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GEMS IN VERSE.
Two Pictures from Life.
Great God, when I look round me and survey
The shames shivering miles that stretch and
cover
In open bowways, suffering by the hour
The bitter tears of this wintry day,
My heart swells full of anger, and I pray
With ceaseless, agonizing, agonizing power
To raise the standard of revolt and slay
The sin that eats the life of the lowliest flower
That nestles in the lap of the earth.
Beneath the rank of weeds, the lowliest birth,
Bread victims, from their cradles of despair—
Sufferings of crime whom rigorous laws condemn,
But leave untouched the ill that bears on them.
But turn ye from such sights to that last place
Where nestles all that's holiest; turn to where
The young and cheerful wait for the star,
Counting each dying moment till they see
Just in upon them and they fondly embrace
Beneath their loving wings, the lowliest birth,
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Chicago's New Crib.
The Four Mile Crib
"The Four Mile Crib" is Chicago's name for the new structure to strain water for the city. The crib was placed but two miles out, and the city has grown so vast that when the wind is off shore the water is fouled that far out. The new one is four miles out, and the tunnel through it can supply the city with 70,000,000 gallons per day. The new "crib" is a circular double shell of 140 feet outside and 70 feet inside diameter, stiffened by bulkheads and concrete filling. The bottom section of the cast iron shaft is set water tight into the well bottom, projecting below the latter. The weight of the concrete crib, with concrete filling and granite facing to ten feet above low water mark, is 30,000 tons. Six great gates, with fish screens outside, admit the pure, cool water from the lake depths and shut it off when repairs are necessary.

A New Peabody Institute.
The philanthropist George Peabody, who was born Feb. 18, 1795, in Danvers, Mass., gave his native town \$100,000 in 1864 for a library hall and institute and in 1866 endowed it with \$40,000. The original structure was burned in 1890, and the town has recently completed another. The present structure cost but \$28,000. The architecture is colonial, and the dimensions are fifty-two feet in width and ninety-two feet in length. It stands in a beautiful park, which is bordered by Sylvan and Pond streets and the yellow fever, and is finished in fine woods, with the usual rooms of such a building, as library, main hall, etc. The latter has a seating capacity of 1,100.

The First Woman Voter.
Mrs. Lucy Tapley (known as Aunt Lucy) was the first woman to vote in Mississippi, and her history is interesting. She was born a slave and was bought by her mother, who had been freed by her own master, and who earned the \$600 needed by washing. Lucy had but \$25.00. The architect is colonial, and the dimensions are fifty-two feet in width and ninety-two feet in length. It stands in a beautiful park, which is bordered by Sylvan and Pond streets and the yellow fever, and is finished in fine woods, with the usual rooms of such a building, as library, main hall, etc. The latter has a seating capacity of 1,100.

Head of the Armenian Church.
The ecclesiastical and lay representatives of the Armenians in all the world assembled for the year 1892 in the cathedral of Echmiadzin, almost in the shadow of Mount Ararat, an eminence elected Archbishop Merditch Khrimian to the supreme patriarchate of the Armenian church. This venerable scholar and priest was born at Yan April 18, 1808. He is recognized by an exaggeration to say that he has reformed and revitalized the entire Armenian church, which, by the way, claims to be the oldest Christian church in the world.

Electric Roads and Snowfalls.
When many of our electric railway managers were boys it was just about this time of year that they got down from the attic or up from the cellar or out from the woodshed their old "double runners" and polished and oiled them up in anticipation of many coasting down the icy hillside roads. They are doing pretty much the same thing now, except that the "double runners" have developed into electric railway snow plows, whose function is to spool coasting rather than to facilitate it. These machines are of very recent origin, and are still in many ways experimental devices.
Plows and sweepers have both been used to displace the snow from electric railroad tracks. It has been thought by some companies that the sweeper does its work too thoroughly, as it cleans off all the snow, leaving only the bare ground for the use of other vehicles on runners. This causes delays to the electric cars and interferes with their prompt operation. Crosby and Bell state in their book on the electric railway that "it is best to leave an inch or two of snow on the track when cleared by plows. Unpacked the snow is very much compacted, and has become a sort of frozen slush, it is then possible to obtain fair contact between wheel and rail, thus keeping up the car service."
The proper function of the snow plow is its constant use in keeping the snow on the tracks from packing and freezing. Its principal use is in the city streets. Where the road runs out into the country, or where the snows are light, the plow is probably not so much required. Its principal use is in the city streets. Where the road runs out into the country, or where the snows are light, the plow is probably not so much required.

CHILDREN'S DRESSES.
The Business Carried on by Two Society Women
For really "chic" looking frocks for children of all ages and dainty handmade baby linen there is said to be no better place in New York says The Tribune, to go to than the establishment started a year or two ago by two young women of society. These ladies have developed the "double runners" into electric railway snow plows, whose function is to spool coasting rather than to facilitate it. These machines are of very recent origin, and are still in many ways experimental devices.

TURF TOPICS.
Trainer Bither says Krenlin, 8770, can go an eighth in fourteen seconds, a 1.36 clip.
R. M. Maynard, the once famous jockey, committed suicide at Columbus, Ga., recently.
Masco, who was bought several years ago for \$20,000 by Marcus Daly, was recently sold for \$700.
The veteran jockey, William Hayward, has retired from the pignakin and has applied for a license as trainer.
Old Orchard, Me., has greatly improved its mile track since last summer, and the turns and stretches have been re-laid.
Nancy Hanks' stride when at speed is only 191 feet, yet no trotter with a stride of twenty-two feet has ever come within several seconds of her record.
Nettie B., a 5-year-old daughter of Ansel, 2:30, was handled but six weeks before taking a record of 2:20 at Lexington. Her dam is by General Denton.
An Iowa jockey has invented and patented a revolving grand stand. The stand is to travel on a circular track, and turns so as to command a view of the horses at every stage of the race.
One of the most remarkable horses is the old pacer Jewett. Sixteen years he has been on earth, and he has campaigned about thirteen of them, and yet he wins money in his class.
Dr. J. C. McCoy, proprietor of the kite track at Kirkwood, Del., and William Thompson, of Gloucester, N. J., have another season of twelve weeks will be played. His tour just ended is reported to have netted him \$75,000.
Joseph Jefferson has abandoned his contemplated California tour. He will rest in New York awhile, after which another season of twelve weeks will be played. His tour just ended is reported to have netted him \$75,000.
Elie Leslie, who was almost the pioneer of child actresses in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," having arrived at the age of fifteen, has retired temporarily from the stage to pursue in Paris the study of the French language and the art of acting.

STAGE GLINTS.
E. J. Henley will appear in "Captain Herve, U. S. A.," at the Union Square theater, New York, on Jan. 9.
During his engagement in Boston E. S. Willard will be seen for the first time in this country as Hamlet and Shylock.
May Brooklyn has been engaged by A. M. Palmer for "Lady Windermere's Fan," which is to be produced in Boston in January, greatly to the surprise of the city.
A particularly distinguished looking model which they show for a girl of twelve to fourteen has a skin of blue serge and a crossed black satin sash arrangement at the waist which is sewn into the seam under the arms and fitted neatly to the figure, the lower ends only being continued at the waist to the back in belt form and finished with a rosette. The upper part of the bodice is of tan colored cloth, and also the lower part of the sleeves, the full puffs being of the blue.
Something for the Small Boy.
There is more pathos than poetry in the little boy's remark that folks didn't seem to want boys for anything but just to have 'em grow up and make men. Particularly is this lack of interest noticeable in the chronicle of fashions. Every woman delights in the pretty frills and furbelesque fashions for her little girl. She reads with avidity the latest modes for little girls, and she attaches in dainty trucks and buns with the same delight she felt in furnishing wardrobes for her fat Paris doll, but after her boy grows out of babyhood and past kills the common all goes out of his warding apparel. She buys it at the tailor's and can't feel half the pleasure in paying the bill that she finds in fixing over her own pretty things for her little daughter. Still she loves to occasionally have a suggestion of something new.
The cut shows a handsome suit in dark cloth for your young anarchist as shown in the New York Sun. The coat, a modification of the regular dress coat, has a waistcoat of figured pique white with a dot of blue, and is worn with a starched shirt and round linen collar tied with a soft silk scarf.

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