



FOR SEPTEMBER

Now softened suns a mellow luster shed,
The laden orchards glow with tempting red;
On hazel boughs the clusters hang embrowned,
And with the hunting horn the fields resound.

—Old September Poem.

Well we should say so, and the mellow horn of Mr. Morgan will awake the morn, bidding us garner for the bins and cribs in which we labor for his royal nibs. The summer ended and the blower on, the respite over and the money gone, and Rockefeller as we drill along, bowing and hoping we are well and strong.

The seaside sojourner will quit the shore, and the summer girl will line up three or four conquests in puppy love she has around, and choose the one that is to go undrowned. The which selection from the litter born of summer madness she will then suborn with things sufficient to unlock its eyes, and hurry homeward with the gasping prize.

The busted tourist will return from France with hotel stickers stuck upon his pants, and tarred and postcarded by his friends, will reap the penalty of what he sends. They'll waltz him up and down upon a rail, and alternately turn him head and tail, or howsoever they may best enjoy the views of Venice or the site of Troy.

The festive calf will blithely sniff and snort, and deftly tie up where the hair is short, and in the quiet even afterglow the quail will pipe his dulcet piccolo. The bold insurgent will insurge the more, and fill the planet with his dreadful roar, and each one betting he will not be last, the autumn candidates will gallop past.

The new progressive and the Democrat, the uninsurging that are standing pat, and in the midst of them, unfaint of heart, our Mr. Bryan on the water cart. A maze of issues, and a mass of men, and lo, a gallus busting now and then, and not especially alarmed by it the trusts desisting till the swarm has lit.

The man from Elba trying to come back,
And the poor consumer in his cul-de-sac
Unknowing if the quaking earth portends
Death or the near approach, perhaps,
of friends.

But howsoever and be as it may, the dread mosquito will have its day, and joining Satan in its spectral growth, have made it real hell there for them both. The while the earthly remnant of it swings upon the window screen, and drying clings to that post which, though wanting mortal fire, it still holds with its face against the wire.

The sad first day of school will come to pass,
And the barefoot boy will hide out in the grass,
And by the time we've caught these malecontents,
The Crippen chase will look like thirty cents.

Milady Fashion in her hobble skirt will stride the pavement with the men alert to set her right side up again in case she should in time turn turtle any place. It does beat thunder what the women wear, and how they stick on other people's hair, constrict their middles and constrain their toes and what im-

portance they attach to clothes. But bless us, are they after all to blame, or had they been in these things quite the same if Mother Eve's first thought, as we suppose, had not been necessarily of clothes? Was it to be expected in her case that with a man somewhere upon the place she ever thought of anything at all but gowns, slipovers, or perhaps a shawl?

But anyhow, the crawfish will have holed,
And the pumpkin shown the faintest trace of gold.
The saffraas will don a redder dress,
And the goafs will crowd around the cider press.

The autumn equinox will come around,
And Roosevelt, by that time eastward bound,
Will aid it in the making of such storms
As they may find necessary to a few reforms.

And then the sun will turn still softer yet,
And the bold October, having duly set
His planes, and carefully put on his brake,
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