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Glitter and Glare. How the world bows down to glitter and show; How we kneel at the glitter shrine; And the highest tribute of praise bestow On the gleam of plumage fine!

How we bow to the fatter and wealthier knave Who for riches his name hath sold; How we bend and creep like a cringing slave, At the feet of the tyrant-Gold!

How we flatter the fatter and wealthier knave Who for riches his name hath sold; How we bend and creep like a cringing slave, At the feet of the tyrant-Gold!

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fleetest horse, he was unable to overtake her. The young French colonel became moody; he had lost his heart, and knew not what to do.

He wandered hither and thither, shunned his former places of amusement, avoided his military companions; and in short, was as miserable as a lover could be, thus disappointed. One night, just after he had left his hotel on foot, a figure muffled to the very ears, stopped him.

"Well, monsieur, what would you do with me?" asked the soldier. "You would know the name of the white domino?" was the reply.

"I would indeed," replied the officer, hastily. "How can it be done." "Follow me." "To the end of the earth, if it will bring me to her."

"But you must be blindfolded." "Very well." "I am at your command." And away rattled the young soldier and his strange companion.

"This may be a trick," reasoned Eugene Merville; "but I have no fear of personal violence. I am armed with this trusty sabre, and can take care of myself."

But there was no cause for fear, since he found the vehicle stopped, and he was led blindfolded into a house. When the bandage was removed from his eyes, he found himself in a richly furnished boudoir, and before him stood the domino, just as he had seen her at the masked ball.

To fall upon his knees, and tell her how much he had thought of her since their separation, that his thoughts had never left her, that he loved her devotedly, was as natural as to breathe, and he did it most gallantly and sincerely.

"Shall I believe all you say?" "Lady, let me prove it by any test you may put upon me." "Know, then, that the feelings you avow are mutual. Nay, I have something more to say."

"Talk on forever, lady. Your voice is music to my heart and ears." "Would you marry me, knowing no more of me than you now do?" "Yes, if you were to go to the very altar masked," he replied.

"How, lady?" "For one year be faithful to the love you have professed, and I will be yours—as truly as heaven shall spare my life."

"O, cruel, cruel suspense." "You demur?" "Nay, lady; I shall follow your injunction, as I have promised."

"If at the expiration of a year you do not hear from me, the contract shall be null and void. Take this half ring," she continued, "and when I supply the broken portion, I shall be yours."

He kissed the little emblem again and again, and swore to be faithful, and, pressing her hand to his lips, bade her adieu. He was conducted away as mysteriously as he was brought thither, nor, could he, by any possible means, discover where he had been, his companion rejected all bribes, and even refusing to answer the simplest questions.

Months rolled on; Colonel Merville was true to his vow, and happy in the anticipation of love. Suddenly he was ordered on an embassy to Vienna, that gayest of all European capitals, about the time Napoleon was planning to marry the Archduchess, Marie Louise. The young Colonel was handsome, manly and already distinguished in arms, and became at once a great favorite, every effort being made by the women to captivate him, but in vain; he was constant and true to his vow.

But his heart was not made of stone; the very fact that he had entertained such tender feelings for the white domino had doubtless made him more susceptible than before. At last he met the young Baroness Caroline Waldroff, and in spite of his vows she captivated him, and he secretly cursed the engagement he had so blindly made in Paris. She seemed to wonder at what she believed to be his devotion, and yet the distance that he maintained. The truth was, his sense of honor was so great, that although he felt that he

really loved the young baroness, and even that she returned his affection, still he had given his word, and it was sacred.

The satin domino was no longer the idea of his heart, but assumed the most repulsive form in his imagination, and became, instead of his good angel, his evil genius! Well, time rolled on; he was to return in a few days; it was once more the carnival season, and in Vienna, too, that great city! He joined in the festivities of the masked ball, and what wonder filled his brain when about the middle of the evening, the white domino stood before him, in the same white stuff dress he had seen her wear a year before, in the French Opera House, in Paris. Was it not a fancy?

"I come, Colonel Eugene Merville, to hold you to your promise," she said, laying her hand lightly upon his arm. "This reality or dream?" asked the amazed soldier.

"Come, follow me, and you shall see that it is reality," continued the mask pleasantly. "I will." "Have you been faithful to your promise?" asked the domino, as they retired to a neighboring saloon.

"Most truly in act but alas, I fear not in heart." "Indeed!" "It is true, lady, that I have seen and loved another, though my vow to you has kept me from saying so to her."

"And who is this that you thus love?" "I will be frank with you and you will keep my secret?" "Most religiously." "It is the baroness Waldroff," he said with a sigh.

"And you really love her?" "Alas, only too dearly," said the soldier sadly.

"Nevertheless, I must hold you to your promise. Here is the other half of the ring; can you produce its mate?" "Here it is," said Merville.

"Then, I too, keep my promise!" said the domino, raising the mask, and showing to his astonished view the face of the Baroness Von Waldroff.

"Ah, it was the sympathy of true love that attracted me after all!" exclaimed the young soldier as he pressed her to his heart.

She had seen and loved him for his manly spirit and character, and, having found by inquiry that he was worthy of her love, she had tested him, and now gave to him her wealth, title and everything.

They were married with great pomp, and accompanied the archduchess to Paris. Napoleon, to crown the happiness of his favorite, made Colonel Eugene Merville at once General of Division.—Second Century.

WASHINGTON LETTER. (From our regular correspondent) It is refreshing to see the vim and alacrity with which Congress is addressing itself to business.

The session is only two weeks old, but already more legislative and committee work has been accomplished than is usually transacted before the holiday adjournment. This Congress is setting an example, and making a precedent which the people and the press will no doubt hold up for the emulation of future Congresses, and the opinion is gaining that, after all has been said, Congress may not be too fully deprived.

The Democrats in Congress held a caucus yesterday in which it was agreed to oppose the admission of Dakota as a state, and a conference committee relative to the business of the session was appointed. The Republicans have as yet held no caucus, but there have been frequent informal discussions of the political situation by Republican leaders. There is an evident improvement in the Republican situation since the beginning of the session, attributable to the President's message, action in the star route cases, and to the business-like action of Congress.

The House of Representatives is making rapid headway with the appropriation bills. During the week three were reported, viz: For the

postoffice department, the agricultural bill and the military academy bill. Two of the appropriation bills have already passed the house, viz: The Indian, and the Consular and Diplomatic Bills.

Although there is a good deal of unanimity among members of Congress touching the reduction of letter postage to two cents, there is a wide difference of opinion as to when it should go into effect. Some favor the 1st of July next, and many others the 1st of January, 1884. The item for reduced postage, which is incorporated in the postoffice bill, will be passed without doubt, the only question being as to the best time to have it go into effect.

The Democrats, it is believed, will interpose obstacles towards the passage of legislation having for its object real civil service reform, for the reason that the next house being Democratic they wish to postpone action so that they can shape legislation to meet their ends, and have the spoils wherewith to reward their friends and punish their enemies. In the Senate Thursday there was a discussion on the civil service reform bill offered by Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, at the last session. Mr. Pendleton in his remarks on the bill spoke earnestly in favor of it, and it would seem that he (although a Democrat) is honestly striving for its passage this session. But the majority of Democratic colleagues, among them Senators Voorhees, of Indiana, and Brown, of Georgia, prefer to wait, as they say, "until they have had a chance to reform the office."

It is generally to be expected that the Republican offices have been again defeated, and it may be foreseen more than one side to the question. There is an accumulation of more than 200,000 volumes on the shelves, many on the awaiting the grace of spontaneous combustion. Mr. Spofford, the ditto librarian, has been clamoring for a place to place his books, and a small percentage of "literary fellows" sent to Congress have echoed Mr. Spofford's clamor. But there are other congressmen not affected with bibliophilia who would like to play the part of the monks in the Alexandrian library and burn the trash. Then there is a job in the business. A real estate ring wants to sell a situation to the government, while in truth the government has more situations in the district than it can sit on. The proper place for the library is on government ground in close proximity to those other scientific collections the Smithsonian Institute and the National Museum.

Fine Vessels and a Good Trade. "One morning" says the Sunday Oregonian, "I was on the Pacific Mail dock, taking a look at the new steamer San Jose. She is a trifle longer than the Columbia but not as large a carrier. The second officer at the request of Capt. Joe. Cavalry, showed me over the ship, which is one of the latest turned out by Roach. On my expressing my belief that while she was as good and able-bodied a ship as I had ever seen, she was inferior to the Columbia in her equipment, the officer answered:

"Yes, and you might have said that the Columbia, if you except the two Australian ships. Outside of the Sydney trade, this company has no trade as that of Oregon. For the sake of getting rid of the Stephens and two or three other old hulks, they sold a route that is to-day the best in America for its length. Its passengers travel is at the rate of eight dollars per day for cabin passage, while ours hardly averages five. The Savannah line is the best out of New York and it does not compare with the Oregon line, either for passengers or freight. There is a great deal of outcomes to your state, sir, and it is a pity our folks had not the patience to wait for it."

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