

SUNBEAMS.

As they fall on the age-whitened hair,
The sunbeams that sparkle and play,
Gilding castles with splendor about them,

TRUE HEROISM.

Eleanor Gray and Dora Alton were great friends, though two more dissimilar in every way it would be hard to find.

For, while Eleanor was tall, dark, and brilliant with a pale, lily-fair skin; and while Eleanor was vivacious and daring, Dora was shy and quiet.

And yet the roses of pleasure have not been entirely without the thorns that always accompany them.

Five weeks do not constitute a great portion of time, but in them much may happen, and they have sufficed to impart in Dora's gentle heart a something as strong as she knows it is hopeless.

By the terms of the deceased Mr. Gray's will, his friend, Mark Eldridge, a man many years younger than himself, but possessing his utmost confidence, was left executor of his large fortune and guardian to his daughter.

Thus it is that Gray Cottage frequently sees Mr. Eldridge's genial handsome face; and thus it is also that, in listening to his fluent conversation, which opens before her broad vistas of knowledge as well as entertainment, Dora has come to think that not in all the world is another so wise and good, as worthy of a maiden's love.

"I love life too well to face what seems certain death."
"Ah, I, too, love life," Dora said, as she disengaged herself from her friend's clinging arms, "but something draws me on."

"Through I knew I should never return, I should go."
Out in the storm and darkness Dora hurries.

The winds beat against her, now pushing her back, now urging her forward, until at length she stands upon the brink of the little river that ripples so innocently and cheerily along under a sunny sky, but whose waves now are leaping and tossing their foam-crests like mad things.

"Come back! Dora, Dora, come back!" calls Eleanor's voice from the terrace above.

But she does not heed.
Steadily she goes onward, but, oh, so slowly! oftentimes slipping, and on the very edge of falling into the treacherous water, whose inky blackness only seems the denser when, for a few seconds, the glare of the lightning shows her what progress she is making.

She has gained the center of the stream.
Her slight form is trembling with the combined effect of the cold, which strikes through her dripping garments, and the bodily exertions she has been compelled to make to keep her footing upon the slippery rocks.

Will she be able to reach the other side?
Bravely she struggles on, and at length the goal is reached, and her feet touch the other shore.

A short while later the telegraph operator, leaning idly back in his chair in his warm office, is startled by the entrance of a small, dripping figure, looking with its disheveled hair and pallid face, like a visitant from some ghostly sphere.

THE GREAT PINERIES.

What Influence They Have Had on the Country's Progress—An Interesting Article.
Chicago, Cor. S. V. Tribune.

Of the more than 2,000,000,000 feet of yellow pine lumber that yearly reaches the docks and yards of Chicago, nearly all comes from the western half of Michigan, the northern peninsula of the same State and the Green Bay districts of Eastern Wisconsin.

The yearly demand calls for 7,000,000,000 feet of lumber, and it must be met by a supply.
The energy of money has grasped the logging industry, and dispenses with the agency of forest.

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Broad flanged wheels run on this rude track, and bear up immense loads of logs and convey them from the stump to the water with a great saving of power.

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An important factor in this great agency is the fact that a water way existed between the forests and the prairies.

White pine is a light and portable timber, eminently adapted to the wants of new settlers, easily worked by partly skilled labor.
It has furnished a material for the building of homes, the improvement of farms, the sudden growth of cities and villages, and by its means an empire has been created, as it were, in a day.

Recent estimates of the quantity and value of standing pine have become very different from what they were ten or twelve years ago.
Now estimates are made as to quantity on a basis of eight inches in diameter and upward, and all the standing pine is reckoned,

be it never so far from stream or lake-side.
The demand for lumber has wrought the change in regard to size, and the new method of logging by pole and iron railroad has brought the remotest pine within reach of mills and market.

In the earlier days of the lumber industry of the north snow was relied upon for moving logs from the stump to the stream or lake, and is still to a large extent.
But in Michigan the demand for raw material to feed the mills has become so urgent that snow and frost are elements too flimsy to base a year's operations upon.

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Carl Undercochur's Prov pos.

It's better you look a leedle ouf, quicker as you jump.
If de first times you don't suckseed, dry suckin' eggs.

Dree of a kind beats two pair—except in babies.
Necessity was a sewing machine's modder—dot's vat I heerd a minstrel man say, so I guess no needer.

De early vorn is sure to got gobbed up. Ve are all vorns.
A stitch in a man's bants saves nine tams.

A pretty girl was de modder von sin. I love mine modder.
Dot fader vas purty vey rot don't got mixed up about his own child.

Honesty vas de seat von justice, Dot's vat, but justice has been standin' up for some time.
Lofo your neighbors yust so much like youself—especially if she vas got lookin' good.

It vas easier von a needle to gone drough a camel's hair shawl as for Heaven to got into de soul von a rich mans.

A fool mit some money vas like some married beoples—dey vas soon divorced.

In the New York Herald we lately observed mention of the speedy cure of Thoudike Davis, Esq., of the great ink firm, 127 William street, New York, of rheumatic gout by St. Jacobs Oil—St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press.

A needle manufactory has been established in Brooklyn, and is the only one in the country, all needles being made by machinery.
They are made by machinery, which will be the first attempt of the kind. The manufacture has been entirely by hand and requires many operations; the conversion of the wire into rough needles requires twenty, the tempering and annealing nine, polishing five, which are repeated seven or eight times, and sorting five. The Brooklyn enterprise will, it is to be hoped, prove a success.

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