The New Northwest.

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OUR LOVED ONES NEVER DIE.

BY BELLE BUSH.

They live! the loved companions of the heart,
Though hidden from our view,
And oft the blessings that their smiles impart,
Our faltering steps pursue.

We feel their presence ark living light
About our pathway shed,
And oft we hold in watches of the night,
Communion with the dead.

Our dead! we call them so, forgetting
Our loved ones never die,
But live where love, no buried hopes regretting,
Looks on a cloudless sky.

They weave about our hearts a golden chain,
They beckon us with shining hands to come
Unterrified across death's dusky plain,
And give us promise of a brighter home.

We're ne'er alone; in sorrow's darkest hour,
They walk with us and whisper loving words,
That drop into our hearts with soothing power,
Waking to music its most silvery chords.

They whisper peace to us when grief and pain
Call the wild tempest of our passions forth;
They sing to us a sweetly soothing strain
And teach us lessons of divinest worth.

There is no winter in their friendship dear;
No dreary autumn to our hearts they bring;
Though flowers of summer fade and wither here,
Their love knows only a perpetual spring.

It buds and blossoms on the tree of life,
And heavenly zephyrs bear its breath away
To where we wonder on the shores of strife,
And we look up and greet the perfumed day.

They walk with us, the loved of other days,
Unseen, it may be, by our mortal sight;
They tread the airy paths where morning strays
And talk with us in dreams by day and night.

Why should we droop, then, 'neath our load of care?
Or falter in the path we're called to tread?
Have we not strength the martyr's cross to bear?
With such high fellowship what need we dread?

Maggie Ryan.

"But just let me stay until morning, ma'am. It is cold, dreary and dark along the road, and, indade, I've no place to go to but the widow Yarrow's, and that's miles away."

So spoke a sad, worn-looking woman, standing on the threshold of a well-to-do farmer's house, just as the last rays of light were fading from the evening sky.

The person she spoke to, a large woman in a bright flowered dress and a white apron—the mistress of the house—turned away pettishly.

"You came at night, Maggie; it seems to me you can go at night. You don't suit. I never saw such shiftless ways in my life. And Jane Smith is here, and I've only one bed for the servants, and I can't expect a tidy girl like Jane to sleep with—well, with strangers. I've paid you for your three days, and, goodness knows, you've worried me out of my senses since you've been here, and I can't keep you another night, and the earlier you go, the sooner you'll get there, wherever it is."

"Well, that's true, anyway. Then, ma'am," replied the woman, "and you are mistress in your own house; but God knows it's not a dog I'd be drivin' out at night." Then she tied her little pittance in the corner of her pocket-handkerchief, and walked away out of the gate and up the road, not looking back once. Her heart was heavy as lead, and she was angry at a world that had been a very hard one to her.

"Three years since Pat wint away," she said to herself, "and niver a word from him. He's dead, no doubt; and it's the last kind word I've heard. I wasn't shiftless and good-for-nothing to him. 'Maggie,' he'd often say, 'I'd change you for nobody's wife.' Och, he was the man; and as good to me when I was faded and worn out with the hard livin' and losin' the childer, as he was when I was a purty girl, with cheeks like roses, an' he was a boy coortin' me. Och, Pat, where did you go, at all? You died in a ditch like a dog, maybe; for all these hard-hearted gentle-folks might care, we all might."

She turned and shook her fist back at the house she had just left, only a bit of the roof now visible over the rising ground.

"My heart was aching for the childer and for Pat," she said, "but you could have no patience if a pertatie was burnt, or a towl not that smooth. You sent me out with the night falling. Bad luck to ye and all yer like."

Then she plodded on again; but the woman she had left was not as she had fancied her. In her thrift and tidiness she could not understand this untidy, careless being. She knew nothing of the misery at her heart, or the sorrow that made her forget the pots and pails. She was actually half afraid of her, and anxious to get her out of her house. She had felt it a great mistake to hire a tramp from the road, as it were, and she had paid her and felt conscious of no cruelty.

The daylight fled apace; the moon, risen long ago, became visible—a faint streak of new moon that set in a little while—only the stars were left—and Maggie, wandering on the road with her bundle under her arm—a bundle of rags and odds and ends tumbled together in an old flannel petticoat—began to lose her knowledge of it. Here and there she saw lights in a window, but they were no promise of hospitality to her. If she could get to widow Yarrow's, that person, who took the laborers to board, would let her lodge while she could pay, but where was the widow's cottage—to the right or to the left? She could not tell in the darkness whether she had taken the proper turning. Hard by there was a rushing sound, as of water. Danger here, perhaps. The railroad was somewhere at hand, and though Maggie felt that the world was a poor place, she did not feel ready to meet death yet.

"I'll just drop down in the grass somewhere," said the poor woman. "And God between me and harm. If I could find a bit of hay, now, 'twould be a comfort."

She stretched forward, peering through the darkness, and her foot struck some loose branches that lay upon the ground, with a crackling sound.

"What's that?" said a voice very near her, in a sharp whisper.

"It's an imp of a squirrel," said another voice. "Go on with your work, Jim. The train will be along in fifteen minutes. Up with that rail. Hi! we'll have them this time."

"Hold your tongue, fool," said the first voice. "You're half drunk. I tell you I thought it was a step."

And now Maggie, who had sunk flat upon the ground, knew all. Those who whispered near her were train wreckers.

"I'll make no noise," said she. "It's none of my business."

But lying in the grass, the sharp strokes of steel on steel smote her ear; she could not forget them. And suddenly it came upon her that it was neither more nor less than murder that she was waiting there to see—that in lying quiet while it was done she helped to do it.

"God forgive me," said poor Maggie, "I'll not do it; but what am I to do? How will I stop them? It's my own death; I'll bring about nothing else—"

And just then the sound of a steam whistle far away caught the ear. The train was coming.

"We're ready for them," said the voice she had heard before. "Come into the bushes."

She heard them tramp away, and arose to her feet and looked about her. There was no house in sight and no help near. Suddenly a thought struck her. She had matches in her pocket, and her dress was a thin calico—it would burn like tinder. In a moment more she had torn it off and had the matches in her hand. As she struck a light she heard a pistol click.

"They see me," she said, and held the match against the old calico, and as it caught flourished it over her head. She felt a bullet whiz by her shoulder, another struck her, but now the glare was bright, and the train was close at hand—she rushed toward it waving her burning dress. Thank God! they saw her. The train slackened its pace—it stopped. Men with lanterns in their hands sprang from it and hurried toward her. And the old dress burnt to a tinder, dropped to the ground, and she sank beside it, the blood flowing from a wound in her arm.

"They've killed me, I belave," she said, faintly, as a man bent over her. "I can't show you the place, but it's—beyant there—the rails—they've ripped them up, the villains!" Then she fainted.

When she came to herself she was by the roadside, and the lights fell over her, and she heard people talking of the hair-breadth escape they had had, and of her bravery.

"You risked death to save us," said one woman. "You shall be rewarded. My children were with me."

"And I am going to meet my wife," said a gentleman. "She will not let me forget you if I have so ungrateful a heart. You shall be well cared for now, and when you are well you shall never know want."

"Indeed, then," said another voice—one that sounded familiar to her—"indeed, I am not rich, but I'd have been loth to be killed to-night. I'm just on the road to what I've been seeking two years. I found out yesterday where my missus is, and I'm goin' to her—she's breakin' her heart for me. I haven't much; but there's a couple of pounds if you'll take 'em, good woman, and God's blessin', too, for the sake of Maggie Ryan, that you've saved from bein' a widow."

And a strong hand folded over her weak one, and would have left money in it, but she caught it tight.

"It's Pat Ryan!" she cried; "come back at last. Don't you know Maggie, Pat?"

And two great arms folded her close; and the poor soul who had tramped the road, desolate and forsaken, an hour before, was happy as angels are in heaven.

It might not be "great good luck" to you to be a flagman's wife, and live in a little cottage on the roadside, but Maggie thinks it so.

"And, oh, Pat!" she often says, "how little did I think, when Satan was in my heart, and I was willing to lie still and let happen what might to the heartless gentlefolk, what I was doing to myself and you; and after all, it's kind hearts they had, and gave you the illigant place, and me the shanty, and cow, and all. Good luck to them."—*Ex.*

THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION.—The *Popular Science Monthly* reports Sir Wyville Thompson as saying, in a lecture to the natural history class at Edinburgh University, that the great stumbling-block, from the natural history side of the question, in the way of an acceptance of the evolution hypothesis, was, that any such passage from one species to another is entirely outside our experience. The horse has evidently been the horse since the earliest hieroglyphics were engraved upon Assyrian monuments and tombs, and the same held for all living creatures. There was not a shadow of evidence of one species having passed into another during the period of human record or tradition. Nor is this all. We have, in the fossil remains contained in the rocks, a sculptured record of the inhabitants of the world, running back incalculably further than the earliest chisel-mark inscribed by man—incalculably further than man's existence on this planet; and although we find from the record that thousands of specimens have passed away, and thousands have appeared, in no single case have we yet found the series of transitional forms imperfectly gliding into one another and uniting two distinct species by a continuous bridge, which could be cited as an undoubted instance of the origin of a species. Mr. Darwin's magnificent theory of "natural selection" and "survival of the fittest" has undoubtedly shaken the veil by pointing out a path by which such an end might be attained; but it has by no means raised it. Still, even if we never found out the precise mode in which one species gave rise to another, there could be no further hesitation in accepting generally a hypothesis of evolution.

A Boston paper says that seals are getting quite plentiful on the Eastern coast. Two girls connected with the laundry of the Rose Standish House, Hingham, have succeeded in taming two seals, by feeding them, so that they come regularly up to the wharf to be fed.

In a late style of marriage announcements only the names of the bride and clergyman appear. As civilization advances, the groom becomes of less and less importance on such occasions.

The tomb of David, just south of the walls of Jerusalem, has been explored. It is now a Mohammedan mosque, and with marble columns.

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SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah.—John P. Ward, Plaintiff, vs. Amanda Ward, Defendant.—To Amanda Ward, the above named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified and required to appear in the above-entitled Court and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff filed in the above-entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served in Multnomah county; and if served in any other county of this State, then within twenty days from such service, and if served by publication, you are notified and required to so appear and answer said complaint on or before the second Monday of October, 1877, to-wit: October 8th, 1877, that being the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah county, which will be held after the expiration of the period prescribed by the order of the Judge of said Court for the publication of this summons, to-wit: six weeks from the first publication thereof, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, which is in substance as follows: that a decree may be rendered dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between Plaintiff and Defendant; that the care and custody of the minor children of Plaintiff and Defendant be awarded to the Plaintiff; that the Defendant be decreed to have no estate or interest in any part of the real or personal property of Plaintiff; and that she be divested of all estate right, title, and interest therein, if any she have, and for such other and further relief in the premises as may be meet with equity and good conscience and for costs and disbursements.

This summons is served by publication by order made by Hon. E. D. Shattuck, Judge of said Court, at chambers, August 20th, 1877.

DOLPH, BRONAUGH, DOLPH & SIMON, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

August 24, 1877.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon for the county of Multnomah.—F. J. Moreno, Plaintiff, vs. George C. Hopkins and Dudley Evans, Defendants.—In the name of the State of Oregon, to the said George C. Hopkins, Defendant: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, in which F. J. Moreno is Plaintiff and the said George C. Hopkins and Dudley Evans are Defendants, by the term following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order of publication, made by the Hon. E. D. Shattuck, Judge of said Court, on the 7th day of July, A. D., 1877, which time is six weeks from and after the first publication hereof; and you will take notice that, if you fail so to answer, Plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of $877 47 in gold coin, and costs of the action, and will subject to execution, for the payment thereof, a certain band of sheep attached, in the county of Umatilla, as the property of the Defendants herein.

WM. STRONG & W. W. THAYER, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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