

Autumn Dreamings.

I don't know what's the reason that along about this season— When the golden rod is blazing and the pasture's getting brown— And I hear the locust calling and old brindle bawling, bawling— While the apples in the orchard one by one are dropping down, That I sort of stop my hurry—let up about my worry— As I loaf about the barnyard and enjoy the autumn haze, And forget the locust's droning and old brindle's lonesome howling— For I somehow see the faces that I saw in other days. And I find myself reviewing what for years I've been a-doing— But it seems as if the most of it was only childish play. While the things most worth the keeping and for which to-day I'm weeping Have been lost in life's blind shuffle and have vanished clean away. But this autumn air is clearer and it brings up objects nearer, Or perhaps it magnifies them as I see them through my tears; Maybe that may be the reason that along about this season I can see the ones I used to love way back in other years. I can hear my mother smiling and can feel her hand a-cloaking Around my boyish neck again and see her loving gaze. And I find my troubles lighter and my future growing brighter For the dreams that I'm a-dreaming as I loaf around these days. —Washington Post.

NOISY BIRDS OF THE NIGHT.

Have to Call Loudly to Attract Their Companions.

All the night birds are noisy. They cannot consort with one another in happy companies as do the warblers and thrushes and finches, and sing and whisper, but must call loudly and long to one another in the darkness. On coasts where petrels and certain other night-hunting seabirds abound, all day sitting on their eggs or hiding in burrows, you will hear no sound from morning till night, but after dark the air is filled with shrill cries. The loud, reiterated calling of the Southern chuck-will's-widow, and of its Northern cousin, are familiar. A whippoorwill will sound its cry several hundred times in succession without a pause. Owls hoot, or utter a harsh sort of laughter, rarely pleasant to listen to, and night-herons and bitterns squawk and boom. Sweet songs occasionally heard in the darkness are those of wafel day birds, as the nightingale, or our own oven-bird.—Ernest Ingersoll, in Harper's Magazine.

LITTLE HEAD, LITTLE WIT.

Tom Marshall's Scathing Reply to Young Louisville Fop.

One of Kentucky's national law-makers furnishes this good story about Tom Marshall:

When the science of phrenology first began to attract public attention, a lecturer on that line turned up in Louisville and gave talks, as well as made examinations of a large number of craniums. Marshall attended one of these "exhibitions." He was about "half-seas over." After the lecture and demonstration closed Marshall and a crowd of friends went to the Galt house to "liquidate" and talk over the newly discovered science. Marshall declared that he could "phrenologize as well as the lecturer; that it was a rank fake and the fellow ought to be rocked out of town." Marshall was requested to go into the parlor and examine a few heads. This he consented to do, and a number of ladies and gentlemen were entertained by the brilliant man as he called off the different "bumps" and ground out yard after yard of good and bad qualities of head owners. He knew most of the crowd and made a vast amount of fun.

It happened that among those present a Louisville fop, of scarce amount of brains, distinguished for his forwardness and egotism, was left out by Marshall. To this the fop objected, telling him that his head had not been examined.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said Marshall, "but you must really excuse me, I am too drunk to read small print by candle light."

This Language of Ours.

Teacher—What do you mean, Willie Emerson Beansby, that "a battleship is a rowboat?"

William Emerson Beansby—You will pardon my saying that you both misconstrue my meaning and mispronounce my words. In this instance the word row is pronounced with the same sound of o-w that is found in "cow." Following this direction and adopting my hypothesis, you will readily discover that I am right in my fundamental postulate.—Baltimore American.

Knew the Man's Way.

Popley—Come, come, Willie! Don't cry because you've barked your shin a little bit. Act like a man.

Willie (blubbering)—Yes! then you'd whip me. You told me you would if you ever caught me swearing.—Catholic Standard.

WON BY SUBTLE FLATTERY.

Ruse By Which Spanish Queen Made Friend of Enemy.

While the plot which ultimately deprived her of her throne was being hatched, Queen Isabella of Spain was at St. Sebastian and one day surprised

her courtiers by expressing a desire to visit a man-of-war. Knowing that the navy was not very loyal, they tried to dissuade her, but in vain, and finally the Zaragosa, an armed cruiser, was summoned from Cadiz and her majesty went on board. The captain, who was one of the plotters against the throne, received her with due honor and conducted her over the vessel. She was charmed with all that she saw and treated the captain so courteously that finally he turned to her and said:

"Perhaps your majesty is not aware that it is in my power to carry you in this vessel far away from Spain?" "I know it," replied the queen.

"Yet your majesty did not hesitate to come on board?" he asked, wondering at her courage. "No, I did not hesitate," she replied, "because I knew that you were a gentleman and I was sure that you would not act like a coward."

"Your majesty was right," said the captain, with a low bow, "and you shall have no cause for regret that you placed confidence in me."

Girls, Can You Carve?

One of the minor accomplishments to be acquired by every girl is the science or art of carving. Let her learn to cook by all means, if she has any gift for that divine art, but to understand the graceful dissection of a joint of a fowl is still more important if she intends being at the head of an establishment. Generally this duty falls to the man of the house, who, though he may not be skillful, is yet strong of wrist, and whose right is to hack and slash without reproof from the other end of the board. But when a lady can easily and dexterously perform this share of a man's prerogative it has a very pretty appearance.—Exchange.

QUEER LITTLE SEA MOUSE.

Remarkable in the Lower Branches of Organic Life.

A few days ago, when they brought me a fine specimen, about four inches long, of that strange creature the sea mouse, dredged from the sandy bottom of Loch Ryan, I began to speculate darkly upon the significance of the generic name Aphrodita, bestowed upon this lowly invertebrate by Lamarck. For it is no mouse, but a worm, belonging to the class Annelida, animals which, being still in a primitive stage of development, enjoy the enviable privilege of being able to replace any organ, even a head, of which they may be bereft by accident or assault.

At first sight no living creature is less suggestive of the goddess of love, its general outline being that of a gigantic wood louse and its structure but an oblong mass of integument and viscere. Yet on second thought, it appears not inappropriately termed Aphrodita, born of the sea foam—amphros—and, if beauty of form be denied to it, compensation is made by an extraordinary loveliness of color. The breathing apparatus, consisting of external branchiae like silky bristles arranged all along the sides of the animal, shine with a luster as delicate as and more brilliant than a pigeon's neck.—Pall Mall Gazette.

LIFE PROLONGED BY SUCCESS.

Victory Over World Means New Vitality and New Powers.

It is now well known that increased complexity of life with increased expenditure distinctly adds longevity. Luxury, "the fertile parent of a whole family of diseases," modifies it greatly, of course, but this is a manageable factor.

We have only to recall personal experience to realize the force of intellectual stimulation. The interest of sport will sustain men without fatigue for distances they otherwise could not traverse. The excitement of strife will often mask the presence of wounds. Self-forgetfulness in all the walks of life, under the stress of love, chivalry or accepted duty, doubles human endurance. Success gives new vitality, new powers, and this is another name for new life.

FLATTERY AND REAL PRAISE.

Distinction That is Worthy of Careful Consideration.

"We sometimes fancy we hate flattery, when in truth it is the manner of it we dislike," said La Rochefoucauld. Stripped of its cynicism, the saying comes to this: that while praise is eternally pleasant, there are fashions in flattery, and those fashions change very completely. Flattery is innocent or despicable, not according to whether or not it oversteps the limits of the accurate, but whether or not it proceeds from an interested or a disinterested motive. There are moments when a true statement of honorific fact made for the selfish purpose of the speaker may be gross flattery, while an exaggerated speech may be justified by its good intention. The real question is not what was said, but why it was said. That is the only test by which we can divide the contemptible from the harmless kind. Surely there is less of the worse sort than there was—or do we but flatter ourselves?

CORRESPONDENCE.

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over only a part of the route in one day, going over the balance of the route the next day.

Charley Fruit, who has been in the United States army for three years, in the Philippines, is home, and we believe he has had enough soldiering to last him quite a while.

BLADEN

Dentist Keith of Hastings is in town this week.

C. W. McDonald drove over to Blue Hill Saturday.

J. W. McCoy and family visited at F. Brewer's last Sunday.

Dr. Wegman went to Kansas City on business last Wednesday.

Mrs. Cowley is moving into her property up in the new addition.

Mr. Wolf is having an addition built to his barn in the south part of town.

H. B. Boyd returned Saturday from a six weeks' visit in Illinois and Iowa.

A few more days like Monday and Tuesday and there'll be no more snow.

Miss Demars went to Campbell Friday, visiting with friends until Monday.

George Krall of Bratrice is paying a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Krall.

Mrs. Peter Haller and son returned Monday from a month's visit in Custer county.

Mrs. Fish visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Solomon, last Sunday.

F. McTigh visited Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. P. Duffy, living southeast of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hogate of Elm creek were visiting at the home of Frank Boom last Saturday.

The Misses Wegman of Blue Hill visited with their brother, Dr. Wegman, in this city last Monday.

GARFIELD

Guy Barnes has moved down near Bostwick.

The rural mail carrier has again begun to serve his route.

Rev. Taylor preached both morning and evening last Sunday.

Mr. Harrington has moved to the east part of Guide Rock town-ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ailes were guests of N. L. D. Smith one day this week.

Mr. Haskett has moved to the old Mark Warner farm in Line township.

Mrs. Ellie Reed and her daughter Pearl were visiting Mrs. Reed's parents this week.

Mrs. DeHart with her mother and sister were guests of Mrs. Emma Smith last Wednesday.

The East Garfield telephone company will hold a meeting in the Eerner school house Saturday night of this week.

WALNUT CREEK

Ed and Newman Jones are chopping wood for A. Arnold.

Robert Mitchell and family visited at T. F. Jones' Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fulton, the 15th, a boy. All doing well.

The roads are so bad a number of pupils have stopped attending school at No. 3.

Will Topham and Miss Hazel Holdrege spent Sunday afternoon with Sara Arre-on.

A number of farmers have been hauling hogs this week. Fay Arneson marketed five loads.

Miss Beulah Fulton gave a very pleasant party at her home last Thursday evening. The young folks enjoyed themselves playing high five.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers for week ending Wednesday, Feb. 22, furnished by J. H. Bailey of Webster County Abstract company.

James F Lippincott and wife to Robert E Moore, wd, se4 nw4 and ne4 sw4 20-1-12..... \$ 50

Columbia National Bank to Lillie May Van Dyke, wd, same... 1200

Helen L Stowell and husband to E E Burr, wd, part se4 ne4 25-2-11..... 50

Leon E Lester and wife to A F Hartwell, qcd, se4 32-2-12..... 1

Anna Tulleys to Wm M Crabbill, wd, lots 3 to 6, blk 5, Le Duc's add to Red Cloud..... 1650

Alice S Wilson and husband to Wm J Holmes, qcd, ne4 13-2-12

Wm J Holmes and wife to Arthur Wilson, qcd, same..... 1

Joseph Saunders and wife to Hiram J Saunders, qcd, half s2

Ladies' Collars

A large assortment of Ladies' Fancy Collars at 25c each. Nothing in the city to equal them in value or style.

Ribbons

All Silk Ribbons, No. 40, at 15c per yard. Others equally as cheap.

Kalamazoo Corsets

Wear one thirty days and if defective in material or workmanship will either give you a new one or return your money.

Laces and Embroideries

We have a large number of remnants and short lengths of Laces and Embroideries that will be sold at less than half their usual price for a few days only. Too many to enumerate.

F. NEWHOUSE DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS, ETC.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include sw4 32-4-10, Hiram J Saunders and wife to Chas L Fullwider, Samuel Lindsey and wife to Guy Lindsey, John M Chapin and wife to C W Kaley, Isaac Wilmot and wife to Lloyd A Carpenter.

Local Grain Market.

(Furnished by J. P. D. an-y) Thursday, Feb 16

Table with 2 columns: Grain and Price. Items include Wheat, Mixed shelled Corn, Ear Corn, White shelled corn, Oats, Rye.

PRESIDENT ORDERS ACTION.

Commissioner Garfield to Begin Investigation Into Standard Oil.

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt has directed James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, to begin immediately the oil investigation requested by the house of representatives in a resolution adopted unanimously. The investigation, by direction of the president, will be rigid and comprehensive.

The inquiry will be pressed as rapidly as possible. Representative Campbell of Kansas, author of the resolution adopted by the house, had a conference with President Roosevelt. Mr. Campbell's idea is that the investigation should concern particularly the situation in the Kansas field, but he expressed to the president his belief that the inquiry, once begun, would extend to the operations of the Standard Oil company in the Beaumont field of Texas and perhaps to other fields.

Secretary Hitchcock gave out a statement arraigning as a "gigantic monopoly" the present lease by the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company of the right to prospect for oil and gas throughout the entire area of the Osage Indian reservation and explaining the agreement reached several days ago for cutting off more than one-half of the lands operative under this lease during the next ten years.

SCANDAL IN CANAL BOARD.

Congressmen, in Inquiry, Learn Members Took Fees From Railroad.

Washington, Feb. 20.—All the members of the isthmian canal commission, according to the unanimous view of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, have rendered themselves liable to peremptory dismissal from office, if not severe punishment. It was disclosed at the hearing before the committee, at which the affairs of the Panama railroad were being investigated, that every member of the commission had accepted amounts aggregating from \$600 to \$1,000 a year for acting as directors and members of the executive board of the railway company.

Their acceptance of these fees was construed to be in direct violation of President Roosevelt's order, issued May 9, 1904.

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Order To Show Cause. IN THE COUNTY COURT. State of Nebraska, Webster County. At a county court held at the county court room in and for said county, Thursday, February 16, A. D. 1905. In the matter of the estate of George Gibbons, deceased.

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