On dark and leaden plumes,
The twilight droops athwart the closing sky,
And in the gathering wilderness of glooms
Her shadows lie.

and from the misty strand. The sephyrs floating idly forth are driven On the veil, where dim and distant, stand The hills of heaven. And, breaking from repose, The stars, down quivering through the du-

Illume the beacons of the airy close With golden lustre dim,
The crescent moon is hovering on high.
Her pale light drifting slowly o'er the rim
Of the blue sky.

Beneath the bounding arch. I watched the glowing cycles as they run, All passing in a grand triumphal march To meet the sun.

And so I wait alone Until the glory of the night has ceased, and the red eagle mounts his blazing throne In the far east. -Edward C. Hill.

#### RUTH'S PROFESSOR.

Hillsboro people were very musical. go to her; but fortune favored him. They took short trips to Boston very often, to attend concerts and operas, and library, back of the main room where the speaking. when the teachers came out to Hillsboro stage had been erected for the perthey were always sure to obtain a good formers.

mons directly, and bore with her arro- braids. The bloom of youth and beauty gant ways very patiently all through the lit cheek, lips and soft bright eyes, and

It was true that several times, when he | was moved as the professor looked at wanted a difficult passage interpreted, he her. One instant-then he strode to her called sweet, brown-eyed Ruthie Gor- side. don to the piano to sing it, and never appeared to notice that Miss Slemmons haf run away from me?" sulked the rest of the evening and would

Still he gave her quite place and atble woman. But Miss Lucy wasn't rea- dat you treat me so !" was mad enough to tear Ruthie's pretty ence. In spite of herself Ruth anbrown hair out; but she meant totally to | swered: eclipse her on the night of the grand concert, and so now, when the sulky fit was over, she could afford to smile and

be gracious.
"Ido hope to goodness Professor Bahr will put Ruth in first soprano, and leave Lu Slemmons clear out," said the leading alto, when they were discussing the probabilities on rehearsal night. "So say I, Miss Clement," remarked

the best basso. "But don't believe he'll do it. Slemmons is too strong to be put down," returned the tenor. "Strong she may be-sweet she isn't."

said the basso. "And I think I know what Professor Bahr will do." "Well, we shall soon see," remarked Miss Clement, as they were called to or-

What Professor Bahr did do, was to assign Miss Slemmons two or three parts, but not the best ones. When he came

to them he said in his odd way: "Mees Gordon, you vill sing de aria in 'Angels ever bright and fair,' and you vill sing 'Who's at my window?' Mr. Braun vill play de accompaniment. "Yes," whispered Ruthic Mees Slemmons you vill sing de solo in go! Some one is coming!" de next chorus, and de second soprano in de 'Greeting.'"

Miss Slemmons bridled and her black rived, came in, Ruthie was very busy tions. eyes snapped. "I'll do no such thing," she said. "I've | tuning his violin industriously.

been used to the leading parts."

asked. "I suppose you are," retorted Miss afford to spoil her own voice, therefore she controlled herself. Lucy, insolently. "Den you vill obey my orders, or you

vill leave de class; it matters not to me," said the professor. grimly on to the next row and gave her home with her, happy as a king.

no chance, while Miss Lucy, who had no idea of being put clear out, subsided. But inwardly she was furious, and watched for a chance to revenge herself on Ruth and the professor, too. After the rehearsal was over, Ruth him.

went up to the piano where Professor Bahr was arranging his books, and said: "Professor, please let Miss Slemmons sing my solos, won't you? I don't care about them."

"What, you naughty too? No, I vill not let Mees Slemmons sing dem. Her voice is not good. You vill do dem. May I see you home, Mees Gordon?" "If you please," said Ruth, blushing hotly and retreating quickly for her cloak and books. It wasn't the first time Professor Bahr had walked home have taught him to say: with Ruth, or paid her many trifling at-

she smiled oddly. Perhaps her revenge some time in the indefinable future?" was not far off.

festivities.

For two or three nights Miss Slem- interrogation point. mons was friendly and cordial to Miss "School mistress," the jester said, "on Gordon, praised her singing, and be-

"Why, certainly," said Ruth.

"It does not matter to me at all," she anxious to accept his statement that the misery? What has been the result of the said, proudly. "Of course he meant no sum of the three angles of a triangle is marriages of white women with negro

home alone with a clouded brow.

Lucy said that everybody knew it, and it five, seven, free; certainly he can count, lar Science. could be proven. And that being true, by a system of his own, too, which is Professor Bahr was-why he was a vil- more than most people have."

never guess she cared. coldly polite; and at rehearsal she

slipped away from him again. "She does not sing one note till I know vat dish means!" growled the pro-

fessor as he strode away. He was not able to spare a moment ot The singers were to meet in the small

Professor Bahr held a two weeks' con- over a list of pieces to be given as en- say: 'Mamma, what is dot man speakin' vention, and meant to wind up with an- cores. In a moment Ruthie came in, to you about?' and reconstructed his entertainment at the First Church (no leaving her escort at the door. She would general grammar on the same easy bamatter what the denomination was) in gladly have retreated, but it was too sis, and look me in the eye-if that which all the leading singers were to late. Professor Bahr called her and boy didn't tan up like a young Indian in asked her some questions regarding her two days, and he gained seven pounds Now there ought to be har "ony among first solo. She answered him, and threw in three weeks. the musicians; but there isn't always. off her cloak and hood, wishing some There wasn't in Hillsboro just at pres- one else would come in. The professor ent. Miss Lucy Slemmons had been the stood and looked silently at her for a mo- sual amount of preaching for one dayleading soprano for several years. Not because she deserved to be, but because, skirt, with white satin polonaise, looped rience in training children; we have like a good many other people in this at one side with cardinal ribbons, a secconceited little world, she has assumed ond cluster of ribbons falling from her for, but we're bound he shan't go to the place herself and wouldn't be put left shoulder; rich soft lace puffings school until he's through being a baby, filled the square neck and fell to the long and we know, school-mistress, that he's white gloves which hid the whiteness of the happiest baby that ever mangled Professor Bahr, with his quiet Ger- white gloves which hid the whiteness of man manner, and his sharp, far-seeing her dimpled arms, while a single cluster grammar."—Hawkeye.

German eye, saw through Miss Slem- of cardinal flowers rested in her brown How Was Man Distribution

> "Mess Gordon, tell me why it is you "I-have I?" stammered Ruthie,

flushing hotly. "You know you haf! I have not detentions enough to satisfy any reasons. ceived you! I vill know what I haf done sonable and wouldn't be satisfied. She His look and tone compelled obedi-

> "Why did you not tell me that you had a wife?"

"Because I have not!" When Professor Bahr was strongly ex-

cited he dropped the slight accent which clung to him. "You have!" said Ruthie, clearly. "Miss Slemmons told me you were married in Boston, five years ago, and she could prove it, for she knew well!" A strange light came into the profes-

"Ah, is that all? That is quite true what she told you. But why did she not tell you that my wife died in less than one year? She knew that well, too! I circle to Terra del Fuego, from the supposed you knew I was-and am-a widower.

"Oh, no, I-" but Ruthie broke down here. Somehow Professor Bahr had the little white-gloved hand fast in his. "I shall always be unless you promise to be my wife and go to Boston with me.

keep you in comfort. My little liebchen, say yes." "Yes," whispered Ruthie. "O let me She snatched away her hands, and when the group of singers, who had ar-

with her music, and Professor Bahr was But Ruthie's face was so bright and Professor Bahr fixed her with his quiet happy, and she sang so gloriously that Miss Slemmons saw her little plot had "Who is de leader of dis class?" he failed somehow, and was ready to bite herself with vexation. But she couldn't

The New Year's concert was a grand success, and pretty Ruth Gordon the star of the occasion. And after it was Ruth, who sat silent and blushing, over Professor Bahr walked up to Ruth. tried to speak, to say she did not care for | right at Miss Slemmons' side, drew her her parts; but the professor marched hand through his arm and walked away

### Burdette's Baby.

Time flies, and the boy is learning to talk so that other people can understand

"If you would let me have him for about one month," said a pleasant-voiced and pleasaht-faced school mistress who came down here from up river last week, "I could break him of that careless habit of speaking."

Just because the boy had asked his stern, dark-browed father: "Poppuls, whurs is mines fiffin-pole vou peakin' mamma um day?"

Which by interpretation is, as the pleasant-voiced school mistress would well inquire: "Father, where is my fishing-rod of from marrying each other.

which you were speaking to my mother But as they passed Miss Slemmons, with reference to purchasing it for me at They relearsed nightly, the week of her head and said no; he was losing his

And her little serene highness shook of minors. the concert the class duties in the day- baby talk and learning to speak English time, having given place to Christmas too rapidly as it was. The pleasant face of the school mistress wrinkled up into an leprosy, elepantiasis, scrofula or others "School mistress," the jester said, "on

haved wonderfully well. Wednesday head is not hilly; it is as level as a new- drunkards to be prohibited? night she came very early and had a lit- mown lawn, but you don't want to teach tle chat with Ruthie about a certain piece | the baby grammar, and you don't want | to be considered as a bar to the marriage they were drilling upon, and was very kind and pleasant. Presently she said: him to be a baby and you want to en"Ruthie, I'm an old friend, you know."

the chat with Ruthie adout a course him to speak good English. You want to enthe course him to speak good English. You want to enthe chat with Ruthie adout a course him to speak good English. You want to enthe chat with Ruthie adout a course as a bar to the marriage of the criminal?

7. Assuming, according to the prejudices of the largest number, that the May I venture the least bit of advice?" years to come, when the pudgy little fist white is the superior race, ought laws to "Why, certainly," said Ruth. will dig great tears out of the blue eyes be passed prohibiting marriage between "Then I wouldn't, if I were you, let because the boy can't remember in just white persons and Indians, negroes, Aus-Professor Bahr walk home with you so what points there should and must tralians or Chinese? much. Of course there's no harm in it; be exact harmony between the verb and | What will be the effect of such marbut when a man has a wife, you know the subject; when he is confident that he will die before he can remember how they drag down the assumed superior Ruthie turned white, then scarlet, and many fellows besides 'ad, ante, con, in race. while they tend to build up the or inter are followed by the accusative; other race? Will such marriages offend the wife! Professor Bahr is not mar- when he knows the world will stand still the race prejudices alike of the black and "Why, didn't you know it. Ruthie? I supposed every one knew it. He was positive fact, and I can prove it."

But Ruth had recovered herself now.

when he knows the world will stand still for just two hours after school if he can't recall that all terminations in something or other take the what you may call it after some kind of things; when he is so trusting and has so much confidence in Mr. Davis that he is not only willing but vantage to the state to compensate the recall "she appriors to several his statement, that the races prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages be pleasing to one race and displeasing to the other? Will not the violation of race prejudices by such marriages occurred by the statement that the races prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages be pleasing to one race and displeasing to the other? Will not the violation of race prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages be pleasing to one race and displeasing to consider the other? Will not the violation of race prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages be pleasing to one race and displeasing to the other? Will not the violation of race prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages to the other? Will not the violation of race prejudices and the pleasing to one race and displeasing to one race and displeasing to one race prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages or the other? Will not the violation of race prejudices alike of the black and white races? Or will such marriages or the other? Will not the violation of the other? vite gossip."

She walked away, and Miss Lucy smiled again. Her work was well done, she thought. She wondered if Ruth would be so distressed she could not sing. But no indeed! Never had Date to the prove his truthfulness by their offspring?

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Such questions as these, it may be assumed, are in the mind and province of to us like sweet music. He will have the legislatures when marriage laws are framed, and who shall say that such language and all the apparture of the happiness of the wives and their offspring?

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lain, that was all. But he shouldn't "Don't make a prig of the baby, break her heart. Thank goodness, after school mistress. From the day the concert he would go away, and she on which they are six years old they need never see him any more; and until must, under the school system of the then she could treat him so he would states, begin to study and sit up She met him the next day and was very correctly, and from that time until the brought her father with her, and left be-fore it was fairly over. and left be-do. and suffer, under social and educa-Professor Bahr met her again on the tional surveillance. And I claim that day before the concert, but she was still at least six years of the life of a man or cold. He meant to speak to her, but she woman should be free; free as the air;

Professor Bahr was there first running down by the target, and taught him to

"You see," the jester concluded, in an apologetic tone, for he had done an unuonly one chick to cluck over and scratch

How Was Man Distributed on the Earth! This period, long as it appears, is very it was no wonder the stern German heart ages of geographical development that preceded it, and represents the last and shortest only of the geological periods. The question arises, how has the human race been able to spread itself over the whole surface of the globe? Is it the product of different and independent origins in the several continents, or have all men sprung from a common cradle, a "mother region?" On this point students are divided, Agassiz holding that Oregon. Regular prices 25 and 50 cents. men were created, and Carl Vogt that they were developed, at different centers, and Quarterfages and the theologians maintaining the unity of their origin. The fact is left that man, the same in all the esssential characteristics of the species, has advanced into all the habitable parts of the globe, and that not recently, and that when provided with all the resources that experience and inventive genius could put at his disposal, but when still young and ignorant. It was then that, weak and almost naked, having just got fire and a few rude arms with which to defend itself and procure food, humanity conquered the world and spread itself from within the Arctic Samoved to Van Diemen's Land, from the North Cape to the Cape of Good Hope. It is this primitive exodus, as certain as inconceivable, accepted by science as well as by dogma, that we have to explain, or at least to make probable; and that in an age when it is only after the most wonderful discoveries, by You know I love you. I have enough to the aid of the most powerful machinery for navigation, through the boldest and most adventurous enterprises, that civilized man has been able to flatter himself that he has at last gone as far as infant man went in an age that is so far

removed from us as to baffle all calcula-We must insist on this point, for it brings into light an obstacle which those who have tried to trace out the connection between widely separated races and to determine the course that had been followed by tribes now separated by oceans and vast expanses have hitherto

found insurmountable; for, if man is one-to which we are ready to agreewe must assign a single point of departure for his migration. In these migrations, man has gone wherever he could, and, at every spot he has occupied and settled, has acquired characteristics peculiar to the place, and which differother places. Hence the varieties in numan races. Some of these spots seem to have been peculiarly favorable to his advancement, and became centers of civilization. The number of such centers is, however, very limited, and their distribution is significant.-Popular

#### Considerations Which Enter in the Marriage Contract.

With the lawgiver, the contract of marriage-the most important of all contracts-may be supposed to rest upon the gravest considerations, and give rise to the most serious deliberations. He may

1. What relations must be prohibited 2. At how early an age may marriage be permitted, and what relations must be called upon to assent to the marriage

3. Ought the invane who have lucid intervals to be permitted to marry. 4. Are there any diseases-such as -which ought to prevent the marriage of such diseased persons?

5. Ought marriage with inveterate 6. Are there any crimes which ought

she thought. She wondered if Ruth would be so distressed she could not sing. But no indeed! Never had Ruth thereunto appertaining by and by."

"No," he responded in answer to a the legislatures when marriage laws are framed, and who shall say that such grounds ought not to be considered? When we bear in mind how difficult it is to pass laws through congress, and how

was proud of her. He meant to tell her silent inquiry of the pleasant faced difficult it is to adopt uniform laws so after rehearsal; but when he looked school-mistress, "he does not know his which do not operate harshly on some tor her she was gone. And he walked alphabet, thank heaven, and he shall not portion of our immense country, we may well question the advisability of amend-while Ruthie, hastily bidding good- alphabet blocks and knows all the letters ing the constitution of the United States night to the friends who were with her, ou them and many preposterous stories in order to put the subject of the marran in home and flew up to her chamber about the pictures. Oh, yes, he can riage relation under the control of conto give vent, alone, to the shame and count. Hear him now, counting the gress. How many years has the parliagony which were wringing her heart. pebbles he brought home from the beach ment of England been wrestling with the She could not doubt what she had heard. | - 'one, free, seven, free, seven, ten, free, | deceased-wife's-sister question?-Popu-

"Don't make a prig of the baby, school mistress. From the day on which they are six years old they must, under the school system of the states, begin to study and sit up straight, and behave properly, and speak correctly, and from that time until the grave hides them, they live and speak and act, verbally speaking, they be and do, and suffer, under social and educational surveillance. And I claim that at least six years of the life of a man or woman should be free; free as the air; free to talk as the brook runs, with untrammelled musical prattle and babble. Why, here a few weeks ago, came a melancholy looking child about four years old, and in presence and hearing pointed to me, and said to its mother:

"Mamma, of whom is that gentleman speaking."

"Poor little prig! My heart bled for him. That afternoon I took the boy down by the target, and taught him to respect to the saw and ever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and a lever and an ingenious contrivance of a spring and an incline plane. The lever is worked by a lever and a lever and a lever and an ingeni INTERESTING TO WOODMEN. saw is attached direct to the end of the engine's piston rod and is guided by rollers placed in the saw frame. The weight of the saw and engine is about 175 pounds. The whole machine is so simple that a school boy can run it, and cut from fif teen to eighteen cords of wood per day. Captain Morgan has the machine at work all the time at Sellwood, and desires those who are interested in such things to call and see it in operation. The captain is prepared to build and sell the machines to all that desire them.

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