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**The Old Methodist's Testimony.**  
I praise the Lord, my Christian friends,  
That I am with you still,  
Though smitten like an old log house upon  
a Western hill.  
The music has gone out, you know; the  
timbers have decayed,  
But somehow, my dear ones, just as warm as  
when they first were laid.  
Almost a hundred years have passed since  
I was born, and then  
"Twas only fifteen further on and I was  
born again.  
I've seen the forest melt away; the  
houses have been razed;  
The world has quite outstripped the  
Church. I'm very much afraid.  
They need to tell a Methodist as far as eye  
could see.  
No more pious women than, no dicker  
men than,  
No more our congregations are so loud,  
The church is just a hollow sound.  
The glory of the old days, were not  
in the church, but in the  
The good old times, a "havin'" "tyme,"  
And when one of 'em rises to preach, I  
told you, we could smile  
The fragrant flowers of Heaven, and the  
stiffing smoke of hell.  
We had our "cannon ball" too, behind  
the altar,  
And while he raised his sermon heats, we  
filled with our prayers,  
We threw in many a loud "Amen,"  
And when he said "God bless you,"  
To give the Lord the glory, to a class  
room down below.  
The good old quiet meetings were to all  
the brethren dear,  
Just like barren oaks in the desert of  
the year.  
The people flocked from miles around;  
my wife would take a score,  
And after supper, they would pray and  
sleep upon the floor.  
I know the world's a "makin'" one as  
Galileo said,  
For now I sit at a cathedral pew to hear  
a sermon said,  
But when I get to the window, I  
see the sun through the pane,  
I cannot help a thinkin' how the glory  
shone of old.  
They call me a "fossil," and a "relic  
of the old,"  
A "fogy" and a "skeeter," too; but this  
world always has  
I read a tremblin' lection where two  
men sat at a table,  
And saw the best and future life will  
as flow in my soul,  
And when I read the life of Queen, the Lord  
with a heart,  
The wisdom of the old will not do for  
much more,  
So I'll be an old-fashioned one, as  
old as I like.  
The world is "makin'" one, as  
Galileo said.

### Her Boy.

A coming lady was strolling along the  
quai, by the side of the Seine, pausing at  
every one of the shelves of old books that  
lined the parapets, and now and then asking  
the grave of some one who had lived in  
the equally noticeable, battered proprietor  
of the old book shop. She was very prettily  
and very daintily dressed, but her face and carriage  
showed so much quiet position and  
self-reliance that the boldest lites of the  
boulevards would have been deterred from  
approaching her. The lady had been born in  
the very bosom of the Latin Quarter,  
She was deep in a quiet little circle of La  
Bruyere, some sixty years old, which was  
offered at half a franc, when she heard a  
burst of light laughter not far from her ear,  
so strangely mingled of sweetness and a  
kind of haunting mockery that she involun-  
tarily raised her eyes.  
Approaching her were a young man and  
a girl, perhaps two or three years older  
than herself, and as near the perfection of  
physical beauty as it was possible for a  
woman to be. Miss De Forest acknowledged  
to herself with a strange pang, she had  
a profusion of pink cheeks, dark hair,  
a skin of roses and lilies, large liquid eyes,  
a perfectly developed figure, and an un-  
dulating grace of motion which did not  
belong to the streets of Paris. She was  
perfectly well-dressed; but while Miss De  
Forest in her own toilet of elegant and  
refined dress, between the delicate and  
the demure of the *demotelle du village monde*  
of whatever nationality, the girl who had  
just confronted her with an impudent  
glance had more of the quality of *chic* than  
was strictly desirable. "She is not a lady,"  
thought Miss De Forest; "a grisette, prob-  
ably," and the jealous pang deepened, for  
the man accompanying this girl—the man  
who raised his hat without looking at her,  
while a faint color overspread his handsome  
features and clear skin—was the man of  
all others to Amy De Forest. She had  
loved Arthur Duquesne for more than a year  
had watched the ebb and flow of his genius  
and had encouraged him to new effort in his  
dependent hours, and shared with him the  
pleasure of his successes. There had grown  
up between them a courtship which on her  
side had ripened into something more than  
on his had led to the thousand subtle marks  
of preference that may mean nothing or  
anything. And what in other men means  
nothing, seemed in Arthur Duquesne  
everything, so much so that Amy De For-  
est, clever, self-possessed girl as she was,  
had come to believe in the absolute pre-  
ference in the scheme of her future life  
of this one figure. Only yesterday evening  
they had sat long together in the embrase-  
ure of the wide window that looked upon  
the gardens of the Luxembourg, while the  
loose spring into light through the dusk;  
and when he went away, pleading an en-  
gagement in a friend's studio, had lifted  
her hand to his lips in the darkness and  
called her his better angel.

The lives of her men-friends outside of her  
mother's drawing room did not concern  
her, she thought; but it was hard that Ar-  
thur, with his talk of aspiration toward an  
ideal and the elevation of art above sordid  
realism, should find his inspiration in the  
soul of a grisette. And yet she could not  
blame him; the girl was beautiful—like a  
white rounded water-lily with dewy petals.  
Perhaps if she, herself, were a maid—  
She closed the book abruptly and passed the  
old book to her, and then turned up a  
long avenue that leads past the Pantheon  
to the gardens of the Luxembourg. She  
liked those gardens better than the stately  
alleys of the Tuilleries. There was more  
of the flavor of old Paris about them before  
the Second Empire—the Paris of De Mos-  
tard and Bazin. She liked to see the  
old-fashioned dwellings of the artists, the  
artists of the brush, the artists of the  
sculpture, the artists of the pen, and  
then, with children playing around  
them; the old men, with red ribbons in the  
buttonholes of their rusty broadcloth coats.  
The spring wind swept down the avenue,  
scented with flower odors from the  
market of St. Sulpice. Miss De Forest  
wandered on to where the great fountain  
stands, half dried, with the water shallow  
over the rock-work of its basin, and green,  
white beards dripping about the Tritons and  
Nephtes, and ivy throwing its arms out  
from the crevices of their shapes, and, over-  
head, now leafing trees, casting a feeble  
twilight upon the quiet place. The voices  
of children came from the main avenue.  
Miss De Forest seated herself on the edge  
of the basin and looked into the shallow  
water, yellow with the dead leaves in its  
bed. The reflection of her own face came  
back to her framed in the shadowy foliage.  
There had been times when this light  
and cool reflection had seemed to her to be  
a sort of self-representation of beauty,  
but now, instead of the pleasing her-  
self, she saw the memory of the girl whose  
face she had just seen riding before her. It  
seemed quite impossible that any man  
could ever regard her as beautiful.  
"Pure physical beauty is the best worth  
having," she thought with a little sigh.  
And then she thought more things that a  
girl might think under the circumstances,  
but that need not be set down only in allegory  
—the world-old problem of the two women  
struggling for authority over the soul of  
one man, as old as history and legend—  
Tancred and Clorinda, the chiefs of Venis,  
while his chaste Elizabeth visited his re-  
turn. All men solve it for themselves, and  
all women in one way or another hide the  
love of it.  
Miss De Forest turned to look at her  
glazed gloves, but she saw that they were  
on, and especially the place where her  
right Arthur Duquesne's lips had rested. A  
faded gleam beyond her head, and the  
slight beyond the trees, and glancing up  
she saw her face in the water she looked  
down at it with a smile slightly  
touched with the cynicism learned from the  
small book in her lap.  
"What charming weather, is it not?  
The air is full of spring sounds today. I  
have been working a long distance."  
"Above, Miss De Forest?"  
"Yes; why not? I don't prefer walk-  
ing alone unless I have a very agreeable  
companion, and you know I am not a  
*demi-monde femme* to be lamed by the con-  
science of my own faults."  
Were these two people, talking the small-  
est of small talk, the two who had parted  
the night before with the look in their eyes  
that makes speech useless? A shadow  
had come between them—the shadow  
of a woman with liquid eyes and a  
shape like a pictured goddess. There was  
a woman's smile. A bird sang in the  
trees overhead, a leaf whirled down into  
the fountain water, the dew-drops fell from  
the green leaves of the water-lily.  
"What will you come and see my pic-  
ture, as you promised?"  
"Whenever you will go with me."  
"You know I cannot go to your studio  
alone."  
There was a distant, brightly ring in  
her voice that Arthur Duquesne had never  
heard before.  
"I am going home," she said rising. "I  
am tired—I have walked too far. Will you  
not come in this evening?"  
"Thanks; I am sorry, but I have made  
an engagement which I can scarcely break."  
"Ah!"  
"May I take you to your door?" The  
streets are full of students and all kinds of  
people."  
"Thanks; I have no fear. I do not think  
anyone will trouble me."  
Sitting that evening in the tender spring  
twilight among the flowers of the balcony  
high above the street, with a boy artist on  
a low stool at her feet, looking up in a sort  
of adoration at the cloud of golden hair  
that was like a halo above her white gown,  
Amy De Forest asked her young page if he  
had seen Arthur Duquesne of late.  
"No one sees much of him now. He's  
engaged, the fellows say, in some sort  
of frightful affair with a Spanish girl  
who lives at the Bullier. She posed for  
the picture he has just finished. The  
lady says its an awfully clever thing—sure-  
ly to get in the Salon next year. He calls it  
"The Goddess of Morning."  
"Yes, that was the name he had told her.  
So it was her rival she had met yesterday  
—a pale dancer at a student's ball? But,  
certainly, Arthur Duquesne's artistic in-  
stincts were not at fault, for the girl was  
an ideal incarnation of morning dew and  
rosy cloud and vaporous sunlight. It gave  
her pleasure, despite her humiliation, to  
realize the truth and poetry of his concep-  
tion.  
"You have never been to the Bullier, of  
course, Miss De Forest? But a great many



AMERICAN GIRLS DO GOOD—MRS. DE FOREST AND HER DAUGHTER... CHESTER A. ARTHUR

American girls do good—milder, better, and  
well-proved of course."  
"I could have sworn which it was to go  
to the Bullier, if I were a man. I should  
be very disappointed."  
"For a little while, perhaps," said the  
young man, but he felt that you would  
soon get tired of it. It is a highly  
fashionable amusement, even in Paris. But if  
Mrs. De Forest would give a dozen of  
my would-form a battalion of escort for you."  
"Does this girl have these traits?"  
"Yes; three times a week, and dances  
often."  
"What is her name?"  
"Augusta. These girls of Paris never  
have any surname."  
"I should like to see her."  
"The lamps were lighted, more artists  
came in, and the conversation turned on  
Arthur Duquesne's picture, which those who  
had seen it pronounced worthy of LeFebvre's  
brush."  
"Mrs. De Forest," said the boy artist,  
Guy Robinson, "Miss De Forest has just  
concocted to me a very nice little story to  
show the ball at the Bullier. Won't you  
graciously be her model tonight? No one  
will recognize you, after your veil, and  
here are eight strong men ready to protect  
you. We are all going. Think of all the  
good American folk—everywhere and  
dear—who go to the Bullier, and cer-  
tainly this is worse."  
Mrs. De Forest demurred a little, but  
finely consented. She had peculiar tastes  
of education which had perhaps given  
Amy the truthful healthy outlook  
upon life which she possessed in a remark-  
able degree for so young a woman. If she  
had none of the illusions that dwarf the  
mind of most of our romantic girls, she  
had pure and generous instincts, un-  
clouded by fear or prejudice. What ampu-  
tation could there be in a modestly  
for a girl who had reached the conditions  
of life in her own right and found the  
balance in favor of love and order?  
It was a noisy and noisy scene, some-  
times unbecomingly vulgar, and some-  
times of a high degree of artistic merit,  
in its flavor, form of the city and its people.  
Guy Robinson felt Miss De Forest shrink  
as she came to him.  
"What is the matter, Miss De Forest?  
Are you afraid?"  
"No; only sorry—sorry for those  
poor people. I don't think I have a taste  
for dissipation after all, Mr. Robinson."  
"I thought the sight of a little would  
excuse you. If women in general could  
do something of life they would soon lose  
that morbid admiration for frolic which  
troubles many of them. Ah, there is  
Augusta dancing; she is quite different  
from the rest."  
The party moved its way through the  
crowd to within a few feet of its edge.  
In the space left for the dancers stood a  
slender girl, with her hair dressed in  
rolled high above and about her head, her  
perfect arms and shoulders bare and  
adorned with the sequins of the Paris  
Royal, a superb bodice and a short skirt  
of yellow satin flounced with black lace.  
There was a touch of paint on her lips and  
an artificial depth of color on her  
breast. The crowd of girls about her  
loved her arms about her head and  
trinketed her light feet, searching for  
the foot to rest, till with her large, pale  
head she looked like the round little  
swaying on the water's surface, to which  
Miss De Forest had that morning com-  
mitted her. In the front of the crowd  
stood Arthur Duquesne, wearing head  
and shoulders above his neighbors, his hand  
somehow above his eyes brilliant with  
excitement and eagerly following every  
curve of the dancer's motion.  
"He has forgotten that I exist," thought  
Amy De Forest, bitterly, and she trem-  
bled from head to foot. "Take me home,  
Mr. Robinson. Speak to mamma, please."  
—the air here is stifling. I am sorry to  
take you away, but I do not feel able to  
stand."

myself and I have succeeded. With my  
first sign of illness came desolation and  
poverty. The day I was brought here I  
had gone to see your picture, and I fell  
down before it."  
He had laid the water-lilies within  
reach of her thin fingers; she took them  
up and caressed the fleshy leaves.  
"They are like those I used to gather in  
my childhood in a little village among the  
mountains. I wish I had never come to  
Paris. But then I should never have met  
you. She is beautiful and good, your  
young wife, but she cannot love you as I  
do. Times! I am better. Perhaps I  
may live—my hair has not changed; you  
used to kiss it once, kiss it now only once  
—she will not care—she has had you for  
a whole year, and I have languished and  
died for one touch of your hand."  
There was a rustle of drapery in the  
path between the beds, and Amy stood  
silently by her husband's side in her  
black dress and her crown of young astron-  
chard, with flowers, violets and heliotropes  
and pale roses in her hands. The sick  
woman raised herself.  
"You here—his wife!"  
"It was you who gave him to me," said  
Amy in the soft low notes that the year's  
love had brought into her voice.  
"You were jealous of me once, madame,"  
said the dancer. "You have no need to  
fear now."  
Amy laid the flowers in her hand. "You  
will get well again, and you will leave  
Paris and live in the country among the  
flowers."  
"Among the flowers—yes, in my own  
country—up in the mountains where the  
lilies grow in the streams. Oh, yes—I  
shall go back!" Her eyes grew bright,  
her face radiant, for one instant she was  
again the Aurora of the Quarter. Sudden-  
ly she cried, "I am choking! Some water!  
My medicine!" and the life stream rose to  
her lips.  
Arthur Duquesne caught her in his arms,  
and Amy knelt by the poor bed. The fast  
dull eyes met Arthur's. He touched  
her hair with his lips. The beautiful head  
fell back on his arm, the beautiful shoul-  
ders that had once shone above the shoul-  
der in the dance measure were clothed  
with a scarlet that scorched the white lilies  
on her breast, even as Paris had blighted  
the pure white lily of her life.

### Legal Papers in Rhyme.

A suit for breach of promise of marriage,  
which presents some novel features, has  
just been brought in the Brooklyn City  
Court by Miss Arabella Parbella Feather-  
stone, against J. U. Allibone, the dan-  
gerous being laid at \$10,000. Miss Feather-  
stone is an orphan, about thirty years of  
age, and lives with an uncle near Allen  
town, Penn. She alleges that on July 21,  
Allibone, who was spending his vacation  
in the neighborhood, asked her to become  
his wife. She consented, and fixed No-  
vember 23 as the wedding day. In the  
mean time, however, Allibone was mar-  
ried to another woman. The peculiarity  
of the papers in the suit is that the com-  
plaint, the answer, and even the affidavits  
are all in rhyme. The complaint begins  
thus:  
"The plaintiff, in seeking redress for her  
writ.  
Comes into court and respectfully shows,  
and after setting forth the circumstances  
on which the action is based, closes as fol-  
lows—asking for damages:  
"Ten thousand is the sum,  
Though I would not requite me,  
"Till I teach Urah, any way,  
How much I cost to slight me."  
The affidavit to the complaint is as fol-  
lows:  
"Arabella Parbella Featherstone,  
The plaintiff, being duly sworn,  
Says: I have read the facts above,  
The same are true of my knowledge born,  
Save the defendant in vows of love;  
And as to those I do declare  
I did believe him—that I swear."  
The answer denies the allegation of the  
complaint, and the defendant declares that  
"He no promises of marriage has broken,  
As never such subject was dreamed of or  
spoken."  
He also says that the plaintiff represent-  
ed herself to be engaged to marry one Jim  
R. Veldter. His affidavit is unique:  
"Kings County—Allibone J. U.  
First being sworn in manner aforesaid,  
Says the answer above is true."  
The lawyers in the case declare that the  
complaint and answer are strictly legal.  
**The Power of Music.**  
A regiment of infantry were passing over  
a bridge in Spain recently, keeping step to  
the music of the band, when the structure  
suddenly assunder, precipitating all into the  
abyss below. A terrible scene ensued and  
many lives were lost. This terrible catas-  
trophe reminds us of the fact that on most  
if not all of the large bridges of the world,  
hands are prohibited from playing on or  
near them. A constant succession of sound  
waves, like those from a good band, will  
excite the wires to vibration. Military  
companies keep step to the music and this  
increases the vibration of the wire. The  
regular trotting gait of a dog crossing a  
suspension bridge is more dangerous to  
the bridge than the crossing of a train of cars.  
It is thought a new fort will be built  
at Klamath next season.  
W. H. Ryars and surveying party  
reached Lakeview August 29th.  
A new company of infantry is expect-  
ed at Fort Klamath by the 1st of October.  
The Jerome Prairie academy will be  
completed in time for a fall term of  
school.  
The bridge across Foot's creek near  
its junction with Rogue river is nearly  
completed.  
Ashland will receive next week  
with 50 students. A full corps of com-  
petent teachers are in attendance.

**Scenes.**  
A church down in Texas has on its  
walls the following legend: "No  
dog allowed."  
The robin sits upon the limb  
And thinks it wondrous fun,  
Until a small boy comes along  
And shoots his little gun.  
He'll not charm the woodland more  
When morning breezes sigh—  
He'll add a sible flavor to  
Some vespertine pie,  
Anger causes us often to  
And I think we approve of an  
A depot building is being  
Scio 30x30 feet in size.  
In September through the  
The laugh of zephyrs high  
In September, every day  
Turns to thoughts of gum  
There's a man out in Ill  
Wings dumb-built for an in-  
morning, and walks ten miles a  
and yet he is too lazy to work  
living.  
"Pass the pork and beans, dear.  
For I'm hungry as a hog,  
True, I had a picnic dinner,  
Sitting on an ancient log;  
But Adolph was there, dear mother,  
And I fain would have him think  
I am of ethereal make-up,  
For mamma, he's got the chunk;  
So I only ate a morsel  
Of a dainty frosted cake,  
And a peanut and a raisin,  
Give all the soldiers grub a shake.  
Pile the provender around me,  
For I'm famishing by gum I  
Ain't this ham and beans delicia,  
Oh! yum! yum! yum! yum! yum!"  
We open the heart of others when we  
open our own.  
It is no doubt a very nice thing to marry  
a wealthy maiden, but at the same time  
a wealthy widow should not be spoken of  
disparagingly.  
September smiles divine  
On hill and lawn,  
And eke the straw-hat line  
Is drawn.  
Charity is an eternal debt, and without  
limit.  
We pass our life in deliberation, and we  
die upon it.  
Around the gladiola bed  
Serenely huns the bumble;  
The man who dally peddles ice  
Is growing very humble.  
The heart ought to give charity when  
it is not content.  
"When I goes a-shopping," said an old  
body, I athers ask for what I wants and  
if they have it, and it is suitable, and I feel  
inclined to buy it, and it is cheap, and  
can't be got for less, I most always take it,  
without chattering all day about it, as  
some people do."  
If skies were bluer,  
And fairs were fewer,  
And fewer the storms on land and sea;  
Were shiner summers,  
Perpetual comers—  
What a Utopia this would be?  
If life were longer,  
And faith were stronger,  
It pleasure would blind, it care would flee;  
If each were other—  
To all the other—  
What an Arcadia this would be!  
Were greed abolished,  
And gain devalued,  
Were slavery chained and freedom free;  
If all earth's troubles  
Collapsed like bubbles—  
What an Elysium this would be!

### Political Points.

The country shows no symptoms of a  
stampede in favor of a "change for the  
sake of a change."  
Fifty young men of Xenia, O., have  
organized a First Voters' Garfield and  
Arthur Campaign Club. As its name  
indicates, its members will vote for the  
first time in the coming election. The  
idea of the organization is an excellent  
one, and should be copied all over the  
country.  
The New York Tribune says: "If  
there is anything about the Democratic  
candidate or platform to attract work-  
ing-men, the workingmen have not been  
able to discover it. Consequently they  
are arraying themselves on the side of  
Garfield and the platform which pro-  
tects their interests."  
English's letter of acceptance has  
passed into history as a very decided  
failure of a very determined effort of a  
very ordinary man to do a very great  
thing.  
"The Democrats seem to be for soft  
money in Maine and Indiana, for hard  
money in New York, and for "all the  
money there is in the Treasury" in the  
South.  
G. Ross has been nominated by the  
Democrats of Kansas for Governor,  
and Thomas George for Lieutenant-  
Governor, John M. Griffin for Secretary  
of State, H. J. G. Number for Treasurer,  
and Thos. Michelbaum for Attorney  
General.  
Conciliation has taken place between  
the Sprague and Hoyt families, and a  
Caucus, Narragansett Pier, remove  
has it that Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague  
is the only member of either family ab-  
sent from the late reunion, will return  
to her husband's roof after the summer  
resort season is over.