

THE VIRGIN HEART OF BEROE.

The wind blown dewy morn was fair
Upon a far Arcadian height;

She quite forgot her daily care,
The flock with fleeces snowy white

They met with smiles of rapture rare
And kisses such as lovers plight;

EXOTIC.

Oh, love, in pity hear my prayer!
As his of old in Acready,

AMERICAN HISTORY.

American Indifference to What Should Be the Most Interesting Study.

To whatever cause it may be due,
the fact remains that, beyond a few
names and dates fixed in mind by
study in boyhood, the average American
has only the haziest knowledge of
the history of his own country prior
to the civil war.

PSYCHOLOGY OF VOLITION.

Why a Fellow Likes to Lie Abed on a Cold, Cheerless Morning.

We all know what it is to get out of
bed on a freezing morning in a room
without a fire, and how the very vital
principle within us protests against
the ordeal.

Children Cry for

that tricky instinct awakens no con-
tradictory or paralyzing suggestions,
and consequently produces immedi-
ately its appropriate motor effects.

Measuring Thought.

A delicate electrical apparatus has
been devised which measures and
records the duration of time to 1-10-
000 of a second. By its use it is pos-
sible to determine how long it takes
to think.

The Old Little Leaf Ant.

One of the oddest little creatures in
nature is the leaf ant of Nicaragua. It
is from three-fourths of an inch to an
inch in length, and shaped like a common
ant.

We Are Too Busy.

Amid the hurry-durry, I make bold to
declare that the surest, quickest and
most sensible way to cure a cold is to
go to bed, and stay there.

Eating Elephant's Flesh.

The lower classes of the Burmese people
are very fond of elephant's flesh, cutting
it up in long strips and drying these in
the sun in a somewhat similar fashion as
the buccaniers of old preserved pieces of
beef and fish.

A French Flower Farm.

A French flower farm of about seven-
teen acres was planted with 45,000 tufts
of violets and 140,000 roots of the white
jasmine, with roses, pelargoniums, tu-
beroses and jonquils.

Lightning's Zigzag Course.

Professor W. Mottien Williams offers
as a better explanation than the old one
of zigzag course of lightning, that, owing
to variations of moisture, the conduc-
ting power of different portions of air is
variable, and the electric discharge
follows the course of least resistance.

The Ocean's Story.

The story of the deep sea is an expen-
sive one. The cost of compiling and pub-
lishing the reports of the Challenger ex-
pedition is said to have already exceeded
£300,000, the work being still unfinished.

A solution of common salt or sulphate
of soda in water, making a strong brine,
forms a good homemade fire-extinguish-
er, and such solutions do not freeze
easily.

The desire of more and more rises by
a natural gradation to most, and after
that to sit.—L'Estrange.

Pitcher's Castoria.

Some Tariff Facts.

Farm Mortgages

Some of our correspondents are re-
ferring to articles recently published in
democratic free trade papers as to the
vast sum total of mortgages upon farm
property. They of course attribute these
mortgages to tariff. If a cyclone should
utterly destroy the rural buildings and
cities in half a dozen states, we have
no doubt somebody would blame the tar-
riff for it.

The next man who quotes the total
amount of farm mortgages at you, ask
him the total value of the farms in the
state—not the assessed valuation, but
the real value—and what proportion the
mortgage total bears to the total value.

Then ask him the total value of all
the wholesale and retail business houses
in the state, and the total amount of
borrowed capital which they owe. Have
him make the same proportion as in the
other case. The result will astonish you
and silence him.

For it is a fact that agriculture is as
much a business as making rapiers,
or cloth, or flour, and that men go in-
to it, as they do into any other busi-
ness as making rapiers, or cloth or flour,
and that men go into it, as they do into
any other business, on borrowed capital.
A year of dull trade brings thousands of
business men, engaged in merchandising
or manufacturing, to failure and
bankruptcy. A year of short crops does
the same, though to a far less extent, for
the farmers. To say that the tariff is
responsible because men go into
farming without enough money to do
so free of debt, is as absurd as to say that
the tariff is responsible because a village
merchant don't pay cash for all his stock.

Again, farming, in these days of close
competition and improved methods, is a
business that cannot be successfully pur-
sued by a man unless he is wide-awake,
intelligent and progressive. Our sharp-
est and surest farmers have no mort-
gages on their land. The competition is
not yet as sharp as it is in other lines of
business, and hence we have a greater
proportion of failures among our farmers.

These are facts that no intelligent man
can gainsay. The tariff does not cause
farmers to buy money. We have been
suffering since 1883 from the great exten-
sion of agriculture and from an enormous
overproduction, not only in this country
but all over the world, of agricultural
products.

To reduce the tariff will not make
wheat one cent higher—nor corn, nor
beef, nor any other agricultural product.
It will make nothing cheaper to the far-
mer—for the prices he pays depend far
more on other causes than on the tariff.
Coffee and tea are cases in point. They
used to pay a duty and what the free
traders called a heavy, an outrageous one.
A republican congress removed that duty
some eight or ten years ago and put
coffee and tea on the free list. Yet coffee
and tea are as high to-day as they
were before the duty was taken off. Sev-
eral causes contribute to this, the chief
one being the profits made by the mid-
dle-men. Tea and coffee go through at
least half a dozen hands before they
reach the farmer; each one of these half
dozen must make a profit, and the farmer
pays these intermediate profits. So
it would be in any other case.—Blade.

Bond Buying to Begin.

Secretary Fairchild has advertised
for proposals from bondholders to sell
their holdings to the government and
thus reduce the surplus by the amount
which will be paid out, as well as reduce
the national debt by the amount of bonds
bought, and cut off the interest thereon.
The pretended doubt as to the authority
of the government to buy bonds has been
removed by the passage in the house on
the 16th inst. of a resolution declaring it
the sense of the house that under the ex-
isting law the secretary has the power to
buy bonds, and that in his opinion it is
the best thing to do. The resolution was
drawn by Governor Dingley, who has
been in consultation with Secretary
Fairchild some time and the action is
the result of an agreement of the sound
money men on both sides of the house.

The adoption of the resolution makes
it more than clear that the republicans
have been right from the beginning.
None of the trouble would have existed
at all, had the president and his party
acquiesced in what has been insisted up-
on by the republican members and sen-
ators all the time—that under the exist-
ing law the president had ample author-
ity to buy. The democrats vowed that
he had not, and introduced the original
resolution to vest the executive with the
required power. The republicans de-
clare the measure wholly unnecessary,
and now the democrats admit their mis-

take by embodying formally just what
McKinley and Reed told them was the
case six months ago. The resolution is
a simple house one, and does not re-
quire action by the senate.

Iowa farmers, also have a theory of
their own which they cannot be per-
suaded to surrender. It is based on the fact
that they are already producing more
good than their countrymen can consume.
More farmers would only increase the
surplus and lower the price; more con-
sumers would eat up the surplus and ad-
vance the price. Therefore we want all
other non-agricultural industries developed to give
other employments than farming, so that
we may have more mouths to feed. This
is of greater importance to us than the
reduction of twenty cents on the price
of a trace chain, if so it be that doing
away with the tariff would affect such re-
duction. Our eyes are also sharp enough
to see that, if our tariff fence were bro-
ken down, the foreign goods flooding our
market as they did a hundred years ago,
and at various times since, would again
destroy our home competition in many
things, and this would result in again
raising prices to a higher figure than be-
fore; for it is an invariable law of trade
that as markets enlarge and demand in-
creases prices advance. Besides all this
we prefer home competition, at the same
price, to foreign even were the latter to
be of equal extent with the former; for
the former gives employment to a great
amount of domestic labor. It inspires
the inventive faculty among our own peo-
ple. It increases our local wealth, and
is subject to our local taxation, while our
money going abroad at the sole be-
nefit of foreign governments. The
profits now remain at home and to the
development of other enterprises. The
form and quality of home manufac-

ture cannot exempt themselves to local
wants. We should never have seen our
wonderful agricultural labor-saving ma-
chinery had we not already possessed the
American protective system, which had
filled our workshops with the quick and
inventive intelligence of skilled artisans,
acquainted with the wants of our agricul-
ture.

Says the New York Press: General
Harrison's walk-over the Indiana dis-
trict delegates to the Chicago conven-
tion places him in the front rank of re-
publican presidential possibilities. Since
ex-Governor Morton's death, General
Harrison has been the foremost republican
of the state. A man of great foresight
as well as purity of character, he well de-
serves the cordial endorsement which he
has received at the hands of his party at
home.

Story of the Fair Game.

Married to Frances degli Agostini,
the one of her two lovers who loved her
most, Giovanni was buried alive during a
quake or collapse which looked like
death. Waking up to consciousness in
the moonlight, she freed herself from her
grave clothes and crawled to the house of
her husband for shelter. He, sorrowful
for her death as he was refused to be-
lieve that this pale revenant, crying at
his door, was his living wife, and un-
willingly denied her admittance. So
did her mother, so did her uncle. Then,
nearly dying in good earnest, she betook
her to the house of her father and true
lover, Antonio di Lombardi, and sank
fainting on the threshold, after she had
sought for help. And Lombardi, en-
lightened by love, recognized her voice,
took her in, warmed, fed, comforted her,
and eventually married her as of right.
The bishop consented to the divorce as
having been made by death, and to the
marriage as having been consecrated
by love and faith, and what fear had
it.—Partially from New.

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