SO WHITE, SO SOFT, SO SWEET.

See the charlot at hand here of love Wherein my lady rideth: Each that draws is a swan or a dove And well the car Love guideth. As she goes all hearts do duty Unto her beauty: And enamored do wish, so they might But enjoy such a sight. That they still were to run by her side, Through swords, through seas, whither she would glide.

Do but book on her eyes, they do light All that Love's world compriseth! Do but look on her hair, it is bright As Love's star when it riseth! Do but mark, her forehend's smoother Than words that soothe her: And from her arched brow such a grace Sheds itself through the face, As alone there triumphs to the life All the gain, all the good of the element's STITE.

Have you seen but a bright Bly grow Before rule hands have touched it? Have you marked but the fall of the snow Before the soil buth smutched it? Bave you felt the wool of the heaver Or swan's down every Or have smelt o' the bud of the brier Or the nard in the fire? Or have tasted the log of the heet Oh, so white, oh, so soft, oh, no sweet is she

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How He Got Clients.

Young Bitter has recently embarked upon a career as a lawyer, and hung out his shingle to attract such customers as may be caught thereby from amid the throng of passers who go up and down Washington street, seeking to devour and in the end not infrequently getting devoured. That there is in him some of the capacities necessary for the successful pursuit of the legal profession is indicated by an incident, trivial in itself, which marked the beginning of his career.

"Why is it," he was one day asked by a classmate who put out his sign in the same block at about the same time, 'that people whom you don't in the least know come into your office and give you jobs, and nobody ever comes to me unless it is somebody that has been sent?"

"My dear fellow." was the reply, "it is the simplest thing in the world. When I had my sign painted I let it lie out on the grass for a week, I squirted water over it from the garden hose, and I rubbed it with a sod, so that when it was put up it looked as if it had been in use for two or three years. Your bright new sign advertised to all the world that you were just starting out, but mine gave the impression that I was an old hand; so I got the patronage. See?"

"Yes, I see," the other returned thoughtfully.-Chicago Tribune.

A Kentucky Sermon Spoiled.

It was in Breathitt county, Ky. For several months an evangelist had been laboring with the mountaineers, trying to turn them from their evil ways. Every little while something would turn up and undo the labor of months. Then the people would seem to take an increased interest in matters of religion, and hope would bud again in the evangelist's breast. One Sunday the little chapel on the mountain side was and hunting knives at home when they | Warner in Harper's.

BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING. Philosophy of Making Gifts and Why How the Novel Drings Different Classes

Doing So Gives One Pleasure. There must be something very good in

wives" have reason to know, in the grad- virtue. ual disappearance of their wardrobe if Those humble readers are not troubled porarily.

away only the things her husband does and courtiers like Virgil and Horace not want. Her office in life is to teach were in love with pastoral scenes and givers soon find out that there is next to husband would be a locksmith. some self denial.

esteem. He follows the gift; he dwells cost too much. upon the delight of the receiver: his in the debt of England. Like a good factory. It is something to think of the lowliest station.

when he first wakes in the morning-a freely indulge in giving for their own race. that so many imagine they are going to | Tartar." get any satisfaction out of what they leave by will. They may be in a state not fought over; but it is shocking how little gratitude there is accorded to a departed giver compared to a living giver. somebody.

By this thought his generosity is alfree of the universe. Whereas every hood, what sense of fellowship exists bewhile he was living would have entered few and the benighted millions of the into his character, and would be of last- hopeless poor? crowded, and the evangelist was ex- ing service to him-that is, in any future

TRAINING THE IMAGINATION.

of Society Into Sympathy.

There is something pathetic, not wholhuman nature or people would not ex- ly sad, in the thought of the poor boy or perience so much pleasure in giving: girl who finds delight in fictitious annals there must be something very bad in in high life. Boy and girl put themhuman nature or more people would try selves respectively in the place of hero the experiment of giving. Those who and heroine. They are richly dressed, do try it become enamored of it and get and in marble halls they taste the sweets their chief pleasure in life out of it; and of elegant leisure, of power and praise. so evident is this that there is some basis "Nothing is either good or bad but for the idea that it is ignorance rather thinking makes it so," and imagination than badness which keeps so many peo- has no cage. Poverty is beguiled of its ple from being generous. Of course it sting, toil is lightened and ennui gives may become a sort of dissipation, or way to a round of noble pleasures and more than that, a devastation, as many mamatic scenes, until the curtain falls men who have what are called "good upon baffled villainy and triumphant

they chance to lay aside any of it tem- by the doubts and cavilings of the exacting realist. They are happy in that The amount that a good woman can they can take so much for granted. If give away is only measured by her op- they have not had the real thing they portunity. Her mind becomes so trained think so, and so far as they are conin the mystery of this pleasure that she cerned is it not all the same? But high experiences no thrill of delight in giving life would know low life, too. Scholars,

him the joy of self sacrifice. She and rustic pleasures. Marie Antoinette all other babitual and irreclaimable would be a duity maid, and her royal no pleasure in a gift unless it involves In her palatial home the proud beauty grows weary of the rolling hours, over-Let one consider seriously whether he burdened as they are with the requireever gets as much satisfaction out of a ments of an artificial society and a pergift received as out of one given. It functory courtesy. The millionaire, pleases him for the moment, and, it is outworn with the care of his wealth, useful, for a long time; he turns it over looks longingly back to the simple labors and admires it; he may value it as a and untroubled sleep of his youth. The token of affection, and it flatters his self statesman, weighed down with responsiesteem that he is the object of it. But bility and beset by importunate suitors it is a transient feeling compared with for favor and influence, has pensive, rethat he has when he has made a gift. gretful moments in which he reflects That substantially ministers to his self that even a gratified ambition may have

Imagination brings surcease of repinimagination plays about it; it will never | ing. temporarily at least, to all of these wear out or become stale; having parted exalted personages. The democratic with it, it is for him a lasting possession. novel, the romance of low and of com-It is an investment as lasting as that mon life, puts the great in touch with the masses of their kind, and makes symdeed, it grows, and is continually satis. pathy possible between the loftiest and

We live in many and different worlds time when most people are badly put to in reality; we meet and mingle with it for want of something pleasant to each other in imagination. When we think of. This fact about giving is so speak of civilization, of enlightened soincontestably true that it is a wonder ciety, of progress, we have in mind a that enlightened people do not more comparatively small part of the human "Scratch the skin of a Russian," comfort. It is, above all else, amazing said Napoleon. "and you will find a

But how much of our civilization is more than skin deep? In the great cities where they will enjoy it if the will is of Europe and America do we not find a barbarous population just beyond the purlieus of wealth and fashion, which only the fear of the constable keeps in He couldn't take the property with him, check? Is ignorance more dense or vice it is said; he was obliged to leave it to more shameless in any quarter of Peking or Hankow than in the slums of New York and London? Do we need to go ways reduced to a minimum. He may upon long journeys or to turn back the build a monument to himself in some in- pages of history to find the lowest depths stitution, but we do not know enough of | of human degradation? But what do we the world to which he has gone to know know of those people in their filthy whether a tiny monument on this earth hovels and noisome tenements? What is any satisfaction to a person who is sympathy, what tie of human brothergiving or deed of real humanity done tween the cultivated and comfortable

MY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

Ye front each other, face to face. Dear friends of long ago: Your air secene but commonplace, Your costume comme il faut. Since ev'ry smirk and ev'ry smile Came first beneath my ken, Tis more than just a little while We all were younger then.

Tom, Dick and Harry most my gaze-How much I liked the three As thick were we in early days As four could ever be

But why expect the glow of youth From silvery headed ment Tis true, although 'tis bitter truth, We all were sounger then

Ab, Mary Ano and Emma Jane, My flames of other days) Alternatery, although in van.

Forgen 1 wove my lays By fate my hopes stere increet Cit mools not how or where. Your married names I quite forget,

We all more younger have Some emain stars are gathered here

What is unity of the others; But very true to mean or dear

Through rost to slight out age. Do miny long so lovely more.

Say, having one many

My evening stars, your must allow We all more younger thou

But for not mores dy brood, Old "Chromos" ofer the flight, And waste, in sourly cylic mood, My hours us day or night. Dear friends, I merely pause to say-

liefore I drop my pen And put your photographs away-

"We all were younger then " -Domestic Monthly

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Gloom in New York.

"Do you know what most forcibly impresses a foreigner visiting New York for the first time?" asked a titled member of the British iron workers. "The dirt?"

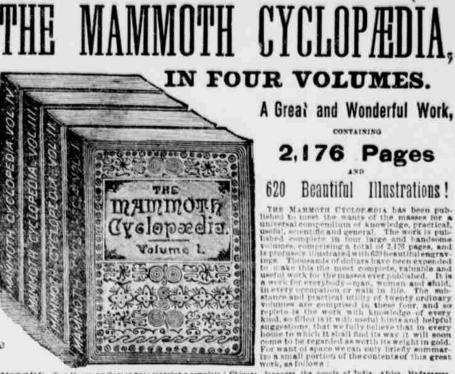
"No," said the ironmaster. "The dirt is bad enough in all truth; but something more important than this strikes any foreigner of average power of reflection. It is the extraordinary cloud of gloom and preoccupation which hangs over the citizens of New York. It has an almost saddening effect upon a stranger. I do not wish you to think that I am speaking recklessly or flippantly. I am not. The thing has impressed

me forcibly ever since I have been here. and I do not recall any other city in the world where it is so noticeable.

"In Chicago business men look worried and excited; in Boston there is a large enough leisure element and sufficient jollity to amuse any crowd, and so it is in all of the other cities of the coun-But New York men have the gloom try. of Egyptian mummies. You may enter and leave a thousand elevated cars without seeing a smiling face, and men talk with one another with the serious and preoccupied look of criminals discussing their fate in the cells of a jail. Visitors to New York always speak of it as a very jolly place, but the citizens of the town apparently miss all the fun."-New York World.

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went to church.

In the course of half an hour he grew eloquent, and was just thinking that he was going to carry his point when a fat buck trotted past the chapel and disappeared in the laurel thicket. An old hound that was sleeping in the chapel door gave a yelp and started after the buck, and the male portion of the congregation grabbed their rifles and followed without waiting for a motion to adjourn. When they were out of sight the evangelist said in despair:

"Oh, it's no use, it's no use." "Yas, 'tis," said a one legged man that was left behind; "I'll bet you a tre or other engagement. The English dollar they'll have that thar deer inside o' two hour."-Chicago Herald.

Natural Location.

the temple?" asked a little girl of her brother, who at once replied, "He wrote the dictionary." "Does the Bible say so?" queried the sister, with wide eyes of believing interest. "I don't know as it does, in so many words, but he was the wisest man, and that's the wisest book. So of course he wrote it."

This original method of reasoning was evidently admired by a still younger member of the family who had come up to listen to the conversation.

'Well, Tommykins, what do you know about Solomon or his temple?" asked the brother jocosely.

"Everything," was the stout reply. "Oh, you do, do you? Well, where was his temple?

"You must think I'm smart," an-

swered Tommy in scorn. "Oh, you don't know, you don't know!"

"I do, too.

"Well, where was it then?" "On the side of his head, same's 'twould be in anybody!" replied Tommy in conclusive triumph .- Youth's Companion.

Did Not Understand Irish.

A story is told of a certain mayor of Cork who headed a deputation to the late emperor of the French, and commenced an oration to his majesty in what he conceived to be the French tongue. "Pardon me," said the emperor after he had listened to the speech with much patience, "English I know fairly well, but I regret to say I have never had an opportunity of studying the Irish language."-Cork Examiner.

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Dress of Americans.

Americans are the best dressed men of all nations that wear what is known as European attire-coat, pants and vest. The English are outlandish and the known throughout Europe by the quiet richness and practical fit of his clothing. Loften reflect upon this when lounging about the brilliantly lighted assembly room of the Southern hotel, as I note the faultless attire of the gentlemen, particnlarly those from the cast and the large cities of the central states, as they spend a half hour before going out to the theatourist, with his abominable "fit," is as easily recognized as a western miner. A a Chicago man; the latter more by his

view in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

American Shears the Best.

ladies, but tailors and others using scissors in their daily work have long since ceased to look for the Sheffield mark. This is very significant, and the fact that a tailor insists on American made best article is needed in cutting out garments. Ten years ago English scissors home manufacture, and every year a Shefiield, and by so doing discount the ping coals to Newcastle."-Interview in -New York Sun. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Speech That Was Not Heard. Once a speech that was to be delivered

by a well known political orator in Mu- in the alcove looking at the picture. sic hall never reached the public, although it had been carefully prepared think it is a pity that Millet did not and was in type in the offices of all the choose more refined subjects." Then, morning dailies. The speaker was present at the meeting all ready to address was nothing but a workingman himthe great audience, but the time con- self!"-Boston Transcript. sumed by the speakers who were given precedence was so great and the andience so wearied that the hall was cleared before the presiding officer had a chance to do more than to shout after the retreating forms that the meeting was adjourned.-Boston Transcript.

Thomas Silverthorn, a hotelkeeper at Coral, Mich., has a spectacle case five inches long that dates back to the misty past. The lid and bottom are of brass, the sides of copper. On the hid and opposite side are seven rude engravings, and under each is written in the Polish language the scriptural account of the hirth of Christ. It is claimed to be from soon shine more than you do if you don't 500 to 600 years old.

the doors of poverty and sin, we must look into the eyes of the suffering and lift the burdens of the heavy laden before we can really know the worst of what is called low life. Well, in our French too foppish, but the American is | day the literature of imagination has essayed that sad task.

The novelist goes now where none but the doctor and the most zealous philanthropist have ever gone before upon a mission of charity. So far as he dares he paints the picture of that under world to the life. He is not so humorous as Dickens or so satirical as Thackeray, but he tries to be severely accurate in the delineation of every detail, and he brings to his work the artist's eye and the sprgeon's nerve. He does not need to write New Yorker can be told at sight; so can the moral down in plain black and white, As the sightless eyes of the blind and "What did Solomon do besides build manner perhaps than his clothes.-Inter- the maimed limbs of the cripple tell their own story and make a mute appeal to every generous heart, the squalid surroundings and sordid struggles he de-English scissors are still called for by picts speak lond words of warning and command.-New Orleans Picayune.

> Preferred to Be with Papa. One of the best children's bon mots is told by a well known bookmaker in shears is a great compliment, as the very town. His little daughter was happy amid a parlorful of company, when bed time came and she rebelled against brought double an apparently similar having to leave. She threw herself on article of American make. Now the the floor, face down, and kicked and most costly shears in these days are of screamed. "Come," said her mother. "be a good little girl, now, and go to greater quantity of them is being ex- bed. Don't you know what mamma satisfied with them in their natural state. ported. It is the boast of an eastern has always told you-if you aren't a house that they ship shears regularly to good little girl you can't go to heaven?" "I don't want to go to heaven," said the leaving a neat little oval tuft at the end oft repeated story and fable about "ship- child; "I want to go where papa goes."

> > Nothing but a Workman.

It was at the exhibition of the "Angelus," Two refined looking women sat Said one to the other in all sincerity, "I after a pause, "But then, of course, he

Do They Crack?

Do your toe joints crack as you move about in your stocking feet? If so don't think of going into the burglar business. The successful burglar has crackless joints, and he can catch hold of a would be sneeze and hold it back until a more

A Disagreeable Prospect.

Borrowell - I'm not rich, I know, James, but it's birth and breeding, don't you know, that enable me to shine in society. James-Yes, sir; but your coat will

get a new one.-Munsey's Weekly.

was it wasn't there. In other words, he had forgotten where the purchase was made, and ring No. 2 was selected to adorn the bridal finger. "All is fair in love and war." and with the original inscription erased the circlet has perhaps adorned another fair digit. Otherwise it may be still awaiting its claimant. -Lewiston Journal.

The Dog Didn't Care to Walk.

This story is told of one of the intelligent dogs of Auburn, Me. Mr. W. H. C. Allen lives at the north end of Goff street in that city, while his store is on Lisbon street, Lewiston. The dog very often accompanies him to and from the store. He was at the store Friday afternoon, when, becoming tired of staying there, the order was given to go home. The dog started out, going up Lisbon street to Main and down Main across the two bridges into Auburn. At the postoffice, however, he was seen to stand on the corner as though waiting for something A few minutes later a horse car came along, and the dog ran out and boarded it and rode home, jumping off when the car came opposite his master's house.-Augusta Journal

Next

Man is said to be the only creature that shaves. The South American bird called the "mot-mot," the Motmotus Brazillensis, actually begins shaving on arriving at maturity. Naturally adorned with long blue tail feathers, it is not but with its beak nips off the web on each side for a space of about two inches of each.-Indianapolis Journal.

Centuries before the Christian era fountains of gaseous flame spouting from the earth near the Caspian sea were objects of pilgrimage and adoration to the fire worshipers of Asia, while near Grenoble, in France, is a fiery fountain still burning that is said to have been burning in the days of Julius Casar.

A new use is reported to have been discovered for English hops-namely, for the curing of bacon. It is found that a sprinkling of hops in the brine when bacop and hams are put in pickle adds greatly to the flavor of both and enables them to be kept an indefinite period.

One of the wealthiest real estate men fitting opportunity.-Detroit Free Press. in Texas is Milton Sterrett, of Houston, a negro. He owns several large plantations, a handsome residence, and is worth \$400,000. In the days before the war he was a waiter on a river boat.

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