

An Echo.  
These were when life and I had hands to  
A time as light as wind-blown thistle-down,  
In days when I had breathed o'er the folds of  
A misty lilac crown.  
Time was when Love and I were  
A single heart beat by fancy  
On nights when lights of glimmering stars  
Were streaming  
On summer's fragrant air.  
Time came when both and I sank down to  
When from the dark I rose, a specter there  
Beside me stood; I gazed and wondered  
Aught left could ever seem fair.  
—Hilda Siller in the Boston Transcript.

Mary and William as Names.  
Mary was shown to be the commonest name of all. It distinguished 5,819 girls out of the 50,000 called as witnesses, and designated a larger number of individuals than any other appellation, male or female. William came next, naming 6,500 out of the number mentioned. The predominance of these two names may be due to their having been rendered somewhat less striking than it was; but it is unlikely to have been largely modified. It forcibly exemplifies the way in which the passing on of pronomina for personal reasons will efface their original associations. Mary is the great saint name of the later Middle Ages, owing its original popularity to the exaggerated reverence paid in these days to the Mother of our Lord. The Reformation itself, followed by Puritanism, was powerless to dislodge it from the position which pre-Reformation views had assigned to it, for it had already become deeply endeared to the people by family usage. Hence the denominational expression of Mariolatry was later, and probably is now, the commonest name in Protestant England. William came to this country as a baptismal appellation, with the conquerors, whose "bright made right 800 years ago." It was pre-eminently unlikely considering the conditions of its introduction, to secure popular approval. But in time personal association won for it a victory as decisive as its dual-bearer had won for Normandy at Hastings. The many leading men who bore the conqueror's name passed it on largely no doubt to those of lower rank who loved their service; the same went on in humbler circles still. At last, by repetition, William became so common that it originated, as it is said, more surnames than any other baptismal appellation. A statement of its chief cognominal derivatives may interest some readers. There are Williams and Willisons to begin with. Then the abbreviation Will has produced Willies, Willis, Willa, Willson, and Willson. The diminutive Guillemot of Gwillot has led to Gillett, Gilliat, Gillo, Gillot, and other forms, while Williamot, the more English version of that diminutive, has given Willatt, Willit, Willert, Willott, Willmot, Willmott, &c. Again, in connection with the pet shapes of the name are the surnames Bill, Billson, Bilson, Weeks, Wickens, Wickerson, Wickerson, Wickson, Willcock, Willcockson, Willcox, Willcock, Wilkins, Wilkinson, Wilks, Willcocks, Willey, Willy, and Woolcock.—Good Words.

The Tail and Muscles of the Whale.  
The power of this tremendous propeller appears beyond conception. The weight of a full-grown whale may be appreciated when the reader reflects that the famous elephant "Jumbo" would have to be multiplied many times before his weight would equal that of a large whale. Yet the late Capt. Scott, Royal Navy, told me that when on the quarter deck of his own ship he repeatedly saw the whales leaping in mere play so high out of the water that the horizon was clearly visible under them. Now, Capt. Scott lived to be nearly 100 years old, and when he was in active service the quarter deck of a man-of-war was at least 30 feet above the water; add to this measurement his own height, (he being rather a tall man,) and the reader can then appreciate the terrific power of the animal's tail. I may here mention that this habit of springing out of the water is called "breaching" by whalers. Besides the great muscular apparatus which has just been mentioned, the whale possesses another muscle which surrounds the body. It is scientifically and happily called the "panniculus carnosus"—or "fleshy rag"—and is developed in various ways, according to the animal. It is with this muscle that the dog shakes his skin when he comes out of the water. The hedgehog has it very powerfully developed in order to enable it to coil itself into the spiky ball with which we are so familiar. The mania, armadillo, and echidna also possess it and use it for a similar purpose. Man has but very little of it, the chief vestige being the muscles of the face, which give to the human countenance its changing expressions. The whale wants it for two purposes. He wants it to enable him to bend his body—a function easily observed in the dolphins as they curve their graceful course through the sea; but chiefly he needs it because by contracting it he can make his body heavier than the corresponding bulk of water. This he has no difficulty in doing, and when he wishes to seek the surface he has only to relax the pressure, when the body regains its original size and becomes lighter than the proportionate bulk of water. By means of this muscle the hippopotamus, the elephant, and the seal, that thrives below the surface and rises again without moving a limb. For want of it man cannot perform this feat, and the best swimmer in the world would not be able to sink and rise again to the surface without moving hand or foot.—The Rev. J. G. Wood, in Longman's Magazine.

Millie Corlin, who won the prize at the late beauty show in Paris, is twenty years of age and a native of that city.  
Estray Notice.  
To whom it may concern: This is to certify that the undersigned took up on Tuesday, May 19, 1885, one gray horse four years old, stiff in front feet, swained in one shoulder, knot left hind leg, and shod in front. Said animal was taken up one mile south of Red Cloud. If the horse is not returned in six months from date hereof he will be disposed of as the law directs.  
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February 15, 1884.  
R. D. JONES, President

**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF THE**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named persons, to-wit: J. H. Kellogg, A. S. Marsh, M. B. McNeill, W. D. Forrester, D. H. Spangler, A. H. Kaley, A. C. Hosmer, W. Jackson, M. J. Turner, F. J. Reynolds, J. H. Wallace and A. L. Funk, have associated themselves into a body corporate.  
This association shall be known as the Red Cloud Homestead Building and Loan Association.  
The principal place of transacting the business of said association shall be at Red Cloud, Nebraska.  
This association is organized for the purpose of raising money to be loaned among the members of money, by rates of stated dues, interest on loans advanced and premiums paid by members for the right of precedence in taking loans, at the corporation by its by-laws shall adopt; also to acquire, hold, encumber and convey all such real estate and personal property as may be legitimately pledged to it on such loans, or may otherwise be transferred to it in the course of its business.  
The capital stock of this association shall be Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, divided into five thousand shares of One Hundred Dollars to be paid up in installments of 50 cents per month on each share of stock in the manner provided by the by-laws of this association.  
Said shares shall consist of Five Series of One Thousand shares each. The first series to be issued upon the completion of this organization, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th only when each former series shall have been taken and by a majority vote of the stockholders.  
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The business of this association shall be managed by a board of seven directors who shall be elected as provided by the by-laws of this association.  
The board of directors shall elect one of their number as President, and one as Treasurer, and one as secretary, and from the stockholders they shall elect an attorney and three auditors, whose duties shall be defined by the by-laws of this association.  
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