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It's curious, isn't it, Billy,
The changes that twelve months may bring!
Last year I was at Saratoga,
As happy and rich as a king—
I was raking in pools on the races,
And betting the westers with "ten,"
And sipping mint julips by twilight;
And today I am here in the "pen."

"What led me to do it?" What always
Leads men to destruction and crime?
The Prodigal Son, whom you've read of,
Has altered somewhat in his time,
He spends his substance as freely
As the biblical fellow of old;
But when it is gone he finds
The husks will turn into gold.

Champagne, a box at the opera,
High steps while fortune is flush,
The passionate kiss of women
Whose cheeks have forgotten to blush—
The old, old story, Billy,
Of pleasures that end in tears,
The froth that foams for an hour,
The dregs that are tasted for years.

Last night as I sat here and pondered
On the end of my evil ways,
There arose like a phantom before me
The vision of boyhood days.
I thought of my old home, Billy,
Of the schoolhouse that stood on the hill,
Of the brook that flowed through the mead-
I can e'en hear its music still. [ow—

Again I thought of my mother,
Of the mother who taught me to pray;
Whose love was a precious treasure
That I needlessly cast away.
I saw again in my visions
The fresh-lipped, careless boy
To whom the future was boundless,
And the past but a mighty toy.

I thought of all this as I sat here—
Of my ruined and wasted life—
And the pangs of remorse were bitter—
They pierced my heart like a knife.
It takes some courage, Billy,
To laugh in the face of fate,
When the yearning ambitions of manhood
Are blasted at twenty-eight.
—[Written in the Illinois State Prison.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

High shoulders are going out of fashion.

Ear-rings are not in vogue for young ladies.

Broad bands of velvet are worn around the neck.

For light weight woolen dresses the albatross cloths are in great favor.

Rather full waists with pointed velvet belts are seen on street costumes.

Peacock feathers are handsome applique or embroidered on black silk dresses.

White wines will be used extensively on fall hats, especially those of black straw.

Bangs are arranged in loose ringlets and reach within an inch of the elbows.

Velvet ribbons are no longer worn around the throat with walking costumes.

The gold and silver bead-like bracelets that lap on the arm are very fashionable.

Leather belts are again much used with simple dresses of flannel and wash fabrics.

Cuffs are very narrow. They are worn with small stud buttons of hammered silver.

More trained evening dresses are worn this season than have appeared in several years back.

Wide pointed collars of plain linen are worn by young ladies, and fasten at the throat with a bar-pin.

Ribbon embroidery in wild roses and carnations is fashionable, especially on table and chair scarfs.

Large black and white plaids, mingled with plain black, make stylish afternoon costumes for young ladies.

With the polonaise habit there are no panniers. They are replaced by long loops of silk lined with velvet.

New traveling suits have the tucks of the shirt and of the Norfolk jackets protected by cordings of alligator skin.

Washing brown hair every night in soda and water will keep it fluffy and give that reddish blood that is so sought after.

New gloves are to have embossed gauntlets. The gauntlet is bound to get up beauty enough to remain in fashion.

Worth is now making costumes with double sleeves, one of which represents a puffed under sleeve with a waist band.

The hair is now arranged by young ladies in a coil on the crown of the head, with little curles at the neck and a curled bang.

Canvas belts come in white, red, brown or blue to match the color of a flannel dress for that of a braid used for trimming.

The once fashionable small waist of 18 and 20 inches is out of vogue. From 22 to 24 inches is the size for medium figures.

Black lace Chantilly flounces are just now the craze, over white silk. The capote is white silk and Chantilly, parasol ditto, while crimson crushed roses may trim everywhere.

The newest handkerchiefs have a piece cut out of each corner as deep as the hem and a little side pleating inserted, which rounds the corners prettily.

Plushbags ornamented by a bow or ribbon are carried on the arm and hold the purse and pocket handkerchief. They generally match the dress in color.

Miss Hattie Brown is clerk of the branch office of the United States court at Toledo, O., which position she has acceptably filled for the last three years.

Oriental and Pompadour laces are very cheap, and trim many of the house dresses. They wash nicely and come in an infinite variety of pretty designs.

Eyebrows are made narrow by drawing together with the thumb and forefinger, or better still, with a wet cloth, on which a very little soap has been applied.

Among the new fancies in millinery are bonnets and hats of braid felt. Sometimes the felt braiding is mingled with gold or silver braid or with narrow velvet or chenille.

Rain water is far the best for toilet purposes. It keeps the skin soft and removes dirt without the aid of soap. A tub of it may be caught and kept in the yard or on the roof.

Young ladies who wish to have small mouths are advised to repeat this at frequent intervals during the day. Fanny Finch tried floundering frogs for Francis Fowler's father.

Sunburn is very fashionable, but unless the skin has turned a good clear brown it had best be removed by a nightly application of cucumbers and milk or cold cream. The former is best.

White cashmere wrappers trimmed with Oriental lace and bows of white satin ribbon are worn for the house, both mornings and evenings. Those for morning wear are brightened by clusters of pink or blue ribbon velvet.

In a teteca-tete, a woman speaks in a loud tone to the man she is indifferent to, in a low tone to the one she begins to love and keeps silent with the one she loves. This rule unfortunately does not hold good after marriage.

Bangles, earrings, lace, bars and rings are all put out of sight, except when the toilet worn is appropriate. Silver jewelry is very fashionable, and the Rhine or quartz pebbles are now set in silver in diamond setting, and very fashionably worn.

But little jewelry is worn this season, except in full dress. Ladies traveling wear the collar button, the sleeve buttons, and watch with the merest pendant or guard, passing through the buttonhole to keep the watch from sliding through. The pendants are oddly pretty, but so opposed are ladies to jewelry that often this is tucked inside the front of the waist.

Tucks and plaitings have by no means abdicated their lengthy region, but on the contrary, have this season multiplied indefinitely Clusters of tiny tucks are seen upon the flounces of dresses of every description, from the driest muslin to the heaviest Lyons silk and the latest device in nun's veiling and cashmere.

We are promised a great change in fashion this fall. Manifold draperies are to be tabooed; all puffed drapings must go. The princess is to be brought into favor, and as a novelty, the back is to be carried down where the plaits can be formed, and thus carried nearly to the foot and if a draped basque the skirt is to be finished all around in deep hollow plaits.

Surahs are a useful, reliable and superior fabric, and especially the American surah, which has come to be so trustworthy in point of wear as to be exported in immense quantities, the amount sent out increasing almost treble every season for the last four years Merchants in this city claim that it will outwear cashmere, serge or silk warp Henrietta cloth, and have recommended it this year for both traveling dresses and traveling wraps, as a material which rain will not harm nor dust adhere to. It is extensively used for linings from its being so excessingly firm yet light even in the cheap grades.

French ladies have suddenly taken to Italian styles in dress, which have proved remarkably becoming and effective. Red in every tone and combination is made use of, and it, as has always been said by Parisians, we are just a year behind them in fashion, next summer we will see our fashionable resorts aglean with red tollets of every description, from darkest garnet to brilliant fiery Pharaoh red, and the erratic young lady of fashion's own who goes to the last extreme and dons an entire toilet made up of the latter shade, will have to be looked at and admired through a piece of smoked glass.

The Chinese Puzzle.

O, bring me a map of the seat of war,
I hear the guns on the river Min,
I want to see where the missiles tore—
Through far Foo-chow with a devil's din.

Just show me Ke-lung and Sinon-choo,
And wherd, O where is Kin-te-ching,
Chow-choo, Chang-chow, and where Cho-oo
Is Hing-wha far from old Yen-ping.

I yearn to know of Hie-chis-chin;
I yearn to see the high Nan-ling;
However will the French get in?
To Kiang-si or view Toong-ting.

So, bring me a map of the seat of war,
I want to learn while the fight is young,
And while I'm looking for one name more,
I'll pray for the ladies of the great Quang tung.

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

It is about time for the summer hotels to pull down their blinds.

September oyster jokes have been scorched by the hot wave.

It is a doubtful compliment to your milkman to tell him his milk makes your mouth water.

A Wall street broker, prominent and very wealthy previous to the recent panic, has applied for and accepted a position on the New York police force. His principal duties now, as heretofore, will be "roping them in."

Five hundred rats undertook to devour a tramp sleeping in an old ware house in Norfolk; but they didn,t know their man. He killed over 200 with a club and melted the hearts of the others by telling how the Chicago fire reduced him to poverty.—[Detroit Free Press.

When Mrs. Pinaphor read that "Foo Chow had fallen," she said this might be good news to those who liked the stuff, but she wouldn't buy the mixture if it were to fall to three cents a quart. It is supposed the good woman was thinking of chow-chow.—[Norristown Herald.

Two citizens in Ukiah recently struggled for the posessson of a watermelon. The stronger of the twain was victorious, and was about to walk off with the prize when his antagonist pulled a knife and stabbed him to the heart. Danger lurks in the watermelon from every conceivable point of view. The safest plan is to eat clams.—[San Francisco News-Letter.

A man in Southern Arkansaw wrote the following notice and tacked it on a tree: "This here is to notify merchants not to low my wife to get nothin at thar stors on credit fur me an' hur have played quits fur she's a caution. I lived with her as long as I could an' i don't believe she could get along with a saint. this is also to notify folks interested in the cause of eddycation that i am going to take up school at the old Beson place next Monday.—[Arkansaw Traveler.

There is a young lady who lives next door to Blogg's house, and while Blogg had company the other evening she was heard in her endeavors to extort music from a piano. "Our neighbor's daughter is a very good player," remarked Blogg, affably, during a pause in the conversation. "Her time is a little slow," was the critical response of Blogg's caller, who happened to be a connoisseur in music. "Yes," said Blogg, "her young man is there, and very likely she has set the clock back.—[Lowell Citizen.

"I understand that you have stopped practising," said the secretary of state to an eminent colored physician. "Yas, sah, 'cluded to gin up de trade an' go ter preachin'. In dis country dar ain't no munney to be made in practisin' o' medicine. W'y sah, ef I had er voted my time ez close to ter suthin' else ez I has ter dis business I won'd er been putty well off by dis time. Ober two thirds of my patients neber paid me, sah." "Why didn't you sue them?" "'Touldn' done no good, 'case da wuz dead, sah. I got de wus' class o' patients. None o' 'em neber had no health and constituton."—Arkansas Traveler.

He Leads Us On.

He leads us on
By paths we do not know,
Upward he leads us, though our steps be slow,
Though oft we faint and falter on the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day.

Yet when the clouds are gone
We know he leads us on.

He leads us on
Through all the unquiet years;
Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears
He guides our steps. Through all the tangled mass
Of sin, of sorrow, and o'er clouded days
We know his will is done
And still he leads us on.

And He, at last,
After the weary strife,
After the restless fever we call life.
After the dreariness, the aching pain,
The wayward struggles which have proved in vain,

After our toils are past,
Will give us rest at last.
—Golden Hour.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Rhea will eat Thanksgiving dinner with Detroit friends.

Mr. John McCulloch will open his season in "Virginius" at Milwaukee.

Maggie Mitchell will shortly appear in Fred Williams' new four act play, "Midget."

Mr. Gus Williams will play "Captain Mishler" this week at the People's Theatre, Cincinnati.

Miss Zelda Seguin Wallace will sing with the Ford Opera company during the current season.

Kate Castleton has revived "All at Sea," and is playing her company toward New York from California.

Mr. Frank Mayo has made a decided success at the Walnut Square Theatre, Philadelphia, with his new play "Nordeck."

Helen Williams, a young New York lady, has made her appearance it the Folies Dramatique, Paris, under the stage name of Helene Duvray.

Mr. Wilson Barrett's much expected appearance as Hamlet will be made at the Princess' Theatre, London, in the course of the autumn, with Miss Eastlake as Ophelia.

Miss Effie Ellsler, Mr. Frank Weston and Harry Lee are meeting with a fair degree of success in their western tour. They appear in "Called Back" in San Francisco next month.

According to a late letter from London Irving's American company for the present season is not to be compared to the first company he brought. This time he is coming to make money.

"Hazel Kirke" will be given at the Park Theatre, Boston, on the 22d inst., with Miss Annie Russell, Miss Sidney Cowell, Mr. Couldock, Mr. de Wolf Hopper and Mr. George Clarke in the cast.

Mme. Patti made her first appearance at Mrs. Brougham's Boudoir, on Broadway, November 24, 1859, and she proposes to celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of that event by reappearing at the Academy on the same date next November in "Lucia" with the veteran Brignoli as the fascinating hero.

Sardou's new play, written for Sarah Bernhardt, will be produced for the first time in Paris in November. Mme. Bernhardt will appear as Theodora, a demi-mondaine, who afterwards marries her lover, Justinian the Great. The play, it will be observed, is founded upon an incident in Roman history.

General W. S. Hancock's wife has composed a piece, arranged for an orchestra, to be dedicated to Sir Moses Montefiore, in honor of his coming centennial birthday, October 26, when also the entire Masonic fraternity, of which Sir Moses is an honored member, will take appropriate action commemorative of the day.

In May next there will open in London an international exhibition of musical inventions and instruments. The display, which is under the patronage of the queen and prince of Wales, will be held in the exhibition buildings in the royal horticultural gardens, at South Kensington. The first division of the exhibition will include the apparatuses, applications, processes and products invented or put in use since 1762, and the second instruments of music of the present century.

German opera, or opera sung in German, at the New York opera house is a settled institution. Dr. Damrosch cables that he has engaged a full company, including Frau Materna, Fraulein Ella Schmann, Frau Schroeder Hauptangel, Fraulein Marianne Brandt, Herr Anton Scott, Herr Baly, Dr. Krauss, and Herr Adolph Robinson. Herr Hock, the best stage manager in Germany, is also engaged. The season at the Metropolitan will open the 15th of November next, and end Monday, February 10.

Anton Rubenstein is just now engaged upon the completion of the score of a new opera entitled "Der Papagei" (The Parrot). The libretto is from the pen of Herr Hugo Wittmann, and is founded upon a humerous story of Oriental origin. The opera will, it is stated, be first brought out in November next by Director Pollini, of the Hamburg Stadt Theatre, where the same composer's Biblical drama "Sulamith" was also produced for the first time last year under the personal direction of Rubinstein. Both at Antwerp and at Ghent Rubenstein's opera "Nero" is being prepared for the first performance during the coming season.

CONNUBIALITIES.

A Cincinnati girl married her best young man last week after quite a time of it. She broke the engagement, and was engaged to three separate fellows, one after the other, and ended by going back to her first love.

The sensation of the hour in social circles at Ottawa is the elopement of a son of John Carling, postmaster-general, with Eva Pattee, daughter of a wealthy lumberman. Young Carling is only eighteen years of age, and Miss Eva is a mere child.

Curious wedding cards appeared at Guadalajara, Mexico, recently. They read: "The rector of the Catholic Sagrario, Rev. Dr. Barbosa, acting under authority of the archbishop has refused to marry me to Irene Moreno. I have married her according to the civil code, and now have to honor to offer you an invitation to our house on Calle Carmen, No. 31. Gregorio Saavedra."

Gustave Levick, the actor, was married to Miss Ada Bartling, daughter of ex-Mayor Bartling, of Topeka, Kansas, in Jersey City, two or three days ago. The ceremony was a quiet one, and was performed by Rev. Dr. Westfield at his own residence. Charles L. Burnham, of the New York stock exchange, was the groom's "best man." Miss Bartling was formerly a member of the theatrical profession and had appeared in various plays with Mr. Levick.

Various influences are at work to change the fashionable time for getting married from the spring to the autumn, writes Clara Belle. New Yorkers have been accustomed to mate just after Easter, and in the circles of our acutest culture and biggest wealth there are more weddings in a few weeks of the early springtime than during the rest of the year. These matches were sometimes the result of the winter season of dancing and festivities akin to flirtation in town, but not usually. As a rule, they were the climaxes of engagements made in the preceding summer.

The establishment of a "matrimonial exchange" is a late Berlin movement. Its object is the promotion of marriages, for the patriotic purpose of increasing the German people. In the marriage chamber of commerce, single people of all ages, and both sexes meet, and those who fancy each other talk matrimonial matters over in couples, and agree or disagree as the case may be, and nobody hurt. It is a practical proceeding, with no manner of sentiment in it, but such parties are generally in earnest, and mean business. No time is fooled away in moonshine. The object is wedlock, and conversations are directly to the purpose, and sometimes couples join their fortunes upon mutual faith, sometimes references are given and required, and nearly always, if the earnest man or woman sticks to it, the result is a match more or less eligible. The entrance fee to the chamber is $1.50 for Berlinese, and $2.25 for provincials, which entitles them to admission until their object is attained, or all hope is abandoned. All parties contract—in case of their marriage through the agency of the chamber—to pay the association one per cent of their annual income during their wedded lives. This novel chamber of commerce seems to work well in Germany, and may serve the patriotic purpose, while it adds to the general happiness of mankind.

IMPIETIES.

A clergyman named Hoyle was so indiscreet as to register his name at one one of the Boston hotels. Within half an hour afterward no fewer than forty-nine anxious inquirers sent up their cards to his room begging to be informed if a flush royal couldn't get away with four aces.

Mrs. Fogg—"Our dear minister is back again, and it is perfectly splendid to hear him talk about the places he has visited in Europe. His sermons are quite as interesting as a foreign tour." Fogg—"Yes, I suppose so; it was in the agreement." Mrs. Fogg—"What do you mean?" Fogg—"Why your dear minister is paying up. I supposed you knew he got a pass through Europe on condition that he should preach the old country up after he got home."—Boston Transcript.

It had been a time of long drought, and the people of the church at Wayback had decided to meet together to pray for rain. It was a notable assembly, and several fervent petitions were put up, when Deacon Growler took the floor. After a lengthy prayer the deacon concluded as follows:

"Now Lord, don't yo to overdoing it and send a big shower and root up all our taters, and cut down all our corn; but send us a kinder sorter sizzly sozzly rain, that'll do lots er good and no harm.—Boston Globe.

Brudder Sambo—"Brudder Mose, you knows nigh 'bout eberything; will you sidain to de bredren what makes de sound ob de wind?" Brudder Mose—"Well, my bredren, de inspired scripters done tole us dat God an' His angels are eberywhar; now I low dat de soun' ob de wind is done made by deir wings." Young Brudder Pete—"Must be a powful bird what fanned up dat cyclone." Brudder Mose (with great dignity)—"De nex' miscristian, unorthobox remark like jest perfe-trated by Brudder Pete, will tote de one what makes it outer dis vere Bible class."

"My dear, did you hear that Deacon S. fell asleep during the sermon last Sunday and tumbled out of his pew?"

"I did not," she said.

"Yes, it's fact. The deacon is a very lucky man."

"Why?" she asked.

"Because when he fell out of his pew he struck aisle, you know."

Then she looked at him, and the more she looked the more uncomfortable he got. Finally he could stand it no longer.

"My dear," he said, humbly, "I beg your pardon. A religious matter of that nature is not a fit subject for jesting."—[New York Sun.

The Salvation Army is now waging a warefare in Boston against grammar and culture. The circulars announcing the meetings read as follows:

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