

THE SONG AND THE SINGER.

The world loves eternally—His honey, not the bee—His fruit and not the tree.

We are but instruments, The strings attuned and terse, Whereon the hand of Time Strikes some few notes sublime.

HOPE.

BY JENNY WREN.

If there is a time trying to house-keepers, it is the period called house-cleaning.

Farmer Gray's wife was no exception—good, motherly soul that she was.

It will be all over, and everything ready, before Reuben comes home.

Reuben was her pride—the boy who, utterly regardless of the clean, sandal-soled floors, would walk boldly in where no other foot dared tread.

He must be a lawyer, a great man, one whose name she should some day see in the public prints.

Reuben was coming home—a college graduate—to spend with them his vacation, and then back to the busy town to earn fame.

One could see only the face—a pinched, worn little face, from which two great brown eyes peered out.

"You mustn't cry, my dear, if Mrs. Gray sees a little bit of like when she first sees you.

"There, there, now! She will like it, I tell you; and when she once sees you, and feels sorry for you, you'll find how kind and good she is."

"It's house cleaning," answered the farmer, and a world of meaning was in the short sentence.

"We can't let the girl die if it is I, I tell you, Gray, she is starving for country air, for green fields, and the music of the birds.

"So it was decided," but Farmer Gray's "Whom?" rang out a little less loud than usual.

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"What have you got there, Seth Gray?" questioned she, in tones shrill and sharp.

"A child, I declare! Well, all I can say, Seth Gray—you must stay at home and take care of her!"

"Never you mind," said the farmer, as he noticed two great tears swimming in the large brown eyes.

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and rest—that instead of added care, it seemed lessened; while a little fairy-like figure flitted here and there everywhere, like a burst of sunshine.

Hope's eyes did not seem so big now; a faint peach bloom had stolen into her cheeks; her figure had lost its angular lines in rounded curves, and all day a thanksgiving seemed to come bubbling to her lips in song.

"Why, who's that, mother?" questioned the tall, handsome young man, as he turned his laughing blue eyes out through the window and saw the little figure among the flowers.

"She's a child father brought me home in house cleaning. I wasn't overglad to see her, but I think I'll miss her when she goes."

"Well, I guess we have done all we can for Hope," said the farmer, one day.

"You'll do no such thing, Seth Gray! Just like a man—when the girl's beginning to pick up, to whisk her off to the town again!

"So it seemed, as out to the queer-roofed arbor they sat side by side, she listening, with downcast eyes, and a happy, fearful smile.

"But what will mother say?" asked the sweet voice—for, since Reuben came, she had learned to say "mother" too.

"I have found my princess, Hope!" he answered, placing his arm about her.

"So hand in hand, as the sun was sinking in magnificence, they entered the house together, and he led the shrinking girl to his mother's side.

"The titling table shown is just big enough to hold a fowl firmly between the side boards, with its head or neck down upon the opening.

"The farmer who simply 'winters' his stock until spring loses valuable time unless his object is to gain in weight of product.

"There may be disadvantages in fall plowing, as it is believed by some that the plowing of the land in fall permits the loss of soluble plant food.

"The Best Way to Drench a Hog. Get an old shoe and cut off about an inch of the toe.

"Peach on Plum Stock. There is no particular advantage in budding the peach on plum stock.

"Fruit Tree Estimates. An acre is about 208 feet square, but allowing allowance for roads and ditches some farmers estimate by using the figures 200.

"The Street-Car Horse Answered. An old horse was harnessed to a load of produce round the corner of Diamond street and Germantown avenue.

"Pasturing the Meadow. About four times as much material can be secured by cutting hay on the meadows as by pasturing stock on the land.

"When to Plow an Orchard. The best time to plow an orchard is in the fall, as a heavy application of stable manure can be applied on the land and left as a mulch to remain during the winter.

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One very essential thing in extracting honey is a good sharp knife, as a dull knife will break and mutilate the combs.

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OF INTEREST IN IOWA

A DIARY OF NOTWORTHY HAPPENINGS.

New Move in the Wales-Wakefield Feud—Burglars Captured While Robbing a Store—Responsibility for Oxford Wreck is Placed.

While J. M. Wales and family were away from home, their house and its contents were destroyed by fire.

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Ex-Minister Goes to Pen. Paul Zache, a well-known German, whom preacher, who was a member and all-around good fellow, who did the good people of Humboldt for about \$500 last May.

Lightning Causes a Fire. The building and stock of N. Grant & Co. were destroyed by fire, caused by lightning striking the building.

Woman Killed by Train. Mrs. Charles Murphy, living on a farm in Union township, attempted to cross the C. & N. W. tracks and was run down by a train.

Held Responsible for a Wreck. The coroner's jury at the inquest over the four persons killed in a freight wreck near Creston, Iowa, held the engineer, holding John Jones, train dispatcher at Des Moines, responsible for criminal carelessness.

Brief State Happenings. Coburg is to have a new school house. A telephone system will be established at Des Moines.

Work is progressing on the opera house at Frederickburg. A new steel bridge is being built across the river at Downs.

A camp of the Royal Neighbors has been instituted at Newhall. The Jefferson county fair at Fairfield was a success financially.

The contract has been let for 1,300 feet of new sewerage in Iowa City. A \$3,000 addition is to be made to the Waterloo Congregational Church.

The Methodist church at Chariton have just laid the corner stone of a new church building. Burglars entered Dr. Smith's office in Waterloo while he was absent for dinner and looted his safe of \$65.

Waterloo was invaded recently by a well-organized gang of pickpockets, among whom are some women. Paragot offers \$700 reward for the arrest of the person who started the fire that almost wiped out the town.

Mrs. James B. Reames of Marble Rock, her daughter and her daughter's little son, were badly injured in a runaway. The early closing movement at Creston is ended and hereafter merchants will keep open as long as they please.

A tramp attempted to hold up Frank King at Grinnell, but on coming under the electric light the tramp disappeared. Isaac Rothchild, at one time Davenport's biggest clothes, has filed a petition for bankruptcy. Assets noting, liabilities \$35,208.

C. A. Spigel of Des Moines, who skipped his bond last March while awaiting trial for arson, has been arrested at Toronto, Canada.

During an altercation at Tara, Ed Barlow, foreman of a construction gang on the railroad, stabbed Grant Bradford, a colored laborer.

The August receipts of the Des Moines postoffice, compared with those of the corresponding month of last year, show an increase of \$3,122.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union in Des Moines conducted a raid against the Equitable bath parlors and secured a quantity of liquor. Clyde Morse, clerk of the Mayor of Marshalltown, was the victim of burglary. His safe was broken open and about \$40 in cash secured.

The new Salasack church in Otter Creek township has been dedicated. The Methodists of Harlan have laid the corner stone for a \$10,000 church building.

Roy Wren, a boy who formerly resided at Marshalltown, was drowned at Kansas City. Mrs. B. F. Birchfield of Des Moines was fatally hurt by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

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