

For the Scrap Book

THE UNSUCCESSFUL

He tolled and he hustled from morning till night,  
But somehow he couldn't succeed;  
He used his best efforts and tried with his might,  
Yet somehow he couldn't succeed.  
He bore up with fortitude under the strain,  
Whenever he failed he tried over again,  
They never could find a flaw or a stain—  
But somehow he couldn't succeed.

He bent to his task in the world with a will,  
But somehow he couldn't succeed;  
The sweets others covet to him were but nil,  
But somehow he couldn't succeed.  
He plodded along in the very same way,  
Day in and day out with but little to say;  
He bent to his labors, gave little to play,  
But somehow he couldn't succeed.

He was one, only one, from the millions hurled,  
Who somehow never succeed;  
He traveled his way thro a cold dreary world,  
And never, could never succeed.  
He used his best efforts in playing his part,  
The burden he carried oft made the tears start,  
And yet thro' it all a song welled from heart—  
This man who could never succeed.  
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

LOVE

Love's a bunch of swaying daisies bound around  
with ribbons blue,  
Love's a peephole into heaven with you tiptoe  
looking through,  
Love's a jar of milk and honey in a fair, enchanted  
clime—  
You can drink from it forever and be thirsty all  
the time.

Love's a world-big flower garden where are butter-  
flies a-wing,  
Love's all forest aisles and shadows where en-  
chanted songsters sing,  
Love's a laughing, goeing baby with the sunshine  
on its hair,  
Love's a passport into heaven and a good-bye to  
all care.

Love is God's own "Open Sesame" to the good  
things of the earth,  
Love is all things created of the most transcend-  
ent worth,  
Love was born of dew and moonlight in a far-off  
Eden night,  
Love is—love is—love is—love is—well, you bet  
that love's all right.  
—Judd Mortimer Lewis, in Houston, Texas, Post.

MARY

What was the song, I wonder, that sung her babe  
to sleep,  
What was her young heart saying as she sung:  
Did she hear the thorn a-growing, did she hear  
the winds a-blowing,  
Did she see a cross where cloudy shadows  
clung?

Was the low, sweet wordless crooning of her lips  
above his head  
But the fringes of that midnight angel song:  
Her heart's unconscious beating starry measures  
still repeating,  
Though a world's wild footfalls at her door sill  
throng?

Ah, 'twas but the mother babble to the fire song  
on her hearth,  
But the telling of his dimples and his grace:  
How the strange birth beauty lingers, crumpled  
petal of his fingers,  
Of his eyes, and rosy feet, and baby face.

Just the wordless song of women babbling sweets  
unwordable  
O'er a witless baby slumbered on her knee:  
Just the dew and purple splendor of the mother  
passion tender,  
The song our mothers sung to you and me.  
—Louise Dunham Goldsberry in the New York  
Independent.

REMINDERS

The rattle, rattle, rattle  
Of the wagons down the street  
In the distance mocks the patter  
Of the little baby feet,  
And I feel so awful lonesome  
For my babies that I sigh  
Every time I hear the rattle  
Of the wagons going by.

Every time the breezes whisper  
Softly through the live oak tree

I can almost hear a baby  
Calling "Peek-a-boo!" at me;  
And I sit humped up and lonesome,  
And my old heart throbs and grieves  
Every time I hear the breezes  
Whisper in the live oak trees.

Every time the children gather  
And laugh loud and romp and run,  
And I see their curls a-tossing  
As they rollick in the sun,  
My heart just rollicks with them  
And I'm with them in their play;  
But all the time I'm lonesome  
For the babies far away.

Yes, all the time I'm lonesome—  
Bless the little boys and girls!  
Bless their dimpled knees and elbows,  
Their blue eyes and yellow curls;  
When the leaves are flaming crimson  
On the tall old sweet gum tree  
I will hear their laughs of greeting  
As they rollick home to me.  
—J. M. Lewis in Houston, Texas, Post.

LITTLE BOY

Little boy, will you come and show me the way  
To the far away land of your dreams and your  
play?  
Will you show me the paths that lead to the nooks,  
The places I know of in fancy and books?

Little boy, let me look from your bonnie blue eyes  
And see what you see 'neath those wonderful  
skies  
Of silver and gold in the desolate west,  
Where the sun's dreamy crown tips the moun-  
tain's high crest.

Little boy, will you go? I will carry your load,  
And with trinkets and soldiers we'll tramp down  
the road.  
So take a firm hold of this horny old hand,  
And we'll march straight away to your Little Boy  
Land.  
—Will F. Griffin in Milwaukee Sentinel.

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