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LIKE A BOY AGAIN.

O, I am growing anxious, just as anxious as a kid,
To see the Christmas presents that I know are snugly hid
In closet or in bureau—anywhere my eyes won't see
Until they hang in splendor on the lighter Christmas tree.
I know my children bought them for they slyly nod and smile,
And mamma—who's their partner—wears an air of utter guile.
I know I should know better at my age, but Gee Whizz, when
The Christmas season strikes me I am just a boy again.

I know it would be proper at my age if I decide
To court a quiet manner and be grave and dignified;
That 'twould be more in keeping with my age and hair of gray
If I would look important and put childish things away.
But what's the use of talking? When the kids begin to sneak
Around upon their tip-toes, and they scarcely dare to speak
Above a giggling whisper—something strikes me biff! and then
I know it's night to Christmas and I'm just a boy again.

At close of day I hasten toward the lights that shine for me;
I want to hear the music when my children laugh with glee;
I want to see them scatter as they haste to hide their things,
That I'm not supposed to look at till old Santa kindly brings.
I want to be a sharer in the old-time Christmas joys
That have made the oldworld brighter to uncounted girls and boys.
And that's why I can't be stately or austere, like many men,
For I get chock full of Christmas and become a boy again.

—Will M. Maupin.

CURRENCY REFORM.

The Philadelphia Inquirer doubts the probability of any scientific, comprehensive and definite measure being accomplished by the present congress which will place our currency on a satisfactory basis and give to it that elasticity which our recent panic has shown it to be lacking.

The Inquirer bases its doubt on the large variety of opinions sure to be expressed in the debate, opinions so widely different that a common ground is likely to be hard of acceptance.

But even if postponement of any radical action be made, the Inquirer pleads strongly that two points be pushed to and understanding, and that appropriate action be taken.

To cure these two evils would improve the situation.

These two points are the manner in which bank notes may be retired, and the plan of permitting certain banks to deposit their reserves in other banks.

On these points the Inquirer says:

One of these (points) would be the repeal of the law which limits the amount of bank notes which may be retired from circulation in any one month to nine millions dollars.

The bankers are all agreed that this restriction operates as a check on the emission of currency in time of need.

They say that NOTES WOULD BE ISSUED MORE FREELY IF THEY COULD BE RETIRED AT DISCRETION.

As it is, when once the notes have been put out they must stay out for a greater or less length of time after the exceptional demand to which they originally responded has ceased, and this places the banks at a disadvantage, which they are unwilling to incur.

No good reason is imaginable why the existing restriction should be retained.

It was inspired by the idea that banks are interested in making money dear and that they could not safely be trusted to retire circulation at their pleasure, but this is now recognized as a foolish misconception of the fact.

Another proper question for early consideration is the expediency of permitting the banks in reserve cities to deposit 50 per cent of their reserve in central reserve city banks.

It is obvious that if a reserve is to fill the purpose for which it is intended it must at all times be within reach when needed, but during the late crisis the banks of this city, most, if not all, of which carry a considerable proportion of their reserve funds in New York for the sake of the two percent interest which they are allowed on it, WERE UNABLE TO GET HOLD OF THEIR MONEY WHEN THEY WANTED IT, BECAUSE THE NEW YORK BANKS REFUSED TO GIVE IT UP, and they were consequently obliged to worry along on a margin of cash reserve of about half the sum the law requires.

This is one reason why currency has been so scarce in Philadelphia for the past month, and the system which produced this result is clearly unsound.

Secretary Cortelyou touched upon this matter in that part of his report where he regretted the accumulation of liquid capital in New York, and recommended that something be done to prevent it.

One effective way to prevent it would be TO PROHIBIT THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON BANK RESERVES THUS DEPOSITED.

This would remove the incentive for allowing Philadelphia and other reserve cities to be drained of their proper stock of cash.

Our interest lies in keeping our capital for home use; not in lending it to New York speculators.

Expect Something Large.

She (on their wedding trip in the mountains)—Carlo, what's that long white streak on the ground over toward our inn?

He—My Lord! That's probably our bill.—Transatlantic Tales.

How Diphtheria Is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted. For sale at Dr. Stone's drug store.

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Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for coughs, influenza, bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1. Sold by D. J. Fry.

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Which Shall It Be?

The placing of the ballot boxes for the reception of voters for the most popular saleslady in Salem was unavoidably delayed yesterday but the boxes are now in place, and it is for Salem people to decide which of Salem's popular salesladies shall have a theater party Thursday, December 26, when "The Man on the Box" will be the attraction for the ladies or gentlemen in the box to see. The ballot boxes will be found at the following places:

The Journal office.
Joseph Myers & Sons store.
The Chicago store.
Patton Bros. bookstore.
The Spa.

All you have to do is to clip out the coupon, which you will find in The Journal up to and including the issue of next Tuesday, write thereon the name of the lady you wish to have the box, and deposit it in any one of the ballot boxes. The play is a splendid one, and whoever the lucky one is she will enjoy the play as much as her friends will in assisting her to do so.

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE.

Central Point Boy Electrocuted by Receiving a 20,000 Volt Current.

Warren Leever, the 18-year-old son of W. C. Leever, the Central Point hardware merchant, was accidentally killed by coming in contact with a high tension wire, carrying 20,000 volts, at the Condor Water & Power company's sub-station at Central Point about 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Young Leever was employed by the Condor Water & Power company to turn off and on the lights at the plant in the morning and evenings. Passersby noticed that the door of the sub-station was opened yesterday morning, and as this was an unusual occurrence they started to investigate, and upon entering the station the body of Leever was found lying face downward upon the floor.

As there was nothing dangerous in connection with his duties, it is presumed that out of curiosity he took hold of a switch, or as he had a bunch of keys in his hand, that he came too close to a high tension wire that carried 20,000 volts and his death was the result.

The young man's parents are prostrated with grief, and, as he was very popular, his many friends were shocked to hear of his terrible death. —Medford Tribune.

To Cure Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Couldn't Miss the Postal Cards.

Colville, Wash., Dec. 19.—Dr. A. B. Cook, county coroner, returned last night from Maud, 18 miles southwest of this place, where he was called by a report of smallpox. He found 18 cases of the disease distributed among 15 different families, including Mrs. Alice Bert, the postmistress, who, notwithstanding her affliction, has been handling the mail personally for more than five days.

This is the season of decay and weakened vitality; good health is hard to retain. If you'd retain yours, fortify your system with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, the surest way. 35c. Tea or Tablets. For sale at Dr. Stone's store.

Counterfeiters Sentenced.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—The two Bellocquit brothers were found guilty of passing counterfeit money, and will be sentenced Monday by the speedy trial judge. They had done a great business in counterfeit quarters. They said they had come from Everson, Wash., where they told the judge they were supplied with a large amount of this money by a man named Walsh. They later disposed of the counterfeit stock in Walla Walla, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver.

Bank Accounts for Christmas Presents

You can give nothing more practical to the boys and girls for Christmas than one of our savings bank books with an initial deposit of one dollar or more entered to their credit, and bearing their name on the outside.

It will help and encourage them to save money—a habit which will be valuable to them all their lives.

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A Day May Change Things.

Gaddie—He's got a G Whizz motor car, hasn't he?
Wise—I don't know.
Gaddie—Why, I thought you told me you saw him in one yesterday?
Wise—Yes, but that was yesterday.—Catholic Standard and Times.

About Digestion.

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions. The result is a relish for your food, increased strength and weight, greater endurance and a clear head. Price 25 cents. Samples free. For sale at Dr. Stone's drug store.

Her Real Purpose.

"I'm afraid," said the anxious mother, "your new gown will be too expensive to please your husband."
"Oh," rejoined the young wife, "I didn't get it to please him; I got it to worry other women."—Chicago News.

Early to Bed

and early to rise, makes one healthy, happy and wise—especially if you take Herbine before retiring. A positive cure for constipation, dyspepsia and all liver complaints. Mrs. S., Columbia, Tenn., writes: "I always keep a supply of your Herbine on hand. Am so pleased with the relief it gives in constipation and all liver complaints, that words can't express my appreciation." Sold by D. J. Fry.

To Please the Ladies.

Lady Customer—I wish to tell you how these shoes of mine are to be made.
Shoemaker—Oh, I know that well enough; large inside, and small outside.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Rheumatism.

When pains or irritation exist on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment gives prompt relief. E. W. Sullivan, Prop. Sullivan House, El Reno, O. T., writes, June 6, 1902: "I take pleasure in recommending Ballard's Snow Liniment to all who are afflicted with rheumatism. It is the only remedy I have found that gives immediate relief." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by D. J. Fry.

Cut Fuel Prices.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 19.—A sharp break in the price of all kinds of fuel was announced today, when the dealers voluntarily cut coal \$1 a ton and wood \$1 to \$1.50 a cord. Further reductions are promised.

An Early Balloon Ascension.

Great excitement was caused when London's first balloon went up nearly a century and a quarter ago. The balloon, manned by a young Italian named Vincent Lunardi, ascended from Moorfields, then an open space of ground, on September 15, 1784, in the presence of more than 100,000 spectators.

All business was suspended, the king himself setting the example by adjourning a cabinet council that happened to be sitting. Vast crowds followed the balloon's course, some on horseback, in carts, in chaises, but mostly on foot. The Great North road, above which the aeronaut sailed for some distance, was a roaring river of humanity.

Many were hurt in the crush, but the only fatality recorded was the death from fright of an old woman who, coming out of her cottage to see what the excitement was about, beheld the balloon just above her head. On the other hand Lunardi undoubtedly saved one man's life, a jury bringing in a verdict of "not guilty" on a notorious highwayman in order that they, the prisoner and the judge who was trying, might rush out of court to see the balloon.

The aeronaut descended eventually near Ware, in Hertfordshire, where his sudden drop from the clouds was the cause of more astonishment and excitement. Many of the spectators swooned with fear, while others urged the putting of Lunardi to death there and then on the ground that he must needs be a sorcerer and in league with the evil one.—Chicago News.

WHAT'S

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Sold by D. J. Fry.

Forestalling Them.

"I say, old man, what are you buying all those neckties for?"
"Sh! Christmas is coming, and I am just putting in a stock to get ahead of my wife and her relations."—Detroit Free Press.

A Dangerous Deadlock.

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel function. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back at J. C. Perry's drug store. 25c.

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