FARMER SIMPKINS' MARE.

A Tale of California in 1868.

Hidden deep in the Sierras underneath the peaks of snow
Lay the little camp of Hicky's in the summers long ago.
And the river that ran singing like a siren through the lands,
Held a wealth of golden treasures deeply hidden in its sands.

Gold was God of all the miners, but their goddess was a girl,
Golden haired and fair of features whom they nicknamed "Little Pearl,"
Daughter she of Farmer Simpkins, owner of a piece of ground
Lower down within the valley, which he tilled the year around.

Sunbeam Bettie had in plenty for the girl was wondrous fair,
But the only thing that won her was a little chestnut mare.
And all day among the mountains she was riding to and fro,
Mount the pines that stood and whispered underneath the peaks of snow.

THEN SHE WENT AND TOLD HER TROUBLE TO THE LITTLE CHESTNUT MARE.

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There arrived a few days afterward at Farmer Simpkins' place
The sheriff and his posse and they found Miss Bettie there.
"Here's the money for your mortgage, sir; I won it in a race,"
She said, "down at Sonora, where I drove my chestnut mare."

The old man looked on in wonder and then kneeling on the floor,
He cried, "O, God, I thank thee, and if racing be a sin
I will promise thee my Bettie, Lord, shall never do it mine."
Then knowest she was honest and she drove the mare to win.

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Soon a stranger came from 'Frisco who had heard about the race,
Was introduced to Bettie and he tried to buy the mare.
He offered a cool ten thousand, she declined the same with grace,
But still he kind o' lingered with his heart caught in her hair.

On sped the weeks with flying feet and found him lingering there,
And then there came a wedding up at Farmer Simpkins' place,
The groom? That chap from 'Frisco. So I got the chestnut mare,
And better yet the maiden that had driven her the race.

—"HYPER ALI."—*In the Chicago Horseman.*

Summers came and summers vanished and the village grew space,
And as older grew the village grew the girl in woman's grace,
Other, too, in strength and beauty grew the little chestnut mare
That was given over to Bettie and became the maiden's care.

Year by year the crops grew shorter, but the old man heeded not,
Till Necessity's stern mandate put a mortgage on the lot.
Then there entered Care and Trouble at the little cottage door;
Entered, too, the ghost of famine, took its place upon the floor.

Naught knew Bettie of the trouble till some months had rolled away,
When the farmer worn and weary told her of their shortened stay
In the cottage, for the interest on the mortgage was unpaid,
And the sheriff only waited for the word to make his raid.

Bettie only smiled in answer while the tears bedimmed her eyes,
Rose and kissed the old man lightly, like a woman worldly wise,
"God will help," she softly whispered, "He will heed a woman's prayer."
Then went out and told her trouble to the little chestnut mare.

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Far away in quaint Sonora there was held a county fair,
And to wager on the racing gathered all the country there,
But the great and chief attraction was a thousand dollar race
Free for all, to rule and harness, and 'twas this that filled the place.

Those the entries that were given out in town the night before:
First the stallion "Knight of Costa," then a gelding called "The Moor,"
Then the mare "Queen of Sonora" and a gelding called "Take Care,"
Then a horse no one had heard of, entered "Bettie Simpkins' mare."

When the race was called next morning and there rang the judge's bell,
Came there on four grizzled drivers bowing to the saddle's swell,
Then a Spanish fellow followed with a jockey cap down down
O'er a fair and girlish forehead—he a stranger in the town.

Little time was lost in scoring, and the judges gave the word,
With the Knight of Costa leading and a trotting like a bird,
Quickly sped he down the backstretch, followed closely by Take Care,
While like doom upon his quarter hung the little chestnut mare.

In the stretch they swung together—Knight of Costa soon was beat,
Then the mare made play for Take Care and the gelding left his feet;
And she coming strong and steady passed beneath the judges stand
Winner of the heat, in thirty, and still trotting well in hand.

The next heat the mare won easy, jogging to almost alone,
With the Knight of Costa distanced, and his backers' money flown,
While the miners cursed and shouted, some in sorrow, some in joy,
And the tallest, grey haired driver swore at Fortune and the boy.

When they went away the third time 'twas the Queen that showed the way,
With "The Moor" right at her throat-latch and the mare a length away,
And the watchers marked no changes till they neared away for home,
Then a shout came up from the miners, "See the little chestnut come."

Teaming like a locomotive, soon she left behind "The Moor,"
And drew level at the distance with the Queen—who'll win it more,
Yelled the miners then, they shouted, for the Queen had left her feet,
And the handsome little chestnut jogged in winner of the heat.

But the cheers gave place to silence, for about the judges' stand
Soon there gathered all the drivers, each a whip held in his hand,
And the spokesman of the party, he the driver of the Queen,
Claimed the chestnut mare had fouled him, as his partner all had seen.

Then the judges heard in silence what the rest came had to say,
Then they asked the lovely driver to explain the foul away;
As he raised his cap to answer down there fell a woman's tress
And he said—I'm Bettie Simkins and this Bettie Simpkins' mare."

Stared the judges then in wonder at the maiden's startling words,
While the other drivers, chagrined, turned away in their surprise,
Then there came the quick announcement from the judges' waiting place,
"We give to Bettie Simkins' mare the third heat and the race."

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I'M BETTIE SIMPKINS AND THIS, BETTIE SIMPKINS MARE.

THE SAWDUST CITY.

Notes From the Great Lumber Centre—"Nellie and the Baby"—A Dash of Politics—A Business Boom.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRIBUNE-HERALD.

MUSKEGON, April 17.—Several years ago labor and capital in this city clashed, there was a strike; labor agitators promulgated the theory that labor was king, ignoring the fact that capital was joint partner in the concern. The city has suffered in consequence and is just recovering from the ill-advised reign of idleness. This spring, business opens favorably, and every prospect is pleasing. The weary watches of the dark, unprofitable strike, have had their effect, and no one desires to renew them. The great industries of Muskegon recognize that labor is a staple article and is entitled to a fair consideration. Labor is of the same opinion and will demand and receive such recognition from the industries. The work of the season is just commencing. By Monday the thirty or forty mills here will be in full operation, and the commercial pulse of the "Sawdust city" will have started upon its annual beat. The thousands of workmen in the mills and upon the booms commence the season's employment with the best of feeling, and every indication points to a prosperous summer.

"Ten hours' work ten hours' pay," is the watchword, and upon this basis work will proceed in this city. The leading members of the Knights of Labor regard the Southwestern strikers as poorly advised, and prolonged by those who have not the best interests of the order in view. There is but little sympathy in this city for the suicidal policy adopted by the St. Louis wage-destroyers.

The celebrated divorce case between Read Davis and his wife, Nellie, will be called in the May term of the circuit court. On account of the prominence of the parties to the suit the case has attracted unusual attention. The husband will seek to show that the wife and mother is an unfit person to have the care and custody of their two-year-old child. Preliminary to the suit a bond of $100,000 was exacted of Mrs. Davis for the production of the child in court when called for. This is probably the largest bond of a similar nature ever executed in the state. Mrs. Davies is under the protection of her uncle, C. H. Hackley. The family is reputed to possess property valued at about $1,000,000. Mrs. Davies is young, pretty, vivacious, and seems to have the sympathy of a majority of those who are conversant with the history of the case. She, with C. H. Hackley and wife together with Mrs. Capt. Lee, are now traveling in California, consequently the daily drives of "Nellie and the baby" about town have been withdrawn for the present.

The newly elected city officials have been installed, and the citizens, generally, take occasion to congratulate themselves on the elevation of L. G. Mason to the mayoralty. While he was nominally the candidate of the Democrats and workingmen, he was, nevertheless, supported by all parties. The board of aldermen is composed of practical business men which insures a strong city government for the ensuing year.

PRESS PRATTLE.

No State Secrets.

Senator Logan is right. The people should be allowed to know what the statesmen at Washington are doing. There should be no secrets and the President should promptly own up whether he is going to be married or not.—*Chicago Times.*

Praised by Condemnation.

Gladstone's Irish policy has received a strong indorsement—O'Donovan Rossa denounces it.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

A Six-Mule Team and a Dog.

It is said that Morrison proposes to hold Mr. Randall responsible for the defeat of his one-horse tariff bill if it is defeated. The trouble with Mr. Morrison is that he imagines himself to be a six-mule team and the brindle dog under the wagon. He is certainly not the six-mule team.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The Opinion of an Ex-Attorney.

If tariff bounties went to the laborers wages in this country would be much higher than they now are.—*New York Star.*

Cold Tea and Executive Sessions.

A great deal is involved in the proposition to have open executive session in the Senate. Some of the Senators are not yet ready to swear off on cold tea.—*Chicago Herald.*

As We Have More We Want More.

If the discussion of the question of abolishing the secret sessions is continued long enough the people will know considerable of what happens in the star chamber, and the more they know the more they will want to know.—*Chicago News.*

The Devil Pays Most.

Powderly gets $1,500 a year for devoting his whole time to the profession and settlement of strikes. Jay Gould gets several millions for promoting strikes and wrecking railroad properties.—*Cleveland Leader.*

Must Take Their Whiskey With Them.

Strong drink is no more to be sold at Newport. The aristocracy must get drunk elsewhere.—*Syracuse Standard.*

A Grand Success.

A representative of the TRIBUNE-HERALD was called in to see the great crowd who were coming and going the past week to our Shultz's grand opening, which was one of the finest millinery exhibitions in the city. In the children's and baby's displays there was a variety never equaled before in this city, and not to be found in many cities of this size. In the lady's stock were shown many new and novel styles in all the latest goods from the east.

Although the past week there was a grand rush on account of this mammoth stock bought for the occasion, thus many customers are invited to witness the fine display they still have, and get their prices which are lower than ever before.

WOMEN.

A Buckeye girl baby looks at the world through four eyes.

Mrs. Whitney, of Washington, is wearing light mourning for her grandmother, Mrs Perry.

Out of four hundred women who keep dram shops in New York City, only one is an American.

Mrs. and Miss Endicott, of Washington, wear mourning for Mr. Endicott's stepmother, and accept no invitations.

In China and Japan girls are named after some beautiful natural object, and such names are common as Cherry-flower, Peach-blossom, Plum-blossom, Bamboo-leaf, Pine-woods, etc.

Annie Lee Wilson, of Memphis, strapped her baby to her breast and jumped into the river. In a pathetic letter found on the dead body of the young mother were these words: "God, deal gently with an erring and broken-hearted girl and her innocent little baby as you can."

Miss Lillian Butler, the belle of Logansport, Ind., quietly slipped away from home Thursday and was quietly married to William Moorehart, a young man of Winimac, a neighboring town. She then returned to her parents for their blessing. It has since become known that she was engaged to three young men besides her husband.

MEN.

Joaquin Miller threatens to make Mexico his home.

Jules Verne can stir about now, but it is with the aid of crutches.

Judge W. D. Kelley is going to write a history of the tariff, paying especial attention to its later phases.

The name of Gen. W. F. Rogers, of Buffalo is mentedion in connection with the public printing office, as the successor of Sterling P. Rounds.

The poet Whittier admits having recently destroyed many personal letters relating to the abolition agitation, a publication of which he feared might injure the writers or their memories.

Ex-Senator A. G. Thurman was robbed recently of $700 by a tramp whom he employed. The fellow forged the old Roman's name to checks and got them cashed at shops near Mr. Thurman's home in Columbus.

Charles S. Parnell has sent a collegram to Treasurer Reilley, at Detroit, expressing thanks for subscriptions of $11,000, and stating that he has no fears of ill feeling among the members of the National League of America.

Thorn-like Rice, the owner and editor of the *North American Review*, is not devoting himself exclusively to literary business abroad. According to the Paris *News*, he was at Monte Carlo the other day, and at two sittings won 100,000 francs.

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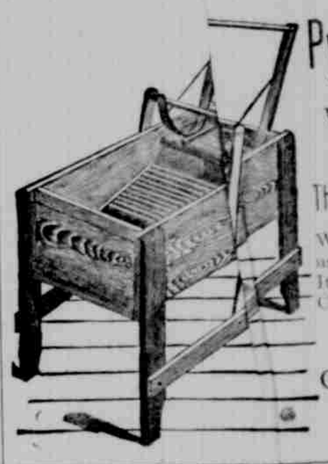

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