the season of marriages.
A large number of weddings in tashionable soeiety have taken place of late, and many more are
to occur before the year closea. Throughout the oity, andthe country, Indeed, tmarrigges are frequent. The closing quarter of the year is:lways favorite time for entering into wedloek, but
this year the marriage rate is apparently higher this year the marriage rate is apparently higher
than usual, chan usual,
Statistien in regard to that matter, however, are
very untrustworthy in nearly all the States, Mes very untrustworthy in nearly all the states, Ma its vital statistices are kept with great care, and they may be ciceepted asp subuthantially care, and
From them we find that the proportion riages to the population was hoportion of mar-
high hast yeur as
compared with the years beto compared win the years before the revival of
business prosperity; and there is believe that the movement has continued during We may, therefore, assume that the marriage
te of the whole country has increased within the last two years, for every part of it hass shared in the
renewed prosperity. The drouth and renewed prosperity . The drouth and the flood
and the forest fires, it is true, have done the farmers serious injury, and because of it marriages be
tween their sons and daughters may have be put off in many cases. Trade, manytacture been cestul. The people are making money, the $d$ d and wages are no longer low pily ended in weddings, and many which welast summer have already been ratifled at or Yet the expenses of house-keeping are greater cost of nearly all articles of food is more, in some cases mueh more, than at any time within five ments have been put up, and boarding-house kee ers are charging yorer prices than they have
asked of recent years, both for the reason tha their expenses are greater and because there is an are at all desirable. It is not ensy to now fif they New York an attractive dwelling place, try a con-
venient and healthy situation; and when it i Iound, the rent asked for it is likely to be beyon
Under such circumstances, how shall we advis
Une in
the co




That is an old question. It in one which many thousands of people desirous of marrying have year is a comparatively good one. It is probably
more than that enjoyed by the great majority of Ihe men whe are yow leading brides to the aitar. If people generally thought that they could not
afford to marry without an income greater thàn that, or even equal to that, our marriage rate, intread of being high, would be lamentably ande even
perilously tow, But what tiscomfort and even tuxury to some men, and what is a modest sufficiency poverty. To which of these cent unendurable spondent and hisis sweetheart belong? If they are willing to live simply and economthey will be abbe to get along on an thousand dol-
lars a year. If love goes with them to their hol and remains there, matrimonial bliss will be be their, too, no matter if they are forced to give ue
some thinga to which they are now accustomed. some things to which they are now accustomed. -
Nev York Sun. woman's answers.


## SELECTED VERSE



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Rut they shail paxs, these akier of gray
And she for whom 1 atigh in vain, Who makes my blus and mankee my patin Belng sot, aus now, than touture gays,
so tar awwy.

 Heard $a$ great volee through the white space
Haste to the suceor of a tempted soonic. Flew to that somber room where you und
 Witionac, the strmis tides sobbed apon the shore, The sen wind shook the mournful sycamore
Wpon the terraee, black with Wintry rain. Wpon the terreee, black with Wintry rain,
Within, the fre was dead, and like a pail silience and cloom humg over hant pad stair: The pletured theer on the caryen wall
Frown down upon us in our drread dexparr.
Ind sweet to love," you marmurred -"m telt your kiseses th my hartrs warm gold

 And aht these coward 1 lpe grew nitrong to onay
My heart nud yourd The dread wond of farewell Thate e nanatatering ing; 1 put away The clasping hands, that held me like a spell;: The love that wus we Hite, and wateched you po Through the dark shatawas of that bankrupt night
The reok - my kad soul

Crint not to me I Ceannoce lona una
The feet that waiked by dutys nale, cold suar
Will turn no more nor tater on the way.
Then eall no more: $\mathbf{A y}$ weary eyee are wet,
 The toot Eden, io $\{$ sword is set-
There tande the tathful angel evermor
beam memories
When the spring ereeps up through the golden gladex, And the wootliunds sleep in their danfodill be
In the dreammang Ime, ere the day


When the world is red with the Summer rom
When the worta in red with the som mer rove.
And swee wath the muste of metlow June, Wull you mins some lisht when the sunset giowne,
Till the mong of the summer seems mete Will you sony how swiftiy the June duya went Will you say how nwirty the June dayw wemi
In the failineen of last yearts eweet content?
When the reaperx rost in the ruddy mold
 Wha our hopes were pipe tor the reaping dow
When the of of tife that nowervi of hate Were stripped and swept by the seyfhe of Pate?
When the world is awaiting the springs sweet prime,
And the spow lies eoft were forme and held And the snow Hes serf ver forest and held,
will yon think how we wept in the winter time When the "love of yolir Hertime" was Just new born

A Hfo-long sorrowt Limind me yet
-Twere better, you sait, that 1 should forget,
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