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## KATHLEEN AMOR.

She hung on my bosom, and vowed to be true, As I kissed of the heart-strings and whispered ailes, And slow and sad, and from Kathleen I parted.

I tore myself from her, and left her in tears, With a pang in my heart, yet remembering for years, Whirlpools kept repeating a promise of meeting, With Kathleen Amor.

'Twas eve, and the moon brightly shone on the spot, As I lingered again to gaze on the cot, That held the dear treasure, I loved beyond measure, My Kathleen Amor.

A richer swain wood—and she smiled on his lips, And she gave him the hand she had plighted to me, And left me to languish, with heart-breaking sighs, For Kathleen Amor.

For the month just past, the weather has averaged hotter than I have ever seen it in any other climate. (1) This is a country of great extremes, both in climatology and meteorology. Some fresh horror is continually happening. Thunder storms of the most appalling violence and awe inspiring proximity, occurred at frequent intervals during the months of June, July and August. California earthquakes are tame phenomenal exhibitions in comparison. Already half a dozen or more persons have been killed this season in Minnesota, beside a considerable destruction of property. The winds and rain frequently come with such swift power as to lay prostrate the growing crops. Hail storms of considerable extent sweep over the land, more or less, every season, cutting down such vegetables as come in their path. (2) Severe frosts come early in September and continue until well in May. On the 12th of June ult., we had a frost which killed corn, beans and all tender plants, although the succeeding warm, wet weather reinstated them to a considerable extent. From the first of November to the middle of March, the snow never yields to the sun, even in the warmest places, in the middle of the day; consequently it does not tread, and we never have any good sleighing. (3) If there is wind which is almost always the case, the track behind one's sleigh or sled fills in about as fast as it is made. With the approach of warm weather in June, insects in infinite variety make their appearance in incalculable numbers, making their attacks upon men and animals with a ferocity and voraciousness apparently much intensified by their long winter's nap. The first of these afflictions to put in their appearance is an immense fly, the size of the end of your finger. They attack cattle and horses with such vigor and fierceness as to make them bellow with pain. They (the cattle) frequently come running home roaring like wild beasts to seek the shelter of a friendly barn, or the protection of man in some way from their tormentors. These horrible pests disappear in three or four weeks, to be succeeded by mosquitoes in such vast swarms as are not to be found in any other part of God's broad earth with which I am personally or historically acquainted. (4) These horrible pests, "smudges" so called, that is, a great smoke in their own yards to protect their cattle at night, and also in their houses for personal defence. We have our doors and windows closely barred with netting, but notwithstanding all we can possibly do to prevent it, they manage to get in in such numbers as to be very annoying. My wife has not seen a night since the approach of the comet when she has had the courage to go out doors to behold the strange visitor. I have mentioned a few of the many dispensations and discomforts allotted to the new Northwest, forgetting however to name the liability of a grasshopper visitation once in three or four years. (5) I am writing, it should be observed, in the very best part of the country traversed by the North Pacific R. R. East and west of this region, extending a hundred miles, perhaps, I do not consider it a profitable country for people who have enjoyed the delights of a New England climate and life. I have had about as much climatic experience as most men, and have come to the conclusion that (always excepting California) Maine, taking everything into consideration, is about the most desirable place of residence to be found in the United States. As for the West, I think it is the most undesirable country I have ever seen. (6) It will do for Norwegians and Esquimaux, but "not for Joseph." D. C.

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Thursday, Sept. 17, 1874.

## A PICTURE OF MINNESOTA.

Extract from a Private Letter.

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## burning lake and a great scarcity of water—if he doesn't make haste to reform and stop lying.

2. To the best of our information there has been no frost in Minnesota up to the present date—the middle of September—to injure anything except the most delicate flower tender vegetable. Frosts do not come early in September. The June frost referred to must have been confined to "D. C.'s" own garden—or imagination. To be sure, Minnesota has thunder storms and wind and occasional hail, and what State does not have them? The comparison with California earthquakes is too nonsensical to deserve notice.

3. What could be more outrageously false? In no place in the world is there better sleighing, the whole winter through, than in Minnesota. This is a matter of general remark, especially on the part of visitors, who are surprised to find such delightful sleighing—hard, smoothly-packed snow—week after week and month after month.

4. "D. C." must be as ignorant as he is mendacious, or he would know that there are plenty of places where mosquitoes and insects of all kinds are very much worse than they are in Minnesota. Most people manage to protect themselves very effectually against mosquitoes, the most troublesome of all the pests he refers to, without any great trouble. We can almost say we see "D. C." dashing across the prairie, pursued by a half dozen mosquitoes and a fly or two, and bellowing like one of his own cattle. Poor fellow! What a tender plant he must be! Wilting if exposed to the sun, and nipped by a June frost; chased by a gnat and devoured by a mosquito; scared by a clap of thunder until his shaking knees make him think there must be a California earthquake right under him, and afraid to take his wife out at night to see the comet!

5. At intervals, parts of Minnesota have been visited by grasshoppers, but so have parts of the State of California to which he makes such favorable reference, and there is scarcely a State in the Union that has not been, at one time or another, devastated by them. This year Kansas and Nebraska have been greater sufferers than Minnesota, while Iowa, Missouri and Illinois have had the crop taken on large tracts of country. Why, then, make so unfavorable an exception of this one State? In Stearns county and in many of the counties around, no injury has been received from grasshoppers since 1857—seventeen years ago.

6. If "D. C." is so much disgusted with Minnesota, why doesn't he leave it and go back to the Maine fog-bank out of which he was digged? Minnesota could probably get along without him and all grumblers like him. The people here are generally pretty well satisfied with the State. Taking the year 1874, for instance, they find that while the farmers of Minnesota had abundant rain, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and Texas suffered greatly from drought. In addition to grasshoppers, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri was afflicted with the chinch bug, which kept clear of Minnesota; while Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana were among the other States in which the wheat crop was injured by this destructive insect. The report of the Department of Agriculture for June is authority for the statement that the reduction of the acreage of the wheat in Maine and the neighboring States was "owing to the lingering of winter in the lap of spring, which caused a portion of the land intended for wheat to be planted in other crops." "The effect of frost in clay soils," continues the report, "could not be utterly overcome by subsequent favorable weather." In parts of New York "late-sown wheat was nearly ruined and has been largely plowed up or interworn with other grain." While reporting the condition and prospects of "spring pastures" the delightful climate of "D. C.'s" State of Maine is incidentally referred to: "The only State in New England in which the average condition (of pastures) is below 100 is Maine, 96; the cause indicated is winter-killing." Pastures in Minnesota are up to the average, and in the matter of stock raising, this State is above the average. Cows: "The lowest condition, 15 per cent. below, is in Kansas, owing chiefly to suffering in the winter and spring for want of shelter in severe storms, aggravated by scarcity of feed. Ohio and Missouri report a condition averaging 8 per cent. below." Calves: "Increase, Minnesota, 6 per cent.; Maine 3 per cent." Sheep: "Madison, North Carolina, reports that sheep recently shorn were frozen to death in a snow-storm occurring on the 29th of April." The loss of lambs in California was 15 per cent. of the number dropped, owing principally to "the poor condition of sheep in lambing time."

If the facts were as "D. C." represents them to be, is it not rather strange that Minnesota should have advanced, within a quarter of a century, from a Territory with less than five thousand inhabitants to a State embracing a population of over half a million souls? and that the number of acres silled should have increased from 1,092,598 in 1867 to 2,168,598 in 1873—just about doubling in six years? There must be something very

## remarkable about a country in which people are willing to remain year after year enduring such miseries and discomforts as this Detroit correspondent speaks of—keeping happy, getting fat and growing rich all the time, and wanting their friends from all parts of the country to come and face thunder storms, fight mosquitoes and see their crops destroyed by June frosts!

Our advice to "D. C." is to Do Capo—get right back to where he started from, just as quick as he can. Maine may want him—Minnesota certainly does not.

## A REMARKABLE CLOCK.

The Apostolic Excelsior clock invented by a Pennsylvania miner, who spent three years and three months of labor and study to complete this mechanical wonder, his principal tools consisting of two common pocket knives, will be on exhibition in the Academy of Music building for two weeks. This remarkable piece of mechanism is five feet high and three feet wide, and is supported by a stand four feet high, through which pass the weights. On the right side of the dial-plate is the figure of Moses holding the stone tablets, and on the left side the figure of Elias. The dial-plates present four indicators, one showing the hours, another the minutes, the third the day of the week, and a fourth the day of the month. The clock strikes the quarter hours on two small bells, and the hours on a large one. Over the top indicator is a small dial indicating the age of the moon, and on either side the statue of Archangel Michael and old Father Time. All this is surrounded with Gothic windows and