

THE UNFINISHED POEM



One day when my soul was lonely I searched a forgotten place...

Maybe my soul in its longing Some transient solace had sought; Maybe that my vagrant fingers Had found that nook unthought;

But I came on a mouldering packet That burst open his tremulous clutch, And I found 'mid its treasures a fragment— But it crumbled and broke at my touch.

I remembered the packet was filled by A friend of my youth, when he But never the ribbon that bound it Till then had my fingers untried.

I sat down by my window, And the fragment I spread on my knee, And I hastily scanned it, anxious To know what its tale might be.

I saw 'twas an old, old poem It was yellow with time and blotted; And I floundered with his passionate

Like a Stole I read; for 'twas buried So long in that mouldering story, The tale that it told was forgotten, The soul that inspired it was not.

But a breath came up from my garden As I paused on a lily and a summer And it seemed 'twas the breath of a summer I had known once on a time;

A summer whose days were golden With the glow of his tender love; A summer whose bliss, if eternal, Must have rivalled heaven's above.

Then swift came my thoughts upon me Like the violent rushing of waves; And out of the past rose visions Like ghosts from neglected graves.

Of a sudden my soul was awakened, And memories came as I read, Like come when you gaze at the garment Of one you have loved, and is dead.

THE POEM.

"Sweet was the breath of the even, Soft fell the stars' gentle gleam, Bright were the eyes of my lady, As we drifted and sang on the stream.

"My ears in their locks lay idle, And a touch of her hand stole; When forth burst the ravishing tones From Love's Acanthine—my soul.

"I spake—could my bosom contain it, That love it had prised so long? Ask if the robin is silent When his soul is overflowing with song!

"I spake—and my tremulous whisper Into passionate eloquence grew; I repeated oft, sweet story, But to her and to me it was new.

"I paused; and the word was trembling On her lips that she strove to say; And low bent his head to hear it, When she softly whispered: 'But stay!

Why was my hand so reckless When I touched this spot, O Time! And why did his tears in fury Forever blot out his rhyme?"

May be it was best her answer Mine eyes were denied to see; May be it was best his secret Forever a secret should be.

I sighed, and the crumbling fragment Went fluttering down to my feet; But somehow, I think that in heaven That poem is now complete.

NEWEST BONBONS.

Matinee Girls Rejoicing in Pralines Made After the Creole Receipt.

"It always adds a neat little figure to our profit if we can introduce some new sort of sweets that will have a lasting popularity with our patrons," said a dealer in candy the other day.

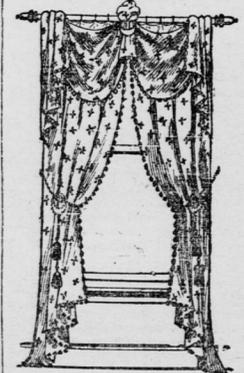
Fralines are the very latest article of diet in which the matinee girl rejoices, and the confectioner who sells them on Broadway merely copied an old creole recipe to make this delectable sweet. A praline is literally only a sugar cake, about as large and thick as the palm of one's hand and richly strewed with pecan nuts. For time out of mind creoles have known all the virtues of this combination, which has appeared on Broadway in a somewhat amended and improved form.

Down in this particular shop fresh maple sugar is used, in place of the common brown article, and the biggest, fattest Texas pecan nuts are used to thicken the sugar, with result that the matinee girl attests by her reckless expenditure of pocket money for pralines.

It required just one week to establish the praline as the leading bonbon of the season, and the nice young man who wishes to center the hitherto wandering affections of any young woman on himself need only send her a box of these sugary delights.

Next after pralines, genesees are the most popular bonbons. They are soft squares of pure chocolate, vastly superior in feminine estimation to caramels and are really nice only when perfectly fresh. In the words of the confectioners, these are out of fashion just now. The proper sweets with which to fill one of the new bonbonnières are crystallized fruits, the residues for which are all freshly imported. The best of them are the Sarahs, named after the great actress. They are glazed maraschino after the big sugared plums half of which are late cream. Next best after these are the dragees, steeped in brandy before receiving coats of sugar, or crystallized times, filled with tiny French cut-rubis, gooseberries, white cherries, and bits of pineapple, packed in with a dressing of sugar, maraschino, etc., and bearing the name of that ugly, amusing part of the Champs Elysee, Yvette Gilberte.

Apple Pickles. Even when other things suitable for pickling are plenty, apples are not to be despised. They give variety, and are very good. The liquid in first prepared, the apple quarters are steamed till tender, then put into the syrup. Cook together four pounds of sugar and one quart of vinegar, not too



ARTISTIC DRAPERY FOR A WINDOW.

lar threads, which give to the surface an uneven appearance that is rich and artistic in effect. The prevailing colors are old blue, gold, sage, olive and shrimp pink; the width is thirty-six inches and the price \$1.

Of late, printed Shiki silks have appeared, the pattern either in stripes or floral effects, and for these \$1.15 per yard is asked. The embroidered Shiki silks show the same colorings as above, with the embroidery in gold and silver threads and floss silk.

Chiffon is a charming material for interior decoration. It is in blue and white, showing various floral and geometrical designs of dark or colonial blue in a white ground. It is thirty inches in width and is sold for 40 cents per yard.

The Decorator and Furnisher, authority for the foregoing, also illustrates some very tasteful fashions of draping doors and windows. Among them is the accompanying attractive window drapery.

Perfumed Butter. A household authority tells that perfumed butter is becoming fashionable at American breakfast and tea tables. The butter is made into balls, stamped with a floral design, and is then wrapped in a thin cheesecloth and placed on a bed of roses, violets or carnations arranged in a flat-bottomed dish. Over these is placed a layer of wax, so that the butter patties are

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Do You Read Advertisements?

There was a time, and that not so very long ago, when you would not be bothered reading "ads." But the times have changed, and you have learned that many an advertisement contains a money-saving story, well worth the reading.

The Popular Dry Goods Department.

Table listing various silk goods and their prices, such as '1,800 yards 22-inch Fancy All-Silk Taffeta' for 'Worth 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard.' A large '59c' is prominently displayed.

Table listing 'Colored Dress Goods' and 'Black Dress Goods' with prices. Includes items like 'Pure-Wool French Novelty and Boucle Suitings' for 48c and '44-inch Two-Toned Pure Wool Suitings' for 83c.

Table listing 'Linen Department', 'Domestic Room', and 'Drapery Room' items. Includes 'Table Linen Sale Monday' with items like '20-cent Cream Linen Damask' for 19c, and 'Dress Linings' for 7c.

embedded in flowers. They are then placed on ice, where they are allowed to remain for several hours. This butter is eaten with crisp Vienna rolls, accompanied only by a cup of chocolate or delicious mocha.

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Will bring thousands of visitors to our city this winter, and every body should take advantage of the low prices to paint their homes up nicely, which is only a small matter as to the cost. We will sell our own brand of House Paint, 30 colors to select from—Specials:

LADIES' SKIRTS. Big Sale Monday. Ladies' Fast Black Sateen Skirts, flannel lined, wide flounce, worth \$1.25; here Monday at 79c.

NEEDLE ART DEPARTMENT.

Best Ice Wool, 3 balls in box; others get 15c. Our price, 9c Box. Best Ice Wool, 1-oz. balls; others get 15c. Our price, 10c Ball.

JEWELRY AND SILVERWARE.....

Deception may thrive for a short time, but truth is mightier than brag or bluster. We are always ready to meet any and all competition on the field of honest methods, by giving the people the greatest value for their money, but when it comes to juggling with the public, we have not the least intention of doing so.

Four (4) Piece Quadruple-Plated, Satin-Finished, Hand-Engraved Tea Set, full size, exact style of engraving, Manufacturer guarantees it to wear 10 years. Is a good bargain at \$12.98. We say take the four pieces at..... \$6.98

Shoes for everybody at prices that nobody can object to. Values that seem out of proportion to the quality.

"I CAN'T SEE,"

Said a Blind Man in Our Store Yesterday. "How can you sell such shoes for \$1.98?" "I hear," said a deaf man, who came in with him, "that your \$1.98 shoes are even better than you advertise them to be."

LADIES, ATTENTION!

We place on sale tomorrow 3,000 pairs Ladies' Genuine Vici Kid Boots, in Lace or Button, all styles, made light for fine dress wear, or heavy for fall and winter comfort; shoe store price, \$2.75. Golden Rule Price..... \$1.98

The Low Prices We Are Making in Our CLOAK DEPT.

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An Express Car Full OF NEW CLOAKS

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TO AMERICAN LADIES.

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