ALONG THE WAY TO MEETIN'.

I wondered if the world so wide had
heard my heart a-beatin',
With Sally walkin' at my side along the
way to meetin'?
It seemed to time my every step—jest
keepin' time accordin',
An' sayin': "There's no rest fer you 'cept
t'other side of Jordan!"

I'd tried an 'tried to say "the word,"
with patientest endeavor—
The word that might, or mightn't, make
her heart my own forever;
But somehow, when it reached my lips,
it seemed too much to utter,
With my poor heart a-keepin' up that
everlastin' flutter!

'Twuz shore my tribulation day—close by
my side to view her—
To pull the wild flowers by the way, an'
then not give 'em to her!
But, sudden come this word from her—
'twuz like a benediction:—
"I'm thinkin', John, this meetin' day
you're under deep conviction?"

An' then, I up an' told her all my heart,
so sore afflicted;
I loved her more than all the world—
that's how I stood convicted!
An' then, as close she come to me, with
sweeter looks an' fonder,
I read my shinin' titles clear to earth—
an' over yonder!
—Atlanta Constitution.

FARMER DALE'S MISTAKE

I WAS on a wheeling tour and stopped for supper and all night at a forlorn-looking farmhouse. I was surprised to see no woman about, all the work being done by the owner of the place, Ezra Dale. After supper I lighted a pipe and sat on the porch smoking. Dale came and sat beside me.

"You have finished your evening chores early," I said. "When my wife is without a servant, she never gets the dishes washed before 9 o'clock."

"Waal, ye see, I don't do it that a-way. I wash dishes oncet a week. Then I put 'em all on ter the wagon, drive 'em inter the creek, take a mop, an' when I get through they shine like pewter."

"Don't you think a wife would be handy? She could do your mending."

"Don't need no wife. I got needles an' thread an' buttons. There's my kit." And he handed me a case containing the articles mentioned and no more.

"Where's your thimble?" I asked.

"Don't need no thimble. I tried one oncet an' couldn't use it. It's handier to git the head of the needle ag'in the wall and drive it through that a-way."

"Did you never have a love affair?"

"Yes, oncet. It was when I was a young feller—very young an' very green. I used to look on a gal as a heathen would look on a sacred image. There was a little one livin' across the creek, Farmer Owens' daughter Daisy. Purty? Ye bet, an' gentle as a kitten. She took a shine to me. I was a fair-lookin' young feller then, straight an' slim an' light on my feet. One evenin' I was a-passin' Farmer Owens', and Daisy come runnin' out with her finger a-bleedin' an' asked me ter tie it up fur her. I had ter git her arm under mine somehow, an' hold on ter her hand an' wrap the linen strip an' wind the string an' a lot of things all at the same time. While I was a-doin' of it her hair got ag'in my cheek, an'—waal, I lost my head an', turnin', put an arm around her an' kissed her.

"Do ye know, stranger, I've since made up my mind she done it all a-purpose. I b'lieve she cut her finger ontentionally. I tell ye, women folks is tricky."

"I think that was a very nice feminine way of catching your attention," I remarked. "Go on."

"That's jist what I did do. I went on from day ter day, week ter week, till it seemed ter me if anything happened between me an' that gal I'd collapse. Somethin' did happen. Farmer Owens tuk a farm han' fur the hayin', an' what did Daisy do but take him out in her buggy that her father bought fur her at Christmas an' drive right by that house a-purpose ter show him off ter me. I tell ye, stranger, she had the wickedest eye in her ye ever see."

"Another feminine trait," I observed. "Miss Daisy was evidently a woman."

"She was a woman, stranger, an' the worst kind of a one," Dale went on lugubriously. "She broke me all up. I jist rented this farm an' went away. I didn't come back fur ten years. Then I made up my mind that women folks wasn't wuth worryin' about, an' I tuk my farm ag'in an' began ter work it. The fust time I went by Farmer Owens' Daisy come out—she had grown ter be a fine-lookin' young woman of 26—an' what do ye suppose she did?"

"I can't imagine."

"Asked me if I wouln't tie up a cut finger. She had the same wicked look in her eye she had when she drove that lopsided farm han' by my house ten years afore. Women is the persistenest critters I ever see. I jist squared off an' said: 'Ye don't git me that a-way ag'in. Ye done it oncet, an' that's enough.' But, do ye know, stranger, she was so slick about it that in five minutes I had my arm about her an' she was a-restin' her head on my shoulder. She was a-cryin', too—cryin' crockerdile tears, no doubt.

"Waal, we was engaged, but it didn't las' long. The question come up as ter whether we'd be married by a justice or a parson. I don't like parsons myself, an' I wanted a justice. Daisy wanted a parson, an' she was so blame set about it that I reckoned if she was as obstinate about a small matter like that she'd be wantin' ter run the farm, so I called the thing off, an' I've been livin' alone her ever since."

"Mr. Dale," I said, "you have mistaken natural feminine traits for general cussedness."

"That's what they is, I tell ye, stranger. Ye don't understand."

"You have declined to give up that which to a woman is a great deal, while to you it is nothing. Miss Owens was right to insist on being married by a parson, and you were ungenerous to refuse her. Now, let me give you a bit of advice. Miss Owens is still single? Yes. Well, go to her and tell her that when you first met her you were a blundering idiot and that later you were an obstinate brute. Say that if she will overlook your past errors you will spend your life in doing penance."

"Why, stranger, if I was ter do that I'd never have my own way about anything afterward."

"It is the only way to have your own way about everything with a woman. Toss it all into her hands, and she'll toss it right back to you. More than that, she'll expect you to lead, and if you don't lead she'll not respect you."

"Ye don't mean it! Say, stranger, what sort of a makeup do ye call that anyway?"

The next summer I rode past Farmer Dale's place. It was the trimmest-looking farm in the country. After supper the farmer told me how much better contented he was while Mrs. Dale was washing the dishes.—Indianapolis Sun.

AN ODD ANT BEAR.

German naturalists are now studying with much interest an animal which was recently placed in the Zoological Garden at Berlin. It is an ant bear, but not an ordinary one, being a specimen of an exceedingly rare variety. Its habits are those of the common ant bear, but in color and formation is different from it in many respects: It is said that there is no other specimen of this variety in Europe, and it is not thought likely that any other specimen will be found very soon, for the one at Berlin was only trapped by chance, and although several men have searched closely through the district where it was caught, they have not as yet discovered the slightest trace of any other specimen.

VALUE OF SLEEP.

Ability to Rest One of Napoleon's Sources of Power.

One great secret of Napoleon's power was his ability to sleep. If he had but an hour for sleep he slept an hour, even though the fate of an army or of an empire hung in the balance while he slept. Gen. Grant was another great example of this ability to lay aside work at quitting time. Even in the Wilderness campaign, when the responsibility of the movements of the nation's armies, stretched out in battle line a thousand miles long, lay on his shoulders; when his good-night commands involved all-night marching and fighting of his army of the Potomac, and his waking orders might mean victory or defeat, the killing or the saving of a thousand men—under it all he lay down and dropped to sound sleep as quickly as you or I when we read ourselves sleepy over an old story book. Grant had what a great writer has called a "frictionless mind." He saved for the wear of work what others throw away on the tear of worry.

Here is a sample of the other extreme. Said a Minneapolis lawyer to me to-day: "When I began the practice of law I always lost two nights before I had a case in court, tossing about and combating every thinkable standpoint of my opponent. And I lost as much sleep afterward upbraiding myself for not having thought of certain points at certain pat occasions in the progress of the case." Of what value were these night thoughts to this young attorney? About as much value as night sweats to a consumptive! I venture to say that all the business planning a man does in life while lying on his back at night isn't worth an hour's good thinking on his feet on one June morning. As compared with the sleep it displaces, such night thinking isn't worth forty winks after dinner. Burning the candle at both ends sometimes makes a fine bonfire. But it always makes a bad grease spot of a good candle.—Commercial West.

THE GREAT LAKES FISHERIES ARE OF VAST IMPORTANCE

THE conditions which surround, the laws that govern, and the markets which deal with fishing on inland bodies of water, are constantly the subject of many changes. Many legislatures grapple with fish and game problems during each winter, and in the spring both pleasure seekers and those who follow fishing as an industry must acquaint themselves with the new legislation if they are to avoid the clutches of the law. The Great Lakes furnish the world with the greatest amount of fresh-water fish.

Last season there was no patrol boat on that most important fishing ground, Lake Erie. In fact it is not very long since there was considerable opposition to the plan to build and operate one on account of the expense in connection therewith. The spring found the new patrol boat built by the State of Ohio ready for service, and the Canadian fishermen who have been trespassing on the United States side of the line had to look out. Fishermen believe that they have at last received justice in this matter. It will be remembered that, while in the past the Canadian government constantly operated the tug Petrel in Lake Erie capturing the fishermen from across the water and confiscating their property when found slightly over in Canadian waters, the Canadian fishermen could not be thus watched. It will also be recalled that American fishermen could not accurately determine when they were over the middle line, they having to be guided by an estimation of the miles they were from shore, based on the number of miles per hour which their fish tugs made.

Among the legislative measures effecting the fishing interests of Lake Erie during the last session of the Ohio Legislature, was the Guerin bill. According to this bill the tonnage tax on fish was reduced from 75 cents to 50 cents. The same bill contained many provisions looking toward a more stringent protection of Lake Erie fish, and it seems to have met with general approbation from the leading fishermen, the Fish Culture Commission having indorsed it.

A LIFT OF TROUT AND WHITEFISH WEIGHING A TON.

MICHIGAN STATE FISH HATCHERY.

In general more is probably known of lower lake fisheries than those about Lake Huron, Lake Superior, St. Marys River and the immediate vicinity of the American and Canadian Soos. The upper lake regions comprise a new country, and will be more to the future than they have been to the past. As a fishing ground, St. Marys River annually yields some handsome lifts. Whitefish and trout, when caught by net, have been known to yield a ton at a haul. Michigan is taking a decided interest in her fisheries. The Michigan hatchery is one of the finest in the country, and is situated so near the great canals as to be an object of considerable interest to tourists in that section. This hatchery, it is said, places in Michigan waters, annually 30,000,000 white fish, 1,500,000 lake trout, and 1,000,000 brook trout.

Of the five Great Lakes, Lake Erie furnishes the world with more fresh water fish than any other body of water. The Lake Erie fisheries employ in the neighborhood of 4,000 men. Fishing companies often operate fifteen to twenty tugs. These tugs or boats each set many nets with a capacity of 400 to 500 pounds each. The nets are set from five to 25 or 30 miles out in the lake. The value of each net is $5. At the wharfs fish are removed from the tug decks to the packing houses in boxes. Here they are prepared for shipment to distant points, they often going even to the ocean ports.

Good Country for Sauerkraut.

In Cuba cabbages frequently weigh as much as twenty pounds. All vegetables do well. Radishes may be eaten from fourteen to eighteen days after sowing, lettuce in five weeks after sowing, while corn produces three crops per year. Sweet potatoes are perpetual. The natives dig up the tubers, cut them off and plant the old vines, which produce a new crop in three months. All sorts of fruits, horticultural and greenhouse plants and bulbous stock are also grown.

Valuable to Him.

Towne—Scribbler picked up for a few pennies at a second-hand book store an old book of platitudes which has since proved to be very valuable.

Browne—A rare edition, eh?

Towne—Oh, no, but he's been making the platitudes over into quatrains for the magazines.—Philadelphia Press.

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A sensational case of coincidence recently occurred at Newport. Mr. Charles Anstee, the proprietor of the Potter's Arms hotel, had a presentment that he would die on the anniversary of the death of his wife, who fell and fractured her skull a year ago. His friends tried to laugh him out of it, but he was found dead in bed at 5 o'clock a few mornings ago—exactly a year after his wife's fatal accident.

She Might.

"I wonder if she regrets her marriage?"

"Why should she?"

"Well, you know, they're both literary, and now her husband thinks himself entitled to every bright idea she has."

Failed to Scare Him.

His medical adviser—You won't last long at this rate, young man. You are burning the candle at both ends.

Gayboy—Very well, doctor. When the candle is burnt out I'll light the gas.

Acting the Part.

"Since he married that rich girl I understand Dabsley leads a dog's life."

"I expected as much."

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Regret.

Mamma—Why, Willie, you asked for two pieces of candy, and you got them. Aren't you satisfied?

Willie—No'm, I ain't. You gave up so easy I'm jest kickin' myself 'cause I didn't ast you for more.

Druidical Ruins in England.

Druidical remains, several "plague stones," erected about 1450 A. D., 50 old market crosses and 40 stocks or their remains, are among the ancient monuments now to be found in the west riding of Yorkshire, England.

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Not Able to Share It.

Hewett—The editor says it will be at least a year before he can publish my poem. That's a long time to wait.

Jewett—Yes; you might die, and then the whole disgrace would fall on your family.—New York Herald.

Contagious Blood Poison

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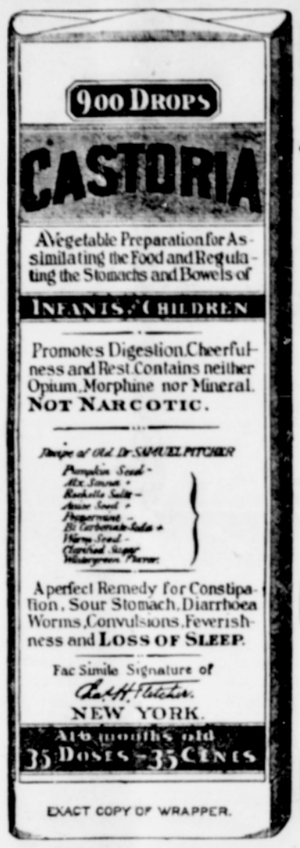

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