

THE MIRTHFUL MUSE.

A PURITAN HYMN.

My soul is but a rusty rock;
Lord, oil it with thy grace;
And rub it, rub it, rub it, Lord,
Until I see thy face.

ANOTHER VERSE BY TILDEN.

The higher the moon climbs above,
The purer and brighter its beam;
The older you grow, my dear love,
The sweeter and fairer you seem.

'TIS EVEN SO.

Full many a gem of spurious ray serene
The spoffish shrike of hotel clerks do bear!
Full many a simple, ignorant sardine
Believes them pearl-stones of value rare!

A STORY BRIEFLY TOLD.

They met, they smiled, they wept, they loved;
He called her Jane, she called him Thomas—
A richer man came down the lane,
And Tom brought suit for breach of promise.

A SCENE.

A beautiful girl in Mellin's,
Whose hair was a shimmering sheen,
Bought an awful red lung
On her forehead to hang,
Producing a curious scene.

JUST A NATURAL GIRL.

No, she does not live on dew,
And her brow's not lit by white,
And her hair is not the line
Of the sun's eye-flaming light;
No, her teeth are not like pearls,
And her mouth is not like a rose;
She is just the kind of a girl
Nature generally grows.

THE DOUBLE CHAIN EXPLAINED.

When the maid I mean to marry
I of evenings go to see,
I invariably carry
Waters with me along with me,
One is hours and hours too fast,
The other hours and hours too slow;
By the first we meet—the last
I consult when I should go.

A BOSTON GIRL'S FIRST POEM.

Some girls love ginger-bread,
And some love round-hearts best;
Some craves the other's gain,
Though for them I've no zest;
Some first would sponge-cake have,
And some for plum-buns cry;
But give me kisses when you can,
And if not, pumpkin pie.

COMPENSATION.

The poet sings on the plain,
The trader toils in the mart;
One evades the other's gain,
One stares at the other's art,
Yet each one reaches his goal,
And the critic scorns as they pass,
And each of the three in his soul
Believes the other's an ass. —Eet Hart.

"COULD SHE BE MINE?"

I stood by her side when the tide came in,
With its ebbing kiss and wailing moan;
I held her fast—she who said to win?
Might I call her, some glad day, my own?
I looked into the depths of her hazel eyes,
Close to our feet crept the restless sea;
In the tender tones that found hearts prize,
I told her how fair she was to me.
I praised the grace of her queenly head—
The flashing waves sang low and sweet;
The bright eyes shone at the words I said,
While the light foam nestled about her feet.
I praised the show of her chestnut hair;
Never a word she said to me,
But closer she crept to my side down there,
By the restless, foaming, moaning sea.
"Could she be mine?" As I held her fast,
I asked the driver. He spoke me fair,
And said, "He would sell me first and last,
For a hundred dollars, the best but mar." —Burlington Hawkeye.

A GRATEFUL LIONESS.—Lions, when confined

in cages, do not object to the presence of rats.
These are often seen gnawing the bones off which
the lions have dined. In Illinois the case is different,
for the ungrateful rats begin to nibble the
toes of the lord of the forest before his death, and
considerably to his discomfort. "To save our
lioness from this annoyance," said a London
showman, "we placed in her cage a fine little
rat-terrier, who was at first received with a surly
growl; but when the first rat appeared and the
lioness saw the little ferocious fellow in the air,
catching him with professional skill across the
loins with a snap as he came down, she began to
understand what the terrier was for; she coaxed
him to her side, folded her paw around him; and
each night the little fellow slept at her breast, en-
folded by her paws, watching that his natural en-
emies did not disturb the natural rest of his mis-
tress."

EARLIEST BOOK AND NEWSPAPER.—It is said

that printing was first introduced into America
by the Spanish Viceroy Mendoza, at the City of
Mexico, in the year 1539; and the first book pub-
lished is believed to have had the title, "Escuela
Espiritual de San Juan Climaco." No copies of this
work are known to exist at present, and the name of
the printer is a matter of doubt. In what is now
the United States, Cambridge, Mass., in 1639,
Stephen Daye was the first American printer, and
his book was the "Bay Psalm Book," issued in 1640.
The first newspaper was issued at Boston, by John
Campbell, on Monday, April 24, 1764. It was
called the Boston News-Letter, and was regularly
published for about seventy-two years.

Harold St. Clair Athelton sends us a love of a

poem beginning, "Sweetly the roses bloom on my
breast." Harold, thou child of genius, change
your shirt and take a bath this minute. Next
thing you know you will just be covered with
plantains and dog-fennel, or some man will come
along and plant you down in cabbage.—Hawkeye.

When an orator gets a stitch in his side and

"hems" a great deal, it is needless to remark that
he will lose the thread of his discourse if he keeps
on hemming.

Square umbrellas have been introduced in

Paris; but some one says they are just as bad as
the old kind, because they are never round when
wanted.

A lady who drew a gentleman's dressing gown

at a church fair, now wishes to draw a good-looking
young man to put in it.

A common malformation—Too long a tongue.

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Illinois, St. Louis to Missouri, Philadelphia to Pennsylvania,
and New Orleans to Louisiana. It has more territory
tributary to it than any other city in the United States, and
will soon be numbered with the foremost cities in the
Union. Even at this time the hammer and the saw can be
heard in all parts of the city; the demand for buildings is
so great that the inclement season of Winter does not
check the onward march of its growth. With the vast
number of ships constantly plying between this and foreign
ports, freighted with our constantly increasing agricultural
products, and the numerous railroads now tributary to or
terminating at this city, it will not require more than ten
years to swell the population of our beautiful and growing
city to 100,000 souls. Having a larger territory than San
Francisco to support it, we may confidently assert that in
less than a quarter of a century Portland will be the fore-
most city on the western coast of wealth and population.
We will here enumerate the many railroad enterprises
already inaugurated. Some of them are constructed, and
others in process of construction, all making their termini
at this city.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC

Is building rapidly west from Duluth, on Lake Superior,
and also from the Columbia River east, and will be com-
pleted at an early day, thus connecting us with all our sister
States.

THE OREGON AND CALIFORNIA R. R.

Terminates here, and is having an immense patronage.

THE WESTERN OREGON R. R.

Formerly the Oregon Central, is doing a good business.
This road runs through the fertile country on the west side of
the Willamette River, and its southern terminus at
present is at Corvallis, 97 miles from Portland.

THE UTAH SOUTHERN R. R.

Will be built through hundreds of miles of fertile lands,
the produce of which will be brought to this city for ship-
ment. This road will connect with the Union Pacific R.
R., thus securing two competing lines from the Atlantic to
the Pacific. It is now a settled fact that the

PORTLAND, DALLES AND SALT LAKE R. R.

Will be constructed at an early day. This will give us three
trans-continental roads.

NEW RAILROAD ENTERPRISES.

A home company with unlimited capital, has been or-
ganized, under the name of the Oregonian Railway Co., to
construct narrow-gauge roads from this city to the interior
portions of the State, ultimately connecting with the Cen-
tral Pacific, with branches wherever in the interior may be
desired. This enterprise is being pushed vigorously to comple-
tion, so that it may be in readiness to move this Fall's
crop.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Have been filed to construct a road from Battle Mountain,
Nevada, in the direction of Oregon, to connect with the
Oregonian Railway Co.'s road, and make Portland its ter-
minus. This will give us direct communication with the
richest silver mines in the world, and will make Portland
one of the greatest railroad centers in the Union.

We shall soon be connected by rail with the Northern
Pacific R. R.; also with Chicago and the Atlantic cities.
Thousands of immigrants are constantly arriving from all
parts of the world, and the demand for land is so great
of agricultural lands that are still unbroken by the
plowshare, and awaiting the advent of the sturdy farmer,
point most conclusively to the fact that an era of prosperity
is already dawning upon us, and the result of the
immigration has reached its full tide, and three millions
of acres are under cultivation, they will Oregon be known
as the wealthiest State in the Union.

PORTLAND CITY HOMESTEAD.

The land in this enterprise lies adjoining the city, and is
only from ten to fifteen minutes' walk from the Court
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public schools in the city. It is divided into
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interest will be charged, and a good and sufficient Bond for
used will be required, and the first installment of \$5, and a
Warranty Bond upon receipt of last in-
stallment, both without expense to the purchaser.

TO PURCHASERS.

Those not finding it convenient to make their payments
when due, will be granted twenty days grace in which to
make such payments, and the same privilege shall be granted
every possible opportunity to keep up their payments.
Those desiring to make full payment at the time the Bond is
issued, will be entitled to a reduction of \$10 on each lot,
or \$5 on each \$50 paid in.

ROAD TO WEALTH

Is the most certain and rapid through real estate invest-
ments, this enterprise offers far more inducements to the
public than any other on the coast at this time, as the price
and payments are within the reach of all. Do not let this
chance pass. Buy a lot, build a house, and you shall have
independent. Many of you who live in rented houses pay more
every year for rent than would purchase a lot and build a
roof over your head. You then would be independent of
existing landlords, and in the fall have a place to call home.

DON'T FORGET

That not many years ago some of the best lots in San Fran-
cisco were sold for an ounce of gold dust, and that now they
cannot be bought for \$100,000. Also, remember that in Chi-
cago some of the best business lots were once traded for a
pair of old shoes, and it is desirable that all who shall have
residents of Portland that once they could have bought lots
for \$100 that \$20,000 would not buy now. It is not wise "to
despise the day of small things."

IT IS TRUE

That of all real estate investments the homestead plan is
the best and safest, as all who have any interest in making
the whole property more valuable. To illustrate: Sup-
pose A builds a house on his lot, and B owns a lot adjoining;
B gets the benefit of A's improvement, while A is not
injured thereby. This philosophy will apply to the entire
property.

We have donated a lot to each of the principal churches
for church purposes. Also, two lots are set apart for public
school purposes.

RAILROAD PURCHASE

The Overland, Oregon and California and the Western
Railroad Companies have purchased all the land from the
east line of the Homestead (Ninth street) to the water
front for their terminals, depots, machine shops, etc.; also
the main line of the Oregonian Railway Company's line, and
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center on the Pacific Coast lays in close proximity to these
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property of 100 per cent, making the lots in this Homestead
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portant as it is, we shall strictly adhere to our advertised
contract with the public to sell lots for \$100 each for
the next ninety days.

The two hundred lots that were reserved for actual settlers
are now all sold, and the demand to select lots being so
great, we have been compelled to place more lots on the
market from which the public may select for the next
ninety days. This affords an opportunity for persons so
desiring to purchase the most beautiful residence property.

TO PARTIES DESIRING TO PURCHASE.

This property is now selling very rapidly, and those wish-
ing to buy will do well to call or send immediately for a lot
or lots. All but the first installment must be paid at the
Banking House of Ladd & Titton, in the city of Portland.

PERSONS FROM A DISTANCE

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Money may be forwarded by registered letter, money
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I. A. MARQUAM.

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