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TO A SNOW DROP.

BY MISS Z. H. C.

Pale offspring of the waning year,
Thou lookest up with tender eye,
To you darkly threatening sky,
How canst thou meet the tempest near?

Unmindful of the sleet and rain,
And heedles of the driving snow
Or icy winds that harshly blow,
Thou purest 'bove the barren plain.

The oak uplifts its leafless boughs,
The clouds are dark with winter's rage,
And shrieking storms a warfare wage,
Around the hillock's furrowed brow.

There is no flower in yonder vale,
To cheer the gaze of passer-by,
No tender bloom to breathe its sigh
Upon the moaning, wintry gale.

Thy sweet companions are all gone—
When autumn winds blow harsh and bleak,
Then tinted flow'rets, fair and meek,
In frosty dews grew pale and wan.

Like our loved ones, the fair and frail,
That give their charms to lingering death.
So at the winter's blighting breath,
The flowers died in forest dale.

There is no sound of warble clear,
From tuneful birds, in yonder wood .
There's naught to cheer thy solitude,
Mid scenes so wild and coldly drear.

But 'midst the wreck of winter's blight,
Thy snowy blossom's as sweet, as fair,
As luring dreams traced in the air
By fairy Hope, mid mis'ry's night.

What wonder then, we hold thee dear,
Lone blossom of the garden walks;
Thy swaying bells ring on their stalks
A welcome to the coming year.

The coming year! God grant it hold
In its unfathomed, dark abyss
Fruition of more perfect bliss
Than e'en our wishes dare unfold.

God grant alike to friend and foe,
That it may bring the branch of peace,
To sorrow's tears a long surcease,
And turn to joy, dark sullen woe.

That it may herald in the day,
The promise of that fairer time
When earth shall bask in golden clime,
And righteousness extend her sway.

When plagues shall be no longer felt,
And hatred's boast but idle breath,
When "victory shall conquor death,"
And earth be free again from guilt.

WEST FELICIANA, LA., Jan. 1, '79.

☞The Governor of Iowa pardoned a man who had been sentenced to the State prison for ten years, on the conditions that he should, during the remainder of of his term, abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that he should exert himself for the support of his mother and sister; and that he should not be convicted of crime during the term of the sentence of any violation of criminal law. The criminal agreed to the conditions of the pardon. and found no inconvenience in complying with the last two articles thereof, but the demon of intemperance was too strongly the master of his appetite for him to long enjoy his freedom. After a short respite from confinement he was found inebriated, whereupon the Governor remanded him to the State prison. The validity of the action of the Executive was questioned, but a decision of the Supreme Court confirmed his action in the premises.

THE DEFICIENCY.

The last Legislature, in preparing the late proposed amendments to the present abominable State Constitution, made it obligatory upon the Secretary of State to cause these suggested patches to be published *ninety days* in *one* or *more* papers in each parish in the State.

In accordance with, and in obedience to this law, Mr. Strong authorized forty-nine papers in the State to insert these amendments. To defray the expenses thus incurred, the last Legislature made an appropriation of $5000. The amount, due by law to each of the forty-nine papers for the publication of these proposed amendments for the specified length of time, averages about $344. This amount multiplied by forty-nine would make $16,856, leaving a deficiency in the above named appropriation of some $11,856.

In these proposed amendments, according to the measurement of the N. O. *Democrat*, the official organ of the State there are forty-three squares, which, inserted fifteen times at one dollar for the first insertion of each square, and fifty cents for the remaining fourteen insertions of the forty-three squares, would make exactly $344 due each paper.

When the $5000 already appropriated by the Legislature is divided *pro rata* between the forty-nine papers, each paper will receive, in what are termed *ordinary warrants*, about $102. These warrants to-day are worth from *thirty-five to forty cents on the dollar*. Consequently, for $344 worth of work, the poor printer will receive only about $40 in actual cash.

Will the incoming Legislature look into the matter, and see that the newspaper publisher is paid for the labor he has performed?—*Patriot-Democrat.*

☞A wellknown financial writer, says the N.O. *Democrat*, has just published in the Financial Chronicle, of New York, a letter on the condition of financial affairs in England and Europe generally. He reaches the following conclusion: That actual, real money only includes metalic money; that silver has been demonetized in Europe, and ranks now as a representative of money; that from 1848 to 1873 the real money of the world was increased 40 per cent, or from $5,000,000,000 to $7,000,000,000, creating the unexampled period of growth of the world's productions and trade; that since 1873, by the demonetization of silver and the contraction of the real money of the world, money is proportionately scarce. As money has become dearer as it has been decreased in volume, it follows that the value of all commodities and property has decreased. The business of the world has been contracted and crippled just as it was stimulated by the increase of money between 1848 and 1873. He concludes that as the contraction of trade of production, of prices and of prosperity is due to the contraction in the world's money, so the natural, direct remedy is the restoration of the supply of money by the remonetization of silver generally, in Europe. These are the views of an able man, who a year ago was one of the strongest opponents of silver remonetization in this country He has recognized the logic of events. Germany and England must also recognize this irresistable logic and restore silver to its old place as a part of the world's money. And as the United States are producers of silver, they should be the last nation on earth to depreciate the value of the precious metal.

THE EXPOSITION OF 1876.—Wandering through the United States section of this truly wonderful Exhibition, hyperornamented and over-displayed as the most of it is, I came upon an elegant glass case, whose modesty was the more conspicuous from its neighbor's finery, surmounted by the motto *Dignis Praemia* and displaying, in neat packages, the medical preparations of the house of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell. Mass.

I was aware of the world-wide reputation of this eminent firm, for the character and quality of their goods and remember well their agent in London, Messrs. Newberry, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Having a liesure hour, I determined to examine the contents of this case, myself, and I was surprised to see the delicate perfection to which they have brought their household remedies. I was chagrined at the reflection that, while we have at home the most skilful and, pre-eminently, the best physicians in the world, these Yankee doctors distance us so far in the line of popular medicines for family use. They have the sharpness to take advantage of the high scientific discoveries among us and make pills and potions as palatable as they are salutary. I was told by a leading druggist in Philadelphia, that Dr. Ayer's manufactory was the largest in America, giving employment to hundreds. I must go to Lowell and see it on my way home.—*Correspondence of the London (Eng.) Telegraph.*

☞When hearts are filled with holy affections, and home is happy, then do the young dwell within a charmed circle, which only those who are naturally depraved would seek to quit, and across whose boundary the seductive temptations of error shine but feebly.

A CALIFORNIA MINING STORY.

Not many miles from Shasta City is the gulch, of which the following mining story is told: It is a pretty deep ravine with rocks showing all the way up the sides. Gold in paying quantities had been found along the stream, but it seemed to disappear a few feet from the channel. One day, while a gang of bussy men were toiling in the stream, a stranger evidently green at mining, came along and leaned on ragged elbows to watch, with protruding eyes, the results of their toil. The miner nearest him took out a $5 nugget, and anxiety overcame the green-horn. "S-a-a-y," he asked, "where can I go to diggin' to find it like that?" The hardy miner stopped his work, and giving the wink to all the boys, so that the joke should not be lost, pointed up on the barren rocks where no gold had ever been found. "Ye see that rough lookin' place?" Yes, yes," said the new hand. 'Well, thar it is rich. Jes ye stake out a claim, and go ter work, and when we finish here we'll come up too." Then the new hand thanked the honest miner, and boys all grinned appreciation of the joke. That afternoon there was a solitary figure picking away on the slope, and every time the miners looked up they roared with laughter. But about the next day the greenhorn struck a pocket, and took out something like $30,000 in a few minutes. Then, innocent to the last, he treated all round, and thanked the miner who sent him up there, and took his money and went down into the valley and bought a farm. Then the unhappy miners arose, leaving their old claims and dotted that hill-side for days. But these were no more pockets anywhere. The whole thing reads just like the traditional fairy story. But then I saw the gulch. Many more unbelievable things have happened in the mines.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

A RAILROAD TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

"Twenty years ago," said the passenger with the red ribbon in his buttonhole, "I knew that man whom you saw get off at the last station. He was a young man of rare promise, a college graduate, a man of brilliant intellect and shrewd merchantile ability. Life dawned before him in all the glowing colors of fair promise. He had some money when he left college. He invested it in business and his business prospered. He married a beautiful young girl, who bore him three lovely children—"

The sad looking passenger sitting on the wood box—"All at one time?"

The red ribbon passenger: "No, in biennial initallments of one. No one dreamed that the poorhouse would ever be their home. But in an evil hour the young man yielded to the tempter. He began to drink beer. He liked it and drank more. He drank and encouraged others to drink. That was only fourteen years ago, and he was a prosperous, wealthy man, To-day where is he?"

The clergyman in the front seat solemnly: "A sot and a beggar."

The red ribbon man, disconsolately: "Oh, no; he is a member of Congress and owns a brewery worth $50,000."

Sometimes it will happen that way.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

Cuban Chill Tonic, the Great West Indies Fever and Ague Remedy, is the best medicine ever presented to the People, for the speedy cure of malaria—It cures the Chill roots out the Fever, purges out the malarial poison from the system, carries off the black bile—It saves sickness, and gives health to the poor sufferer, get a bottle from Mumford.—It is cheap, and Safe.

☞Daniel Drawbaugh, of Cumberland county, Pa., is the inventor of a perpetual clock, which, by utilizing magnetism as a dynamic force, has been ticking away without winding for four or five years, and is said to show no disposition to stop before its works are worn out by friction, and falls little short of perpetual motion.

☞A french woman was lately watching a cow that was feeding by the roadside. She tied round her body the rope attached to the beast. A horse coming along the road at a sharp trot terrified the cow, which started at a gallop, dragging the poor woman over fields and ditches, and finally killing her.

Why will you suffer with a shaking Chill or a burning Fever, 2 doses of Cuban Tonic, the, Great West Indies Fever and Ague Remedy, will stop the Chills and Fever, while one bottle will cure them up for years. Try it

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☞Massachusetts savings banks deposits have fallen off $57,000,000 in the last year, and the number of depositors has decreased 80,000.

☞There is a wonderful power in the imagination, but it gets weak in the knees when it undertakes to shoulder circus lemonade.—Ex.

TO CURE HAMS OR OTHER MEAT.

From an excellent lady resident of this Parish we have received the following very valuable recipe for curing hams and other meat, which we publish for the benefit of those who have been so provident as to remove their meat houses from the far west to their own domain. We advise all our farmer friends to cut it out and file it away for future refeference:

"First see that the hams are cut smooth at the fleshy part—leaving the cross-bone in. To each ham take one half of a tea spoonful of powdered saltpetre, and, when *cold*, rub well on the fleshy parts and in the crevices with the hand. Next take salt and brown sugar, four parts of the first and one of the latter; mix and rub well over the hams or other meat you may wish to save. Lay meat in a molasses barrel, with three hams in the bottom and half jowls around, and tounge in the middle. Sprinkle the salt and sugar between each layer until the barrel is full. Put a weight on top to press the meat down; make a hole in the bottom of the barrel to let the brine drip out, but also put a tub under the barrel to catch this brine. Let it stand three days after which, put this brine on the fire and let it come almost to a boil, but not quite; push away the fire from the pot and drop in a cup of cold water, which will cause the blood and other impurities to rise to the top. Skim off the top, and repeat in the same way. Boil this the third time, adding salt and water sufficient to make enough brine to cover all your meat. This brine should be strong enough to float an egg. When perfectly cold, put your meat in it with weight sufficient to keep it under. Let it remain from four to six weeks. Then wash the salt off with brine and wipe the meat dry; rub it over with molasses and black pepper—proportion: one quart of molasses to one fourth of a pound of pepper.—Hang up and smoke, the hams hock downward. Smoke for six weeks, after which, take it down on a dry day and cover the hams with cloth and white-wash them, provided they are ready before March. If, however, they are not smoked sufficiently before March, dip each ham in boiling water and wipe perfectly dry before canvassing.

P. S.—Red pepper can be used instead of black." L. J. B.

☞The late death of the Princes Alice, third daughter of Queen Victoria, who died at Darmstadt in Germany, has caused sincere regret and genuine sympathy for the queen-mother throughout England. Princess Alice, in her girlhood, was the loveliest and best beloved of all Victoria's daughters. She was early married to Prince Ludwig of Hesse and was the mother of seven children, one of whom was killed while a baby, by a fall from a window, and another, a little girl, died with diptheria just before the death of her mother. Indeed, it was while nursing little Marie, that Princess Alice contracted the disease that ended her life. She was eminently domestic and tender in her nature, and made society and fashion subservient to the claims of home. She was the best loved sister of the Prince of Wales, and during that terrible illness when his life hung upon a straw, she and his wife, the Princes Alexandria, watched night and day at his bedside, scarcely leaving him for one half hour.—*Sunny South.*

☞It is told of a certain Glascow bailie that, when visiting Paris as one of a deputation from Glascow to Louis Philippe, the king said, when showing the party through his library, where he had many of the classics, "You till know Milton very well?" O bless you, yes; bless you, yes," said the bailie cheerfully, delighted that something had been mentioned that he did know. "Yes, your majesty, I know Milton very well, (Milton is a little place in the neighborhood or Glascow); "we're just building a slaughter house there."

☞Cæsar used to say there was no music so charming in his ears as the request of his friends. But he never had his mother-in-law meet him at the door of his own house, with a poker and a voice that would startle a base viol, and request him to 'wipe off' his nasty old boots.'

☞The Pennsylvania newspapers are in agony over a discovered deficit in the State treasury of $2,000,000. An exchange advises them to call on the Camerons—Simon and Don—to make it good. As they own Pennsylvania, they cannot afford to let their own paper go to protest.

☞"A diseased mind turns every chance accident to its own distempered view, and makes the terror, or the sorrow, which exists but in its own imagination, a very reality of evil."

☞Kentucky and Louisiana are the only States in the Union in which lotteries are legalized as State institutions.—The day is not far distant when Louisiana will also prohibit them.

☞A distressing accident recently occurred in France. The ice gave way with a party of skaters and forty persons were drowned.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

....A small fire in Woodville, Miss., on the 18th ult.

....There are 2,280 places in Boston where liquor is sold.

....The month of December, just passed, had five Sundays.

....The West Baton Rouge *Sugar Planter* is twenty years old.

....The Mississippi river is reported as on the rise at Baton Rouge.

....In the State of Texas, the county tax is two mills on the dollar

....Col Fred. A. Aiken, city editor of the Washington *Post*, is dead.

....A $75,000 fire is the latest excitement announced from Gardner, Ill.

....Billingsgate, the great London fish market is to be lighted by electricity.

....A cable telegraph line from New York to France is among the probabilities.

....The floor of the Pantheon at Rome was recently flooded with water by a rise in the Tiber.

....A bronze statue of the late Charles Sumner was unveiled at Boston, Mass., on the 23d ult.

....A storm at Aspinwall, in South America, destroyed property to the amount of $200,000 recently.

....The Marksville *Bulletin* is in favor of Gov. F. T. Nicholls for the position of U. S. Senator from Louisiana.

....Six candidates for the Mayoralty of Woodville, Miss., announce themselves in the *Republican* of that place.

....A Pennsylvania confectioner has a sugar elephant, not exactly on his hands, but in his shop, that weighs 800 pounds.

....The newsboys of the Crescent City were treated to a splendid dinner on Christmas day, at their Home, in that place.

....The weather throughout the Northern States is reported as more intensely cold than has been experienced for several years.

....Four members of the New York Stock Exchange were recently expelled and two suspended for unfair dealings in bank shares.

....Gen. Grant's residence in Washington city, which cost $25,000 for construction, was recently purchased for $18,000 by an Ohio lady.

....Frederick Foster Quin, a noted physician of Edinburgh, and the attendant on the royal family of England during illness, died recently.

....Carriage and other work horses are now shipped from Kentucky to Egypt. They are deemed superior to the Arabian animal for domestic use.

....The largest amount of insurance carried on a single life is $2,500,000, which is the sum of the policies issued on the life of the Earl of Fife.

....Hull, the Democratic candidate for Congress from Florida, has finally received his certificate of election. His majority was only thirteen.

....The executive committee on militia reorganization have decided to call a national convention to meet in New York on the 17th of this month.

....The trial of Capt. Schwensen and the officers of the steamer Pomerania, in Berlin, recently, ended in their acquittal of all blame for the loss or the vessel.

....The Governor of Galisco ordered the troops to fire upon a mass meeting of citizens protesting against an extraordinary tax. Five merchants were killed.

....Governor Hampton, the Democratic Senator elect from South Carolina, has almost entirely recovered from the severe mental shock inflicted by his recent fall from a mule.

....Senator Eustis delivered an able speech, in the Senate, in support of his bill to appropriate money for the rebuilding of the levees in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, etc.

....There is some prospect of a passage at arms between France and the government of Tunis, growing out of the seizure of territory in the possession of the French, by the Tunisian powers.

....The diamond merchants of London have built a palatial club-house, where business and recreation are both combined, it being customary for these dealers to carry fortunes on their persons in anticipatioh of trade.

....The business of the New York clearing house has amounted, in twenty five years, to to five hundred thousand millions of dollars, and it is said there has not been an arithmatical error of one cent in the whole of its transactions.

....The political pot, which boils with such intensity in South America generally, has begun to simmer. About twenty-five Presidents of Republics are to be elected this month, and it would not be surprising if as many were assassinated.

....Gorham's Republican Congressional Committee, it now turns out, has followed in the wake of corruption, which gave the Radical party such prominence, and used $20,000 belonging to the patent office in Washington to secure members to the national assembly.

....From the first of January up to the 30th day of November, 1878, there was shipped to foreign countries, through the Port of New Orleans, 4,775,175 bushels of corn, worth $2,426,683; 1,286,816 bushels of wheat, worth 1,385,735; 496,731 bushels of rye, worth $318,037; and 4,683 bushels of oats, worth $2,056.