

LOVE.

The sweetness of love is dreaming Sweet dreams that will never come true...

Oh! fate, awake me not! Sweet dreams, forsake me not! Shine on, fair star, in love's beautiful blue...

The sorrow of loving is waking To a world that is withered and old. With the star of hope swiftly forsaking...

ONLY A FRIEND.



OR years I had known her. - Years? Yes, since my childhood. Playmates we had been...

She was not a beauty as the world terms them, but the kindly smile and true character her face reflected were more beautiful to me than perfect features...

The house was reached, and as we entered I thought I had never seen her looking so well. Her eyes were bright and sparkling, and the cold, crisp air brought a rich damask to her round cheeks...

"Elsie, angry with me, no" - as she tried to free herself - "you shall listen - angry with one who loves you better than his life, yes, better than all the whole world besides, and whose one ambition is to make you his wife?"

"Love you?" she reiterated; "love you; when have I not loved you; but not like that, Ralph; not like that; I could never be your wife."

"Elsie, is there some one else?" Trembling, she stood there in the semi-darkness. I could see how agitated she was as I caught the faint whisper: "Yes."

Then, indeed, hope died within me, and she continued: "Ralph, dear friend, forget this. Let us be as we always have been, true friends. Don't," she pleaded, "let this spoil our friendship."

ed. They were within a few steps of the door when, as though to add to the panic, the lights were turned off. I started forward. "Elsie," I heard him say, "are you afraid? Will you trust yourself to me?"

QUEER STORIES

A big battle ship has on board an electric plant capable of lighting a town of 5,000 inhabitants. The desert of Sahara is as large as all that portion of the United States lying west of the Mississippi.

There have been 71,000 deaths from plague in India so far, according to a recent report by the secretary for India to Parliament. An officer has brought to England from the Malay States a sludang, a kind of wild bison, said to be the only one of the species in captivity.

The great barrier reef along the coast of Australia is about 1,500 miles long, the work of coral insects. Sometimes it rises almost perpendicularly from a depth of 1,200 fathoms. Two ceremonies in Burma mark when childhood stops and manhood or womanhood begins.

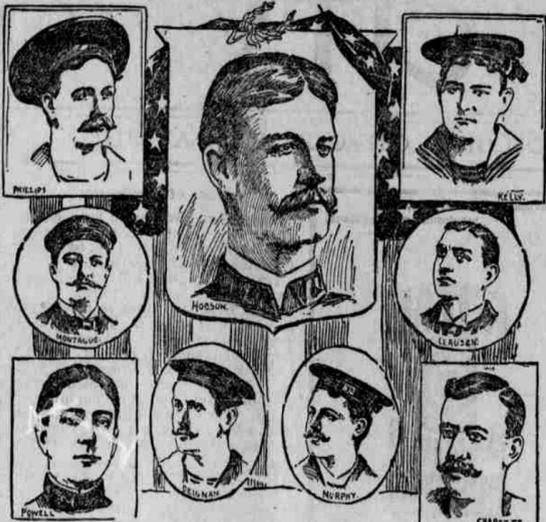
The recent recovery of some remains of the famous trirames of the Emperor Tiberius, which lie at the bottom of Lake Nemi, is of great interest both to artists and antiquaries. The Lake of Nemi, which is situated about seventeen miles southeast of Rome, is formed by the crater of an extinct volcano.

There are many stories afloat among naval men who believe in "hoodoos" that the Maine was unlucky from the day she was completed, says the New York Tribune. It is said the greatest care was taken in her construction, as the naval board was rather suspicious of the way previous contractors had filled the orders of the government.

Parts of a Locomotive. In the formation of a single locomotive engine there are nearly 6,000 pieces to be put together, and these require to be as accurately adjusted as the works of a watch.

Imitation may be the sincerest flattery, but more men acquire wealth by doing as they see others do not do. Much of the experience a man gets comes too late to benefit him.

HOBSON AND HIS LITTLE BAND OF HEROES.

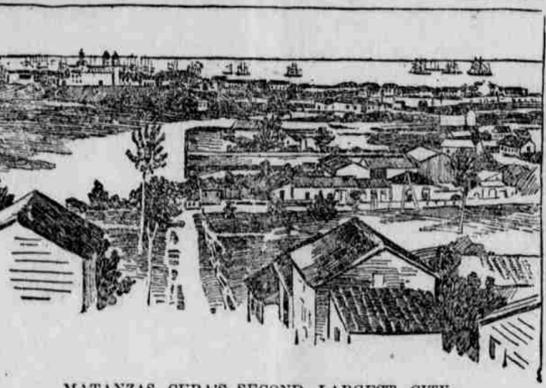


These are the portraits of Lieut. Richmond Pearson Hobson and his gallant crew of seven who sank the Merrimac in the mouth of Santiago Bay, and who will live in history as among the bravest of the world's heroes.

SECOND CITY OF CUBA.

Matanzas Noted for Its Quaintness and Superior Beauty. Matanzas is the second city of Cuba in size, wealth and commercial importance and is noted for its healthfulness, quaintness and beauty.

The San Juan River divides the city into two parts, the Pueblo Nuevo - new town - and Versailles, and the river is spanned by several handsome stone bridges. Pueblo Nuevo contains the railway depot and one of the most beautiful avenues in all Cuba - the Calzada de San Estevan.



MATANZAS, CUBA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY.

here tone it so perfectly with the tropic sky and foliage that you fail to notice the violent contrasts. All the houses are set flush with the pavement, but each has its beautiful garden at the sides, filled with flowers and stately palms, surrounded by tall iron railings and stone pillars topped with urns.

After the great conflagration of forty-three years ago, in which more than half of Matanzas was burned, the well-to-do losers rebuilt their homes on the heights above the city, where ocean breezes blow fresh and cool and the wide-spreading bay affords a charming picture.

The Right of Might. War in All Its Horrors Has Been with Us Since the Birth of Time. War has been defined as murder glorified. The scaffold replaced by a triumphal arch would perhaps be more figurative.

act. War is the paradox of jurisprudence. It sanctions that which it forbids; honors that which it punishes, and rewards that which it reproves. Its criterion is the result.

Millionaire Actors. Some of our actors are wealthy men. Joe Jefferson is rated at \$2,000,000 and Sol Smith Russell is a close second, with something over \$1,500,000 to his credit.

When a boy begins to smoke, it is time for him to quit school. After a woman has reached a certain age she never mentions it.

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