

# With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

They who have conquered self, and won  
Love's pathway to the heart of things,  
Have spread their new-found spirit wings  
And soared beyond earth's twilight sun.

—Selected.

## THE VALLEY OF DREAMS.

The Valley of Dreams lies afar o'er the way,  
Past the beautiful City of Rest;  
There Night draws her veil at the end of the day,  
And tinges with crimson the West,  
There the young and the old meet together to dwell  
In the arabesque gardens of light,  
To dream 'neath the Sand Man's mysterious spell,  
Through the scintillant, summery night.

There are dreams of the days of the sweet Long Ago,  
Of Childhood's fair hours so gay,  
When all of the world was with pleasure aglow,  
And life was a vision of play.  
There are dreams of the lullaby days, when the croon  
Of the mother-songs, drowsy and slow,  
Entwined with the elfin-band's mystical rune,  
In cadences tender and low.

There are dreams of the Fairland's magical clime,  
Where blue-bells are ringing re-  
frains;  
Where no one grows old, but the finkle and chime  
Of the little child's laugh ever reigns.  
There are dreams of the glint and the glittering gold  
Of the curls of each wee little tot,  
Which the eyes of the sleeper forever behold,  
In that rose-tinted, mythical spot.

There are dreams of success which we mean to attain,  
In the shadowy, distant Somewhere;  
There are visions when riches and pleasure shall reign,  
When we're free from all worry and care.  
There are dreams of achievements—of glory and fame,  
To lead us along sunny ways,  
When laurels shall wreath us and honor our name,  
E'er reaching the end of our days.

And the dew of the mists of that blossomy land  
Drip down from the hills of the night;  
And the eerie-like strains from the weird elfin-band  
Drift off through the valleys of light,  
Till their silvery notes touch the shadowy shore,  
And the echoing harmonies creep through the glittering lanes of the Wake-Land once more,  
And are lost in the grottoes of Sleep.

E. A. BRININSTOOL.

The Roengen rays may enable a scientist to ascertain a woman's age, but it can never compel the woman to admit it.

When a widower is rich and good looking he attracts as much talk as any widow that ever walked the face of the earth.

Some one claims to have discovered 861 ways of eating corn from the cob, but we don't believe a noiseless way is among them.

"Who owns the air?" asks the Dayton, Ohio, News. Sh-h-h! Why not continue using it without waking up Mr. Rockefeller with such foolish questions?

The double umpire system this coming summer is likely to perplex many a poor fan who finds himself confronted with two chances and only one pop bottle to throw.

The New York girl who married a Chinaman to "spite her folks" is likely to find herself in the same fix people are in after cutting off their own noses to spite their faces.

A short time ago Texas school children petitioned Mr. Roosevelt not to kill any animals in Africa. Now New Hampshire children are asking

him to give up his African trip altogether, for fear the force of his example will increase the slaughter of wild animals. If this sort of thing continues, Mr. Roosevelt may take his race suicide views out into the back yard and use an ax on them.

The public will never realize how little it really cares for eggs until the price again drops to twenty cents a dozen.

According to the New York Telegraph one eminent Bostonian knows "Paradise Lost" by heart. Let us hope it will result in softening his heart.

As a rule, a man can make everything better than he can make an excuse, and a woman can make an excuse better than she can make anything else.

The news that Mr. Rockefeller means to live 100 years failed to arouse great enthusiasm among the people who remember that his income is estimated to be \$1.65 a second.

Since a number of Cleveland people have been endeavoring to live as Christ would, we presume the grocers in that town are having less trouble collecting their credit accounts.

A Georgia man is at last engaged to be married after having proposed to 201 girls. Which shows that you can't shake the determination of some men who have started out to look for trouble.

A contemporary mentions the fact that there are more than 100,000 bachelors in Texas. One can only imagine how many safety pins and horse shoes nails are doing duty as buttons in that state.

A Wisconsin state board will attempt to find out why more persons do not marry. After getting through with that job they might busy themselves with the question of why more persons do not stay married.

An exchange asserts that 85,000 innocent persons are arrested in New York every year. The statement will seem preposterous to those who never suspected New York of harboring so many innocent people.

Congressman Hobson made a speech in Boston the other evening in which he declared that "Japan is determined to have war." Possibly Japan is also planning to have it while Mr. Roosevelt is absent in Africa.

"Club women are talking too much," is the startling assertion made by a Chicago lecturer. Perhaps this man thinks he is able to point out to club women, or any other women, the line that divides just enough from too much. We'll admit it's too much for us.

A Missouri man who claims to have had a vision of St. Peter's record book, showing \$4.90 charged opposite his name, walked 145 miles to contribute that amount to a conscience fund. This is probably one of the Missourians who constantly insisted on being shown.

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