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POETRY

MAKE ME A SONG. Out of the silence make me a song, Beautiful, and soft and low;

Out of the stillness in your heart— A thousand sighs are sleeping there— Make me a song, oh child of art, The song of a hope in a last despair.

LANGUAGE TO ORDER

A Witness Who Speaks Any Way That Might Be Required. From the Territorial News, Enterprise.

In an assault and battery case, tried before Justice Moses a day or two since, a Mexican was a witness.

Witness—Yes, sir. Judge—Well, you will please go on and tell what you know about the assault made by this man upon your woman.

Witness—Yes, sir. Attorney—Ye understand, son, that you air to go on now and undertake to the court and jury what ye know about this case—in yer own language, ye understand?

Witness—Yes, sir. Attorney—Well, ye air, I understand perfectly well. You want me to tell the story in my own language.

Witness—Yes, sir. Attorney—Exactly. Proceed, son. Witness—Este mojar venis mi la casa—

Witness—What air ye sayin? Attorney—What is that ye air sayin? What did the man do—that did he say?

Witness—Ague, senora, yo quero habia nste—

Witness—What air ye sayin? Attorney (growing red in the face)—What air ye jabberin'—Italian, Frinoh, Dutch, or what?

Witness—I am speaking in my own language, sir, as you requested me to do—I am a Spaniard, sir.

Attorney—I didn't make for ye to speak yer own language when I said for ye to speak ye air speakin' to me, can't ye?

Witness—I can try, sir. Attorney—Well, then, try, son. Scutate to the court and jury what ye saw of the assault.

Witness—Well, then, yer honor, this man and this woman kin to me house, and sez the man to the woman, sez he, I want to spake wid ye, sez—

Attorney—What do you mane, son, yer spakin' in that way?

Witness—Sure, son, ye axed me to spake in the language ye use yourself, son, an' sure I'm after tryin' to oblige—

Attorney—I don't want any such language as that from ye, sir.

Judge—Just proceed in English, please, with what you saw of this affair.

Witness—With pleasure, sir. I should have done so from the first, but the learned counsel seemed rather particular in regard to the language in which he wished me to give my evidence.

As the witness proceeded with his story the lawyer sat mopping his brow with his handkerchief, and scowling black as a thunder-cloud on all in the room.

One of My Letters

Three score and ten is not a very green old age as an astronomer asserts, the period of time in which this earth will be inhabited is as a minute to eternity of its actual existence.

And yet some people really forget that they were ever young.

There she stood, the apple of their eyes, trembling with suppressed weeps. Their glasses deepened as the mother wiped her fingers preparatory to reading a letter found in the girl's pocket. It began, "Angel of my existence—"

"What!" howled the maid parent. "You don't mean to say it begins like that? Oh! that a child of mine should correspond with—but pray proceed, my dear."

"Hail existence spelled with 'a' too!" proceeded the mother.

"Why, the inarticulate can't spell," chipped in the old man.

"It is impossible for me to describe the joy with which your presence has filled me."

"Then why does he attempt it, ass! But pray, don't let me interrupt you. Go on; go on; let me hear you."

"I have spent the whole night in thinking of you"—(that's picturesque, any way)—"and in bitterly deriding the obstinate, besotted old whelp who will not consent to our union."

"Oh! let me get at him. Whelp. Is thy servant a tool that he should thus be spoken of?"

"But Theodora, my dear," interrupted her other half.

"Yes, yes; one moment. I was about to observe that the hand that could pen such words would not hesitate to scarp the most cherished relative."

"Theodora, I didn't see this over the leaf."

"Eh! let me see; hum: Yours with all the love of my heart—Theodora, May 10, 1835. Why, bless my eyes, it's one of my letters!" (Senation.)

"Yes, pa," chimed in the "olive branch," "I found it in the chest yesterday—only you wouldn't let me see it."

"You may go to the park, my child. I don't see how it came there."

"Yes, here. Next time we will look at the date first."—Boston Times.

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HOUSE PLANTS

Each Relation to Diphtheria and Other Diseases. Everybody has heard that phases of disease, whose names are legion, are often generated by filth in some form or other about the dwelling.

But neat people, whose premises are always in "apple-pie" order, are now and then astonished to find the same complaints breaking out under their own well-regulated vines and fig-trees and afflicting their own olive branches.

If residing in the city, they invariably conclude it is the fault of less tidy neighbors. If in the country, the inevitable verdict is rendered that the cellar is not in the right condition, (a few apples or potatoes having been allowed to go to decay, or the drain carrying off the kitchen slops has not been properly attended to, or that there is a swamp somewhere in the vicinity.)

So, in the former locality, the ubiquitous health officer is called to investigate from effect to cause, and in the latter every drain is scraped out of the cellar, the slop-draw is cleaned, and loads of lime and ashes and other disinfectants are scattered about.

Yet the disease goes on unabated, the babies fall victims by dozens to the dread destroyer, and flickering lamps of life are extinguished unaccountably—nobody dreaming that the filth which generates the disease is to be found just beyond the sumptuous parlor or in the cosy sitting-room! Yet

breeding and thriving among the greenery of the one dozen to the one hundred house plants which make up the proportion of the average family.

"But," say you, "plant-growing is healthy. Have we not read in our school books that plants give out oxygen, which is necessary to respiration, and absorb carbonic acid, which is deleterious, and which, in fact, constitutes the chief element in the composition of the deadly choke-damp of deep wells and mines?" To be sure, that is the correct theory, just as it is laid down in the books. But, Madam, what do your plants grow in? You answer, "Earth, from near the barn, mixed with a little leaf-mould brought from a low place in the woods and a trifle of guano—just for stimulant, you know." Certainly! there are

ALL THE INGREDIENTS of incipient pestilence done up in a compact form. There is the swamp earth, decaying vegetable matter combined with stable refuse, and the guano, which is more manure, than four bushels in all those jars of the worst kind of filth! Your plants look surprisingly healthy, and your books will tell you that what we dread most as filth is most acceptable food for plants. Suppose this same amount of filth was scattered

ABOUT THE HOUSE, under the beds and furniture, what would be thought of your housekeeping then, and who would wonder if your children died?

Why, you wouldn't stay in such a house over night; and yet, in the condition here supposed, the dirt would soon dry up and cease to be damaging, except when distributed, and then would only irritate the air-passages a little, as ill dust will. But in the damp condition in which you are forced to keep it for the sake of your plants, it is a most effective generator of miasma, malaria—bad air. If you look closely into the matter you will find a solution to many queries and wonders as to how the climate has changed so as to produce malarial poison where it did not formerly exist; why civilization has brought upon us so many new diseases, and so on to the end of the chapter. You ask why this aspect of the subject, if it be true, has been so long overlooked? Probably because medical men as well as others, are prone to catch at a plausible fact about insect-plant growth eliminating oxygen and absorbing carbonic acid, and thus jumping to the conclusion that such growth is healthy without investigating deeper. Thus the more important fact is lost sight of, that the mud and filth in which the plants grow must exude into our houses ten-fold more deleterious gases than the plants absorb, while the amount of oxygen eliminated must be too inconsiderable to affect any serious change, and offensive sewer-gases, &c., must be all the blame of diphtheria and kindred ills to which baby-flesh is especially heir.

An Un-Obtained Wedding Gift.

Mr. Jemima is the N. Y. World. Mr. Jemima is now to be looked upon by the nobility, which he has necessarily done and characterized, as his guardian angel. He must be present at their marriages; if he were eligible he would undoubtedly be asked to christen their children. It was a curious sight to see him at the Oratory last Wednesday, his face half sunk in the Astrachan collar of his coat, yet his eyes keenly observant as ever, few things escaping them. It was pretty, too, to see him kiss the hand of the bride and afterwards of the Princess Louise, who smiled and seemed pleased at the courtier-like grace of the Prims Minister. Then he happy allusion to the presents up stairs. What would he have said if he had spoken his thoughts concerning one of those presents—the necklaces formerly worn by Mary Queen of Scots, "which has ever since been in the possession of the Howard family," as the newspapers say with awe? Perhaps he will make it an incident in some new novel, and tell us how the fourth Duke of Norfolk engaged poor Mary in a sort of marriage intrigue, she, doubtless, hoping to gain her deliverance thereby. The divorce from Bothwell was to be obtained, and the Duke, while professing fidelity to the Elizabeth, believed that he had completed all arrangements for de-throning her. But Queen Elizabeth was a woman not easily tricked; she cut off the head of her trusty lover-man, the Duke. For how Mary's necklaces was sent to him as a token that she consented to his scheme, should have thought it rather an ill-omened present to a bride.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD MINES.

A. W. Yowell, Gold Commissioner of the Canadian district, British Columbia, reports that the number of miners has not at any time during the last year exceeded 1,200, including 300 or 400 Chinamen, and the yield has been 200,000 ounces, valued at \$173,000 from Thibert's creek, \$145,000 from McDeane's gulch, and \$81,000 from Deane's creek. The season was not favorable on account of the numerous frosts. He thinks Thibert's creek may double its yield next year. The Cariboo district produces about \$500,000 annually.

NEW NON-WESTERS.

—A rat is a Chinaman's turkey. —The Russians took Kars in 1828, 1834, 1855, and now again 1877.

—Who's Osman's successor? Chakir Pasha. Do you happen Timova person of that name.

—At his own request the late General N. B. Forrest was buried in his Confederate uniform.

—The death of Herr Driesbach, the lion tamer, who used to be famous some forty years ago, is announced.

—It isn't exactly a dime novel, but the Lowell Courier thinks the old-fashioned ten cent piece a novel time.

—Mr. Tilden, of San Francisco fed his baby on farina and strychnine that his wife had mixed for the rats.

—Eight clergymen in Chattanooga have denounced the method of obtaining money for churches by means of lotteries.

The phrase, "No removals except for merit," appears to apply to New York.

—The sweet-ho, bull-dog, loaded club, revolver, pump, hand-arms and raw-hide are actively used in the Ohio State Prison.

—Haberton accounts for the foolishness of the small boy. "The small boy had a father, and this father was once a small boy himself."

—The East river bridge at New York is not yet crossable; still the nice little trifle of \$8,000,000 has been spent on it with more to follow.

—Dr John Hall says that the box made by order of King Joash to keep the money in which the Jews contributed to the Temple was a great chest with a hole in the lid.

—Mr. Edwin Booth celebrated the recent anniversary of his birth by visiting, with his wife, the Cornerstone Cave, and laying there the mortar-stone of a monument to Shakespeare.

—The Springfield Republican, in publishing births, used to mention only the father's name, but now it has grown liberal enough to give the mother half the credit for all such items.—Boston Post.

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MRS. RALSTON.

The Gossip That is Current About Her. Three columns of scandal or romance, as the case may be, about Mrs. W. C. Ralston are printed in the S. F. Chronicle.

When he visited New York, and met in a quiet Miss Louise Thorndyke, a lady connected with Commodore Vanderbilt's family, the two became warmly attached, but their union was opposed by her wealthy parents.

Her untimely death brought the romance to an end, and her lover, inconsolable over her loss, sought relief in the distractions of business. An exquisite miniature, painted upon ivory, which she had given him before her death, was never far from him. He had married Miss Lizzie Fry, he told her with rare frankness that he never could love her or any other woman; that he had consecrated his affection to one who had gone before him; but if she, with the full knowledge of the facts, would accept marriage with him, he would make her as happy as she could. She accepted the terms, and the wedding took place; but although outwardly all went fair, with the married couple, they were not mated. After her husband's tragic death, Senator Sharon settled up the estate, at an immense personal sacrifice, and contrived to pay Mrs. Ralston in possession of \$300,000. Late in 1875 she went to Paris with the intention of taking a modest house, living quietly, and educating her children. On the voyage to Europe she made the acquaintance of a gentleman who represented himself to be the son of an American contractor in St. Petersburg. She lived very expensively in Paris, and her new friend was constantly at her house.

When she returned to San Francisco last summer, she was induced by her friends to accompany what was left of her estate, much of which she had already squandered, to Col. J. D. Fry, in trust. At Havins she joined her Paris associate, and, before she sailed for New York for Europe, she demanded a surrender of the trust. When this request was complied with, and the balance of \$190,000 drawn she dispatched E. C. Ames, a Providence lawyer, to San Francisco with a power of attorney. This is, by implication, an expression of dissatisfaction at the manner in which her estate has been administered by Senator Sharon. Mr. Ames has called upon the Senator for an account of the estate, and has taken pains to resent the insinuation that his client's Paris friend is a rogue.

Our Greatest Leak.

The Indian committee of the House have concluded to report favorable on the bill transferring the Indian office to the War Department. Under the new regulations a radical change will be made in our methods of dealing with the Indians. It is to be hoped we will have an Indian policy worthy the name. Among other new and radical departures, the Indians will not be regarded as separate nations. The government has sustained for a considerable period the position of guardian to the black man. Now it is proposed to try the efficacy of a mild sort of guardianship to the red man. Almost any change will be an improvement on the present way of doing things. How anybody can seriously term that a "system" where the relative attitude of the parties to contracts varies as greatly as the attitude of the government of the United States occupies toward the different tribes, surpasses our comprehension. The government like the doctors, when they are pushed for resources, varies its forms to suit the symptoms manifested by the savages. Sufficient intonements are to be offered the Indians to improve their behavior. The army will be employed to police their reservations instead of driving them like cattle to fodder three months in the year, and fighting them the other nine. "The cardinal principle of the new Indian policy that is to be inaugurated by this bill, is exact justice to the Indians, and a firm administration of the law for their protection." Such, at least, is the statement of one who has perused the bill. There is a great deal of sense in this. The people of the United States have been basing many millions simply because they have not honored one per cent. of the drafts calling for "exact justice."

In this connection it is a matter of surprise to us that anybody should be surprised at the apocryphal Schurz has devoted to this subject in his report. It is the thing above all others that has cost the country millions upon millions, often wasted wickedly, in addition to the unshakable sufferings entailed upon the pioneers of past generations, and experienced at this hour: "Our Indian policy" is simply another name for a tremendous leak.

As all along efforts have been directed to bail out processes, it is to be hoped some means may be invented to get at the cause of the trouble, and stop the leak.

Rulers of France Since 1795.

Napoleon I assumed command of the French army in 1795, and was declared First Consul under the Consulate December 25, 1795. In 1802 he was elected Consul for life. He assumed and was declared Emperor May 18, 1804. He was defeated by Wellington, at the battle of Salamanca, October 19, 1812. He abdicated the throne March 31, 1814, and started for Elba May 4 following. He returned to Paris March 20, 1815. Battle of Waterloo June 16 and 18, when he was defeated, and July 7, following was sent to St. Helena, where he died May 5, 1821.

Louis Philippe was elected King August 7, 1830. The revolution of February 23 and 24, took place when Louis Philippe escaped to England. Louis Napoleon was elected President December 10, 1848. He assumed the title and prerogative of Emperor December 2, 1852. At the late war Paris expelled January 23, 1871, and the Germans entered the city March 1, following. M. Thiers was appointed President February 17, of the same year. The present Republican constitution was adopted February 25, 1875.

The meeting of the old fractional currency plates, which has been in contemplation for some time by the committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to destroy them, has been postponed for a day to await the action of Congress upon a suggestion that specimens of these plates be deposited in the Smithsonian Institute as "curios" for forthcoming generations to gaze and wonder at.

WHAT THE WITS SAY.