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A VICTORY DANCE

(Alfred Noyes in Saturday Evening Post.)

The cymbals crash,
And the dancers walk
With long silk stockings
And arms of chalk,
Butterfly skirts,
And white breasts bare,
And shadows of dead men
Watching 'em there.

Shadows of dead men
Stand by the wall,
Watching the fun
Of the Victory Ball.
They do not reproach,
Because they know,
If they're forgotten,
It's better so.

Under the dancing
Feet are the graves,
Dazzle and motley,
In long bright waves,
Brushed by the palm fronds,
Grapple and whirl,
Ox-eyed matron
And slim, white girl.

Fat wet bodies
Go waddling by,
Girded with satin,
Though God knows why;
Gripped by satyrs
In white and black,
With a fat wet hand
On a fat wet back.

See, there is one child
Fresh from school,
Learning the ropes
As the old hands rule.
God, how that dead boy
Gapes and grins
As the tom-toms bang
And the shimmy begins!

"What did you think
We should find," said a shade,
"When the last shot echoed
And peace was made?"
"Christ," laughed the fleshless
Jaws of his friend;
"I thought they'd be praying
For worlds to mend;

"Making earth better,
Or something silly,
Like whitewashing hell
Or Picca-dam-dilly.
They've a sense of humor
These women of ours,
These exquisite lilies,
These fresh young flowers!"

"Fish," said a statesman,
Standing near,
"I'm glad they can busy
Their thoughts elsewhere!
We mustn't reproach 'em.
They're young, you see."
"Ah," said the dead men,
"So were we!"

Victory! Victory
On with the dances!
Back to the jungle
The new beasts prance!
God, how the dead men
Grin by the wall,
Watching the fun
Of the Victory Ball!

ONLY A GLANCE

Over steaming teacups the two damsels sat and talked. The conversation turned upon an unfortunate individual who had incurred the disfavor of one of them.

"No I never did like him," she said. "Why, when he used to write me glowing love letters I would only glance over them once."

"Only once, dear?"
"Well—er—sometimes when I couldn't make out his abominable scrawl I would glance over them the second time."

"Indeed!" said the other maiden, "and was that all?"

"Except sometimes at night, I would take them from under my pillow and read them just to kill time."

"And that was the end?"

"Yes," was the reply; "only on rainy days I used to look over them again just to see how silly a man can be when he starts writing love let-

ters. But I only glanced over them, dear, I never did like him."—Tit-Bits.

Crawford Courier: Both Alliance and Chadron, which have been claiming over 5,000 population in their balliwicks, are kicking over the result of the census returns which brings Alliance down to about 4,500, with Chadron some less, and their floating population, naturally coming to railroad division stations, giving from one-fourth to one-third of the total. When in not the very far distance, the government will take over the ownership and control of railroads, the two division stations

of Chadron and Alliance will be combined in one division and that division at Crawford. The two former will dwindle down into passing stations and Crawford will advance into the class of 10,000 population cities and even greater. Then goodbye to the present inflated ideas of our sister cities of a few miles to the south and northeast as to their future greatness.

A DESPERATE CRIMINAL

Warden—"Your wife's here to see ye."

Prisoner (desperately)—"Toll 'er I'm out!"—Fairplay (Vancouver, B. C.).

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