

## Selected Miscellany.

### ONE DAY SOLITARY.

BY E. T. BROWDER.  
I am all right! Good, by old chap!  
Twenty-four hours, that's not long!  
Nothing to do but to take a nap.  
—And say, can a fellow sing a song?  
Will the light fantastic be along?  
A fellow singing on your parlor door?  
Are the roses and the pines and the  
—Be quiet! All right!—sing along goes the door!

Clang, clang, the bells! and I am locked in.  
Some plump fellow, I suppose, for I just begin  
To perceive the stinging in the fall of my sentence—  
—One day when I was in the land of the living—  
Here I am at the end of my journey.  
—And, well, it is the best, no more to live!  
I'd to trouble that sharp arrow!

He took my money, the very last dollar—  
—Did he leave me so much as a dime?  
Not enough to buy me a paper collar!  
—To wear at my trial, he knew all the time  
—That I was a fellow who had been in the  
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Then didn't it put me into a fury.  
To see him step and go, and leave me here  
With the county attorney, and joke with the  
—When all was over, then go for his heart!  
—While Sue was sobbing to break his heart,  
—And I could do nothing to help her!  
He had played my cause—had he played his care!  
—And he had left me here, and left me here!

It's dull to think how, just yesterday,  
The world goes on, and on, and on,  
—And follows will play at the same old game  
Of go-and-quit-to-morrow, next year!  
—And I could do nothing to help her!  
He had played my cause—had he played his care!  
—And he had left me here, and left me here!

And Sue—yes, she will forget me too!  
—I know—already her tears are drying.  
—So easy as laughing and crying and crying.  
—These broken hearts in that next wild cry!  
—But she'll be going to sit and weep  
—While I am at work on a five-year term!

They'll not me to learn a word, no doubt;  
—I must forget to speak or smile.  
—One of a silent, stinging smile.  
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Was I born for this? Will the old folks know?  
—I can see them now on the old home place!  
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him, Nellie's red lips compressed again, and her brown eyes wore the same look they had worn yesterday.

"War it is, then," she said to herself. "Now Master Tom, we shall see who wins the field."

She sat quietly about her morning's work, and when Tom came home, she put everything in its usual good order. It remained so, and Nellie busied herself with her sewing until nearly time for Tom to return to supper.

Then she arose, put away her work, and prepared to open the campaign.

First, she put Tom's slippers where he always left them, under the sofa. Then she tossed the shawl upon the piano, and his best hat upon the center-table.

Next, she took some of her dresses and flung them across the chairs and on the sofa. Her fur and sash were in Tom's special arm-chair, and then she took Tom's slippers and company under the sofa, while her own slippers lay on the mantel.

Then, thinking that feminine ingenuity could make no greater sacrifice than her Sunday bonnet, she sat down to combing.

Presently the door opened, and in walked Master Tom. He gave a low whistle of surprise as he glanced at the unusual disorder, and at Nellie's calm face in the midst with her crochet work, and then came into the room.

"Oh, my dear Nellie," he asked, "what's the matter?"

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### The Fifth Avenue Hotel Horror.

New York, December 11.  
A fire broke out in the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night, shortly after eleven o'clock, on the second floor. The staircases upon which the stairways were at the back of the house, leading from the laundry in the basement to the servants' rooms on the attic floor. The flames ran rapidly up the stairway, which operated as a chimney, there being no opening from it except at the top and bottom. It ate up the staircases and charred the surrounding walls, reaching the open space into which the rooms of the hotel opened, where it burst into its fiercest flames.

The flames in their passage did little damage until they reached the corridor at the top, the draught through the narrow passage, and the flames ran up the stairs, and making them more destructive. As they went on they spread over the walls, and reaching the ceiling, they descended upon the rooms, and the servants' rooms were all consumed.

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### General News Summary.

In the Senate, on the 13th, a note was read from the Vice-President, stating that he would be absent for a few days. Mr. Anthony was chosen President pro tempore. A substitute for the House bill to authorize the construction of six steam vessels of war was reported from the Naval Committee. The substitute authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to construct six steam vessels of war of such class or classes as he may deem most desirable for the service.

Information has been received in London that the eighty persons who were believed to have perished by the stranding of the emigrant ship Franklin, from Hamburg for San Francisco, off the coast of Iceland, had been rescued.

Viscountess Beaufort, wife of Rt. Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, died in London on the 13th.

At an open-air meeting at Stockton, England, on the 15th, in favor of Fenianism, the English and Welsh present charged on the platform, and capturing the Irish flag, trampled them in the mud.

The Japanese Government employs in the interior about 200 foreigners—Americans, 41; English, 19; French, 69.

Large tracts of land in Leicestershire were inundated. In Derbyshire snow fell to the depth of two feet. At Grimsby a heavy rain was a hurricane, and many casualties were reported.

Fourteen ringleaders in the disorderly demonstration at the Fenian meeting at Stockton, England, have been imprisoned for various terms.

In the Lower House of the Spanish Cortes, on the 15th, President Zorrilla declared it to be the wish of the Cortes to suspend the decree for the abolition of slavery in Porto Rico. He also announced the suppression of the Carlist insurrection, and the proclamation of a state of siege in the country.

The House, on the 15th, a resolution was adopted calling on the Postmaster-General for certain information concerning postal cards, postage stamps, and an amendment was proposed to the bill to reorganize the collection of duties on imports.

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men of about his size and build, in which he alluded to the similarity in their physical structure, and sought to induce each of them to go to the laboratory and test a new gas he was using.

A Columbia (S. C.) dispatch of the 17th says the alleged bribery cases against John J. Patterson, Senator-elect, had been heard at Paducah, capital, \$100,000; Third National Bank, Urbana, Illinois, capital, \$50,000.

The second trial of Edward S. Stokes for the murder of Flisk was begun on the 18th. Three jurors were retained.

Hon. William V. Wright, of Portland, has been nominated by the Governor to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court of Maine.

Resolutions condemning the course of Senator Sumner in introducing a bill into the United States Senate to remove all inscriptions relating to the rebellion from the army registers and National regimental flags, were passed by the Massachusetts Legislature on the 18th. The vote in the House was 104 yeas to 76 nays; in the Senate, yeas 29, nays 9.

The New Hampshire State Temperance Convention, held at Concord on the 18th, nominated Rev. John Blackman for Governor, and Asa S. Kendall for Railroad Commissioner. Prohibitory resolutions were adopted. Nominations for Congress were made as follows: First District, Rev. A. G. Corning; Second District, J. M. Fletcher; Third District, George W. Apple.

Measures, Billan & Associates, of Cairo, who claim to have recently had \$20,000 stolen from them, and who were subsequently arrested by the Federal Marshal on a charge of having been guilty of the theft, have been required to give bail in the sum of \$100,000.

On the evening of the 17th a sharp shock of an earthquake was felt at Virral, Cal., but no damage was done.

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Virginia from Charlottesville to Wheeling passed the House on the 17th, by a vote of 38 to 30.

Edward A. Pollard, the editor and author, died at Lynchburg, Va., on the 16th, aged forty-five.

The Kellogg Legislature, on the 18th, passed the bill punishing bribery in office. The Court of Impeachment adjourned to the 23d instant.

In his letter of the 14th, to Attorney-General Williams, Attorney-General Ogden, of Louisiana, expressed his regret that he was unable to attend the meeting of the side of the quarrel, and says: "The action of the Executive in recognizing the assembly at Mechanics' Institute in New Orleans as the Legislature of Louisiana, was a mistake."

Speaking of the State election, Mr. Ogden says it "was the most quiet and orderly ever held in the State; not a symptom of quarrel or encounter between the two parties was reported by the police authorities in any direction. The machinery of the State government was in perfect order after the election, and entirely competent to manage its own affairs, and with courts of justice ready to protect the rights of every citizen. By a sudden action of an inferior Federal court, which was a gross usurpation of power, the State Government is completely overthrown, the State officers are removed, and a government enacted whose officers the people have never chosen."

The California Diamond Bubble.

For several weeks past the papers have been filled with accounts of the discovery of diamonds, rubies, sapphires and other precious stones in the State of California.

The wonderful region, where the gems were to be found almost as thick as blackberries, was in the State of California.

The fortunate discoverers brought to San Francisco a large number of specimens, which excited the curiosity and interest of everybody.

It was then announced that they had arranged, by purchase and prepayment, to send the specimens to the State of California, and that they would be made accessible to all the jewels that were accessible.

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