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POETRY OF THE TIMES.

Thy Holy Memory.

My soul thy sacred image keeps,
My midnight dreams are all of thee,
For nature then in silence sleeps,
And silence broods on land and sea.
O, in that still, mysterious hour
How oft from waking dreams I start,
To find thee but a fancy flower,
Though richest idol of my heart,
Thou hast each thought and dream of mine
Have I in turn one thought of thine?

Forever thine my dreams shall be,
Wate'er may be my fortunes here,
I ask not love—I claim from thee
Only one boon, a gentle tear.
May ever blest visions from above
Play lightly 'round the happy heart,
And the glad beams of peace and love
Never from thy glowing soul depart.
Farewell! My dreams are all of thee,
Hast thou one tender thought of me?

My joys like summer birds may fly,
My hopes like summer blooms depart!
But there's one flower that cannot die—
Thy holy memory in my heart.
No dews that one flower's cup may fill,
No sunlight to its leaves be given,
But it will live and flourish still
As deathless as a thing of heaven.
My soul greets thine, unmasked, unsought,
Hast thou for me one gentle thought?

Farewell! Farewell! my far-off friend!
Between us broad rivers flow,
And forests wave and plains extend,
And mountains in the sunlight glow.
The wind that breathes upon thy brow
Isn't the wind that breathes on mine,
The star beams shining on thee now
Are not the beams that on me shine.
But memory's spell is on me yet—
Canst thou the holy past forget?

The bitter fears that thou and I
May shed, whene'er by anguish bowed,
Exalted to the noontide sky,
May meet and mingle in the cloud
And thus, my dearest friend, though we
Far, far apart must live and move,
Our souls, when God has set them free,
Can mingle in a world of love.
This were an ecstasy to me—
Say, would it be a joy to thee?

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Mahogany-red gloves are much worn.

Whole costumes of red corduroy repiqued plush are exhibited.

Elastic cloth, or stockinet, is sold by the yard for bodices and jackets.

Kensington embroidery in silk and chenille is seen upon new felt hats.

Long, plainly-made redingotes, trimmed with braiding, are in high fashion.

"You're as sweet as a peach," he said, patting her softly on the cheek. "Yes," she murmured, snuggling still near to him, "I'm a cling-stone."

Jersey jackets of royal cardinal, olive-green, marine blue, velvet or cashmere, are very fashionably worn over skirts and tunics of tweed or Roman plaid.

Black ostrich feather fans with real tortoise shell sticks sell for $30. They are the kind of fans that the old lady said represent the "greatest acme of genuine elegance."

A girl at Staunton, Va., who was given the mitten after falling away seven years in courting, had her revenge by pounding the man with a hickory club on the public street.

Muffs to match bonnets will be among the fashions of the coming winter. They are small and many of them are trimmed with fur. The old-fashioned muff of our grandmothers is to be revived.

An Indiana woman bought some poison for rats, wrote the word "poison" on it four times, hid it on the top shelf in the pantry, and yet the hired girl used it for baking powder within a week.

Viewing the fall styles through his gold-mounted opera glasses, Donald Padman, of the Courier Journal, observes that many a woman who does not do a man's work is getting a pretty good share of a man's pay.

Tell a woman that she looks picturesque in her new hat and she is well pleased as if you had called her beautiful. And yet an old hoop-skirt hanging to the limb of a tree is, in a pre-Raphaelite sense, picturesque.

There are three things that the wisdom of the most learned man cannot determine—which way a singed cat will jump, how a petit jury will give its verdict, and what kind of a man a clever woman will take fancy to.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"Rosalind hosiery" is offered for sale in some of the fashionable shops, and inasmuch as Mrs. Langtry will soon play the part in this city, shopkeepers hope the demand for the stockings will be large.—St. Louis Post.

What a providential thing it is that, as a general rule, by the time the eldest girl gets old enough to have a beau the youngest child is old enough to sleep quietly. A cross baby yelling up-stairs would be a fearful dampener on courtship.

She admitted to her mother that the young man had made a very strong impression on her. "Yes," remarked the old lady, "I can see where the impression mashed the lace flat as a clean napkin. Don't let it happen again."

"Do I believe in woman's influence?" said a man on Twenty-second street last Friday. "Well, you see that young fellow trundling a baby carriage along the street with a look of angelic resignation his face an inch and a half thick? I knew that fellow when he would swell around town as big as a circus advance agent and order beer for the crowd. He doesn't do it any more."—Brooklyn Argus.

It is not a good plan to have the white lawn and cambric dresses "done up," as the phrase is, to lay away for the winter, for the expectation that they will look fresh and be ready for immediate wear in the spring will be disappointed. Of course they should not be put away dirty, but the starching and ironing may well be left till spring; only common calicoes should be starched and ironed before packing away.

Aprons made of brown linen of the proper width so that the selvage needs no hemming at the sides, may be made very pretty by fringing out the bottom to the depth of two inches; overcast at the edge where the ravelling ceases, then about two inches above that draw out threads for an inch and a half, and then run a blue or scarlet ribbon through the threads that are left, making blocks of the ribbon and thread alternately. Above and below this a row of feather stitching is added, and a row on the band and sides also; the pocket trimmed to match is put on at the right side.

As to general outlines in the world of fashion, the coiffure is still arranged in severe simplicity, close to the head, and with no false switches where there is even a passable amount of one's natural tresses. The shoulders are high and square, the bodice is cut round, pointed, or in long basques, as one likes best, and very often is open below the throat à la pompadour, with a chemisette Russe set underneath, and not low in the neck all around, even with full dress toilets. Waists, sleeves, and shoes are are unfomfortably tight if the wearer will allow it. The most fashionable shoes, spite of the protestations of the doctors and the teachings of the bootmakers, have the heels little and high, and the toes pointed. Skirts to dresses are either perfectly plain, with a treble-pleated ruche around the bottom, or are loaded down with voluminous poufs, pleats, kilts, or chic little trimmings in a variety of styles. Colors are usually brilliant, and the wildest caprice is noticeable in the manner in which these gay hues are combined both in dress and millinery.

RELIGIOUS.

The Congregationalists have organized a church in Atlanta, Ga.

The First Presbyterian church of Chicago, is to celebrate its semi-centennial next June.

In response to a call from the Lutheran general council, five young German ministers have come to this country recently, to work among the German population at the west.

There are, according to the last report, 37,418 Baptists in the State of Indiana.

The membership of the Methodist church in Missouri is 42,000, a gain of 30,000 in the last twenty years.

The General Christian Missionary Convention, (colored), will meet at Indianapolis, October 25th.

In the Presbytery of Southern Dakota fifteen churches have been organized within twelve months past.

The eighth Episcopal Church Congress will be held in the city of Richmond, Va., commencing on Tuesday, October 24th.

There are seventeen colored Methodist conferences in the United States, including 1,971 churches, with 189,500 members. In 1864 there were only six conferences, with 29,664 members.

The Presbyterian synod of Kentucky, which met at Flemmingsburg, in that state, on October 12, consists of 58 ministers, 89 churches, and 5,965 members. The additions last year were 561. Of the 89 churches, 33, or more than one-third, are vacant.

The four largest churches in the world are said to be of the Baptist denomination. Spurgeon's, in London; that of the Telugus, at Ongole; one in Germany, near the Russian boundary, and the First African Baptist church, Richmond, Virginia.

Large numbers of Mormons continue to come from Scandinavia. Mr. Gladstone declares that he can not interfere with the Mormon preachers who have gone to England. He assumes that their converts willingly leave for Utah, and he can not interfere with their freedom of action.

IMPIETIES.

Somehow staid, sober, religious people can enjoy a good scandal if the object is a deacon in some other church than their own.

Punched coins are more frequently passed off for beer than for the gospel. A comparison of saloon money drawers and church contribution boxes will prove this.

A Brooklyn man no longer asks another, on Sunday morning, "Are you going to church?" The query now is, "Are you going to hear a stump speech this morning?"—Norristown Herald.

A woman accidentally went to church with two bonnets on her head—one stuck inside the other—and the other women in the congregation almost died with envy. They thought it was a new kind of bonnet and too sweet for anything.

A man who was arrested at Dubuque a few days ago for counterfeiting was a member of the Young Men's Christain Association, and his accomplice, the woman with whom he boarded, has been in the habit of exhorting at prayer meetings and praying with prisoners at the jail.

"What good does it do a man like Snorer to go to church, I should like to know," said the deacon. "There he sits off in the corner, and nods and nods all through services." "Well," replied the parson, "while he sits the truth reaches him in an oblique line, and it doesn't seem to affect him much; but I have hopes. I pounded the pulpit so hard I woke him up this morning."

A famous North Carolina clergyman, while preaching a few Sundays ago from the text, "He giveth His beloved sleep," stopped in the middle of his discourse, gazed upon his slumbering congregation, and said: "Brethren, it is hard to realize the unbounded love which the Lord appears to have for a large portion of my auditory."

An old negro professed to be indifferent as to a future state, believing that "dey'll make niggers work eben in heaben." A clergyman tried to argue him out of his opinion by representing that there was no work for him or anyone else to do in heaven. "You go 'way, massa,' was his reply: "I know better. If dere's no oder work for culled pers'ns up dere, dey'll make him shub de clouds along."

A missionary who once labored in Pike county, Pennsylvania relates that during his first visit to that benighted region he commenced a sermon by saying: "As many of you, my brethren, as know Jesus, will please stand up." He paused to observe the effect of his invitation, but nobody rose. Finally an old woman, upon whose mind it dimly dawned that an apology was necessary, got up and remarked: "I don't remember enny sich man, and I s'pose its 'cause Pike county folks never sees no society."

"I'm afraid Brother Belchee has fallen from grace," sadly said the deacon to his pastor. "Dear me!" exclaimed the good old dominie; "how did it happen?" "Well, the other day while I was at his house," explained the deacon, "he lost his collar-button, and——" "Yes, yes," interrupted the minister, "I understand; but we can't blame the poor fellow, for we've been there ourselves, deacon, eh?" And the two old dignitaries chuckled over the disaster for all it was worth.

A Syracuse preacher's son went hunting on Sunday and shot a little boy, not fatally. There is no question as to the accidental nature of the occurrence, but there is a great difference of opinion as to the responsibility. If the preacher's son hadn't gone hunting on Sunday he certainly wouldn't have shot the boy; whereas, if the boy had gone to Sunday school, or to see his grandmother's grave, he would not have been shot by the preacher's son. Another case of "early bird" and "foolish worm.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

A mill pond in Indiana is said to be good for 300 cases of chills and fever a year, and furnishes two drug stores a pretty fair support.

The Boston Globe objects to the abolition of vests, on the ground that Illinois men would have no convenient pocket for their cloves.

Philadelphia might have rid itself of two lawyers the other day if either of them had had sand enough to use a pistol instead of an umbrella.

It is only the Italians in America who celebrate the discovery by Columbus. The American hims if had no hand-organ to profit by the discovery.

You will wonder where all the dogs in Georgia are until you dismount at the gate of a planter's house. Then you will wonder if he owns all the dogs in Georgia.

It always makes a young man wild when he discovers all his vests are cut so high that they hide from view his new horse-shoe pin studded with diamonds.—Puck.

One of Pullman's patent on sleeping-car berths expires November 1. It is understood that Mr. Pullman will not seek a renewal of the patent, but devote his energies to securing an interest with the porters.

Time is coming when a decorated stove poker will be an actual necessity in every household. It will seem much more gentle to be whacked over the head with one than with the present mouth, unornamented variety.

If the sky is clear, and you get out of bed at 4 a. m., and climb upon the roof, maybe you can see the comet. You may depend on catching a frightful cold and getting back into bed with your teeth chattering, anyway.

A chap in Canada wants to explode two pounds of powder in the river to kill fish, but after coming down from a trip over the nearest trees, followed by the splinters of his skiff, he decided that the old fish-pole way was the safest.

What this country wants is reply postal cards, and to save trouble no reply might as well be printed on them in advance by the government. The reply: "Very sorry, but can't pay your bill this week; some other week, would about this most cases.

Certain trades seem conducive to certain vices. Tailors almost invariably take to drinking and raising hell, printers run to gambling, and a baker, sooner or later, is dead sure, if he goes to the bad at all, to start out as a bun duke.—Boston Post.

"For heaven's sake give that man a nut-cracker," said a lady at a Austin hotel to a waiter, pointing to a gentleman from Dallas, who was cracking nuts with his teeth. "I don't want it; these nuts are so hard I'm afraid I might break it," replied the man from Dallas, crunching another large nut between his teeth.—Texas Siftings.

No, we are pretty well satisfied that there is no companion to the language of flowers known as the language of food. If there was such a book it would contain something like this: Hash—innocence, boarding house steak—tender thoughts; sausage—kiss; bean—calchah; fishballs—forget-me-not; etc. Puck.

A colored blacksmith was shoeing a mule not long ago, when the animal disengaged itself and drove one of its hind feet against the negro's head with the force of a battering-ram. A few days afterward someone asked the owner if the blacksmith sustained severe injuries. "I can't say he did," responded the man, dejectedly; "but the mule goes on three legs."

An English chemist analyzed a red stocking and got out of it twenty-two grains of tin. We shouldn't think he got enough to pay for his trouble; yet he couldn't expect to find a gold mine in one red stocking. A pair of red stockings, however, frequently contain something that a gold mine couldn't buy.—Norristown Herald.

Business men complain of a great scarcity of boys, and wonder where they have all gone to. We suspect they have mostly gone to smoking cigarettes and pool-playing, although some of them are probably at this moment concealed inside tight-fitting pantaloons and peaked shoes, or hidden behind precocious cheek or premature manliness.—Boston Transcript.

The Russian refugees on Ward's Island, New York, raised a riot last Saturday because the food given them was not what they expected. Of course the refugees are right, but they should not be too severe on the poor Americans who are trying to feed and clothe them. When our crops are sold this country hopes to be able to present every foreigner landing at New York with a large piece of pie, several doughnuts, and a theatre ticket, but at present we are a little cramped.

Professor Proctor may tell within the sixteenth of an inch the length of a comet's tail, and Professor Huxley give us the exact weight and age of the earth, and Herbert Spencer evolve more philosophy in one day than the average man can understand in six months; but when it comes to determining the ripeness of a watermelon from its exterior, the triumvirate of scientific sharps must take a back seat and let the southern colored man, who never had a day's schooling, step to the front.—Norristown Herald.

CONNUBIALITIES.

Hindoo girls are taught to think of marriage as soon as they can talk. American girls are not. They don't require teaching.

A girl in Providence, thirteen and one-half years old, has just been married. Very few girls can be brought to cut off their ice-cream at that age.

Bishop Bissel, of Vermont, officiated at the marriage of Lieutenant Francis H. Sherman, son of General Sherman, to Miss Margaret Bragg, a few days since, at the cathedral of St. Paul, Fond du Lac, Wis.

A young man in western Illinois advertised for a wife his sister answered the "ad," and now the young man thinks there is no balm in advertisements, while the old folks think it's pretty hard to have two fools in the family.

A Johnstown paper complains that a marrying epidemic has broken out among the children in that neighborhood. Their mothers should vaccinate them with the virus from a whole-soled slipper or a shingle.—Norristown Herald.

A novel question is agitating the residents of Tucson, A. T., as to whether a woman who went through the marriage vows with a man on his dying bed is single or married. The technical proposition is that the physician exclaimed, just as the minister was pronouncing them man and wife, "My God, he's dead."

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution records the following singular matrimonial coincidence: "Dr. R. W. Lovett lives in Screven county, and Judge Thompson M. Merriwether lives in Newton. They were schoolmates. They first married two twin sisters, daughters of Bishop Andrew. Their wives died, and they then married two other sisters, also daughters of a Bishop, Bishop Price. These wives died, and they then married a third pair of sisters. With these last sisters they are living happily."

There was a brilliant marriage at Christ church, Mayfair, London, on Wednesday of last week, Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, Baronet, Knight of Kerry, and Equerry to the Duke of Connaught, was married to Miss Lilly Bischoffsheim. The bridesmaids were the Misses Sheila and Eileen Fitzgerald, sisters of the bridegroom, and the Misses Louisa Goldsmith and Elsa Stern, cousins of the bride. There was a most distinguished assemblage of notability and wealthy commoners, and the wedding presents, including those from the royal family were many and rich. Jenkinsasays that "nothing could surpass the dresses."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Marie Roze is now studying Fidelio.

Denman Thompson is in St. Louis.

Frank Mordaunt is in San Francisco.

Haverley's Mastodons are in Washington.

Wilhelmj promises to return here next season.

Vogel is the greatest dramatic tenor on the German stage.

Mrs. Langtry made $6,500 by one week's performance of Rosalind.

Liszt has written a new mass, which will be executed this month at Vienna.

Madame Theo and her company will make their first appearance in Boston on the 30th instant.

It is expected that "The Romany Rye" will hold the stage at Booth's Theatre for several weeks to come.

Miss Carrie E. Mason has been engaged as the prima donna of the Remenyi Concert company for this season.

Mr Lawrence Barrett is playing a remarkably prosperous engagement at the Grand Opera house, New York.

Arnold Kiralfy, the younger of the famous family of that name, is said to be the best male dancer in this country.

Edwin Booth is meeting with great success in his English provincial tour, which will end at Birmingham on the 18th of December.

Lotta's performances at the Chestnut Street Opera House last week drew nearly $10,000 out of the pockets of her hosts of admirers.

It is said that Levy, the cornet player, has the largest lungs of any musician in the world, his chest measuring fifty-six inches in circumference.

Carl Rosa has secured Herr Richter, the noted opera conductor, for opera and concert, Herr Richter will therefore reside for a portion of the time in London.

Mr. Josefly has come back to New York after a summer industriously spent, the good fruits of which are pretty certain to be gathered during the coming season.

Mr. Max Strakosch is negotiating with Miss Julia Gaylord, the charming American soprano, who has been Carl Rosa's prima donna for the past five years.

Miss Minnie Hauk, despite the glowing prospects of her concert season, has signed a contract with Mr. Max Strakosch, and will sing in English opera with him next month.

According to The Gil Blas, Adelina Patti has inserted a singular clause in her will. She wishes a cage of nightingales to be placed on her tomb. If all the divas adopt this custom what an aviary a cemetery will be. Who will select the mocking-birds?

A Javanese orchestra, or gameling, has been performing at the London Aquarium. It consists of fourteen male and fourteen female artists. The music is, to European ears, simply detestable.

Dr. Damrosch and his orchestra have been engaged for several concert tours during the season, when an opportunity will be offered in Cincinnati, Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, and other principal western cities to hear the best musicians, conducted by the most learned musical student in the country.

Mr. Henry Irving, it is said, will produce the following plays during his stay in this country next: "Hamlet," "Much Ado About Nothing," "The Merchant of Venice," "The Lyons Mail," "The Bells," "The Belle's Stratagem," "Richelieu," "Charles I," "Louis XI," and, probably, "Coriolanus."

Miss Clara Bernstein, who is professionally known as Clara Bernetta, is at present residing in Milan. At home in Cincinnati she was well known in musical circles, and in Italy is winning certain success. She is a dramatic soprano of noble voice, and is engaged to sing in "Lucrezia" and "Ernani" for two months in Northern Italy.

—Ernst Shelling, of Philadelphia, the little seven-year-old pianist, has been giving concerts in Switzerland. At Rheineck he played a piece from the "Flying Dutchman," and the "Nightingale Polka," of Klunkel, with admirable technique. The boy is not one of those hot-house plants which give the impression of forced talent, but is lively, sportive and full of play.

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