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But deep in a welled-up woman's heart, A woman that would not yield, But bravely, silently bore her part, Lo! there is that battlefield!

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song; No banner to gleam and wave; But, oh! these battles they last so long-From babyhood to the grave.

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars, She fights in her walled-up town, Fights on and on, in the endless wars, Then silent, unseen, goes down.

O ye with banners and battle shot, And soldiers to shout and praise I tell you the kingliest victories fought Are fought in these silent ways. Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame!

With splendid and silent scorn, Go back to God as white as you came, The kingliest warrior born. Joaquin Miller in the Business Woman's Journal.

### A TRAMP'S GIFT.

It was at the hour when the shades of night begin to fall and the curses wander homeward to roost. The weary wayfarer gave a last gulp and said:

"I can not repay you in scudi for your kindness, madam. But here is a little puzzle which may serve to while away an idle hour. My father, left a widower at the age of forty-seven, married a maiden of seventeen and upon the following day my brother Lyman wedded her mother, then a widow of thirty-six. In due time a son was born to each couple. It may afford you some little amusement in estimating the various relationships my father now bears to Lyman to Lyman's wife, and Lyman's child; also to himself and wife and child. You might also calculate the relationship Lyman bears to his own wife and child and to his father and the latter's wife and child. But I must be on my way. Good evening!" And he was

When Isham G. Hicks, the husband of the benevolent lady, returned home somewhat later, he found the wife of his bosom suffering from a violent headache, the result of an hour's grappling with the puzzle. She repeated it to him and retired much earlier than was her wont. And Isham G. laughed aloud and declared that a woman had no head, anyhow, and sat him down to work out the puzzle in fourteen minutes.

When Mrs. Hicks awoke in the gray of the morning, her husband was not by her side. As she stepped quietly to the sitting-room door, she heard him say, in dreary monotone:

· Lyman's—baby — is — the — halfbrother-of-his-father's-step-mother-who-is-also-his-father'sdaughter-and-oh-dear-me-how agents left.

The leaves of a huge scratch-tablet lay about him. like a drift of snow, all covered with figures and diagrams. and before him a sheet setting forth fourteen propositions, of which the following is a fair sample:

"The older man is the father-inlaw of his mother-in-law and the husband of his grandson's half-sister, who is also the child's step-grand mother. Wisps of auburn hair lay about on

Hicks remained in bed all that forenoon, with ice on his brow, and muttored drearily sentences like these:

·His wife is his baby's half-brother's half-nephew's mother's son-inlaw-no. thes tan't it! His son's wife is his own mother-in law and mother of his grandson's half-sister-um! um! His mother-in-law is-oh, dear me!"

In the afternoon he went down to all laughed him to scorn, and then figured over the smooth side of thirtysix square feet of lumber, had three fights, without getting so far as Hicks had gone in the still watches of the night. A husbandman, who had drifted in to trade horses, became involved, and beat his steed all the way home.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Hicks sprung the puzzle at the sewing-circle that afternoon, and the minister ran up against it and fell, and thus it was spread all over town. The children took it to school and floored the teacher, and there was a grand strapping carnival the controversy that ensued. A gentleman and a book-agent tore their called upon Miss Begad, and, after an and contumely. It got into jail and four prisoners escaped while the sheriff and three more prisoners were grappling with it. The malefactors stopped in the woods and tackled the puzzle and were captured half a day later, still entangled in the snare. A merchant introduced it to a drummer and won the sample-trunk and head of the latter, both of which he had wagered on his ability to solve the puzzle inside of twelve minutes. The Rev. Mr. Harps worked on the puzzle all Saturday night when he should have been writing his sermon, and electrified his congregation next day

"And now, fourthly, my brethren, Lyman's father was his wife's son-inlaw, and-er-hem! We will stand and receive the benediction."

An unwented clamer proceeded from the W. C. T. U. hall and eighteen different shades of hair blow something done by the American out of the window. Sing Yek late government. What better proof of Hong Kong, received the puzzle to you ask?" — Louisville Courierfrom his Sunday school teacher, Journal,

neglected his work all day, broke his adding-machine, and in his frenzy figured on the flaps of sixteen white shirts with indelible ink, and then laid the matter before his joss, and, because the latter would not work it forenoon, and then in desperation. renounced Christianity as a snare and returned to pagasism.

The puzzle permeated every nook and corner of the village. Two popular members of the Y. M. C. A. slapped each other's faces over it Colonel Hooks pulled the nose of a tourist to whom he was trying to sell land, and all the boys in town fought

One John P. Smith attacked the scythe and knocked her into the well, miles and gave him five minutes in Chradron Signal. which to show cause why he should not be lynched, whereupon he declared that the demise of Mrs. Smith was attr.butable to Divine Providence and a stone over which she had stumbled, the same throwing her into the well.

This announcement resulted in a prolonged and earnest debate upon the part of the string band, which continued until the sheriff and posse rescued Mr. Smith and bore him to town. Court was in session at the time, and the case came up for trial on the morrow. It was dark when the jury was sent out. They canvassed the case thoroughly. Hicks, who was among them, detailed the puzzle and exhibited his tally sheet.

At four o'clock in the morning the door was burst open and the jury fell down the stairs, fighting like demons. The stove had been overset and the building was soon in flames. The hook and ladder company swirled up and ran over three gentlemen, two of whom immediately assaulted two firemen, whereupon the whole body of the latter attacked the entire jury impartially. The alarm of fire aroused the village, and the majority of the citizens appeared on the scene. Judge Begad denounced the firemen for rioting in the face of the destroyer, and was attacked by the foreman of the company. Several citizens went to the assistance of the Judge, and three men whom he had fined for selling whisky jumped in to help the foreman. Several prohibitionists forgot everything else and rushed in to do battle with the rum fiends.

EA gale had sprung up, and, before the fire had been got under control. the major portion of the business part of the village was in ashes. This threw many men out of employment, and they moved away soon after. Others, seeing there would be no boom for many moons, departed. Several capitalists, who had been about to make investments, immediately folded their tents. The grand jury found true bills against many of the participants in the great fight, and they all Winfield, Kas. fled like the wind. Nobody would step-daughter-and-his-mother's- buy property, and the real-estate

e number of the voters was so reduced that a rival town secured the county-seat and with it went everybody who could get away. The newspapers both went. Many of the buildings were loaded on trucks and hauled of to the new county-seat And finally a cyclone razed all the remaining buildings and put an end to the village for good and all.

And all this was the work of the relationship puzzle. - New York World.

Mystifying.

At one time before the Franco-Prussian war, when Napoleon the Third was a visitor at London, amateur theatricals were arranged for his entertainment. A Mr. Brown, who took a principal part in the entertainment prided himself on his knowledge of French. During the evening, he was the lumber yard and told the puzzle one of the cast in a French comedietta. to the men there assembled, and they and immediately after played the part of an Englishman who spoke broken French. During this latter sketch, Napoleon the Third laughed frequently, and when Mr. Brown was presented to the emperor, at the close of the evening, he was complimented in this ambiguous manner: "Your bad French was as good as your good French; allow me to congratulate you." Naturally, Mr. Brown retired a little mystified .- Argonaut.

New York Fires. The average number of fire alarms in a year in New York city is a little more than 4,000, which is at the rate all one afternoon. Customers sprung of more than ten alarms a day. Less it in the stores. The barber sprung than one-quarter of the fires start beit on a patient, and cut off his ear in tween 11 p. m. and 7 p. m, while about three-quarters start between 7 . m. and 11 p. m. Oddly, the clothes over it. Young Walter Sap- alarms are rarest between 6 and 7 a. smith ran up against it when he m., when fires for household and business purposes are kindled generhour's wrangle the engagement which aily. The busiest times for firemen had existed between them for eight is between 8 and 9 p. m., about the months was declared off amid sobs time that fires for household purposes

Suggestive. Artist (on daily newspaper) -Hera is a proof of your portrait as it will appear in the paper to-morrow morn-

Alderman from the 'Steenth Ward-What's all that behind the picture? Artist-That is merely the background. It is a kind of shading we

call cross-hatching. Alderman - Young man, I don't want anything like that in my picture. Those lines look like an iron grating.

A Sure Sign.

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The English press has approved remarks.

### AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

News from all parts of the country is encouraging for the future of the inde-pendent party. All the old war horses out whipped nim all the following that they have lost their grip.-Wheelof the g. o. p. are beginning to realize er County Independent.

> The government of Austria owns the railroads and the passenger fare is one and two fiths cents per mile and this rate yields a large revenue to the government and its employees have a sure job and sure pay.—Ogalalla Record.

The Independents of Sheridan county are making arrangements to hold a public ratification meeting at Rushville of wife of his bosom with ferocity and a the work of the independents in the legislature in the near future. Senator where she speedily drowned. A mob chased Mr. Smith thirteen geographic others have been invited to be present

> Facts are stubborn things. Why is it that the farmers of America are infinitely worse off in 1893 than they were a quarter of a century ago, notwithstanding they have all these years been working like slaves from fourteen to sixteen hours out of twenty-forr ara living hard? There must be something wrong -Beatrice Tribune.

Our republican friends who talked so loud in the campaign last fall about how the "calamity howlers" were slanding Nebraska, are very mum just now about how the republican state house gang have been stealing from and disgracing Nebraska. This may also be applied to the republican press .-Cherry Co., Independent.

THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT of Lincoln, the great populist paper of that state and the organ of the Alliance, has been vindicated in the courts against Jay Burrows. THE ALLIANCE-INDEPENDENT is a true populist paper: and the desperate efforts of the machine to crush it shows how thoroughly they fear and hate it .- Coming Crisis, Pueblo, Colo.

A smart aleck sneeringly asked an old farmer what he had learned in the Farmers' Alliance? The old gentleman replied, "I have learned to be a friend to myself, I have also learned to love my wife and children better than the party boss; besides I have learned that I have long been systematically robbed by law, and that it is my bounden duty to stop it, and that to do so, I must vote with my eyes open."—Polk County Independent.

The populists in the Nebraska legislature assisted by some honest democrats and some honest republicans were enabled to pass a maximum freight rate bill which contemplates a reduction from present rates of about 20 per cent. If it had not been for the republicans in the Douglass house insisting on the worthless Greenlee bill we would have a similar law in this state but the republicans were not there to allow such a bill to become a law.-Free Press,

The subsidized press of Nebraska say in derision of independent mem-bers of our legislature. This they do in order to cover up the paths of crookedness made in the history of our fair state by the g. o. p., but which have been exposed by honest efforts of able men in the new party. A gang of the "Stand up for Nebraska" party is now in court trying to prove that they are not thieves. They steal because they are thieves. See?-Ord Journal.

Farmers, do not allow interest in the alliance to lapse or wane. Use every effort to strengthen and build it up. It is the palladium of your liberties, your refuge from industrial slavery. New principles and ideas are constantly being disclosed in the alliance, as it is only by discussion that truth can be separated from the rubbish that in political affairs surrounds it. Strike anew, renew your vows, redouble your energy remembering that eternal vig-Plance is the price of liberty-Minden Workman.

The failure of the Union Loan and Trust company at Sioux City is bringing out many crooked transactions. Some time before the failure the Sioux City Packing company placed \$50,000 worth of notes in their hands to be sold. After being told several times that the meney had not been raised, the packing company demanded the notes and then learned they had been sold and the money used for other purposes. Other large houses received the same reward for their confidence.-Dodge County Leader.

In commenting upon the Ann Arbor ruling of Judge Ricks it is impossible not to be of two minds. On the one hand one must needs condemn and resent the animus and motive of the ruling as intended to put organized labor under the feet of organized capital. On the other hand it is equally impossible not to see in the logical implications of the ruling that businesses, which closely involve public interests are properly subject to the public control, a great point for nationalism and thus a step toward the only possible and desirable solution of the industrial problem .- The New Nation.

Congressman Kem was a Chadron visitor over Sunday. He had been up over the B. & M. road and concluded to make a flying trip to Chadron, visit old campaign friends and talk over the situation. Mr. Kem says that the revelations of this winter and the record made in this legislature by the differ-ent parties has already strengthened the independent party in Custer county and the southern part of the district. He expects an extra session of congress in September and will remain at home till then He looks for a great battle in the next congress between the Wall street forces and the representatives of the producing classes.-Chadron Sig-

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