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There dwelt the Man, the flower of human kind,  
Whose visage mild bespoke his noble mind.

There dwelt the Soldier, whose blood was never  
But in a righteous cause, to Freedom true.

There dwelt the Hero, who ne'er killed for  
Fame, yet gained more glory than a Caesar's name.

There dwelt the Statesman, who, devoid of art,  
Gave soundest counsels, from an upright heart.

And, O Columbia, by thy sons caressed,  
There dwelt the Father of the realms he blessed;

Who no wish felt to make his might a  
praise, Like other chiefs, the means himself to take;

But there retiring, breathed in pure re-  
newal, And felt a grandeur that disdained a crown.

—From Gen. Carrington's "Beacon Lights of Patriotism."

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"Dick Bouden, 19 feet!" Dick, with a little laugh of satisfaction, replaced his coat and joined the onlookers.

"Harry Preston, 19 feet 3 inches!"

"Well done, Harry!" shouted the spectators. "You tried hard for the acres and the homestead. Harry, who was a rattle-brained sort of a fellow, laughingly vowed he only jumped for the fun of the thing. It was thought, however, that he would not have said so if he had felt sure of winning."

"Charlie Simms, 34 1/2 feet!"

"Hooryay for Charlie! Charlie wins!" cried the crowd, with good-natured sarcasm. Charlie grinned, threw off his disappointment with a slight uplift of his shoulders, and was soon creating roars of laughter with his wit, which, by the way, was far more nimble than his legs.

There was now but one leaper left, for several had become discouraged and retired from the contest.

"Now for Harry Carroll!" shouted the spectators, and Harry stepped forward amid great applause. Carroll was the athlete of the village, and he was so general a favorite that everyone wished as well as anticipated his success. Moreover he was a handsome youth, and it was well known that between him and the beautiful Annette there existed a strong mutual attachment. Harry cast a swift glance at his sweetheart and at the villagers and then with a gleam of triumph in his eye he bounded forward.

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