

FROM SONGS OF TWO.  
We thought when Love at last should come  
The rose would lose its thorn,  
And every lip but Joy's be dumb  
When Love, sweet Love, was born;  
That never tears should start to rise,  
No night o'ertake our morn,  
Nor any guests of grief surprise  
When Love, sweet Love, was born.  
And when he came, O Heart of mine!  
And stood within our door,  
No joy our dreaming could divine  
Was missing from his store.  
The thorns shall wound our hearts  
But not the fear of yore,  
For all the guests of grief and pain  
Shall serve him evermore.  
—Arthur Sherburne Hardy.

### The Cyclone's Mercy

THE heat rolled up in waves from the sun-soaked land into an atmosphere already surcharged with heat. For a number of hours the birds had ceased song and twitter. The sharp chirr of the grasshoppers and the steady click, click of the harvester seemed to voice the misery caused by the stifling air. Not the slightest breeze ruffled the brown expanse of ripened wheat, not a motion except of men, machine and horses. White streaks of lather showed on the horses wherever touched by a strap of leather, and though they lagged miserably at their work the driver was too enervated by the heat to urge them to a livelier gait.

A tall, broad-shouldered young man walked toward the team and held up one hand with a gesture of command. "Make the horses, Mart, and get them in the shadow of the barn; they'll get sunstruck if you don't look out. We'll quit, all of us, until it cools off a little."

He walked slowly toward the house and threw himself down in the shade of the porch. The other men lounged in the shadow of the barn.

"Good thing Jeff Cooper thinks something of his hosses," muttered Mart.



AT HIS FEET LAY HILDA.

"He don't care for anything but what costs him money. No wonder his wife left him."  
"Where did she go?" asked one of the men, lazily.  
"Nobody knows, unless she went back to her folks."  
"What did she go for?" questioned the man again.

"Got tired of workin' like a beast, I guess. All Jeff worried her for was to work. She used to milk the cows, take care of the hosses and do most all the chores, then she went into the field and worked with the team all through harvestin' last summer."  
"She was a Swede, wasn't she?"  
"Yes; a strong, red-checked young woman, with big blue eyes, and hair just the color of that wheat field down there. A young Swede was workin' for Jeff, and they left about the same time; guess there ain't much doubt—"  
"It's a lie!"

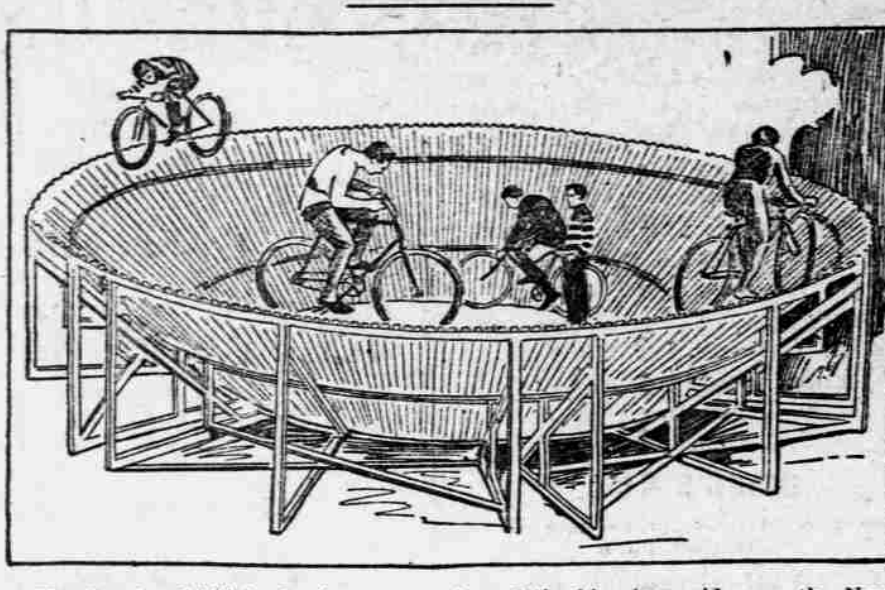
The men jumped and turned to look into Jeff Cooper's white angry face. He was trembling, but his voice was cool and steady.  
"My wife never left with any man; it was not like her. No better, truer woman ever lived, and any man who dares to say anything different may answer to me." He clenched a pair of huge fists and looked at Mart, who did not answer for a moment, then he asked—  
"Why did she go away for, then, and where to she?"  
"I don't know; but I know that when I find her she will be as good and pure as a little child."  
"Pity you hadn't precalated her a little more when you had her," returned Mart, scornfully. "Most always if a man thinks anything of his wife he don't set her to workin' outdoors, like a man."

"I never wanted her to work outdoors. She liked to tend the horses and drive them, to sit on the harvester and watch the wheat fall. I did everything for her that I could. You thought you built a mud house for your wife that you had done wonders; I built a frame house for mine, and put a porch on it, when every board in it cost me most a bag of wheat, and that at the railroad twenty miles away."  
"Look! Look!" interrupted one of the men. "A cyclone!"  
The men jumped to their feet. They could hear the distant roar coming nearer and nearer, and all earth and the heavens seemed filled with the gathering fury.  
"It's going south of us," said Mart, hopefully.  
"There's enough of it coming here. Get the horses into the cellar, quick!" commanded Jeff, running as he spoke to the horses, that stood pulling at their halters, their sensitive ears pricked forward as the scented the coming tornado. In a moment men and horses were in the cyclone cellar and the heavy door bolted. Through the thick earth banking they could hear the crash as the cyclone struck.

"It's a big one," said Mart; "if we get the whole of it you won't see your house, barn, harvester or wheat unless you go into another county and gather them up."

Jeff did not answer. He was not thinking of the safety of his property, but of his wife. Was she safe out of the track of the cyclone? How frightened she had been the summer before, when just a slight cyclone had passed through his fields! How she had clung to him in the darkness and perfect safety of the cellar! He could still

### THE THRILLING "CYCLE WHIRL."



The "cycle whirl" is the latest sensation of the bicycle world, says the New York Journal. This apparatus makes it possible to hold bicycle races on the stage of a theater. In fact, there are two pursuit races daily at a New York theater, in which several noted stars of the cycling world take part.  
The men whirl around the basin with almost incredible speed. So steep is the track banked that the men appear to defy the laws of gravitation. To the spectators they seem to be riding around a picket fence slightly tilted. In order to cover a mile the cyclist has to make between 125 and 150 laps. When two are going at full speed they present the appearance of two colored streaks flying around with lightning speed.  
"Dare Devil" Schreyer of mile-a-minute fame, and King and Samelson, known as the "hobo" team in the recent six-day bicycle race at New York, are among the men who risk their lives daily giving exhibitions in the "wooden bowl." It takes skill of no mean order to race in this latest evolution of the bicycle track.

feel her strong, young heart beating wildly against his own as she clung to him in an agony of fear and dread. Why had she left him? He had asked himself the question hundreds of times since she had left him—three months ago. He suspected that she had gone home; it was only fourteen miles away, but he was too proud to make any search for her. Surely she would come back some time! Mart's words burned his ears, though he did not believe their evil suggestion.  
"It's over, I guess," Mart's voice broke upon his thoughts.  
He went to the door and unbolting it, he opened outward, and when he pushed it struck something that had been blown against it. He pushed a little harder; the door opened a crack, and the man looking over Jeff's shoulder, said—  
"The horse's left, for one thing."  
They pushed hard against the door until Jeff could squeeze through. He looked down at his feet.  
"Hilda!"  
At his feet, her long, fair hair swept about her by the wind, lay Hilda. One arm sheltered the baby that Jeff had never seen; it moved and cried, but Hilda lay motionless, her white, upturned face ghastly beneath its coating of dust. Jeff took the baby from her arms and gave it to one of the men; he then stooped to raise Hilda. Mart sprang forward to help, but Jeff pushed him aside and, unassisted, carried her to the house and put her upon the bed. His face was as colorless as hers as he rubbed his hands and called her by all the endearing names she had been accustomed to hear from his lips.  
"No use, Jeff; she's gone; you can't bring her to," said one of the men, in the hushed tones one uses in the presence of the dead.  
"She is not dead! She must not die!" contradicted Jeff. "Hilda! Hilda!" There was more determination than despair in the cry.  
"I can feel her pulse," he cried, hopefully, a few moments later. At last she opened her eyes, but there was no look of recognition in them. After awhile the dazed, bewildered expression left her face, and her lips parted in a smile as she looked at Jeff. He motioned the men from the room and dropped upon his knees beside the bed.  
"Hilda, how could you leave me so?"  
A troubled look came into the child-like blue eyes.  
"They did tell me—Mart's woman, and the others—that all you cared for me was to work. And sometimes I felt that the work was too hard, so I thought I would go away till I was one more strong and could work for you."  
"They lied, Hilda! It was you I wanted, not your work! Where were you when the cyclone struck?"  
She wrinkled her forehead a little in anxious thought.  
"I was home. I went out with baby, and I turned that way and walked a long time; then I saw the cyclone coming and was so afraid." She shuddered, and Jeff patted her head reassuringly. "Then I run. Oh, I run miles, miles! Then the wind took me up, and then—I forget till I saw you, Jeff."

Mart put his head in at the door.  
"The roof of the barn's gone, and the harvester's missing, and every bundle of wheat's scattered galley west, and all that was standing, is flat. It was a terrible cyclone, now I tell you."  
Jeff turned a happy face, and said—  
"Not a terrible cyclone, a blessed one; it brought my wife back to me."—Farn and Fireside.

WIT THAT AVERTED A RIOT.  
John Brougham's Well-Timed Joke Cured a Turbulent Crowd of Fenians.  
"There have been a good many stories told of the quick wit of actors who have turned an accident or a panic of a row into a joke," said Tom Leigh, the old-time actor. "A good many of the stories are fakes, I suppose," he continued, "but some are true, and there are lots that have never found their way into print. The press agent wasn't numerous or as clever in the old days as he is now."  
"I remember an instance in which John Brougham carried off a most difficult situation by a clever bit of improvisation and saved the old Winter Garden from the disgrace of a riot. It was the first night on which he played his burlesque 'Columbus' there and the house was filled with his friends.  
"Among the most enthusiastic of these friends were a great crowd of Fenians, headed by Mahoney, the man who had just then been elected president of the Irish republic at the old Fenian headquarters in 17th street. There was a jollification in honor of his election, and as he was a personal friend of Brougham's it was natural for him and his followers should buy up all the orchestra seats in the house for the opening night, as they did.  
"I was in the cast, and so was Jack Studly, but if anybody else in the company is now alive I don't remember who it is. I played the part of a big Indian who first appeared on the stage as a messenger bringing dispatches from Washington.  
"Just as I came on a discussion that had sprung up among some of the excited Fenians developed into a quarrel. The house was already disturbed and there was every prospect of a fight in the orchestra in another minute.  
"I delivered my message and Brougham replied to me in the words of the piece:  
"Confound you, have done!"  
"Then turning from me to the footlights he went on, as if it was a part of his speech:  
"Or would you like a band of Fenian brothers,  
All fame abandon to defame each other?  
If with such sentiments I sent out any, remember I'm head center here, Mahoney."  
"There was a roar of laughter from the whole house at this, and the Fenians joined in it as heartily as any one else. There was no further talk or indication of trouble and the play went on without interruption."—New York Sun.

Had Found His Strong Point.  
A member of the bar not richly endowed with intellect after years of briefness married a rich widow. She died. Again he sought a bride with a large dowry and again became a widower. Then he thought he would return to his long neglected profession. He approached an old friend, who had meanwhile become a judge of the Supreme Court, and asked what in his opinion would be the wisest course for him to pursue. "Stick to the probate and matrimonial," said the judge.

Quaint Southern Epitaph.  
A Charleston, S. C. churchyard contains the dust of many eminent men and several queer epitaphs. The epitaph of Charlotte Elford, who died on May 9, 1817, says that—  
In Childhood, Obedient.  
In Adulthood, Virtuous.  
In Prosperity, Humble.  
In Adversity, Resigned.  
In Sickness, Patient.  
In Death, Happy.

They now say that bad grammar is a disease. We are afraid we have it.

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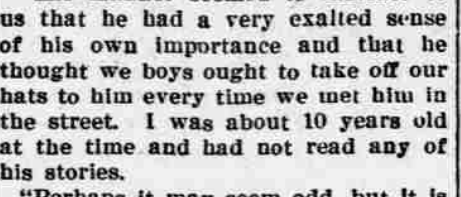
### HATED FENIMORE COOPER.

Perpetual War Waged Between Author and Village Lads.  
Not so many boys read J. Fenimore Cooper nowadays as three or four decades ago, but if it were possible to have an accounting to-day it would pretty surely be found that no one, barring only Captain Marryat, has pleased and delighted so many lads with his stories.  
It is more or less of a shock, therefore, to those who remember him as one of the chief patron saints of their boyhood, to learn that in actual life Cooper and the boys of his village were sworn enemies. N. C. Brewer, who was one of the boys, but is now an elderly man living in Cleveland, gave the world this interesting bit of personal reminiscence the other day. He lived at Cooperstown, Otsego County, N. Y., when Cooper made his home there.

"There was not a man in the town whom the boys hated as they did Mr. Cooper," said Mr. Brewer. "He was a typical Englishman of the austere sort, surly to boys and very liberal in the use of his walkingstick on their backs when he got the chance.  
"He was probably very irritable, and the boys knew this and made matters worse by going out of their way to annoy him. We used to get into his orchard and steal his apples, more for the pleasure it gave us to make him angry than for the sake of the apples.  
"His manner seemed to indicate to us that he had a very exalted sense of his own importance and that he thought we boys ought to take off our hats to him every time we met him in the street. I was about 10 years old at the time and had not read any of his stories.  
"Perhaps it may seem odd, but it is a fact that while I have all his works in my library, I have never read any of them, and the only recollections that I have of him are the boyhood feelings of dislike caused by his manners and by his treatment of the boys of Cooperstown. This seems strange when the fact is considered that his stories have pleased so many thousands of boys."—New York Sun.

ROYAL INFANT PHOTOGRAPHED BY QUEEN OF ITALY.  
Amateur photography has entered on a sudden revival in Italy since royalty adopted the fad. Queen Helena is now one of the most ardent enthusiasts with the camera and one of the most skillful.

The snapshot she prides herself most on is that she recently obtained of her infant daughter, the Princess Yolanda Margherita Milena Elisabeth Rowana Marie. Copies of the photograph have been presented to the women of the royal court and they are taking up the camera fashion.  
The little princess is 7 months old.



THE QUEEN AND HER BABY.

Her birth was not hailed with great delight in the palace or among the people, as a male heir was hoped for, but she has won her way into popularity and is enthusiastically cheered wherever she appears in public. She is a healthy, vigorous child.  
At her birth, the first of last June, thousands of prisoners were pardoned and liberated, and all the poor children of Rome were given dinners in honor of the little royal maiden. Every child born in Rome, in Naples and in the metropolitan provinces on the same day received from the King and Queen a complete outfit, a cradle and a savings bank book with \$20 in his credit.

An Opportune Gift.  
A good-natured, easy-going German living in Chicago asked his American wife to pick out some little present for his sister in the old country. He had squandered his fortune, says the Record-Herald, but his sister still had hers, and with careful Teutonic management had swelled it to a comfortable sum.  
The American wife knew nothing of her sister-in-law, and she appreciated the limitations of her own finances as well as the difficulty of choosing a gift for a stranger. But she went to a repository for woman's work and discovered there a dainty bag of chamois leather embroidered with wreaths of forget-me-nots and emblazoned with the one word "Money," to indicate its use as a secret purse to be worn about the neck in traveling.  
It seemed an innocent little gift, but Fritz danced with delight when he saw it. "Ach, that's very thing!" he cried. "I would not write, and ask her not 'Money' and 'forget-me-not,' ach, it is the most beautiful reminder!"  
His wife, who had not thought of the matter in that light, protested and would fain have withheld the present, but Fritz was firm. It was sent to Germany at Christmas.

A few weeks later a substantial check came in acknowledgment. The sister had indeed appreciated the situation.

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