

A SONG OF HER LOVE.
There's a song of a bird in a blossoming tree
And songs in wind tremble above,
But the song that is over the sweetest to me
Is a dear little song of her love.

WON BY A DREAM.
"Papa, I have dreamed three times in succession that Frank rode Flash and won the gentlemen's cup."
"It was one of the fairest and most bewitching of Kentucky's daughters that the chivalrous old general turned to as he answered: 'You know the accepted tradition in regard to dreams, Jo, and of course there is not a Payton in this enlightened age who retains the faintest trace of superstition. I have forbidden that Yankee lover of yours the privilege of coming here, and the mere phantasies of a dream are not going to restore him to my good graces.'"

But Jo had sown the seed and the book of confidence in her great brown eyes told that she anticipated a satisfactory harvest. The general walked towards the stable thinking it passing strange that Jo's repeated vision coincided so exactly with his own. For he himself had tried been in dreamland to see that dashing young fellow from the north ride the magnificent black filly to victory. There was another surprise in store for him when he came upon Tom rubbing the satin coat of the clean-limbed mare and talking to her as though she comprehended every word and sentiment.

"You're grinner get dat cup suah, Miss Flash, kase I done dream fore Miss dat Mistuh Frank kin down heah 'n' you took him roun' dat couwe so fas' dat he had no beef left. Dey hail's noffin' on hoof kin keep in sight ob you, honey, de way I seed dat man ridin' you. Dat's honest, ole pal."
The handsome old general threw back his shoulders and knitted his brows as he turned away thinking that he had not been seen by the industrious rubber and falling to note the roll of the cunning eyes that followed him.

Superstition may have run out in the blood of the Paytons but here was one of the older generation in troubled doubt. It was more than his common sense could accept that everybody about the place seemed to be dreaming the same thing as a mere coincidence. He would not go back of the strange fact in search of its inspiration for that would confess a weakness he would not admit; but it was forced upon him as an irrepressible conviction that unless Frank Fielder was a trifle of Flash the real race of the year and the coveted cup would go to Maj. Slickton. And the thought of this was not to be endured.

"Ever since the general has been an implicit believer in dreams, though he counts at everything else which has a flavor of the supernatural! He did dream of Flash and Fielder because they were the chief objects of his thought, but he never knew that Jo would him confiding the vision to his friend Col. Buckler, that the dream reported were all evolved from his imagination in broad daylight and that he had been instrumental in having Tom, the rubber, make the speech to Flash which was meant solely for the ears of her owner.—Detroit Free Press.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.
—Miss Flora (in a pair of stupendous sleeves)—"How do I look, Ned?" Ned (rapturously)—"You're simply unapproachable."—Boston Transcript.
—"Thomas told the mass meeting that he was a self-made man." "Very noble of him to take the whole blame upon himself, wasn't it?"—St. Louis Mirror.

—No Interference.—Burglar—"Don't make a fuss, now! Householder—"Help yourself! Haven't you heard of the new idea of insurance against burglary? I'm insured."—Brooklyn Life.
—Spratts—"Miss Elder is much older than I thought." Hunker—"Impossible." Spratts—"Well, I asked her if she had ever read Esop's Fables, and she said she read them when they first came out."—Tit-Bits.

—Hunry Higgins—"I don't believe I could walk a mile a day without a drink, could you?" Weary Watkins—"No, I couldn't walk a mile without a drink, though I could walk ten miles to get one. Queer, ain't it?"—Indianapolis Journal.
—"If you're a good boy—" the parent began. But the young man interrupted: "Excuse me, but I know what you are going to say. I have a very proposition to offer. If you are ready to me, I'll let you take me to the circus instead of Uncle Richard, or Aunt Jane, or the gentleman who has next door."—Washington Star.
—"Wise Man—" "I don't see how you put your daughter to give up bloomers." "I told her they were not becoming!" "And did she believe it?" "Not when told her, but afterward I got her dearest friend to tell her that she looked so lovely for anything in them." "And then?" "Why, then she naturally believed me."—Chicago Evening Post.

—"You may now bring up the captive," said the cannibal chief. "Kira," answered the mission, "he seems to be completely used up this morning." "Well, he is," said the savage potentate, with irritation, "some one else has been to his pantry. I remember distinctly that last were at least three ribs over from last night." He angrily turned for a yell.—N. Y. Tribune.

FORTIFYING BOSTON.
Heavy Guns to be Planted on Long Island Road.
Other Points That Will be Supplied with Large Cannon—To be Prepared for Possible International Differences.

Active preparations are now being made by the representatives of the war department in Boston for the defense of Boston. The appropriation for this work, which was passed by the last congress, is now available, and work has begun in fortifying the different harbors throughout the country. Boston will receive a portion of this appropriation, and Lieut. Col. Mansfield, who is in charge of this district, has received orders from the department at Washington to provide reinforcements for three ten-inch rifles and two five-inch rapid-fire guns. The fact that these guns were to be placed in the harbor was learned from the war department the other morning, and the expense of them is to come out of the new appropriation of \$1,500,000.

These guns are to be placed on what is usually known as Long Island Road, bounded on the eastern end by the harbor. The department has appointed Lieut. Col. Mansfield in place of the late position, and to aid generally in carrying out the plans as far as the harbor of the harbor is concerned. In the time it has been contemplated that an early part of this year's work would begin in making the preliminary arrangements for it, and the execution has almost been completed. There is no doubt but that the department intends to push the work as rapidly as possible, now that the necessary appropriation is available.

The carriage for the first ten-inch gun is being built at the Watertown arsenal, and will be ready in the near future for shipment to Long Island Road. Lieut. Col. Mansfield has advertised for proposals for cement, sand and stone for the battery at that place, and they will be opened at his office in the post office building at noon on August 13, from present indications the work will be completed on or about December 1.

It is stated that there is the same activity displayed in other cities as well as in Boston, and at the present time all the government stations where guns and carriages can be manufactured are in full operation. A large number of contracts have also been made with private firms in different parts of the country for the manufacture of both guns and carriages. There is no doubt in the minds of the officials that the slight controversies that the United States government has had with foreign countries has awakened an interest in the matter of strengthening the different harbors for defense, and it is assigned as one reason why there is so much haste in fortifying them with modern guns.

In the last six months, it is stated on excellent authority, the Watertown arsenal has shipped about 50 gun-carriages to various harbors in the United States. Among these are the six or eight that were placed in position at Fort Warren in Boston harbor a few weeks ago. Others have been sent to San Francisco, New York, Rhode Island and other places. There is other evidence that the department is desirous of having the harbors fortified as soon as possible, especially those of New York and Boston. Previous to the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, the war department notified Lieut. Col. Mansfield to clean up the work at Fort Watertown so that the place is now in excellent condition and ready for service at any time.

"The guns to be put on Long Island Road are of the disappearing pattern, and will cost the government about \$15,000 each. There is a possibility that all the guns will not be erected at that point, but distributed at one or two other places.—Boston Transcript.

A London Professional Who Does Not Believe in a "Glorious" Nurse.
A woman who is a trained nurse, occupying, after years of practice, a superior place in a London hospital, has been giving a course of lectures on her profession. Her first proposition at a recent talk was that there is no such thing as a born nurse; the habit of observation was a duty and the basis of nursing, which was an art only learned by practice.
Among some practical illustrations the speaker were: "A sunny afternoon, one that was entered by the sun about 24 hours, is desirable; patients placed on the south side in a hospital would cover sooner, by ten days to a fortnight, than those on the north side. Plenty of light is beneficial, except in cases of brain disease. The less furniture in the room the better, and in lieu of a clean damp duster should be used instead of a dry one. The air must be kept as pure inside as outside, and there is little or no risk about having a window open, top and bottom, if the room were well cooled, and included a good fire kept burning. Night air is not injurious; it is purer in the after ten p. m. than at any other time. The bed should cover to a corner, if accessible from all points. In fever-suffered cases, a 'kandie' had been found to be used to keep off the night bedclothes; an impracticable suggestion could be made out of a luncheon. The bottom knocked out, the bed was the grammar and her grammar, but they made a regular nurse could make a good bed. If it is important set with decision when the time comes any other, and out to worry the patient by hesitation or talking of what was to be done; to read quietly, but not on those, and never to whisper a third person. Every effort ought to be made to secure for the patient five hours' sleep before midnight. Assistant nurses often broke down through neglecting to take food when keeping watch through the night.

WHEN THEY WERE IN LOVE.

Cornellie would not write poetry until she fell in love; then he could not write enough.

When Schumann was in love he wrote: "I wish I were a smile, that I might play about your cheeks."
When Hume fell in love his friends became aware of the fact by his sporting a rose in his buttonhole.
Sheridan fell in love with Miss Linwood and told the story in "The Rivals," which is a true account of his courtship.
When Farquhar was in love with Mrs. Heffeld, the actress, he told her: "My mind and my heart are at defiance about you."

Addison fell in love with the countess Inverger of Warwick, but she did all the courting and gave him no trouble in that regard.
When Heine was in love he was so jealous that he poisoned a parrot belonging to his mistress, for fear it would claim too much of her affection.
Byron was crazily jealous of every woman he ever loved. His loves were almost innumerable, and sooner or later he made every one miserable.

Thomas Moore was always in love. The names of no less than 14 different ladies to whom he vowed eternal fidelity are to be found in his poems.
Walter wrote his most pleasing poetry of Saeharissa. After she rejected him he in a letter to a friend said: "She is only a red-headed drab, anyhow."
When Ovid was courting Mrs. Barry, the actress, he said in a letter to her: "I am gone insane for the love of you and were probably he was right."

Electricity on Aluminum Wire.
It has been ascertained by experiments that an electric current, sent through an aluminum wire heated it to a temperature of 400 degrees above its melting point. The marvel was that it did not drop. This was accounted for by the fact that the oxidized film on its surface was sufficiently strong to keep it together. A magnet moved gently about in its neighborhood caused it to wave and curve, and to coil and twist and almost to itself into knots.—N. Y. Ledger.

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