. Forty-three Chinese Indian prisoners at Fort Robinson, Neb., killed while trying to escape. 8. Twenty persons killed by a railroad collision in Russia. 9. Two hundred Russian officers and soldiers killed by train breaking through a bridge in Turkey. Intense excitement created in Germany by Bismarck's bill limiting freedom of debate in German parliament. 10. The Pope's long circular against socialism, communism, etc., published. 11. Fifty-eight miners killed by an explosion in a Welsh colliery. 12. Threatened crisis in France over the proposed election of a confederate in the government. Several United States Senators elected. 13. Severely cold weather and much destitution reported from Russia. 14. Beginning of investigation into the elpher dispatches by Potter committee. 15. Resignation of President McMahon and election of Jules Ferry as premier of France. 16. M. Gambetta elected president of the French chamber of deputies. 17. Exciting debate in executive session of the United States Senate over the new cabinet nominations. 18. News received of extraordinary precautions taken by European countries to guard against the spread of the plague ravaging Russia. 19. The beginning of investigation in New York of the Potter committee. 20. Mr. Tilden testifies before Potter committee in New York. Heavy strikes begun in England. Russians begin evacuation of Turkish territory under a tentative treaty of peace between the two countries signed. 21. Fatal land slides in Kansas City, Mo., and Allentown, Pa. 22. Opening of the new parliament in London. Opening of British parliament. Nine Chinese men killed by an explosion of fire-damp in California. 23. St. Valentine's day. 24. Bill for restricting Chinese immigration passed by the United States Senate. 25. Three persons killed and about twenty severely injured by a train falling through a rotten bridge near Selma, Ala. 26. Details of plague horrors in Russia received. 27. Seventeen lives lost by an explosion in Stockton, Cal. British steamship Zanzibar, with complement of thirty-six officers and crew, given up for lost after being wrecked on the coast of Madagascar. 28. Reports received of disastrous storms in France, Spain and Italy. 29. President Hayes vetoed the Chinese immigration bill. 30. Treaties in Reno, Nev. 31. Reports of Potter committee published. 32. The Forty-fifth Congress adjourns and the President issues a proclamation for extra session of Forty-sixth Congress. 33. Closure of the Western tilt will close in New York. 34. Six persons killed at a fire in East St. Louis, Ill. Beginning of international six days' walking match in New York. 35. Report of the Chicago Convention. 36. Arrival of Bayard Taylor's remains in New York. 37. Rowell wins international walking match in New York. 38. Opening of the session of Forty-sixth Congress. 39. Forty-seven lives lost by the foundering of a French iron-clad off coast of France. 40. Several New Orleans banks suspend payments. 41. City of Danville, Va., destroyed by fire. 42. Falsehood begun before the Brooklyn Presbytery. 43. Election in Rhode Island. 44. Senate debate on amendments to the House. Cambridge defeats Oxford in annual boat race on the Thames. 45. Spring elections in Michigan, etc. 46. Attempt to assassinate the Czar of Russia in St. Petersburg. Disasters tornado at Collinsville, Nev. 47. Syndicate of New York and Boston bankers bid for \$200,000,000 four per cent. bonds accepted by Secretary Sherman. 48. Fatal tornado in South Carolina. Martial law declared in six populous Russian districts. 49. One-half of Eureka, Nev., destroyed by fire. 50. General Dix's funeral in New York. 51. Emperor of Austria crowned in Vienna. 52. Brown makes 642 miles in six days' championship pedestrian match in London. 53. President Hayes vetoes an appropriation bill. One thousand houses, comprising town of Orenburg, Russia, destroyed by fire. 54. California votes in favor of adopting new constitution. 55. Rev. Dr. Lalmage's address before the General Assembly of his acquittal. 56. The Pope's creates eight new cardinals. Veto of the "military interference" bill by the President. 57. Six cardinals created by the Pope. 58. The legislative appropriation bill passes United States Senate. 59. Participation of Brooklyn's 13th regiment in Queen Victoria's sixtieth birthday festivities in Montreal. 60. Catholic celebration in New York dedicated. 61. End of war between England and Afghanistan officially announced. 62. News received of a terrific naval battle between an English and Peruvian vessels. The President vetoes the legislative appropriation bill. Several persons killed or injured at a hotel fire in Hagerstown, Md. 63. President Hayes vetoes a bill to build a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien. 64. About fifty persons lose their lives by a tornado in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. 65. Great eruption of Mt. Etna reported. 66. Great strike of iron workers in and about Pittsburgh, Pa. 67. Secretary of War McCrary nominated by President Hayes to succeed Judge Dillon as judge of the eighth circuit. 68. Reports received of great destruction of property in Italy by bursting of dikes and inundation of river Po. Cassation of eruption of Mt. Etna reported. 69. Mission of the President to Hull in New York city. Emperor William's golden wedding celebrated in Berlin. 70. Eleven persons drowned by a waterspout in the Black Hills. 71. Hon. J. M. Elliott in championship rowing match at Newcastle, England. Beginning of six days' international walking match in London. 72. Weston wins the walking match in London, scoring 500 meters. 73. The President signs the army appropriation bill and vetoes the judicial expenses appropriation bill. Cox, Mrs. Hall's murderer, arrested in Boston. 74. The Khedive of Egypt declines in favor of his son. 75. Harvard defeats Yale in annual boat race at New London, Conn. 76. Federal marshal appropriation bill vetoed by the President. 77. Extra session of the Forty-sixth Congress closed. 78. Fatal storm in Wisconsin and Minnesota. 79. Seven lives lost by an accident to a steamer on Lake Quinsigamond, Mass. Large fire in Amherst, Mass. 80. James Gordon Bennett's yacht Jeannette sails from San Francisco on exploring expedition in search of the North Pole. 81. Eight persons killed by an explosion of giant powder in mine works at Bodie, Cal. Yellow fever panic in Memphis. 82. Funeral of Prince Princes Imperial at Chislehurst, England. Eight lives lost by wreck of steamer State of Virginia off the coast of Nova Scotia. 83. Many lives lost in New England during a terrific storm. 84. Eight persons drowned by capsizing of a yacht in St. Lawrence river, Canada. News received of a great Zulu defeat in South Africa by Lord Chelmsford, and virtual end of the Zulu war. 85. Destructive storms in western Pennsylvania. 86. A congressional committee begins at Chicago an examination into the causes of the labor depression. 87. Five persons drowned by the capsizing of an excursion yacht at Glasgow, N. Y. 88. Disasters tornado in England. 89. Kentucky State election. Fifty persons killed during storm in Denmark. Iowa of Volcano, W. 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Explosion of the "Amp in a colliery near Sumpton, Pa. 4. Elections in a number of States. 5. Osequies of General Hooker in New York, and of Senator Chandler in Detroit. 6. Steamer Champion sunk by the ship Lady Octavia, near Cape Hatteras, and thirty lives lost. 8. Three lives lost and damage exceeding \$100,000 done by breaking of a train through the bridge over the Missouri at St. Charles, Mo. Several persons killed by the fall of a cracker factory in Kansas City, Mo. 10. A party of fifty white men from New Mexico, attacked by Indians in Mexico and thirty-two killed. 11. Fatal cyclone in Crawford county, Arkansas. 12. Reception to General Grant in Chicago. Five persons killed at a New York tenement-house fire. 17. About thirty Chinese men killed by an explosion in a California railroad tunnel. 18. Nine lives lost by the sinking of a portion of a town on Lake Ontario. 19. Baguet to Olive Woodell unveiled in Washington. Great excitement in Ireland on account of the arrest of several persons for sedition utterances. 26. Great sale of 250,000 shares New York Central railroad stock by W. H. Vanderbilt to a syndicate of bankers for \$3,000,000. 27. Thanksgiving day. 28. Marriage at Madrid of King Alfonso to Marie Christine, Austrian archduchess. 29. Opening of the regular session of Forty-sixth Congress. 2. Attempt to kill the Czar of Russia while on his way to Moscow. 3. Baguet to Olive Woodell unveiled in Boston in honor of his seventieth birthday. 8. Opening of the international diary in New York. 9. United States Senate confirms Secretary of War McCrary to be United States circuit judge. 10. Ex-Senator Ramsey's appointment as successor to Secretary of War McCrary confirmed by the Senate. National agricultural society formed in New York. 12. News received of great floods in Transylvania and Hungary. Destruction by fire of Red Rock, Pa. 15. Twelve miners killed and eight injured by an explosion in a salt mine in Wurttemberg, Germany. Great welcome to General Grant in Philadelphia. 19. Details received of heavy battle between Chileans and allied forces of Peru and Bolivia.

Do Animals Resist Temptation.

Temptation frequently begets in the dog, cat, and other animals the same kind of mental or moral agitation, and leads to the same sort of result, as in man. Sometimes we can see in the dog, for instance—the whole play of the animal's mind—the battle between its virtuous and vicious propensities, its promptings to the right and its endeavors to stink to the right its longing for the wrong for the titbit, which it knows would be improper to steal—and the final triumph either of virtue or temptation. The poor animal, knowing or feeling the weakness of the flesh, sometimes has the strength, the force of character, the good sense, to avoid temptation altogether. But dogs, like men, are apt to have the most trying temptations thrust unexpectedly upon them, and then come the temptations of the appetites and passions that the moral turmoil that may make shipwreck of or that may strengthen virtue. Sometimes, then, by the dog, as by the man, temptation is successfully resisted after perhaps a series of protracted and painful moral struggles that have been very apparent to the onlooker. Unfortunately, however, equally in dog and man, the resistance of temptation is less common by far than non-resistance or non-success in resistance, the result of which is various forms or degrees of wrong doing.—Popular Science Monthly.

Mrs. Hilton, of Renick, Mo., has become the mother of twins rivaling the celebrated Siamese pair, each of her little girls having a head and heart of her own, but possessing a common heart and lungs, and being joined by a fleshy band extending from the collar bones to the knees.

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Murphy wins the walking match for the O'Leary belt. 32. British troops enter Cabul. 34. State elections in Ohio and Iowa. 35. Disastrous floods in Spain. 36. Dr. Moyle cremated at Washington, Pa. Hanlan and Courtney make a fizzle of their boat race on Chautauque Lake. 38. Loss of Spanish steamer Nuestra Señora de los Remedios, off the West Indies, by fire, and forty of her passengers and crew perish. 39. Formation of new Turkish ministry. 40. Twenty-seven British troops and many Afghans killed by blowing up of a magazine in Cabul. 21. Terrible distress in Hungary on account of bad crops reported. 25. Yellow fever epidemic in Memphis declared at an end. 26. Explosion of a train at New York. 27. Explosion of the "Amp in a colliery near Sumpton, Pa. 4. Elections in a number of States. 5. Osequies of General Hooker in New York, and of Senator Chandler in Detroit. 6. Steamer Champion sunk by the ship Lady Octavia, near Cape Hatteras, and thirty lives lost. 8. Three lives lost and damage exceeding \$100,000 done by breaking of a train through the bridge over the Missouri at St. Charles, Mo. Several persons killed by the fall of a cracker factory in Kansas City, Mo. 10. A party of fifty white men from New Mexico, attacked by Indians in Mexico and thirty-two killed. 11. Fatal cyclone in Crawford county, Arkansas. 12. Reception to General Grant in Chicago. Five persons killed at a New York tenement-house fire. 17. About thirty Chinese men killed by an explosion in a California railroad tunnel. 18. Nine lives lost by the sinking of a portion of a town on Lake Ontario. 19. Baguet to Olive Woodell unveiled in Washington. Great excitement in Ireland on account of the arrest of several persons for sedition utterances. 26. Great sale of 250,000 shares New York Central railroad stock by W. H. Vanderbilt to a syndicate of bankers for \$3,000,000. 27. Thanksgiving day. 28. Marriage at Madrid of King Alfonso to Marie Christine, Austrian archduchess. 29. Opening of the regular session of Forty-sixth Congress. 2. Attempt to kill the Czar of Russia while on his way to Moscow. 3. Baguet to Olive Woodell unveiled in Boston in honor of his seventieth birthday. 8. Opening of the international diary in New York. 9. United States Senate confirms Secretary of War McCrary to be United States circuit judge. 10. Ex-Senator Ramsey's appointment as successor to Secretary of War McCrary confirmed by the Senate. National agricultural society formed in New York. 12. News received of great floods in Transylvania and Hungary. Destruction by fire of Red Rock, Pa. 15. Twelve miners killed and eight injured by an explosion in a salt mine in Wurttemberg, Germany. Great welcome to General Grant in Philadelphia. 19. Details received of heavy battle between Chileans and allied forces of Peru and Bolivia.