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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR TOWN?

Well, that is a pretty direct question, and one, too, which might be answered in a great variety of ways. But a modest opinion concerning the question, and from one who expects to make this his home, may possibly be read with some interest by citizens.

Our town is indeed, "beautiful for situation." Nature seems to have done her utmost in creating a fine site for a city of genuine worth and enduring progress. It would thus seem that Nature must have designed this particular locality for a noble and high-minded class of citizens. Nature, in this respect has evidently met with a genuine response. Every town or city has an individuality, a type of its own, and thus attracts citizens of the same general characteristics—to a great extent, at least, we think this is true.

The people here are observed to be thoughtful, kind, sympathetic. And, as the Postman man is wont to say, "There's a reason." This is pre-eminently a city of homes. The very atmosphere of things imparts to one a peaceful feeling, a thoughtful spirit, and all is conducive to the development and growth of the higher ideals.

In speaking of our town as a city of homes, however, we do not mean to say that it is not also a place of substantial business interests. By no means!

A great many kinds of business are not only well represented, but they also seem to be conducted by men of good ability and those who possess the spirit of genuine progress. The places of business are, for the most part, well arranged, neatly kept, and managed with a promptness and courtesy towards customers that compare favorably with many cities of much larger size. We wish you would all get interested in your town and stand by it. If a rich man starts a project, encourage; if a poor man, help him. Don't be afraid to stick your hand in your pocket. If you have means, invest in something that will give employment to somebody. Do not kick on every proposed improvement. Do all you can to beautify the town and your property also. Be friendly to everybody and courteous to strangers, and never forget that you are a part of the town and that your own department does its share in giving the town its character. Sell and buy all you can at home. Stand by all other enterprising citizens and be ready to do some of the work yourself; and don't grumble or spend your time in prophesying failures.

By all means, let things all over town be sanitary, but let the authorities set the citizens a good example by beginning their practice work on the streets, sidewalks and culverts—matters that come immediately under their official duty. Example beats precept and bellicose bluster all to smithereens.

The farming business is now coming to a point where it is generally recognized as the most prosperous business going, offering the best future and the brightest prospect. That being so there will be no trouble about keeping the boy on the farm for he will be keen to see that it is the best place to make money, gain the respect of his fellow men and obtain that standing against men, which is the ambition of every right-minded boy. It is to gain these things that he has heretofore gone to the city; it is to gain these things that he will hereafter stay on the farm and that will send the youths of the cities to join him. All he wants to know is as to what pays best in the sum of human happiness and comfort and success. It is now being demonstrated that in all these things the farm offers the best opportunities.

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Gems In Verse

LONELY.

THERE'S a train of care left standing
By my reading chair tonight,
And an Army needs commanding.
It is lined up for a fight.
There's a dolly soundly sleeping
On the couch where it was left,
But a lonely watch I'm keeping,
For the old home seems bereft.

There's a tumbled cap still lying
On the floor where it was thrown,
In the kitchen Sport is trying
To get comfort from a bone,
But he quits it off to wander
To my side and sniff my hand,
Even dogs, I think, can ponder
When they do not understand.

It is so still and quiet
And so empty now in here!
Gone is all their merry riot
And their ringing shouts of cheer.
From the Teddy bear sits solemn
In a grave and stolid way,
Just as though he'd like to call 'em—
Call 'em back again to play.

There are times when I have soiled
And have checked them, but tonight
Were these arms about them folded
I should count their noise delight.
Oh, I'd like once more to kiss them
And to romp with them in play,
Bless the children! How we miss them
Through the weeks they are away!
—Detroit Free Press.

THE WOMAN'S PORTION.

FROM the coast of Brittany
Fisher fleets stand out to sea,
Golden in the sunshine gliding,
Watched by loved ones tenderly.

FROM their cruel caverns rushing,
Down the storm winds sweep and hush,
For the moment whispered prayer,
Grind the fleet in maddened crushing!

FROM the coast of Brittany
Fisher wives peer out to sea,
Hearing in the surf's wild roaring
Screams of shipwrecked agony.

THUS forever will it be
With the tollers of the sea,
Fear and dread the woman's portion,
Fear and dread and tragedy!
—Thomas Quinn Beebley.

NEW STATES.

TWO new stars soon to join the rest
That shine upon our flag:
Two new states with power and wealth

To prove that we do not lag
In the nation's march with the world to-day.

But that, youngest of the great,
We've passed the oldest of them all,
And foremost is our state.

The ones that came to the Union first
Found a nation weak and small,
Struggling with a mighty foe
To break its fetters' thrall.

With all its held stakes and that thrown
Against the force of might,
Its only strength above that force
Its consciousness of right.

The two that come to the Union now
Find a nation vast and strong,
Rich and free, with power to fight
And conquer foreign wrong.
A nation grown from those first few states,

Where its life storm fiercely broke,
As the hidden strength in the acorn small
Spreads out in the mighty oak.
—Josh Wink.

THE WRONG ROAD.

WE walked along the placid ways
Of sweet content and simple things,
And far before us stretched the days,
Quiet as birds with folded wings.
Ah, give me back that time before,
Ere love drove friendship from the door!

FOR as we walked we turned aside
Into a narrow, tortuous lane
Where baffling paths the roads divide
And jealous brambles prick to pain.
Then first I saw, with quick surprise,
The strange new look in friendship's eyes.

AND now in one stupendous dream
We wander through the purple glades,
Which love has tinted with the gleam
Of wonderful, enchanting shades.
But I would give it all away
For those dear hours of friendship's day.
—Eleanor Ester.

A LOST INSPIRATION.

S EATED one day at the mirror,
I was weary of rats and puffs,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the curls and fluffs.

I know not what I was building
Or what I was mimicking,
But I struck a sort of coliffure
Like the head of an Aztec king.

It flooded my brow and temples
In a most expansive way,
And it lay on my cerebellum
Like an overweight ton of hay.

It fell into puffy billows,
Like that foolish old silk floss,
It seemed a harmonious jumble
Of excelsior and moss.

It linked all my marcel wavings
Into one humpy heap,
Then coiled in a jolly poly,
Like a kitten going to sleep.

I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one coliffure so fine
That came from the head of an Aztec
And decorated mine.

It may be in some shop window
That style I can yet procure,
And it may be that only in Julia
I shall find that grand coliffure.
—Carolyn Wells in Life.

Parting.

Chill of autumn tells us, dearest,
That our summer dream is past,
Days that to our hearts are nearest
Were too sweet to longer last.

Ocean's grandeur, gloom and beauty,
Tender trysts by moonlit shore,
Banished by relentless duty,
Pass tonight, return no more.

Vainly yearning to unfold you
In my arms can bring but pain,
Some nice lad will gladly hold you
While I make my peace with Jane.
—Dewey Austin Cobb in Puck.

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