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SINCE SHE WENT HOME.

The twilight shadows linger longer here.

The winter days may gray the circling year.

For even summer winds are chill and drear—

Since she went home.

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The robin's note has touched a minor strain.

The old glad song repeats a sad refrain.

And laughter sobs with hidden, bitter pain—

Since she went home.

Since she went home—

How still the empty room her presence blessed.

Untouched the pillow that her dear head pressed;

My mourning heart finds no place for its rest—

Since she went home.

Since she went home—

The long, long days have crept away like years.

The sunlight has been dimmed with doubts and fears.

And the dark nights have wept in lonely tears—

Since she went home.

—Robert Burdette, in National Magazine for October.

More than 400,000 pianos are built in this country annually.

Value, nearly \$70,000,000.

A new Minnesota law requiring the safeguarding of machinery became effective last month.

Fuel oil consumption this year by the United States navy is estimated at 30,000,000 gallons.

One Idaho county has more than 50 boys and girls organized in sewing, cooking, potato and corn club work.

Imports from the United States into Belgium in 1912, amounted to \$79,865,997, as compared with \$65,894,639 in 1911.

An English sportsman works his automobile and yacht in combination.

When the latter is aboard it drives the boat.

The trolley lines of Great Britain during 1912 carried 3,127,000,000 passengers on 13,000 cars and 2,642 miles of track.

The largest motor vessel in the world is the Siam, recently built at Copenhagen, with a displacement of 13,200 tons.

During the first seven months of this year 263,390 persons left the United Kingdom for permanent residence outside of Europe.

While there are no reliable statistics of the pastoral industry in Brazil, it is estimated that there are 37,000,000 cattle in that country.

Mrs. Marie Louise Elkins de Guigne is to receive a Christmas present of \$354,646.67 from the estate of her grandfather, William L. Elkins.

Mrs. Clara La Tourelle Larsson, daughter of an Oregon pioneer, was recently elected mayor of Troutdale, Ore., with a plurality of five votes.

Large deposits of sulphur have been found in southern Texas and are to be developed in a similar manner to the development of the Louisiana sulphur fields.

Mayor Mitchell of New York is obliged to defer his initiation into the "Don't Worry Club." He has about 3,000 jobs to dispense around the first of the year.

Pool and bowling alleys in the basement of school buildings is being urged in Cleveland. Probably the authors of the idea need relaxation from the strain on their domes.

Hats off to the American duchess "loafing around the throne" of Britain! May Geisel of New York, now the duchess of Roxburghe, has been appointed "mistress of the robes" by Queen Mary.

There are only seven thousand stars visible to the naked eye, say astronomers.

We saw more than that number the first time we put on a pair of skates.

Keep your mouth closed. The moment you open it too wide the Damp-Proof Microbe pops in and makes you want to bray like a jackass, says a noted paragrapher.

Prisoners in the Ohio penitentiary eat their meals to the accompaniment of orchestra music. This kind of music is said to go well with boiled cabbage and fat pork.

When a couple are newly married, they feel as if they would devour each other. After the lapse of a year or so, they regret that they did not follow their first inclination.

Mme. Kin Seno is the only woman to have been elected a bank president in Japan. In taking the position she was fulfilling the wish of her husband, who died several years ago.

Chief John Kenlon of the New York City fire department recently attracted attention by wearing to a fire a napkin which he had left his noonday meal too hurriedly to take off.

Captain Charles E. Halsey, who for more than half a century was master of whaling vessels and sailed around the world twenty-two times, died recently in Orange, N. J. He was 90 years old.

A minister testified not long since that he passed sixteen saloons within a radius of three blocks in Chicago. Had he been a sailor or a free lunch fiend he would have passed none of them.

Army guns all over Christendom will soon be longer of barrel, shoot straighter, farther and swifter than ever before. The old ones shot straight, swift and far enough heretofore to suit the man in front of it.

Several decades ago there were more than forty million bootjacks in America, and today there is not one. The universal wearing of shoes relegated the bootjack to the woodpile. A few million were hurled at the midnight cat.

It is told in history that the maids of ancient Sparta wore their gowns slit to the hips. Now you know the origin of the expression Spartan courage—the courage required to peep at one of those dames when she went out walking.

One of the big mail order houses of Chicago cleared \$3,822,610 last year. The likelihood is that some of its employees were paid as much as from \$2 to \$5 per week. Most of this money made by this firm came from the pockets of confiding people hundreds of miles away, who did not care to spend their money at home.

The two self-propelling railway cars acquired in England by the khedive of Egypt have arrived in Alexandria. One car for the khedive's personal use consists of observation room, a sitting room, a bedroom and usual offices; the other for his staff contains sixteen second-class and thirty third-class places and a luggage van.

Some of the brightest, most piquant faces we ever beheld were covered with freckles. One brilliant young lady whom we knew in our youth, and who was a leading belle in an Eastern city for many seasons, used to declare that her freckles were a valuable adjunct to her personal appearance, and that without them she would be bereft of half her power to charm. There are spots on the sun; why should there not be spots on the daughters?

The village of Keowatin, Minn., with a population of but seven hundred, has one of the handsomest systems of ornamental street lighting to be found anywhere. The progressive spirit in this little town as evidenced by the installation of a Great White Way in its business section is to be heartily commended. Twenty powerful lamps, of the ornamental luminous arc type, have been installed on alternate sides of the main street, making that thoroughfare almost as light as day.

WASTE OF POULTRY PRODUCTS. With poultry constantly increasing in price, and with the cold storage houses constantly being blamed, it is interesting, at least, to look at the other side. It appears that much of the dressed poultry prepared for the market is spoiled and utterly wasted because the poultry men will not take advantage of the modern conveniences for cold storage. The department of agriculture maintains a poultry demonstration car which goes over the country giving object lessons in how to take care of dressed poultry for the market. But these lessons are not heeded as they should be.

The unseasonably warm weather just before Thanksgiving day caused the spoilage and destruction of thousands and thousands of dressed turkeys simply because proper precautions were not taken.

The dressed turkeys condemned and destroyed in New York alone in Thanksgiving week represented a loss of more than \$100,000 and the market inspectors in almost every eastern city reported at that time that the dressed poultry on sale was largely unfit for human consumption.

Proper use of refrigeration cars and storages would have prevented this waste.

OUR NATIONAL LIBRARY.

The rapid growth of the library of congress during the past year indicates that it soon will outdistance its two rivals, the British museum and the National Library of France and become the "biggest" library in the world. It long ago became the most valuable, since its treasures are so much more available than those of the two great European libraries. In either of them it requires from four hours to four days to get a certain book on application. In the library of congress one is privileged to "kick" if the desired book be not produced in fifteen minutes.

The library, so magnificently housed at Washington, now contains 2,128,255 books and pamphlets, 135,223 maps and charts, 630,799 volumes and pieces of music and 360,949 art prints and engravings. The manuscripts are not numbered, perhaps because they are numberless. The book accessions of the year total 115,862 volumes, more than ever added in any one year preceding except in 1909 when a large Russian collection was added and in 1912 when several large private libraries were donated.

PUTTING WIRES OUT OF SIGHT.

In the good old days it was customary to string above the city streets all the wires for electric light and power, telephone and telegraph, fire and burglar alarms, etc. In time the sky was almost obscured by a gigantic cobweb of wires of all sizes and shapes, sagging from pole to pole and now and then short-circuiting to the despair of patrons.

A large number of the cities in this country have already taken steps to eliminate all overhead wires. In the main streets such wires are laid in underground conduits where they are out of the way, out of sight and less apt to be injured by storms and other accident. Whenever you see a gang of workmen hauling a lead-covered wire cable into a hole in the street you may be certain that a new installation of electric wires is being put in. The lead cable is really a number of insulated wires twisted into a cable and covered with a continuous sheet of lead to keep out moisture and to armor it against damage when it is being drawn into the conduit. With jointed rods a light rope is first drawn into the conduit from one manhole to another. With the aid of this rope a larger and stronger rope is drawn into place and this in turn is secured to the end of the cable and cable drawn in with a winch.

LIQUOR INCREASES COST OF LIVING.

A new angle has been found to the liquor business. A news report sent from Peoria points out that liquor consumes in the making 132,000,000 bushels of grain, which reduces the amount available for food supply just to that extent. This is described as "a rat hole in the granary."

In 1912 there was used for the making of liquor twenty-three million bushels of corn, five and a half million bushels of rye, over four million bushels of barley and many thousand bushels of other grains.

It is pointed out in this connection that we enact laws seeking to prevent the slaughter of wild game in order that it may not become extinct. We apply this to the fish, also. Now, asks this writer, why should we not apply a similar principle to the needless waste of a necessary article of food?

In 1896, it is pointed out, the number of barrels of beer produced in the United States was 35,859,250; in 1912, 62,176,694; in 1896 the number of gallons of distilled spirits produced in the United States was 89,992,555; in 1912, 175,417,469; in 1896 the amount of corn consumed in the manufacture of liquor was 13,497,669 bushels; in 1912, corn and other grains, 32,784,104 bushels.

It is argued in this connection that if farmers fed their grain to hogs and cattle meat would become more plentiful and therefore more available for boys and girls who need muscle producing foods.

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THE NEWSPAPER.

It is not an easy matter to remove the newspaper from the bargain counter. There is nothing on the market so inexpensive as a good newspaper. There is nothing an intelligent person can buy and receive so much for his money, says the Sioux City Journal. The newspaper is marked down to such a pittance that very many people cling to the impression that it is a small matter if they get it for nothing, on straight or crooked lines. The modern newspaper renders very great service. It is wonderful how the news of the world is gathered and presented morning and evening. The operation has become commonplace. And yet only a few years ago the facilities now employed to bring the ends of the earth together were unknown. Nothing of large consequence can transpire anywhere on the earth or on the sea and escape the observation of the magicians serving the press. The cost of the service is distributed by means of a system of co-operation unrivaled in other business activities. The first harness put upon electricity was a great contrivance, and great because of the wonderful possibilities of which it gave the barest hint. Electricity has revolutionized the newspaper, and to surprising extent it has revolutionized commerce. There is no dream of the future that may not become real. But the thought is that there is nothing so cheap, considering cost and manifold detail of service, as the modern newspaper. If there was nothing better than the newspaper of seventy-five years ago it would be impossible to boast of the greatness of our country or to be informed in time to enlist interest of what might be happening in the next country. The newspaper, cheap as it is, is a great civilization; it is a great agent in the business of putting people's heads together; it is a mighty force for the betterment of nations, and for the bringing together in amity all the peoples of the earth. Just think what a measly sum is involved in the price! Eh? You are a reader and paid? Good for you.

Plutarch on Silt Skirt.

Collier's Weekly: We must re-read Plutarch. We must re-read some of the other so-called classics—and not for antiquity's sake, either. Thomas Owen, of Topeka, informs us (on the stationery of the Kansas Farmer's advertising department) that we are centuries old in saying the silt skirt is only 1,200 years old. Speaking of Lycurgus and Lawgiver and his times, Plutarch relates (so writes Mr. Owen):

"The skirts of the habit which the virgins wore were not sewed to the bottom, but opened at the sides as they walked, and discovered the thigh, as Sophocles very plainly wrote:

"Still in the light dress struts Hermione, Whose opening folds display the naked thigh."

This passage of Plutarch is well worth looking up for more than details of costume—800 or 900 years before the Christian era. You may read there of the complaint made that women in those times were too bold, too masculine, too prone to make themselves mistresses of the houses they inhabited; and even "they wanted a share in the affairs of state." Aristophanes satirized feminism in a comedy that is now twenty-three centuries old—and still acted: if you have time to do only "timely" reading, you would better cut out the periodicals and read the Greeks. To them we owe

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(wrote Wilde) "whatever is modern in our life"—including the silt skirt. DENMARK. The death of Mrs. John Bengston last Thursday evening cast a gloom over the community for the Christmas holidays. She was a much beloved woman but her last months have been full of suffering. The funeral was held Sunday, December 21, at the Congregational church, at 2 p. m. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all. The young people who have been away at college are coming home today and there is a great deal of coming and going. Those at the public school who made grade at recitation and excused from all examinations were: Fourth grade, Winifred Flint and Olive Henn, Fifth grade, Mildred Wharton and Louise Henn. The sixth grade were all requested to take the geography examination but John Henn of that grade made recitations that excused him from all other examinations and has an average of 94 per cent in geography. Mr. Henry Henn and son, Samuel, took Mrs. Westoff and Miss Kittle to West Point yesterday. Professor Westoff left yesterday for a visit with his mother at Downing, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henn are Ft. Madison callers today. Word has been received here of the death of Mr. Rankin of Burlington, Iowa. His wife was Miss Hattie Elizabeth Houston of this place. Relatives here intend to attend funeral tomorrow at that place. Mrs. Cora Deamer Smith and sons of DeKalb, Ill. left this morning, after a visit with relatives and friends.

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