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### OLD FRIENDS.

There are no friends like the old friends.

World wander as we may.

The heart grows young at the mystic spell.

And love at its ebb takes a wondrous swell.

As we drink from memory's dear old well.

And live over our life's young day.

There are no friends like the old friends,

Though scores of years away

There's a fresh-blown flower, and a perfume rare.

That steals on the breath of the evening air.

And ege is lifted of grief and care.

With the friends of life's young day.

There are no friends like the old friends.

When we drink the sweet white wine  
Of life's fresh draught, and we feel the thrill

Of a unadvised purpose our great heart's fill.

Led on by the force of a boundless will.

The aroma of love's sweet wine.

There are no friends like the old friends.

Who have wandered on before;

In songs still haur we hear them call;

Almost we hear their footsteps fall;

And we are comforted, all.

To the dear old friends of yore. —[Sat.]

### Pupils Poor Spellers.

In spite of the fact that during the past two months there has been a general effort made by all the professors in Northwestern university to have the students put special study on the subject of spelling, a

more discouraging showing has just made in a series of tests, and the faculty fear that the average university student is destined to be a poor speller. In a test examination in the elementary class in English only twenty in the more than sixty pupils in the class succeeded in passing above the required average. The showing is nothing short of disgraceful, and it should be a warning of the fact that modern day "fads" have spoiled our schools. In the days of old-fashioned spelling bees when the whole school would line up along the walls to be "spelled down," the boy or girl who stayed on the floor the longest won an honor the whole school envied and, incidentally, that boy or girl was learning how to spell. Nowadays they are too busy with their foolish "fads" to pay attention to anything so commonplace as spelling, and the showing made by the students in the Ecunston university points out the result. When notice of the result of the examination was posted on the college bulletin board the whole university was shocked and now that the professors are telling of some of the details of the contest. The failure the whole country the country is surprised, and in fact the several word "through" was not spelled word by fully a third of the class, and several "faciliats gave it as there." The word "judgment" was missed by half of the class, and many other common words were spelled in a manner nothing short of disgraceful. Every school, college and university in the country should follow in the footsteps of Northwestern university, and give this matter an investigation, followed by a special school of instruction in spelling for every student.—Iowa State Register.