

LOVE IN MASQUERADE.

I dreamed that Love came knocking
At your door one winter night
While the specter trees were rocking
In a blast of savage blight.
"Oh, I perish!" poor Love pleaded,
"Open the door, for Love's dear sake."
But although you heard and heeded
No answer would you make;
Not even word of sweet replying
Would your languid lips have said
Even if Love had lain there dying,
Even if Love had lain there dead!

Then I dreamed that Love err'd you,
For in tenderest voices he cried,
"Nay, dear lady, I sadly foiled you,
And I am not Love, but Pride."
And you straightway oped your portals,
With a smile that made me nod,
To that wilest of immortals,
To that masquerading god.
Ah, you oped your portals lightly,
Not for Love's but Pride's dear sake.
Yet, O lady, if I dreamed rightly,
Love soon taught you your mistake!
—Edgar Fawcett in *Century*.

DROPPED FROM THE CLOUDS.

How the Race Horse Peytonia Won \$800
For Little Miss Lowrey.

The caprices of fortune ever constitute a subject for special wonder, but the glorious uncertainties of the turf afford perhaps a wider scope for reflections on the ups and downs of life than almost any other sphere of action. Earl Lowrey, formerly of Pittsburgh, but now of Chicago, tells a story that illustrates this conclusion very well.

On the morning of the day that Rey El Santa Anita won the American Derby at Washington park Lowrey's little girl, while looking over a programme of the events which he had carelessly left about the house, was struck with the name "Peytonia," the name of an entry in the first race of the day. So deeply was she impressed with it that she asked her father to place her savings of small change on Peytonia, the total amount being \$2, which he agreed to do. On arrival at the park he at once discovered that Peytonia's chances for victory appeared to be very slim, one bookmaker offering 400 to 1 against her. Lowrey, nothing daunted, placed the \$2 per order, and in doing so provoked a smile from the man on the block, which so nettled him that he promptly placed \$5 more at 40 to 1 for the place. As has so often happened before, Peytonia fairly "dropped from the clouds" when the horses were fairly straitened out in the stretch, and to the amazement of every one won the race with comparative ease. Miss Lowrey's fondness for the name Peytonia therefore netted her \$800 in cash, while the head of the family was \$200 better off for acting as her commissioner.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Dr. Holmes and the Reporter.

A young newspaper man, just out of Harvard, who since made his way in the world with entire credit to himself and the college, was sent down to Beverly Farms to interview Dr. Holmes on his birthday. The young man, being a gentleman, was a little afraid that he was committing what would be a very unseemly impertinence, but there was no way out of it, except by a way which also led out of his situation. So he went with fear and trembling. He found the doctor as gracious as could be, and when the interview was over the autorat himself drove the young man down to the station, chatting pleasantly all the way.

At the station there was some time to wait, and Dr. Holmes, with a twinkle in his eye, suggested that he and the young journalist go over to the store and be weighed. The young man was very nearly of the same height and build as the doctor, but at the time was in rather poor health. Dr. Holmes made the journalist get on the scales first. He weighed exactly 130 pounds. Then Dr. Holmes himself got on and tipped the beam at 140 and was very much pleased. It was plain enough that he had "sized up" the young man as about of his own proportions and had guessed that he could outweigh him, and it had tickled his fancy to find himself at the age of 80 a "better man" than the youth.—Boston Transcript.

Knew the Ropes.

Street car conductors are very often inclined to be too independent. One of this class received a well merited lesson several days ago. A tall, broad shouldered fellow wished to alight, but failed to catch the conductor's eye until the crossing was almost reached. When the conductor did notice his signals, he growled out a surly, "You're too late; wait for the next crossing." Without a word the big fellow jumped to the rear platform, jammed down the brake with a jerk and pulled the trolley from the wire, bringing the car to stop with unpleasant suddenness. Then as he leisurely stepped off he pleasantly remarked to the disconcerted conductor, "You stop the next time an old railroad man tells you to."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

To soften Hard Water.

To soften hard water take spirits of wine, a quart; orange flower water, a pint; marine soap, 1½ pounds. Shave up the soap and put it into the orange flower water, heat till the soap dissolves, then add the spirit. A table spoonful of this put into the bottom of the basin will completely soften the water that is put into it for washing.

A Last Resort.

The latest story about the weather comes from Pontypool, where an old farmer, exasperated by the fancies of his barometer, when the rain as steadily fell, got up suddenly, took down the glass, and carrying it to the door showed it to the weather. —*Pick-Me-Up*.

The aeronaut moves by elevating the scales on its abdomen and using them to push the body forward. The wings are always horizontal. The artifices which represent the circumstances as vertical have never observed the animal in motion. It is impossible for it to move in that way.

The whole of the land on the globe above water level, if enclosed into the Pacific, would only fill one-seventh of it.



Mrs. Jennie Decker

"How Well You Look"

Friends Surprised at the Great Improvement.

C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.:

"I take pleasure in writing the good I have received from Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every spring and summer for six years my health has been superior from heart trouble and general debility that at times life was a burden. I was so emaciated and

Weak and Pale

that my friends thought I would not live long. I could scarcely any work at all and had to lie down every few minutes. I began getting worse in January, losing my flesh and feeling so tired, that I would try Hood's Sarsaparilla and I am happy to say I am in better health than for

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

a number of years. My friends remark to me, "Why how well you look!" I tell them it is Hood's Sarsaparilla that has done the work. I would have all suffering humanity try this medicine and be convinced. MRS. JENNIE DECKER, Watsboro, Ill.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, indigestion.

Mexican Mustang Liniment for Burns, Caked & Inflamed Udders.

Piles, Rheumatic Pains, Bruises and Strains, Running Sores, Inflammations, Stiff joints, Harness & Saddle Sores, Sciatica, Lumbago, Scalds, Blisters, Insect Bites, All Cattle Ailments, All Horse Ailments, All Sheep Ailments,

Penetrates Muscle, Membrane and Tissue Quickly to the Very Seat of Pain and Ousts it in a Jiffy Rub in Vigorously.

Rub in Vigorously.

Mustang Liniment conquers Pain, Makes Man of Beast web again.

Electric Goods.

Edison Incandescent Lamps, 16 C. P., 103 voltage.

White, double pole switches, 10 amperes.

Brushes, Etc.

Dust brushes, (as per sample)

Scrub brushes, (as per sample)

Shoe brushes, (as per sample)

Hair brushes, (as per sample)

Shaving brushes, (as per sample)

Comb, (as per sample)

Flannel, (as per sample)

Blacking, Mason's.

Double-headed playing cards, (as per sample)

Glass pipes and stems, shakers.

Maple handles.

Feather dusters, ostrich, 24 inch, (as per sample)

Bamboo pot brushes, (as per sample)

Dust pane, steel edge, (as per sample)

Meat.

Beef, more or less, bone as required, equal parts fore and hind quarters.

Mutton, more or less, as required.

Veal.

English breakfast, (as per sample)

Unsoured Japan, (as per sample)

Vinegar.

Apple cider, 40 gts.

Flour.

White, No. 4 flour, delivered as required.

Ground flour delivered as required.

Oils and Paints.

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Paraffine, 1 lb. cakes.

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