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What balm, what life is in thy ray! To feel thee is such real bliss, That, had the world no joy but this, To sit in sunshine calm and sweet— It were a world too exquisite For man to leave it for the gloom, The deep, cold shadow of the tomb! —Moore.

**MRS ABDUL HAMID**

A glaring omission in the dispatches is news concerning what is to be done with Mrs. Abdul Hamid. There are about one thousand of her, and she are getting nervous.—Philadelphia Inquirer.



**At the Ball Game**

With Dorothy, on pleasure bent, I to the ball game took my way; My mind upon the game intent— And Dorothy, so blithe and gay. Up in the grandstand, side by side, With score cards ready for the game, We watched the players leap and glide, And learned to call each one by name.

"Play ball!" the umpire shrieked. And then I strove to teach the lass each play.

"Now that's a 'strike,'" I said, "and when He strikes three times—for him 'good day.'"

"O, yes," the dainty lass replied, While glancing 'round from where she sat,

"He strikes three times. O, Will," she cried, "Just look at that girl's frightful hat!"

"And that's a 'ball,'" I next explained, "And four will give the man a base."

She thanked me for the knowledge gained, A witching smile upon her face. "But, pray," she asked, "what will he do

With that big sack you say is first?"

I don't see what—O, Will, did you See that girl's dress? It's sure the worst!"

"Rah, that's a 'hit!'" I shrieked with glee. "Now beat it out! Yah, that's the stuff!"

"O, how," asked Dorothy of me, "Can you use language that's so rough?"

"Why, 'twas a 'hit,' a beauty, too," I said with something of restraint. "Quite so," she said. "O, look, Will; do!

How can a woman use such paint?"

"Slide! Slide, you dub!" I yelled with rage.

"O, rats; you run just like a hearse.

Of course you're out—back to your cage!"

That much aloud—aside, much worse.

"Why, he's not out; I see him still," Quoth Dorothy in great surprise.

"He's only—goodness gracious, Will; That loud-dressed woman squints her eye!"

"We've got their pitcher in a hole!" I yelled, and loudly stamped my feet.

"Why, Will; he's standing on that knoll,"

Said Dorothy in accents sweet.

"I mean," said I in sheer despair, "We've got him o'er a barrel, dear."

"A barrel? I—O, Will; her hair Is blondined sure; it shows from here!"

Back from the game we took our way,

And Dorothy was full of glee.

"O, I could watch them every day," She said, and coyly glanced at me.

"The game was great—won 3 to 2," Said I. "'Twas won by bully ball."

"O, yes; but, Will, why do they do Such yelling, dear?" And that was all.

**The Treating Habit**

Lincoln, the capital city of Nebraska, is a "dry" town—that is, there are no saloons in Lincoln. This, however, is a matter of recent occurrence.

A few days ago four printers started from a newspaper office, headed for the base ball grounds. Their course took them by four buildings formerly occupied by saloons, which impelled one of them to jokingly remark:

"I'd ask you in to have something, but everything is closed."

"O, not all the places are closed," said another one. "Come in here with me and have something."

With this the speaker headed into a clothing store, followed by three curious comrades.

"Give me a lay-down collar, size sixteen, and give each of these fellows the kind of a collar they want."

Each man gave his size and style and the clerk wrapped the four collars in separate packages. Each man took his package and walked out. Not a word was said for about a block, and then the man who had first spoken blurted out:

"Say, wouldn't all of us had a lot of collars and ties, and shirts and such things if we'd had good sense?"

**Out of Place**

The tariff commission having continued in session for 'steen weeks, and being somewhat wearied by its arduous labors, the chairman remarked:

"Have the representatives of the steel industry concluded?"

They had.

"And of the sugar interests?"

They had.

"And the wool, cotton, lumber, iron, coke, coal, oil and cordage interests?"

All had finished.

"Are there any other interests that desire to be heard?" inquired the chairman.

"If you please, Mr. Chairman," remarked a small man in a timid tone of voice, "I represent a few interests that desire to be heard."

"Well, what interests do you represent?" asked the chairman, gruffly.

"I represent the people who have to buy what all these other interests make and control—the consumers." Immediately the commission adjourned, almost in a gale of laughter.

**Brain Leaks**

The will to do is half the battle. What would rest you might weary the other fellow.

We never believe in the doctrine of total depravity until the umpire gives the worst of it to the home team.

The idea some men have of home is that it is a place where they can get waited on without giving tips.

If wisdom always came with years there would not be so many foolish gentlemen of middle age.

Poor as we are, we've got more than Mr. H. H. Rogers took with him after a lifetime spent in accumulation.

**Awful Shock**

"I hear that Biggerstaff is very sick."

"Yes; he met with a terrible nervous shock last evening."

"How did it happen?"

"He suggested to his wife that they call on some friends, and in-

stead of saying she didn't have a thing fit to wear she hurried right upstairs and got ready."

**Speaking of Cuts**

"Let's go fishing. The railroads are advertising cut rates."

"Can't do it. My garden is advertising cut worms."

**JAUNTS FOR JOY**

Controlling small western states, which pass among their sisters for sovereign, is a diversion only a few of us can afford. In Salt Lake City are located the home offices of the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line, the Central Pacific, the Salt Lake, Los Angeles and San Pedro Line, and several Rio Grande Western branches. The legislature of Utah is now in session; privileges it grants to these corporations they may carry into other states. Of widespread interest, therefore, become Mr. Harriman's many plans to lighten the burden of this legislature's daily labors. Before it was a week old, each of its members had been provided with passes "good only within the state of Utah, not good for any part of an interstate trip," on all of the state's railroads. To show how liberal Mr. Harriman could be to one of whom he thought much, each legislator and his dependents, unto the third cousin of the colored doorkeeper's friend, was provided with a Union Pacific pass, in spite of the fact that an Oregon Short Line pass, already provided, carried its holder over all of Harriman's Utah trackage. As the legislative grind was beginning, a week's end junket was arranged for a nine-car special (diner attached with meals free) to the northern border of the state. Lincoln's birthday was fittingly celebrated with another complimentary junket across the Great Salt Lake cutoff. When a joint senate and house committee found that it needed to inspect a Green river bridge site on the state's eastern border, Pullman cars to carry thirty people were promptly put at the committee's disposal. This hospitality is not sudden. After the legislature in 1901 had passed a law, with less than one hour's deliberation in both houses, granting the Union Pacific the right to increase its capitalization \$100,000,000, the legislature was bundled upon a special train of Pullman cars bound for Boise. Two years ago, when extravagant railroad demands appeared in the legislature under the guise of "a bill for an act to codify existing railroad legislation," President Stephen H. Lowe of the state senate raised his voice in protest that "existing railroad legislation" was the shame of Utah. He was eliminated from public life.—Collier's Weekly.

**Cannot Rest**

Your appetite is gone. What little you eat distresses you. Strength is failing—are bilious. You have headache, backache, feel blue and melancholy—and cannot rest or sleep. The fact is your nerves are unstrung, and you are on the verge of nervous prostration. They must be strengthened, renewed. They will not cure themselves, but must have a nerve remedy. This you will find in

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