

THE ROCKER.

Backward and forward the rocker goes,
Wafting the baby to sweet repose;
Close by the cradle the mother croons
Lullaby, rock-a-bye nursery tunes;
Dreamily singing she patiently tries
Sleep to bring to the baby's eyes.

Minute by minute the evening flits,
Still in the chair she drowsily sits;
Soothing and rubbing the aching gums,
Longing for slumber that never comes;
Rocking the baby that fretfully lies,
Filling the room with its nervous cries.

Wearily watching the mother sing,
Winning the god with the lullaby wings;
Softer and softer the ditty grows,
Now the little one's eyelids close;
Sinking at last into dreamland deep;
Mother and baby are fast asleep.

A PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.

By our convenient system of checking baggage we can enjoy immunity from annoyance about trunks, etc., in transit across the continent. John Palmer of Union city, Mich., is the inventor of the baggage check system. In early days he was in great demand, for his violin enlivened many a winter night. One great annoyance he experienced was the constant trouble had in finding their coats, caps, hats, wraps, robes, etc., after the party broke up. It was announced that there was to be a big dance at Burlington on Thanks giving evening, about 1850, and Mr. Palmer was to have charge of the music. He knew that there would be a terrible crowd there and that there would be lots of trouble with the clothing, and he went to work to devise a plan to obviate it. The more he planned the further he got from a solution. So the night before the party he retired dreading the work of the morning. He says that about 3 a. m., next morning he was aroused by a queer sensation; that in front of him, as it were, were two cards just alike. What did that mean? His work for the day came to him, and he asked the question, "what do the two cards mean?" Well, after studying on it a long time he seemed to solve the mystery. He got out eight cards marked them in pairs—1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4—and one of the greatest blessings to the business world was born. Now for the first test. He had four children; he took their shoes and stockings, tied each lot up by themselves, put tags 1, 2, 3, 4, on each lot, and put them away. When the children got up they inquired for their shoes. He gave each one a check that corresponded with the check on their shoes and told them to go into the other room and pick out their own by comparing the numbers. Each child got its own. Success. Now for a trial on a larger scale. He prepared a lot of checks in the same way for the guests at the party. About the first to arrive were four railroad men from Marshall. Three took their checks; one would not have the thing and threw it on the floor. When they called for their clothes they had forgotten all about the checks and demanded their things. Mr. Palmer asked them for their checks. After hunting some time the three produced their checks and at once received their goods. They had to identify the goods for the fourth man. Well, it surprised them to be able to get their things so prompt and sure. They talked about it among themselves, but did not seem to fully comprehend it. Shortly after that there was another party at Burlington, and among the first to arrive were six railroad men from Marshall, including the first four. They said that they wanted their things checked the same as before. They watched the plan the whole evening and went away convinced that they had found a grand idea. Inside of three months it was adopted by the railroad companies of the United States.

"FLICKER-TAILS."

Mr. Thompson offered the following resolution recently in the North Dakota legislature: Whereas, North Dakota is now placed in the galaxy of states destitute of a familiar cognomen by which those born upon her fertile soil can be known; and Whereas, Those born in the

other several states of the union are called by some characteristic appellation peculiar to the state of his nativity; and

Whereas, Bountiful nature in her kindness and prodigality, and in the eternal fitness of things, has placed among the numerous denizens of her broad prairies an animal of order rodenti, family scinridae, known as the spermophilus Richardsoni, called vulgo the flicker-tail gopher, as a "thing of beauty," and "a joy forever," except in certain cases; and

Whereas, The spermophilus Richardsoni, or flicker-tail gopher, is a creature epidemic to this land of the Dakotas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the house of representatives of the state of North Dakota, do by this resolution christen every child born, or who may hereafter be born, with in the boundaries of this state, with the name "flicker-tail," which christened name shall be applied in the same manner as the work "sucker" is applied to the children born in Illinois, "wolverine" to those born in Michigan, "badger" to those born in Wisconsin, etc.—Indianapolis News.

BURDETTE'S RESOLUTIONS.

I will wear easier shoes than I did last year.

If I find that I have to wear spectacles, I will.

I will not read one-half the advertisements in the Sunday papers.

I will think less about money, and reach out after more of it.

I will remember only the good things in the sermon.

I will try to do without the things which I really do not need and can't get, and give the money to the missionary union.

I will not envy the poor their possessions.

If I have time, I will get up at the ringing of the rising bell.

Under any circumstances I will always arise before breakfast.

I will not believe anything I read in the newspapers until I see it contradicted the following day.

When I find I cannot do as I please, I will do as I have to.

I will (try to) answer all my letters. I will give up lying, even though I have to sell my trout rod and dog.

I will endeavor to take more interest in baseball.

I will follow the advice of some eminent clergyman and go to the theater oftener, in order to counteract the evil influences of the prayer-meeting.

I will not indorse for any one except members in good standing of the Astor and Vanderbilt families, and I'll even then be a little particular as to which member and for how much.

I will not be foolishly timid or reticent about asking other people to indorse for me; that's altogether quite a different thing entirely.

If anyone offers to discuss civil service reform, infant baptism or Browning with me, and nobody is around, and the place is lonely, and the hour late, and I think can do it, I will maul him so that he can't think of anything but court plaster and arnica for three weeks.

As much as lieth in me, I will live peaceably with the choir, the finance committee, the pew committee and the trustees.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Wyoming asks admission to the union, and pleads her fine forests as part of her claim to self-supporting resources. Her forests are fine, but the fires are wiping them out so rapidly that the claim will soon be in ashes.

The recent heavy rains in California drowned thousands of geophers and destroyed the eggs of the Hessian fly, which affords the farmers some consolation.

The number of militia on the rolls of the state of Nevada is 556, which is a gain of eighty eight from 1888.

R. L. Taylor, the barber, now shaves for 15 cents.

Children Cry for

DIVORCE LEGISLATION—NATIONAL OR STATE?

Which shall legislate upon the subject [of divorce], the states or the federal government, is a mere question of public convenience and welfare. A diversity in the laws on these subjects between independent nations gives rise to comparatively little confusion, but the relations between the states of the union are entirely different from those between such nations. A citizen of the states may be a resident to-day of one state and to-morrow of another; but his change of residence should be without change or impairment of his rights of citizenship or of his personal or property rights.

A recent writer upon the subject of divorce considers the securing of an amendment to the federal constitution empowering congress to legislate upon marriage and divorce impracticable, and it may prove to be so. It certainly is encompassed with difficulties. The same writer seems to think that it is practicable to secure uniformity of legislation upon the subject in the several states by agreement. But if the proposed amendment to the federal constitution is impracticable, a scheme for securing uniform legislation through the co-operation of the states is visionary.

The one plan requires the consent of all the states, and promises no permanency, while the other requires the consent of only three-fourths of the states, and if accomplished would be permanent.

Even if consent of action by state legislatures could be secured, the uniformity could not be preserved, as one cannot bind another.—Senator Dolph of Oregon, in North American Review.

DEATH ROLL OF 1889.

Death darkened many a light last year in the realms of science, literature and statesmanship. He touched the throne with his icy scepter, and Louis I. of Portugal, Charles III., prince of Monaco, Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, and Therese, ex empress of Brazil, were among the victims.

Among statesmen, journalists, and authors, the following were summoned: John Bright, Simon Cameron, Jefferson Davis, S. S. Cox, George H. Pendleton, Count Tolstol, Senator John W. Johnson, Henry W. Grady, F. W. Dawson, Albert R. Lamar, Benjamin H. Day, David G. Croly, Allen Thorndyke Rice, Mary L. Booth, Wilkie Collins, Robert Browning, Charles Mackay, Philip H. Welch, Lawrence Oliphant and Eliza Cook.

Other lines of thought and action gave up Rev. I. T. Hecker, Bishop H. T. McTyre, Father Damien, Rev. William Henry Beecher, Rev. Horatio Bonar, Bishop Mackerness, Rt. Rev. Joseph Barker Lightfoot, Roman Catholic Bishop Twigg, Stanley Bartlett, Rev. James P. Boyce, Frederick A. Barnard, Theodore Dwight Woolsey, Dr. Seth Pancoast, M. Chevreul, Maria Mitchell, John Erickson, Emile Augier, Charles B. Bishop, Henry Beard, General D. H. Hill, James C. Flood and General Thomas Francis Bourke.

Even the much despised tramp has often more honor than he's given credit for, as witness the following from New Jersey: "Fourteen years ago a tramp knocked at the door of Daniel Palmer, in South Orange township, Essex county, and asked for a hat. By mistake one of the daughters gave him her father's best silk hat, discovering the mistake just as the tramp started away with it. An exclamation by her sister apprised the tramp of the prize he had received. Little thought was afterward given to the matter until a few mornings ago, when a clean, new hat box was found on the front porch. It contained a new silk hat, and this explanation within a slip of paper: 'To replace your father's best silk hat, taken by me fourteen years ago.'"

Pitcher's Castoria.



A LYSTE

Of Sacred Hymnes and Tunes, Anthems, Fugues, and other sett pieces, and likewise Worldly Songs of a secular sorte, certaine of vvh were made and fung in ye yeares of our Lorde

1595, 1636, & 1768,

Together with certaine pieces of ye later days, and vvh pieces will be once more played and tung at

GREATE CONCERTE,

vvh shall be attended at

YE CITY HALL.

vvh is kept by neighbor Hemphille,

vvh is fette on ye freete called Fourth freete at ye byeway of Madison, in ye borough of Corvallis, on

FRIDAY, YE XXIV DAY OF YE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Anno Domini 1890.

Given by some of the younge menne and maydens, likewise fome of ye olde menne and wimmenn of ye city before mentioned, the proceeds of vvh is to buy a piano for use in the students hall.

NOTE.—Ye doores shall be opened at VII¹/₂ of ye clocke and ye candles lighted foon after darke, and if to be anye one doth wifh to heare ye firfte piece, take heed to be there before VIII by Bruther C. L. Roberts, his greate clocke, with your entrance tickets.

NOTE.—Ye polle tax hath been fixxedde at ye fom of 4 flyllinges currency for thofe who take their chances uppe stayres, and 4 flyllinges lawfull currency of ye realm for all who wifh to have ye beft places down stayres, vvh will be fold at ye jewelly flooppe of neighbor Roberts, on Main Streete. No extra charge for keeping yourre seate. By ye mandate of ye manne vvh gathers in ye polle tax.

Ye Order of Exercises.

Player on ye Harpichord.....Eliakim Bumpus.
Wommenne Syngers.....Mrs. Patience Cranston, Experience Billings, Mifreles Jeruffia Penlegetts (Shee that was a Bumpus,) Aunt Polly Hotchkiss (Spinster,) Charity Goodtocke, Prudence Pepperwinkle, Deliverance Flagg.
Menne Syngers.....Hodijah Owenfen, Through-much-tribulation Corning, Ichabod Trowbridge, Deacon Faithful Gallop, Zephaniah Prindle, Obediah Primrofe, Goliath Knickerbocker, Reliable Dobbins.

Ye Firfte Parte.

1. "Strike Ye Cymballes,".....All ye Menne and Wommenne Syngers.
2. "Greenwich," Sharp Key on E.....All ye Syngers.
3. "Swanee River," Guitar Accompaniment.....One of ye Wommenne Syngers.
4. "Sherborne," Sharp Key on D.....All ye Syngers.
5. Ye 1 part song, "My Grandma's Advice,".....All ye Syngers.
6. "New Durham," (Mixon,).....All ye Syngers.
7. "Marsellaise Hymn," In French.....All ye Syngers.
8. Russia, "Hymn Tune,".....All ye Syngers.
9. Ye Worldly Tune Known as "Yankee Doodle,".....All ye Syngers.
10. "Cousin Jeelediah,".....All ye Syngers.
11. Ye worldly 1 part tune "Revolutionary Tea,".....One of ye Menne Syngers.
12. Ye modern tune "America,".....All ye Syngers.

N. B.—All ye younge menne who do sometimes go to see a manne had better not go now.

N. B.—Nowe while ye menne and womenne fyngers doth take a refting fpele, if to be thaim may re-obtain breath, it will be a goode tyme to cate yourre seede cakes and do uppe yourre visitynge, likewise ye younge menne will have opportunity to afk ye younge ladies such as they may want to go home with, vvh is proper and seemly.

Bathsheba Jenkins and Rebecca Jenkins (twins by Father Jenkins first wife), Mehitabel Grimshaw, Fannight Hobson, and Abbygail Scroggins will pass ye seede cakes.

Ye Seconde Parte.

1. "The Heavens are Telling," Grand Chorus from Creation,.....All ye Syngers.
2. Piano Solo,.....Prof. Bercholdt.
3. Ye 4 parte tune (modern) "The Wanderers Return,".....Four of ye Menne Syngers.
4. Ye 1 part worldly song "Down the Shattow Lane she goes,".....One of ye Wommenne Syngers.
5. Duet, "I Would That My Love,".....One of ye Wommenne Syngers.
6. Trio, "Hear Our Prayer,".....All ye Syngers.
7. "Anvil Chorus,".....All ye Syngers.
8. Trio, "Speed The Little Boat,".....Three of ye Wommenne Syngers.
9. "Bad Case of Rheumatiz,".....One of ye Menne Syngers.
10. Lastly, "Auld Lang Syne," (ye olden style),.....All ye Syngers.

N. B.—Now let all ye congregation as are blessed with goode lungs and religious trainin, stande uppe and joine in singin ye last hymne to ye verses below, before going to yourre own houses.

Auld Lang Syne.

Here we have met, here we may part,
To meet on earth no more;
And we may never hear again
The cherished songs of yore:
The sacred songs our fathers sang,
In days of auld lang syne;
We may not meet to sing again
The songs of auld lang syne.

But when we've crossed the sea of life,
And reached the heav'nly shore,
We'll sing the songs our fathers sing,
Transcending those of yore;
We'll meet to sing diviner strains
Than those of auld lang syne;
Immortal songs of praise, unknown
In days of auld lang syne.

N. B.—Forasmuch as ye younge menne who finge are flamed-faced, ye younge womenne are defired to looke away from them when thei finge.

N. B.—As temperance doth now prevail, no cider will be paffed.

N. B.—Ye womenne folkes will remove their bonnets, that thofe vvh may be behind them may fee ye menne and womenne fyngers without obstruction.

N. B.—All younge children vvh are inclined to make mufick on a different key from ye one on vvh ye tune is pitched, may as well go and sit by naber Hemphill's fire at ye Hemphill tavern, if to be ye congregation be not annoyed.

N. B.—Undue levity and sparkin will be mentioned in ye "mufick-al corner" of ye weekly papers.

SHOWERS.—Praiseworthy Grimshaw, Praise God Barebones, Absolum Jinkins and Israel Scraw.

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