

101 TROUBLE-BORROWERS.

There's many a trouble
Would burst like a bubble,
And into the waters of Letho depart,

There's many a sorrow
Would vanish to-morrow,
Were we but willing to furnish the wings;

How welcome the seeming
Of looks that are beaming,
Whether one's wealthy or whether one's poor!

Resolved to be merry,
All wroth to be ferry,
Across the famed waters that bid us forget,

She didn't like me when I met—
But turned away and pouted,
'Twas very cool, I own, to get

Strange as it seems, a few short weeks
Confirmed my sanguine guesses;
I came to understand her frolics,

So time went on, and as we grew
To know each other better,
She bravely learned to kiss my too;

The privilege still yet is mine
With kisses her lips to smother,
Still round my neck she likes to twine

Within your rooms, my dear;
So let me take a leaf from life;
Her mother is my darling wife,

REUBEN'S EGGAR.
You were more kind than wise,
Charity ought to begin at home,"

"I hate maxims," Reuben Wright
Retorted, half in annoyance, half indignantly,

"And because an ordinary beggar
Happened to seem all that, you gave him
Your last dollar and walked five miles

"I bes here for Wister Wright, when
He'll be comin'." Eve, watching at the window,

"The young man's dark eyes flashed
And his cheeks flushed a sullen red.

"I am equally certain that Willis
Never would do anything of the kind,"

"I hate sarcasm," the girl said loftily
And with roughish intent.

Reuben turned toward her with a
Look of unaffected surprise.

"You seem fairly confident about the
Man's perfections," he commented in a displaced

"Of course I should never presume
That you could be jealous of an inferior,"

"Am I ungracious because I chide
To return satire for satire?" she queried

"Am I silly because I approve the
Good sense of a gentleman who—who—"

With extreme irony and some exaggeration
He finished the incomplete sentence

"Who desires perhaps to succeed in
Your affections my most unlucky self,"

The irony, the accusation implied,
Stung the spirited and perverse girl to a

"I'll luck is but a synonym of incompetence,
Or of what is none the less deplorable—

"You begrudge my poor beggar his
Alms, obviously," Reuben remarked,

He loved her with a man's best love—
This slender girl with her bright face,

He loved her unutterably—this handsome,
Ungrateful girl, for whose sake he

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The sort of gay, plausible, pretentious

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AN ODD TEAM.

A Man Who Has Utilized The Great
Lover of Dog Meat.

A man who lives near Noble's Lake
Has demonstrated the theory that alligators

While standing on the bank of the
Lake I heard a terrible splashing,

"An ale manufacturer! Beg your
Pardon, but what do you charge a barrel?

"You seem to have a rapid team,"
I said, exhibiting as little surprise as possible,

"No, not much. General Grant,
Thar," tapping the leader, "was a little

"Why did you select such names for
Them?"

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A COMMERCIAL INTERVIEW.

"Good morning, sir."
These words were uttered in an emphatic

"Good morning, sir," said the commercial
Editor, stopping in the midst of an article

"I, sir," continued the latter, "I, sir,
Am the head of a nail concern in New York."

"Lager or imported; bottled or pale?"
Roared the editor, thinking his visitor

"What the deuce are you talking
About?" said the stranger, growing redder

"Ale house! Ah, I see, Englishman;
We call 'em saloons, sir, in this country;

"Beer! what the devil do I care
About beer? I came to see you about

"Young man, if you think you can
Play any of your jokes upon me you're

"Joke," roared the man of merchandise
Quotations; "my dear sir, the joke

"Confound your lager beer and ale!
I came here about the price of nails."

"Nails?—Yes, N-A-I-L-S—nails. I told you
I was a nail manufacturer."

There was a suppressed snicker from
The manufacturing editor on the other

"What are these things floating beside
The team?"

"Gourds. You see if it wan't fur
Them, the alligators would sink when

He looked at me with an expression
Of pity and replied: "Don't you see?

"But it was the closing of the mouth
That deprived me of my dog."

"That's so, an' right here I'll give you
A pointer on Mr. Beecher," and I thought

"Great Caesar, sir, your devilish
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"Oh, yes, so I see. I told you that
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BEAUTIES FOR SALE.

Photographs of Lovely Society Belles
Offered to the Public.

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Society ladies for sale here," reads

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Haven't you heard? It is the attraction

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A MOTHER'S LOVE.

Who can fathom a mother's love?
Acquaintances may admire and praise

The mother makes the home
That little circle she is the center

What a field she has before her
How often she feels faint and weak

Not here does it end. When children
Have passed and one by one the

Through a mother's influence
The best names have been placed on

Mothers, do not think that your
Sphere is not great enough for

Against such large animals
Tigers and rhinoceroses can

With such a thick skin as a
Mother's love would have no

And this kind friend is not
For no sooner are the little

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Portably ensconced than a pair

colored beak plucks them
Owner of the eyes and beak

Its life is the benevolent work
Over its monstrous proteges.

It is a novel and beautiful
See the dark-skinned giant

gle stalking ponderously along
Perched upon his back and

ily working to free him from
Tormentors. What he owes his

Not for anything would he
Ugly-tempered as he often

when the sharp beak probes
The sensitive flesh, the great

bears the pain patiently,
Know that it is necessary.

man, in St. Nicholas.

A BIRD'S EVIDENCE.—At a
In London, a parrot's speech

cepted as evidence, and caused
Missal from the British navy

gineer who had held his post
Fourteen years. The ship

brought from India no less
Than a hundred parrots. One

ing to an officer, was missing
When the ship was at sea

was instituted, and it was
Screw tunnel, where it was

ble for the accused engineer
The question next arose whether

the special parrot had
The appearance the trouble

prosecution relied on the
More than on any other

of its color or the shape
The engineer was found

cashiered. This is probably
Case ever decided on such

All transient men who
Tells are "traveling men,"