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GLADNESS.

I am the elfin spirit you heard in the springtime glade;
I am the wisp of wonder you took for a dancing maid;
I am the dewy sparkle of the young grass in the spring;
I am the fairy fancy that flies on an April wing.
I am the silver bubble you saw on the rippling stream;
I am the childhood chatter you heard in a day of dream;
I am the bloom on the meadow, the delicate green of the rye.
I am the violet morning that blooms in a sapphire sky.
I am the song forgotten that slips from the vale of sleep;
Light as a whisper of moonlight over and on the deep;
I am the length unmeasured, I am the height unknown.
Between the gates of the portal and the arm-post of the throne.
—Boston Post.

Under cover of conditions brought about chiefly by the war there seems to be a widespread move on the part of True Remedy, the railroads and other large corporations to make capital for themselves and to lay all the troubles of the industrial world upon reformatory legislation.

In some instances there is a measure of reason in what they say because unjust measures may be proposed. But of course the chief troubles are of their own making and the public is not responsible excepting that by neglect it has permitted such abuses to arise. Overcapitalization more than anything else is at the seat of present economic difficulties. Railroads cannot be expected to make profits when, as many of them are, they are capitalized at several times their true valuation. Where overcapitalization prevails the remedy lies in lancing the boil not in seeking measures to make the evil permanent.

But even at that it is a surprising thing that with all the talk about the inability of the railroads to make any money there is no disposition to sell and every suggestion about government ownership is met with hysterical objections. Plainly the groans of the transportation interests are not to be taken too seriously.

Ever since the start of the war reports have been frequent about bayonet fighting. Yet

The Artillery Does reports from the The Business field hospitals show there are no men with bayonet wounds. In other words there has been no bayonet fighting to speak of. There has been some of course and the press reports technically speaking have been true, though essentially false because of their spectacular features.

Unquestionably the real serious work on both sides has been by the various branches of the artillery. In the big sieges the heavy guns have done it all, so to speak. In the trench fighting the machine guns have been very effective and bomb throwing guns have been used at the greatest distances. In the artillery branches both the Germans and French were well prepared. The Germans have done more with their siege guns than have the French but the French field artillery is said to be superior in many respects to the German. Had the French not been well equipped with good modern artillery the march to Paris would never have been checked.

The relative efficiency of the different branches of the service during the war in Europe is of interest in connection with the frenzied appeals some make for war preparations in this country. There is little basis for that clamor and the propaganda being carried on may well be viewed

with suspicion. But if this country wishes to do anything towards strengthening its military establishment the thing to do is to build up the artillery branch. The artillery requires few men but they must be trained men and there must be modern guns and ammunition available for use. In case of war a well equipped artillery service would be worth more to this country than a standing army of a half million men. The mere fact this country has a very small regular army numerically speaking is of little importance. We can get infantrymen by the million within a few months time. The real questions pertain to the chances of getting equipment for these men and above all to the status of the artillery branch.

The United States is in no danger of invasion at this time.—The Sun.

Leese-Jingoism! The Leese-Jingoism. Hun is at the gate, and the jig is already up. We are a conquered people, and what is worse, we never were any good. An army colonel named Heilstand, out in Chicago, has been telling us all about it.

To begin with the beginning: We did not whip Great Britain in the War of the rebellion. Great Britain was busy at home and quit because she hadn't the slightest idea what kind of real estate we had here.

As for the Civil War:

In the war of the rebellion two great mobs of the finest citizenry that ever stepped up to the cannon's mouth went to the front without knowledge of organization or warfare for four straight years, and at the end the one with the longest purse and the greatest number of men triumphed. It was scarcely a war. It was a conflict of mob organization.

Somehow, we had not thought of regarding the troops commanded by Grant and Lee and Stonewall Jackson and Sherman and Sheridan and Stuart and Thomas and Longstreet as mobs, and the great soldiers of the North and South as mob-leaders; but hitherto we have not had a Heilstand to illuminate our history. Sheridan, who accompanied the Prussian General Staff, was disposed to the opinion that the Union army on the whole was superior to the German army; but Sheridan was no such military authority as Heilstand, and probably knew nothing at all about armies.

The thing to do, of course, as this Col. Heilstand shows, is to turn the whole country into an armed camp and make everybody do military service. Then instead of winning our wars with "mobs," as we have done for nearly a century and a half we can break our backs with military taxes and finally be licked scientifically.—New York World.

HADE IN AMERICA.

"Can you beat it?"
"I get you."
"Nobody home."
"Pipe the skirt."
"Your honor, I move we postpone the execution indefinitely."
"Fellow citizens, if you elect me to this high office I will!"
"Plenty-er-seats-up-front. Steplively-please!"
"French sardines."
"Russian caviar."
"Italian macaroni."
"Turkish rugs."
"Havanna cigars."
Delaware "peaches"—every other state also.

NO ROOM FOR A THIRD.

Ex-President Taft was, on one occasion, in consultation with Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania. Now, as everybody knows, Mr. Taft is gigantic and the senator is taller and weighs more than any other member of the senate.

While the two were in earnest conversation an aggressive politician endeavored to enter the room, but an alert secretary politely interfered.

"What are they doing in there?" asked the politician, inquisitively.

This pertinent question nettled the secretary and he answered tersely: "Holding a mass meeting, I presume."

WHICH?

Mrs. Smith-Jones, taking a villa at Palm Beach, engaged for butler a stout old colored deacon.

"Now, Clay," she said to the old fellow, "there are two things I must insist upon—truthfulness and obedience."

"Yes, madame," the venerable servant answered, "and when yo' bids me tell yo' guests yo's out when yo's in, which shall it be?"

Her Performance.

Why don't you get married, my dear?" asked the matronly chaperon of the debutante.

"Not for mine, please. Courtship: honk, honk, \$5; marriage: ding ding, nickel."

CURRENT THINKING.

MOTION PICTURES UNDER THE SEA.

In the January American Magazine Cleveland Moffett writes a most interesting account of a new invention by which moving pictures of sharks and other sea life are now taken at great depths. The inventor, Charles Williamson, is a sea captain of Norfolk, Virginia, whose sons, George and Ernest, are carrying on the work.

The essential of the invention is a tube which is lowered into the water in which human beings are enabled to remain and do the photography with the assistance of powerful searchlights which they carry. In the following extract taken from the article Mr. Moffett relates his conversation with one of the Williamsons as to the probability that this new invention opens the way to regain lost treasures at the bottom of the sea which amount to many hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Some say there is gold at the bottom of the ocean than there is in circulation," remarked George Williamson. "It is certain that gold and silver have been sinking in the sea for centuries, millions a month, going down like rain and never coming up again. We think we have a way of getting some of this treasure up."

"With your deep sea tube?"
"Yes. My father is now working out plans to salvage the 'Merdu' which was wrecked off the Virginia coast a few years ago. The board of

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