
THE ONE SURE THING.

There are sounds of laughter and singing
And sounds that of woe make part,
As the earth to its fate goes swinging,
But love is lord of the heart,
And cloudy or fair the weather
Some souls will be drifting together
And souls be drifting apart.

Dark evil may lurk in the byways, Still bitaking in wrath at the dawn,
And the terror leap forth on the highways
Of the sword from its scabbard withdrawn,
But cloudy or fair the weather
Bone souls will be drifting together And souls be drifting apart.

Though unmoved by the poet's dreaming,

Mon farry too long in the mart

And grow cold in the pride of their scheming,

Yet love is lord of the heart, And cloudy or fair the weather Some souls will be drifting together And some be drifting apart.

-W. T. Talbutt in Washington Star.

A COTTON PLANT.

The Story of One Shown on the New York Exchange.

There is a story still told to visitors to the New York Cotton Exchange which always amuses its tellers quite as much as its hearers. It concerns a very superb specimen of the cotton plant which was brought into the exchange one October morning years ago and placed in the center of the pit around which gather every day the mon who buy and sell millions of bales of the white staple every month.

There had been bad weather in Texas that season, with reports of irrepareble damage to the crop, but this superb plant, laden with bolls throughout its six feet of height and coming, as it did, from Waco, in the most important cotton section of the Lone Star State, was exhibited as conclusive preof that the stories of a ruined crop see certainly false. All New York's ble cotton operators came to look at is and to admire it, and most of them pomained to sell a few thousand bales. "If that is what Waco can produce," they said, "the Texas crop alone will be big enough to put cotton down a

cont or two per pound." Late in the day, however, there perceied into the exchange a shrewd old farmer from one of the cotton states east of the Mississippi. He had beard of six foot cotton plants from Texas, and he wanted to see one. A mingle look at this specimen was suffi-

"Bumbug." he said. "That plant is made of wax, and it grew in South

And so it proved. The boax had that very few people in New York, not a count plant if they saw one.

How the Oak Will Grow. These are trees which would seem to contentiate the theory of some seithat there is no reason why a should ever die unless destroyed

unfavorable conditions or accident. The oak, for example, will live as a sapling for ages until given opportuat growth. There is an old saying to the effect that if a pine forest is down an oak forest will grow. and this is said to be literally true, Many of the acorns carried lute the pise woods by birds and squirrels are they seplings grow browsing natives of the ferest shades nibble off their bender leaves. Again and again new heres are put forth, only to serve as food for hungry deer or moose or other marauaing creatures. And so, hidden from sunlight, deprived, as it would appear, of every essential of life, the little plants live on, and when at last the pines are felled and the sunlight reaches them they begin their era of growth.

Spurgeon Finds a Text. Near where Spurgeon's tabernacle stands half a dozen main streets all meet at one point. There is a drinking fountain there, which has stood there for many years. It was one very hot summer's evening, and the drinking fountain was in strong demand. I wanted a drink myself, and in a happy sort of way while waiting my turn I said to some of the people standing by: "Hurry up. I'm parched." Somebody patted me on the back and said:

Spurgeon's text. The guard added that he was on his way to the tablernacie at the time, and Spurgeon preached one of the finest sermons he had ever heard on the words: "Hurry up. I'm parched."-Home Magazine.

"Thank you, my man. You have given

me my text for tonight." It was Mr.

The Ugliest Beast.

Probably the ugliest beast in the world is a monkey, a grewsome looking animal called the bearded saki. This is so utterly grotesque a beast that it would scarcely be safe to let a child or nervous person see it. The ugliness is not of an amusing kind, but of an evil, sinister nature. The beast has a sort of beard and a countenance unlike anything else in shape and lines. The monkey itself is not particularly savage, but is so hideous that the natives of its country, South America. my that no beast of prey, however bungry, will tackle it. Even a hungry Jaguar will starve in a cageful of sakis.

A Unique Notice. The following is a copy of a unique notice affixed to the church door at Whitechurch, London: "Missing, last Sunday, some familles from church. Stolen, several hours from the Lord's day, by a number of people of different ages, dressed in their Sunday

Travelers by rail in Brittany often tide past Guingamp without remembering that it was nere gingham. that it was here that was pro-

The soil of Egypt at the present day to tilled by exactly the same kind of plow that was used 5,000 years ago.

An Emperor's Attio.

The winter palace of the czar surpasses any other palace in Europe. It is on the banks of the Neva and owes its existence to the Empress Catherine II, that most extraordinary woman, extraordinary in ability and in vice, the surprise of all her contemporaries and the wonder of all who have studied her character. The building is four stories high, of a light brown color and highly ernamental in architecture. It is a wilderness of halls, stairways and spartments. The Nicholas hall and the St. George's hall will never be forgotten by those who have seen them.

One of the most interesting rooms is that where Nicholas I died. It is in the upper story of the northeast corner of the building and is approached by four doors and finally by a narrow passage. It is a small room, only about 18 feet long and 12 feet wide, with two small windows, and is the place where the emperor spent most of his time when not officially employed. It is the room in which he died, some say by poison administered by himself in a fit of melancholy induced by the outcome of the Orimean war. The room remains just as he left it. Near the center is a plain iron bedstead. Some chairs and a few cheap pictures adorn the room, and a dilapidated, down at the heel pair of slippers complete the furnishings of the attic room in the palace.

The Ashantees See Sights.

The natives of these Jaman villages had never seen a white man before, and I noticed at first with some surprise that those of our actions which interested them most were the simple and commonplace ones. To such matters as eating and dressing they gave the closest attention. Every morning when I emerged from my tent I found a large audience waiting patiently for the performance to begin, and when I took my place at the washstand a crowd closed round, forming a large circle. They followed the whole process with the greatest enjoyment, discussing and explaining to one another the various details and now and again raising shouts of applause as some peculiarly amusing feature of the performance (such as the use of the nailbrush) occurred. When I produced my toothbrush and proceeded to put it to its natural use, there was much anxious discussion, and when I brushed my bair up and made it stand on end they yelled with delight.

As for the opening of a bottle of champagne, which occurred on one occasion after an unusually long march) it simply brought down the house, although the spectators somewhat abruptly dispersed and viewed the remainder of the performance around the corners of adjacent huts.—"Freeman's Travels and Life In Asbanti."

The Black Hole of Calcutta.

of Calcutta and its atmosphere, says: fact man, who had no liking for any"On the 20th of June, 1756, about 8 thing pronounced, and he noticed with forced at the point of the bayonet into latest thing in collars and various otha dungeon 18 feet square. They had er insignia of fashion. The old gentleinfernal prison before every one fell appeared in his office and then blurted into a perspiration so profuse that no out: idea can be formed of it. This brought on a raging thirst, the most difficult respiration and an outrageous delirium. Such was the horror of their situation that every insult that could be devised opprobrious names the viceroy and his you resemble your father!" officers could be loaded with were repeated to provoke the guard to fire upon Billy. them and terminate their sufferings. Before 11 o'clock the same evening onethird of the men were dead, and before his son. 6 next morning only 23 came out alive, but most of them in a high putrid fever. All these dreadful effects were occasioned by the want of atmospheric air and by their breathing a superabundant quantity of nitrogen emitted from their lungs."

Eyeglasses and Spectacles.

"You say you never wore spectacles?" said the near sighted man. "Well, if you ever put on a pair you'll never wear anything else. I wore eyeglasses for years. I thought they looked better on mo, and then I imagined that they were more convenient; that I could take them off and put them on more readily and all that. But after wearing a pair of spectacles once for a few days -I had put them on, as I thought at first, temporarily-I discovered that spectacles were the glasses for comfort. 'There are, to be sure, people who do not wear glasses all the time, but only for reading or writing, and so on, to whom eyeglasses may be more convenient, and then I believe that eyeglasses are made nowadays that have that the thing for real comfort is spec-

A Very Small Piece of It. She-Have you forgotten how you once said you would give the world for

tacles."-New York Sun.

He-What if I did? 'Oh, nothing particularly, but it that I can have a new wheel!"-In-

dianapolis Journal. A Long Walk,

The longest walk one could take in a boundaries. straight line on solid land would be from the eastern side of the Red sea, not far from Mecca, to the Bering strait, a promenade of about 6,600 miles. In the western hemisphere the walk would not exceed 4,500 miles, owing to the ir regular shape of the American conti

A Demand For a Waistcoat. At Strathfieldsaye there are (or were)

of Wellington that years ago the first paws and asses' hoofs be boiled with llamas brought there were shorn and a dates in oil. waistcoat made for the duke, but a late frost set in, and they had to make flannel waistcoats for the liams instead of land will comfortably support four per their own wool,-Notes and Queries.

The Sun's Motion.

An astronomical fact now as formerly causing no little perplexity to some is that the sun's motion-which unquestionably and indisputably is extremely quick-does not change the relative position of the solar system to the fixed stars and the constellations more than it actually does, and there are some who on this account are inclined to doubt the actual motion of

the sun in space. The investigations of astronomers have nevertheless established one thing as certain-namely, that the sun moves through space at a great speed-estimated by some scientists at 16 miles a second-carrying all the planets, satellites and other cosmical bodies along with it, but this motion of the vast luminary, while affecting, of course, the real motion of the planets in space, does not in even the slightest degree affect the relative motion of sun and planets.

Even under the supposition of so great a rate as 16 miles in one second, this relative position of the sun to the fixed stars would, astronomers declare, be hardly perceptible in a century, on account of the almost inconceivable distance of the latter-the conclusion being, therefore, that many thousands of years must pass before the sun's proper motion in space can change the configuration of the star groups.

The Machete.

As a defensive weapon the value of effect depends less on the weapon itself than on the continual and skillful usage made of it by the Cuban peasant from his earlier age, which imparts a wrist and arm of the operator. The consequence of this skill is that whenever a quarrel occurs between two "guajiros" or "monetros" they settle the matter with their machetes as courageously and tenaciously as two gamecocks, and generally both parties are Lake Precinct, Oregon. seriously injured for life or are killed on the spot.

Owing to this fact and to the natural kindly disposition of the Cuban NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. peasants, they are not a quarrelsome people and respect everybody, to be equally respected. With the machete a few curious accessories are used. The principal are a thin strip of leather closely tied to the right wrist, a small round piece of grinding stone to sharpen the edge of the tool, and whenever the machete is employed to cut down the thorny heath of tropical vegetation a small branch of special shape, called the "garabato," is used to hold the ing injured by thorns. -Island of Cuba Magazine.

The Resemblance.

He was the son of a worthy citizen Oregon. and had just returned from college. A scientist, writing of the black hole His father was a brusque, matter of o'clock in the evening, 146 men were sorrow that his son returned with the been but a few minutes confined in this man surveyed him critically when he

"Young man, you look like an idiot!" Just at that moment, and before the young man had time to make a fitting to make flual proof in support of his claim, and reply, a friend walked in.
"Why, hello, Billy! Have you return-

against the guard without and all the ed?" he asked. "Dear me, how much "So he has been telling me," replied

> And from that day to this the old gentleman has had no fault to find with

A Woman's Bank.

The Fifth Avenue National bank of New York has 5,000 women depositors. It is situated at the corner of Fortyfifth street and Fifth avenue, in the midst of the residences of wealthy classes, and is almost exclusively patronized by rich women, who keep their household accounts and pin money there. The receiving tellers are very busy during the first few days of every month, when the patrons of the bank bring in the allowances they have received from their husbands or fathers. but the rest of the time they have comparatively few depositors to take care of, and have plenty of time to assist the

dressmakers' bills. A Hank of Hair. Chickens are sold by the piece in Buenos Ayres. They are dressed before

paying tellers in cashing checks that

have been drawn to meet grocery or

being offered for sale, the only feathers left upon them being those of the tail. The same custom prevails in China more scientifically adjusted grips, and as to dogs, where a bit of the dog's hair all that sort of thing, but I tell you is always left on the end of the tail, even when the animal is cooked But this is because the Chinese consider the flesh of black dogs the best and most certain to put a brave spirit into the body of the eater.

Animals That Know Roads.

The Welsh mountain sheep have obtained legal recognition of their ability seems very strange now that you won't to distinguish boundaries and their owl even sell that little old suburban lot so roads through their pastures. One flock of sheep fought a trespassing flock and the court decided that the sheep were worth a half crown more than others because they knew their roads and

Explosive.

An ambitious young writer having asked. "What magazine will give me the highest position quickest?" was told, "A powder magazine, if you cou tribute a fiery article."

The oldest medical recipe is said by a French medical journal to be that of a bair tonic for an Egyptian queen. It is Hamas. A good story is told of the Duke dated 400 B. C., and directs that dogs'

Vegetarians assert that one acre of sons on a vegetable diet.

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his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

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