

THE WISE INTERPRETER.

BY PEARL RIVERS.

Nature is God's interpreter; Wiser than Seraphim, She speaks to all who come to her, In varied tongues, of Him.

Before His golden throne she stands In reverential fear, And mingles her voice at His commands To fit each listening ear.

To regal hearts whose thrones are high, God's princes, kings and czars, She speaks with a voice that is clear, In varied tongues, of Him.

The holy words these great hearts hear, Glide down the rays of light, Too softly e'er to stir the clear, Deep silence of the night.

And what she speaks from the bright land To mankind may be told, Only by those who understand, This golden tongue of old.

To hearts who keep their watch fires bright, On steepy headlands, she, In many tones, speaks day and night, The language of the sea.

They hear her voice, deep-toned and grave, Breaking against the beach, As it rolls in wave after wave, At a mighty speech.

At intervals it comes low, Soothing, and soft, and calm, With undulating voice, Smooth waving of a plan.

And there are thoughtful hearts, and tender, And wise, and good, To whom I think she loves to speak, The language of the wood.

Fair words that wear the sunshine's gold Between the April showers, Come to them softly in the mold Of tender leaves and flowers.

Soft whispers on a Summer day, Come floating through the trees, And thrill the hearts, while others say, "Tis but a passing breeze."

Toward the wood their footsteps turn, The cold, and bleak, and bare; They always hear her voice and learn A sunny wisdom there.

Oh! bless this wise interpreter, To whom the gift is given, To soothe the hearts who come to her, And charm them up to Heaven!

I WONDER WHY.

I wonder why this world's good things Should fall in such unequal shares; Why some should have all the joys, And others only feel the cares.

I wonder why the sunshine bright Should fall in the paths some people tread; While others shiver in the shade, Of clouds that gather overhead!

I wonder why the trees that hang So full of luscious fruit, should grow Only where some may reach and eat, While others faint and thirsty go!

Why should sweet flowers bloom for some, For others only thorns be found; And some grow rich from fruitful earth, While others till but barren ground!

I wonder why the hearts of some Overflow with joy and happiness, While others go their lonely way, Unblessed with aught of tenderness!

I wonder why the eyes of some Should never be moistened with a tear, While others weep from moon till night, Their hearts all crushed with sorrow here!

Ah! well we may not know indeed, The why's, the wherefores of each life; But this we know—there's One who sees, And watches us through joy and strife, Each life its mission here fulfills, And only He may know the end; And loving Him we can be strong, Tho' storms and sunshine He may send.

How Radicals Get Rich.

AN ENTERPRISING SECRETARY.

George M. Robeson's sudden rise from poverty to affluence since he became nominal secretary of the navy is accounted for by recent transfer by E. G. Cattell, of Philadelphia, of \$36,000 worth of Washington city property to Robeson was the first clue. Going behind it, it was found that Cattell is a Philadelphia ship-chandler, and a brother of ex-Senator Cattell, of New Jersey, himself a big contractor and that E. G. Cattell, of Philadelphia supplies the navy-vards at Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Mare Island with everything that is consumed there under contracts awarded him without competition and without proposals. Robeson would have given him the Washington navy-yard on the same terms, but Sam Brown was an incumbent that he could not dispossess. Now, however, he has been bought off by a swindling live oak contract of \$500,000 in Louisiana, and probably after this month Cattell's sway will include that yard.

THE CASE OF THE TENNESSEE.

Some of the contracts made by Cattell on behalf of the navy department show how he became able to transfer Washington city property to Robeson. The Tennessee, of San Domingo memory, laid by as worthless since that, her first service, was built in 1854, in the Brooklyn yard, and cost \$1,500,000 there. Then Porter expended another \$250,000 on her. Her hull was condemned as unseaworthy six months ago. Robeson and Cattell secretly and without proposals, contracted with John Roach & Sons, of New York city, to build an entire new set of engines and machinery for the rotten steamer Tennessee. Robeson and Cattell agreeing to pay \$700,000 for the job. No board of survey ever convened her present machinery, and not an engine-builder in the country save Roach & Sons knew that the navy department ever contemplated such repairs, and engine-builders are unanimous in the opinion that there was a profit of at least \$350,000 in the job.

LONGEVITY OF PRESIDENTS.

Washington died at the age of 67; John Adams, 91; Jefferson, 83; Madison, 73; John Quincy Adams, 81; Jackson, 77; Van Buren, 80; Harrison, 68; Tyler, 72; Polk, 54; Taylor, 60; Pierce, 65; Buchanan, 73; Lincoln, 56. Those who have filled the office and are still living are Fillmore, now 62; Johnson, 62; and Gen. Grant, 50.

A soft blow: A gentle breeze.

The Farm and Home.

OILED FLOORS.

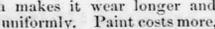
[From the Manufacturer and Builder]

Oiling improves a floor in several ways. Grease spots, of course, will not affect the wood thus treated; and much less scrubbing than is necessary for a plain floor will suffice to keep it clean. Moreover, the appearance is improved by the oil. Many of our native woods prepared in this manner becomes positively handsome. Finally, it gives the surface a harder texture, which makes it wear longer and more uniformly. Paint costs more, takes longer to dry, and wears off more easily, since it simply forms a crust or coating upon the surface, while oil penetrates the wood. Hence an oiled floor looks better than a painted one, especially if a little color, such as Van Dyke brown, amber, or burned sienna is added to the oil. To prepare a floor in this manner, take raw linseed oil, or some cheap oil, not offensive in odor and capable of drying; mix it, if desired, with some such transparent color as those mentioned above; and apply it with a common paint brush. Lay it on smoothly, so that it will strike in uniformly, over the whole surface and not stand in spots. This may be done at night after the day's work; and the place will be ready for use again the next morning. As far as oiled surface is concerned, it might be stepped upon at once without injury; but there would be danger in that case of tacking the grease to other parts of the house. A new coat of oil, applied in this way once or twice a year is sufficient to keep a floor in perfect order. This treatment is to be heartily recommended for the floors of kitchens, pantries, verandas, closets, bath-rooms and laborers' bed-rooms. It is also a good plan in children's apartments, particularly in training them to do their own house work, to leave without carpet or matting that part of the floor where the bed stands, with a few feet around it, and to oil the wood. The floor under the bed can then be kept free from dust, and the sweepings can be readily removed; while wash-stands, etc., can be so disposed as to give the youngsters free scope for their duck-like ablutions, without injury to carpets. In country houses the plan might be carried still further. We recently had all the floors in a newly-built house oiled; and we think it wise economy. Many well-to-do families in Europe have no carpets at all; and, though there are some disadvantages in such a course, there are some points gained. We think it gives cleaner houses, with less house cleaning. Putting down, taking up, and beating carpets is the most vexatious and laborious part of our domestic economy, as their cost and destruction constitute one great item of expense. Still, we do not attack carpets—though, speaking of attacks, what a tax the ticks are!—we only say, where you don't need a carpet, by all means oil your floor.

MUCH LOVE.—The Philadelphia Post tell of one John Henry Borael, of that city, who was stricken with small-pox. He was engaged to Miss Mary E. Ewing, and she insisted on marrying him to nurse him. No clergyman would perform the ceremony, so articles of agreement were drawn up. Both died of the small-pox.

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LEON DE LOUEY, Prop'r.

Oregon City, Jan. 27, 1872.

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SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

AMNESTY.—Senator Schurz concluded his speech in the United States Senate, in favor of universal amnesty, in the following language: "People are fast becoming aware that great as the crime of rebellion is, there are other villainies which imperatively demand correction. They are beginning to look behind these vociferous assertions of austere and exclusive patriotism, to see what abuses they are intended to disguise, and to discover that good and honest government in the South, as well as all over the country, would do infinitely more to revive true loyalty and a healthy national spirit than laws calculated to keep alive the prejudices and resentment of the past."

HUMILIATING.—The carrying capacity of the merchant navy of Great Britain is very nearly equal to that of all the rest of the world combined. How much that navy contributes to the wealth, dignity, influence and importance of that nation is simply incalculable. If we attempted to draw a comparison between the ocean commerce of Great Britain and that of the United States, remarks the Detroit Patriot, the result is most humiliating to our national pride. Yet we have none to blame but ourselves. We have made her a present of a large part of her ocean commerce by our suicidal system of "protection."

AN INSULT.—A Mississippi paper says: "It is an insult to the people of Mississippi that Ames should register his name at Washington as a 'Mississippi Senator.' He doesn't own a single foot of land in the State nor pay a single dollar of taxes. He once resided a few months at Vicksburg as an army officer, but on return there he even refused to pay his poll tax. And this shameless carpet bagger never intends to become a citizen of the State which he thus misrepresents. He belongs in Maine, and when his term expires, if bayonets are not again used to force his reelection, he will live with his father-in-law, Ben Butler, as he has not brains enough to earn an honest living for himself."

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