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THE POET'S CORNER.

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WRITE ME A SONG OF MY FATHER.

Write me a song of my Father,
And tell me the reason, I pray,
You ever write songs about Mother—
Not a word of dear Father you say?
Is his love and affection less ardent?
Does his heart less emotion bestow?
Is the sun to the moon less ardent
While but one light on both of us glow?
Chorus.—Then write me a song of my Father,
And tell me the reason, I pray,
You ever write songs about Mother—
Not a word of dear Father you say?

Oh! think of him while in your childhood,
With dear Mother, he fervently prayed,
And called you his child and his darling,
And that God might protect you always,
Then the kisses and blessings he'd give you,
And call you his own pretty boy,
While you would scarce hear the name of Father,
With your heart free from earthly alloy.
Then write me a song of my Father,
And tell me the reason, I pray,
You ever write songs about Mother—
Not a word of dear Father you say?
And now that you've grown into manhood,
Be grateful to them whose God care,
Ever guarded and you and your Mother,
And has off shed the sorrowful tear,
Love him—think not of him lightly;
Cheer his heart—let it not be oppressed;
Love Mother; but don't forget Father;
Let the one, with the other, be blessed.
Then write me a song of my Father,
And tell me the reason, I pray,
You ever write songs about Mother—
Not a word of dear Father you say?

DEAD HEADS.

The term "deadhead" is not to be found in Webster, but is taking firm root in the language. "Deadheads," as we understand the meaning, are not confined to the theatre, the steamboat, the stage and the railroad; they infest every walk of life—they are found hanging to the skirts of every popular movement. In politics, how many deadheads ride into office on the back of the people. They pay no fare, for they have no talents or good intentions, they only pocket their salaries. They are deadheads riding on the national train at the expense of the people. In the benevolent and reformatory movements of the day, the deadheads always find a snug corner. When evils are hanted, he is sure to be in at the death through every cutting across lots, and an instinct seems to lead him to victory. He is the readiest to claim the reward, but the slowest to earn it. He reaps where he has not sown, and enters into the fruit of other men's labors. The church, too, has its dead heads, some of them, alas! are dead headed. They are great at praying, but very small at paying. They hope to ride on the "Celestial Railroad" at other men's expense. They are a stumbling-block in the way of unbelievers, and occupy the seats of better men. But, alas for them, they will at last be obliged to show their tickets ere they enter the heavenly gates. The world, in short, is full of deadheads—and some of them are blockheads. The earthly sphere is a railroad train, in which we are all rushing to eternity. How many of us have paid our fare? How many are occupying seats we have not earned? Let us hasten to secure a title to them before the ban is uttered against all deadheads, and we are driven out with shame. Young man, never be a dead head! Pay your way in the world if you would live. Do not attempt to ride through life at the expense of others, or hang on other men's labors. If you do, you may hang on something else, and worse yet, will surely lose the inward peace and the happiness which flow from a consciousness of duty done.

Cost of a Woman of the Period.

Her beautiful luxuriant blonde hair is worth—if it be a wig—from \$50 to \$200; if it be a switch, from \$10 to \$100; if it be cut, from \$10 to \$50. Her pure white brow, her dark arched eye brows, cost from \$1 to \$14. Her large and liquid eyes are worth \$1. Her white face and neck (when enamelled) are procured at a price ranging from \$15 to \$36. The glowing rose and virgin lily of her cheek cost anywhere, with the various soaps and cosmetics, etc., \$5. Her faultless gleaming ivory, if false, from \$25 to \$500. Her ruby lips are worth about twenty-five cents. Her round plump cheeks, if plumpers, cost \$3. Her swelling bosom is gotten up, if pads, for \$1 to \$2; if respirators, for \$5 to \$10; if balm and developers, for \$14. Her Grecian bend is worth anywhere from 0 to \$10. Her plump arm (if padded) costs 0 to \$3. Her Italian hands and aristocratic nails are worth \$2 and upwards. Her hips are rounded at a price from \$1 to \$6.50. Her delicious limbs, when in the shape of false calves, cost \$8 and upwards. Her little foot and ankle cost from \$7 to \$30. Her blotches, tongue-scrappers, necks, etc., are worth \$2. The total therefore costs herself, or rather some man of the period, from about \$85 to \$550 and upwards, per occasion, just for her personal charms, entirely independent of her dry good-loves and bonnets.

NEW ISSUES—Every day is developing new issues for future social and political discussion. Just now the Woman's Rights question occupies a large portion of attention. At least a few noisy females manage to keep it pretty fully before the public. We have also the question of an Empire, and its organ, the Imperialist, supported by the members of that treasonable organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, blurs out weekly arguments in favor of a monarchy. Another question is looming up into prominence in some sections. We refer to the abolition of marriage. In some of the States, divorce has become so easy that the marriage tie has already become a rope of sand, to be broken at will. But this does not suit the more progressive Free Lovers. It is too much trouble and expense for them to go into the Courts. Hence they would leave the matter entirely in the hands of the parties themselves to sever the tie at will. In Chicago, a city famed for divorces, the free-thinkers and free lovers have a weekly journal which advocates the abolition of marriage. From Radicalism it is an easy step into any kind of ism, and there is no telling what issues the parties may hereafter divide upon.

THE SIMPLE TRUTH—A disgusted but self-deceived Radical in Virginia writes to the Tribune that the result of the recent election in that State will be the extinction of Republicanism, "folded by future Democratic victories." This, says the New York World, is the simple truth; and it is as true of Tennessee as it is of Virginia. Republicanism has become identified throughout the South with the worst excesses of lawless despotism ever inflicted upon a free people in our time. Its very name is and must be as odious now to all honest men at the South, of whatever color (for its rotaries have cheated the negroes as badly as they have abused the whites), as it will be to all honest men at the North when the glamour of the war finally rolls away from the eyes of the people, and the hideous things done in the name of liberty for eight years past are seen in all their hideousness.

A NOBLE BOY.—A boy of fifteen, in Black Hawk county, Iowa, whose father died three years ago, leaving his widow and son an 80-acre farm burdened with a \$1,000 mortgage, has taken whole and sold of the farm, hiring help only in seed time, harvest and threshing; paid off the mortgage, purchased a harvester, a sulky plow, a wagon and set of harness, besides an \$80 sewing machine for his mother, and is now out of debt. The lad besides attends school three months in each winter.

A man in Nova Scotia—father Irish, mother German, born in Canada, naturalized in this country, in the U. S. A., and by attachment a Mexican, is in doubt about his nationality.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Gen. Canby officially announces Gov. Walker's majority to be 18,317. The majority of Lieut. Governor Lewis is 20,448, and Attorney General Taylor, 18,284. The total vote for Governor was 220,753.

Mr. Ingersoll, who was nominated for Governor of Ohio by the State Prohibition Convention held at Mansfield on the 14th of July, has written a letter declining the nomination.

The latest bulletin about the senatorial fight in Tennessee comes from Nashville to the Cincinnati Commercial, and is as follows: "The senatorial question is still an absorbing topic of discussion. The election for Senator takes place the second Tuesday after the meeting of the Legislature. The fight lies between Johnson and Etheridge, and although the latter is said to have the inside track, I will now risk the prophecy that Andy is the coming man."

The profit on the rice and cotton crop of South Carolina for one year will pay the debt of the State. Charleston is rapidly recovering its old business. The cotton crops of Mississippi will reach 500,000 bales; that of Arkansas, 300,000.

A. Christy, of St. Louis, left \$100,000 to be equally distributed between eight brothers and sisters.

Women having a certain amount of property in Russia have the right to vote, though it must be exercised by proxy, a male relative or friend representing them at the election.

A steam shovel, capable of doing the work of one hundred men, has been put in use on one of the Illinois railroads, with the purpose of loading cars with gravel.

The law abiding character of the people of Chicago was nicely illustrated the other day. A woman assaulted her husband, pulled his hair, slapped his face, and otherwise abused him, but the husband was under bonds to keep the peace, and did not retaliate.

An Exposition of all nations at Washington in 1871, is talked of by leading men. A public mass meeting was held at Chicago in favor of it.

A squad of soldiers in Texas have had a desperate fight with a band of outlaws. Three desperadoes and one soldier were killed.

Grant and his party are known among railroad and steamboat men as the "National dead-heads."

The St. Louis Democrat expresses the hope that that city will soon be virtually a seaport. It is proposed to run propellers from St. Louis to Liverpool.

Commodore Vanderbilt's daughter teaches her daughters to mend their own stockings, because, she says, "there is no telling what may happen in this country."

Invitations have been sent to the following gentlemen to act as orators on the occasion of holding the National Capital Convention in St. Louis, in October: Senator Yates, of Illinois; C. Sumner, of Massachusetts; Joseph Medill, of the Chicago Tribune; Hon. G. H. Pendleton, Hon. John Forsyth, of Alabama, and Hon. John C. Breckinridge. Invitations will also be sent to President Grant and Vice President Colfax to be present.

It is stated that there are already three thousand steam plows at work in England, some of them with stationary engines capable of driving from three to six plows each.

A disreputable Down East paper says "Grant was so delighted with the blonde Lydia Thompson, that he would have accepted her as a present, if it had not been for Mrs. Grant."

A Louisville milliner has sued the wife of a prominent merchant for slander. In speaking of her as "that fancy Mrs. Smith," claims damages to the extent of \$10,000.

Yale has graduated fifty College Presidents, ten Cabinet Ministers, forty Senators, thirty Governors, and more than one hundred Judges.

There were six births on the same day in a house in Carroll county, Georgia, last week. A lady had twins, and two of her daughters each had twins. The six were all boys. This story is told by a Georgia paper, as a sequel to the eclipse.

Ninety-eight counties in Kentucky give the vote, Democrat, 75,821; Wing, Radical, 21,096; Democratic majority, 54,725. The majority in favor of the school tax law is 16,482.

Four boxes of tea shipped direct from China to Vicksburg, arrived at St. Louis on the 6th inst.

The products of one grain of rye, sowed as an experiment in Logan county, Kentucky, was seventy five heads.

An Iowa husband having deserted his wife, the latter returned to her father's house. The old gentleman now gets from the courts against the recalcitrant husband a verdict of \$1,400 for two years' board.

Platt, the Radical Congressman-elect from the Petersburg District, has been served with a summons to appear before the County Court of Chesterfield, to answer to five separate charges of selling liquor in said county without a license.

Sitka, in Alaska, is notable as the point where the traveler around the world either gains or loses his day of the week. A Russian reaching it on an eastern journey celebrates his seventh day Sabbath there, while the American going westward finds business suspended on his Saturday.

Mrs. Susan B. Anthony insists that man and wife should not sleep together. The furniture dealers of Sandusky, Ohio, have read Susan's article and have named the forlorn single bedssteads in use in hotels and boarding houses Susanathons.

A novelty in literature is announced, which might be styled an autobiography written by another person. Bulwer has written a life of Palmerston, in which he has had the assistance of a diary kept by the late premier from the year 1827.

The Pittsburg Commercial announces that Justice R. C. Grier, of the United States Supreme Court, will resign early this fall. He is 75 years of age, and while his mental faculties are not much impaired, he has become physically enfeebled.

Reports from Montana state that the coach carrying Wells, Fargo & Co's treasure box, which left Helena on the 29th of August, was stopped by eight masked men and the box, containing \$30,000 was taken. The passengers were not molested.

The New York Mail says: Messrs. A. T. Stewart & Co. say they have never done so large a business at this time of the year before. They attribute this fact to their having advertised more this season than ever before. They are undoubtedly right.

"Mark Train" says he was present at a recent interview between ex-Secretary Stanton and Secretary Fish, and was subsequently greatly astonished to learn by the newspapers that it was a very important meeting, hinting that the Alabama question was the subject under discussion, when the conversation, in fact, only had reference to the cure of warts.

A plain working man in describing the Radical system of finance and taxation quaintly says that "Uncle Sam's cow has her head in the poor man's crib and her udders over the rich man's pail."

About 800,000 acres of Kansas land belonging to the Union Pacific railroad, all within the ten mile limit, are now in the market for sale, at from \$2 to \$10 per acre. About 600,000 acres are north of the Platte river, and some 140,000 south. The lands outside the ten mile and within the twenty mile limit will be offered hereafter.

A band of negro banditti have been operating successfully in Georgia and North Carolina for the past three years, and perpetrated some of the blackest and most damnable crimes known to the criminal code. Five of the gang have been captured recently, two of whom were arrested in Macon, Ga., within the past few days.

Dr. Muir has recalled nearly all his former practice. His innocence of complicity with the late Mr. John Wilkes Booth is conceded, and his old neighbors love him the more for the injustice which he had undergone, and for the Christian patience with which he has suffered it. His health, however, is much impaired.

The Democrats did not poll their full vote, by many thousands, in Alabama at the late election. Their vote is much less than that cast by them at the Presidential election. Had they come out as they should, they would have defeated the carpet-baggers. Buck and Heflin, whose majorities were but trifling.

The cession of part of District of Columbia back to Virginia will soon be brought before the courts. Taxpayers in Alexandria are dissatisfied with State taxes, and will test the constitutionality of the transfer.

The last aspirant for United States Senatorial honors in Virginia, according to the newspapers, is Gen. Robert Williams, of Washington city, but the recent purchaser of an eleven hundred-acre farm in Culpepper county. Gen. Williams is better known as the husband of the accomplished widow of the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Some of the Southern railroads are sadly out of repair. A local journal says of one of them: "This route is slow and sure. An experienced surgeon and undertaker are on every train. Passengers' valuables will be taken care of, whether slightly, seriously or fatally injured, or otherwise."

The town of Wells, N. Y., has a citizen who married at seventeen. His first child was a daughter, who married at thirteen, and eighteen months afterwards made her father a grandfather, at the early age of thirty-one and a half years.

Missouri City, Clay county, a few days since, came very near being the scene of a serious riot, in consequence of an attempt on the part of about a dozen negroes to force out of town a colored man named William Price, who was formerly owned by Gen. Sterling Price, and was his body servant during the war. "Old Pap's" faithful adherent refused to be banished, and the affair was finally settled by the intervention of the Town Marshal, who marched the ringleader off to jail. And "the colored troops fought nobody."

In Wyoming Territory the following nominations have just been made for Delegate in Congress: Republican, W. W. Cullert; Democratic, S. F. Nuckolis.

The Congressional election in Georgia will not take place until November, 1870, in accordance with an act passed by the late Legislature. In the meantime the State is unrepresented in the National House of Representatives.

A New York correspondent says Mrs. H. B. Stowe has been engaged to write up, at \$500 a column, the "true story" of all the separated wives of distinguished individuals. They will be published in the Ledger.

The editor of the British (Tenn.) News says it is very certain that but little of the Confederate correspondence ever fell into the hands of the Federals, and that he saw that which is probably most valuable sealed and placed in the vaults of a Montreal bank not two years ago, where, unless it has been removed within twelve months, it remains secure against every intruder.

The Empress Eugenie will have a retinue of about thirty persons when she visits this country, next year, among whom will be the Prince Imperial. She will visit Boston, Newport, New York, Saratoga, and Niagara Falls and perhaps California. "It has been one of my dreams to visit America," says the Empress, "and next year I shall see New York and Niagara Falls."

The cotton crop is considered as safe to yield three million bales, which is a half a million more than last year. This would leave two millions for shipment, after deducting one million for home consumption. At 25 cents per pound, the whole crop would be worth to the planters \$300,000,000, and farish exchange in Europe equal to \$200,000,000. This is more money than the South ever before received from the largest crop grown.

The Memphis (Tenn.) Post, Republican, says: For United States Senator there will be a multitude of candidates. Governor Senter, ex-President Johnson, Emerson Etheridge, Baile Peyton and ex-Governor Neil S. Brown are already spoken of. It is probable that Emerson Etheridge will be elected Speaker of the State Senate, and then, by sending Governor Senter as United States Senator to Washington, Etheridge becomes Governor by virtue of his Speakership, and the Executive, as well as the Legislative branches of the government, will be in the hands of the Democracy.

A New York bride of seventeen charges her husband of sixteen with abandonment.

An American school has been started in Sitka. It contains sixteen pupils.

Forty-seven thousand acres of prairie will be broken in one county of Ohio this year.

Secretary of War Rawlins died at Washington on the 6th inst.

A. T. Stewart is preparing to introduce female clerks in his establishment.

The Legislature of Virginia is summoned by Gen. Canby to meet October 5th. Gov. Wells has resigned.

In Wisconsin the Democracy have nominated for Governor, Col. Robinson of Green Bay; Lieut. Governor, G. T. Park.

The Republicans of Mississippi have met and nominated Dent for Governor.

Only one newspaper in Texas supports the regular Republican nominations.

The Republicans have carried Vermont by from 19,000 to 20,000—their usual majority.

There are seven colored members of the new Virginia Legislature.

Of the eighty-four steamers which ply between America and Europe, but five are owned by the American companies.

Allentown Iron Works have been destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000. A thousand men will be thrown out of employment.

A Mormon elder was recently made very much of a parent. He was presented with nine boys and five girls the same morning.

Senator Fessenden died at 6 1/2 o'clock a. m., September 8th.

A Savannah fisherman has sold his wife for 60 bunches of fish at 50 cents a bunch.

A wealthy Cuban heiress at Saratoga wears \$100,000 in diamonds on her person.

In consequence of the general dissatisfaction with the new postage stamps orders have been given to prepare designs for new issues. The old designs are to be destroyed.

The long expected bridge to connect New York with Brooklyn is to be begun at once.

Brigham Young has recently married again. His new bride is Miss Fallensbee of Boston.

The President has appointed Gen. Sherman to act as Secretary of War until the vacancy is filled. The remains of Secretary Rawlins will be followed by 300 carriages. The funeral pageant will doubtless be one of the most solemn and impressive ever seen in this country. The Rawlins fund in New York amounts to \$24,500.

There is, in Alaska, a grand river, one of the four great rivers of the globe. It is the Kwichpock or Yukon. In length and volume of water it exceeds the Nile or the Ganges, the Volga or the Amazon. Only the Amazon, the Mississippi, and perhaps Plata, are larger. Compared with rivers that flow into it, the Rhine and the Rhone are but brooks.

A terrible storm extended all over Eastern New England, doing much damage to shipping as far north as the Coast of Maine, and doing much damage to the town and country on the line of the hurricane, which was terrific. Spires of churches were thrown down, vessels wrecked and driven ashore, and many lives lost. The streets of cities are blocked with the ruins of fallen shade trees, chimneys are demolished, and damage to crops is immense. The Coliseum organ is ruined, the big drum broken, Summer houses blown down, every ship in Boston harbor dragged its anchors and many collided. A Cuban filibustering vessel was driven ashore and the captain arrested.

LARGE HOG.—W. K. Squires, Rio Vista, is the owner of perhaps the largest hog in the State. It weighs nearly 800 pounds and girths six feet six inches behind the shoulders.—Ex.

Oregon has a hog of the "Sneez" stock which judging by the amount it cost to haul the critter out to the Penitentiary and back, (some two miles,) weighs 20,000 pounds, and is as long and broad as a Radical conscience.—Guard.

Agricultural societies generally died at the South during the war, but since the return of peace vigorous efforts have been made to revive these associations. Two flourishing agricultural associations are now in existence in North Carolina, and the people in other States are more strongly than ever convinced of the importance of employing all the auxiliaries within their power to create deeper interest in the cultivation of the soil and the improvement of live stock.

The effect of long continued constipation, is to weaken the system, and depress the spirits. The blood thickens, the head aches, and a train of evils is superinduced, called by the various names of dyspepsia, liver complaints, jaundice, bilious eruptions, etc. The cause of these diseases can best be cured by Dr. Walker's Purgative and Bile Beans, which act naturally upon the liver and bowels. It is a permanent tonic, instilling fresh vigor into the vital forces, giving energy to the whole being.