

WOMAN'S EDITION.

Tributes to Lincoln.

Oh! the land he loved does miss him,
Aye, in every crucial test,
Still mourns the nation for its chieftain,
For that great heart now at rest.
Let him rest; it was not often
That his soul could take repose,
Let him rest, they rest but seldom,
Whose succors challenge foes.
He was weary—worn with watching;
His life-crown of sorrow prest
On temples sadly aching;
On the great heart now at rest.
It is with grateful remembrance the
WOMAN'S EDITION of the CLARION can
set aside a brief space in loving tribute
to the memory of America's greatest
hero, on this his natal day.

Thirty years since the war and Lin-
coln alone of all the men of that period
is steadily rising into the universal love
and homage of the American heart.
He has become our ideal great man,
leader, hero, demigod, of the whole peo-
ple, north and south, the noblest type
of American citizenship, the loftiest
ideal of patriotism.

That great speech at Gettysburg
"with malice toward none, with char-
ity for all" may well be called the re-
public's sermon on the Mount.

Mistrusted and maligned yesterday
as have been all the world's great prophe-
ts and heroes, he is today, enthroned
in the hearts of an united people. All
parties claim him, all creeds appeal to
him and well they may, for though a
member of no church, he yet belongs
to the church universal.

Dowered with a conscience that could
brook no hint of wrong, no compro-
mise with evil, he dared say at the risk
of his political prospects "A house di-
vided against itself cannot stand. I
believe this government cannot be half
slave and half free. I do not expect
the Union to be dissolved. I do not
expect the house to fall."

With a courage that nothing could
daunt, in his first encounter with slav-
ery in New Orleans, he exclaimed to his
companion "If ever a chance is given
me, I will hit this thing hard."

Inbued with a sense of justice keener
than which never throbbed in human
breast, he recognized the great injustice
of taking from a helpless people a source
of wealth which our government thro'
a century of dishonor had helped to legal-
ize, he presented to congress a measure
to buy off their slaves. That mea-
sure defeated, he was forced to the inevi-
table conflict.

Along with his rugged strength and
uncompromising integrity he combined
all the gentleness and tenderness of a
woman. He was unable to look upon
the suffering engendered by war with-
out the keenest sorrow and often tears.

Aye! celebrate with the children on
next Wednesday the birth of Washing-
ton, the Father of his country, but do
not forget to tell them of another and
greater hero—Lincoln, "the Savior of
his country."

"And one there is whose noble life
Sets all our hearts aflame;
Who freedom gave a million souls
And saved our country's name.
O, Lincoln! patient, brave and true,
God's noblest, rarest type of man,
With reverent pride we speak thy name,
The First American."

The Origin and Significance of St. Valentine's Day.

The accomplished Editor of THE
CLARION doubtless had in mind the
axiom of the old Greek philosopher,
anent, the "eternal fitness" of things,
when he suggested the St. Valentine's
issue of the paper being edited by the
women. For the dawn of the tender
passion upon our planet must have
been when Eve appeared to Adam,
awaking from his "deep sleep," having
sprung from his side, "full panoplied"
in beauty like Minerva from the brain
of Jove. Like most other traditions,
the Origin of St. Valentine's day is ob-
scure and nearly lost in the mist of
myth and fiction, which time's effacing
fingers casts over the past. It was a
very odd notion, alluded to by Shakes-
peare, that on the 14th of Feb. birds
begin to couple, hence, perhaps arose
the custom of sending on this day, let-
ters containing profession of love and
affection. An authorized Roman legend
is, that St. Valentine, prosbyter, and
martyr, was arrested and thrown into
chains at the instance of the emperor
Claudius, and handed over to Calphur-
nius, who employed one, Asterius, to
try to win him back to idolatry. Valen-
tine having miraculously healed the
blind daughter of Asterius, he and all
his family believed and were baptized.
St. Valentine was beheaded a year later
at Rome, on Feb. 14th 270. History
having little to tell concerning the
man, makes amends by dwelling on the
ceremonies observed on his day. They
trace the origin of these to the Roman
Lupercalia, celebrated in Feb., at which
one practice was to put the names of
women in a box to be drawn by the
men, each being bound to serve and
honor the woman whose name he had
drawn. Perhaps from this custom has
arisen the axiom that marriage is a
lottery. Somehow the old Roman cus-
tom was transplanted to England,
where ladies and lasses met on the day of
the Italian priest's martyrdom, to choose

their valentine-by lot or otherwise. An
old custom was to throw open the win-
dow early in the morning, and the first
person seen would be your valentine
for the year.

The Eager Sirian would insure the
right man being in the right place on
that morning. Still another saint of
the same name is commemorated on the
14th of Feb. who was invoked in Italy
and Germany, in cases of epilepsy and
cognate disorders. The connection in
this instance with St. Valentine's day
observances is difficult to trace, unless
it be through the somewhat occult pro-
cess of reasoning that the Saint, being
celebrated for kindness and love to
suffering humanity, became the patron
saint of lovers.

The Necessity of Fresh Air in our Households.

In this enlightened age, when the
knowledge of hygienic laws and their
scientific application is almost as widely
diffused as the omnipresent organ and
sewing machine, an article under the
above caption, would seem almost a
work of supererogation. For such mas-
culine minds however, who still hold to
the belief that fresh air and warmth, in
the living rooms are uncomfortable, a
few facts may be convincing if not con-
verting. As every schoolboy knows,
oxygen is necessary to respiration, and
is constantly taken into the lungs from
the atmosphere in the process of breath-
ing at the rate of 366 cubic inches per
minute. Oxygen, by the chemical ac-
tion involved in the process of respira-
tion passes from a free state into com-
bination with other substances, and
thereby becomes unfitted for the further
support of animal life. If a bird be
confined in a limited portion of atmos-
pheric air, it will at first feel no incon-
venience; but as a portion of oxygen is
withdrawn from a free state with each
inspiration, its quantity diminishes rap-
idly, so that respiration soon becomes
laborious, and in a short time ceases
altogether. Carbonic acid, which exists
in the atmosphere in infinitesimal quan-
tities is irrepressible in its pure state,
producing the moment it is inhaled, a
spasm of the glottis, which closes at
once the air passages of the lungs. Car-
bonic acid is produced abundantly by
all the processes of combustion, by
respiration, fermentation, and by the
decay of animal and vegetable products.
The inference from these facts would
seem irresistible, that the atmosphere
of an ordinary sized room in which two,
four, six or eight persons are constantly
absorbing oxygen and giving out car-
bon, needs a frequent renewal of the
former, by the free admission of fresh
air. If to the production of carbonic
acid by respiration is added that given
out by coal stoves, and that is mixed
with the odors of cooking and the fumes
of tobacco smoke, it seems the sum to-
tal would be a combination entirely
unfit to be taken into the lungs and
distributed through the body. And
yet many people seem to dread fresh
air as they do the enemy of their souls.
Not only is pure air necessary in the
homes, but in all places of public as-
sembly. Who of us have not drawn a
long breath of relief and unconsciously
taken in a supply of oxygen, when
emerging from a close, hot church,
Sunday school or lecture room. Put a
hundred children into a room, hermeti-
cally sealed, as fresh air is con-
cerned, and keep them there for an
hour and a half. Is it any wonder that
the little bodies become uncomfortable
and restless and the minds sluggish and
inactive? A young minister was told
by an older brother, never to mistake
perspiration for inspiration. There is
nothing more conducive to the former
and fatal to the latter than an atmos-
phere from which the proper constitu-
ents have been removed.

If any further proof were wanting of
the benefit of fresh air in the households
and of much out of door exercise, it can
be found by a glance at the physical
characteristics of different nations—
Take the Esquimaux, who spend many
months of the year in close underground
huts, with only a hole in the top to let
out the smoke, and inhabited by sixty
or a hundred persons. We find them a
race of undersized people, to say nothing
of their mental and moral degradation.
The Chinese and Japanese furnish a
similar example of physical degeneracy.
On the other hand, the hardy Norsemen,
whose vikings sailed the seas, who spent
much time in the open air and whose
spacious halls were open to the invigor-
ating atmosphere of the northern lati-
tudes, we find them a nation marked by
unusual physical beauty and develop-
ment. The North American Indian
whose wampum hut, was not built to
exclude the air, and whose life of hunt-
ing and warfare gave ample out of door
exercise, is a splendidly developed spec-
imen of manhood, or was until the
vicies of civilization produced their
stunting effect upon him.

Matthew Arnold has become famous
by his gospel of sweetness and light; is
not that of fresh air and exercise
equally important if lacking the nov-
elty? Taking the liberty of paraphras-
ing Patrick Henry's famous words, is
warmth so necessary or domestic har-

mony so sweet, as to be purchased at
the price of breathing a poisonous at-
mosphere? Forbid it hygienic laws!
Let us have fresh air in our homes,
churches and schools, so that the chil-
dren being trained therein, may be the
most perfectly developed men and
women, it is their destiny and right to
become.

In this utilitarian age, when senti-
ment is below par in value, the custom
of sending gorgeously decorated and
intertwined hearts, has happily fallen
into a state of innocuous desuetude.
The up to date, *fin du siècle* young man
will do well to regard the following
verse clipped from an exchange, as a
word to the wise.

"Soon will the young man pant and clutch
For rhymes that come not handy,
When all the time the maid would much
Prefer, a box of candy."

Woman's Wit and Wisdom.

Can a woman keep a secret? No.

What kind of needles sew without
thread?

A lady wearing with a servant's in-
cessant humming of tunes politely asked
her to conclude with the dogology.

A Thurmont boy leaned over a tub
of apple parings and was heard to say,
half audibly: "Golly, I wish they was
watch chains."

A very little child was reading the a
b c's to her papa, and growing tired,
followed the last letter with the most
reverent a-m-e-n.

The first night after the fence was
removed on Carroll street, one matron
could not sleep because she could not
close the front gate.

One summer day a young lady of
Thurmont innocently said, "Papa, I
think our cow wants water, I saw her
pawing with her horns."

Rev. Barb was singing his baby to
sleep and Dinah was listening. Presen-
tly she said, "Miss Aude it must be
bin the words that put that child to
sleep, certainly it wasn't the tune."

How blindly we go through life! It
never occurred to Miss Smith that geese
roost on the ground until after she had
written to her beau, how lovely a tree
looked in moonlight with white geese
on it.

Ladiesburg was so called because for
sixty years its population comprised
seven ladies and only one gentleman.
The happy individual was Samuel
Birdy, who died in 1877, aged eighty-
three years.

We would like to suggest to some
ambitious and enterprising young wom-
an of Thurmont, a sure method of lift-
ing the debt on the Town Hall, and at
the same time place a fortune at her
disposal; why not, girls, construct a wet-
sleeve that can be manipulated accord-
ing to your environment, then get out
a patent by which you can draw it up
small or expand it out big according to
the state of your feelings toward the
young man at your side. See!

WANTED!—Surgas to complete the
following poem:

'Tis the last day of summer
Left wandering alone,
All his buzzing companions
Have kicked over and gone.
He walks about fishy,
Guess he's looking for a sup,
To fast on, or brisky
A bald head to stir up.
Please send to next week's Editor.

The following incident illustrates the
ignorance which often prevails in rural
districts. The day after the assassina-
tion of Lincoln, a physician in Virginia
said to an old woman:

"Have you heard the news?"
"What news?"
"Abraham Lincoln was assassinated
last night!"
"Was it Jackie Linkum that broke
into Mary Sanger's spring house?"
"O, no, it was Abraham Lincoln
president of the United States."
"O, yes, yes, it was the old man den."

The New Man.

He doesn't strain his soup through a
moustache.
He doesn't fancy the girls are all in
love with him.
He doesn't saturate his breath with
tobacco nor does he expectorate on the
sidewalk.

He knows how to sew on a collar but-
ton.
He marries when he gets a chance
and rears a family.
He doesn't use explosives on his wife.
He doesn't give all his love to his
business, but reserves his best for his
wife.
He isn't always reminding his wife
of her proper sphere.
He doesn't forget to make love to his
wife at least once a year.
He never asks his wife to do for him
what he can do himself.
He gives enough time to his family
to get acquainted with his own chil-
dren.
His conversation is not all on money,
and he doesn't make constant use of
such words as big deal, stocks, bonds,
etc.

He divides his income with his wife.
He is not so pious on Sunday as to
drive all his neighbors into Paganism.
He does not spend his evenings at a
man's club, but accompanies his wife
to a club of men and women.
He does not go home at three o'clock
in the morning, and try to fit his latch-
key in the letter box.
He asks no privileges or immunities
that he does not give his wife.
Such is the New Man—an angel with-
out wings, and he believes in the New
Woman with all his heart.

A gentleman had an examination of
his ears for deafness. The physician
playfully advised him to turn his deaf
ear to remarks which he did not wish to
hear. Immediately after, when he was
charged five dollars for the examination
he turned his deaf ear to the physician.

"When you pass a farm," says an
observing woman, "and see a large fine
barn and a small house, you may know
the man is boss. When you see a fine
house and a poor barn, you may under-
stand the woman has things her own
way, and when there is a new house
and a good barn, you may take it for
granted the woman and man are about
equals."

The critics are getting lots of fun out
of the "Woman's Bible." We have not
seen the work but if press reports are
correct, the women have contributed
two important facts to the woman ques-
tion, that entitle them to the undying
gratitude of women everywhere.

We always wondered how it was that
Baalam's ass was endowed with greater
wisdom than its rider; now we have
the reason; that animal was a female.
Second fact is that the word for
Jehovah is used in both the masculine
and feminine, whereas Devil is put in
the masculine only.

A little girl of our acquaintance was
asked to write her impressions of grown
up people, and wrote the following
composition, which in our estimation
contains more wisdom for grown people,
than the first place they are bigger
and don't climb trees, and they don't
want children to climb trees because
they can't. Then they are not fond of
donkey rides because there are other
things they like better. They write
books and go to meetings, but they won't
let children go with them because they
are in the way. They don't always an-
swer little folk's questions, and then
sometimes they make us do what isn't
right. They don't like us to ride on
donkeys, cause they are afraid of get-
ting kicked, but we don't mind it a bit,
we think it's lots of fun. They are much
older than children; some are twice as
old. You've got to be twenty-one be-
fore you are grown up. Grown up
children fancy that little children are
naughty, and children think grown up
folks are naughty. Grown up folks
talk about their neighbors and then
tell their children not to tell.

Then there is another difference; they
can skate, that is some can, but some
children can skate too. Then they live
for money, that is some do, many, not
all, spend it on useful things; and
children, there is another difference,
grown up people talk all they want to
but when we talk, they tell us
"children should be seen and not
heard."

Then they are fussy about our clothes.
They always want us to stay dressed up
and keep clean, I would lots rather
play in the dirt and be lots happier,
that is sometimes I would.

Boys don't have to wear nice clothes
and keep clean, boys wear pants but
little girls have to wear dresses. I
wish I was a boy. Some grown people
give away things, others are real mean.
I know a person that lives entirely for
children and that is Grandma. I don't
think there is any one so nice as Grand-
ma. Many grown up folks are nice and
kind, but so are many children, too.
But Grandma is nicer than any child.
I don't know any other difference.

The Easter season is now upon us,
and the choirs in the Thurmont churches
will soon be busy practicing anthems.
We would suggest that to prevent har-
rowing the feelings of the congregations
they write upon a bulletin board in the
church the full word they intend to
prolong, so the people may grasp the
connection, while the choir is tuning
the changes.

How many of us can recall some of
the funny anthems sang in old fash-
ioned country churches. I can now
close my eyes and recall without diffi-
culty, the queer thoughts that came to
me as they sang with all their might
"I love to steal, I love to steal, I love
to steal," until one began to wonder if
they were not all a pack of born thieves
and had not better be in the pen, while
all they meant to say was "to steal
awhile away."

"Stir up this stu-stir up this stu"
was finally explained as "stir up this
stupid head to pray." Next the so-
prano would sing out, "and take thy
pill—reinforced by the tenor, "and take
thy pill," when the base and alto would
join in "and take thy pill," until one
felt like killing the doctor that pre-
scribed the pills, and at last discovered it
had nothing at all to do with pills other
than "and take thy pilgrim home."

When they began singing "My
poor pol-my poor pol," you were sure
he poor parrot had met with some mis-
hap, and at last your sympathy for poor
Poll would get a cold bath on learning
it was only "My poor polluted heart."
"And more eggs and more eggs," would
turn our thoughts to poultry and just
as one were about to rise and tell them
how to get more eggs, they explained
by singing all together, "And more
exalt our joys."
"I love thee bet-I love thee bet—"
made one suspect they were all lovers,
and doing their courting behind their
hyan books and during prayers—as
chairs sometimes do. "Bet" was at
last made "Better than before." But
the grand climax was reached when
they all howled forth "And catch the
flee." "And catch the flee," the alto
voice "And catch the flee," the alto
more subdued "And catch the flee." The
tenor tried to make the starchy hosts
hear him "Catch the flee," and the
basso growled forth as though he would
surely succeed where the others had
failed to catch the flee. But when the
whole business became anxious to catch
the flee, repeating it so rapidly that it
made one's head whirl, you could see
flees chasing up and down the aisles,
jumping over the pulpits and crawling
up the preacher's legs, until by and by
you could swear there were flees crawl-
ing all over you. The whole burlesque
ended in "Catch the fleeing hour."
[To be concluded in the next edition.]

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