

EL DORADO.

A cripple on the wayside grass, I watch the people come and go...

A sudden terror veils you round, You lovers, even as you greet...

Some pass with pity for my lot, Some pass, nor heed, and others fling...

And friends pass by with 'syal mien, A subtle barrier between...

You travelers in lands afar, With that world-hunger in your eyes...

My country is a dream, you say? Nay, yours are dreams, and they shall cease...

THE MAKING OF JONES.

PERHAPS Jones accepted life in too serious a spirit; perhaps he was oversensitive and overmodest...

It was a matter of sheer impulse. There were vacancies in the medical corps. My credentials were good. I enlisted...

There are reasons for thinking that had the girl not sickened he would have asked her to marry him...

"I suppose it is," said the other. He was thinking of the time when this man was the butt of the village fun...

He drew a long breath, as if inhaling a pleasant fragrance, and there was a far away look in his eyes...

"I studied medicine after I received my degree in pharmacy," he went on, suddenly recalling himself...

He repeated the words slowly, moistening his lips the while, as one does when the memory of something pleasant lingers...

"Who is it?" I asked. "My brother's daughter," she said. "And her name is—"

"And you think that, bad as he is and shameful as was his treatment of her, she'd be glad to see Jones?"

The writer's first taste of fire was an unexpected shelling of the camp when dinners were being prepared...

Dr. Lange and Melzing, says the Photographic Times, succeeded in taking photographs of the mucous membrane of the stomach in the living subject...

In Pennsylvania a married woman's property cannot be seized to pay her husband's debts.

Long Island farmers moving for the regulation of automobile speed do not propose to have their cornfields scared out of a year's growth.

Wilhelmina of Holland can now be as original as she likes. Among fifteen kings, six emperors and twenty-two presidents she remains the only ruling queen in the world.

Professor Pupin believes that communication with Europe will be as audible and as certain as it is now between points fifty miles apart.

A tax on cats is the latest scheme of the French sportsmen, who have presented to the Chamber of Deputies a petition calling for such an impost.

To show how the rural mail delivery promotes reading of newspapers, one of the carriers in North Carolina states that when he first began the service...

Less valuable than the trade with India, with Australia or with South Africa is England's trade with Canada.

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IMMUNE TO SNAKE POISON. A Dog Who Hunts and Fights Rattlers With Inhumanity.

Dog fanciers and those who have lived in the country with a dog for their friend know that many of the canines of pure or mixed breed have a native antipathy to reptiles.

This particular dog is the friend of sportsmen who visit the locality, and he gayly joins them on their excursions. His method of fighting a snake is simple.

A writer in a Washington newspaper, in a column devoted to instructive and entertaining chat about the capitol, expresses surprise because in the basement of the building are portraits of "worthy old gentlemen" forgotten by "nine-tenths" of the visitors.

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The Lottery of Marriage. An Atchison girl boasted a few years ago that two men were so anxious to marry her that she drew straws to see which she would take.

THE APPLE-BARREL. It stood in the cellar low and dim, Where the cobwebs swept and swayed...

Oh homely barrel, I'd fain essay Your marvellous skill again; Take me back to the past, I pray...

Little Tommy's sister had been ill, and when he saw her he exclaimed: "You look as though you had swallowed a skeleton too big for you."

"Oh, well, you prude, I don't care for your kisses," "Sour grapes." "You needn't send me any over the telephone, either."

"The wireless telegraphy reminds me of a groundless quarrel." "What possible connection is there between the two?"

"I dare you just to kiss me!" Exclaimed the pert young man. "I never take a dare," he said. "And so I'll take the kiss."

"No, I don't; I mean my right arm," answered the willful girl. "But it will annoy you much less on your left arm," insisted the mother.

To just how many millions John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will be heir it would not be easy to state with exactness. It is sure that the young man—he is twenty-five years old—has every temptation, were he so inclined, to prepare himself for a straightaway course in fast automobiles.

According to the Svenska Dagblad, of Stockholm, the postal authorities at Brunswick have lately noticed that the mail bags dispatched to the Congo were not being duly returned.

Letters, J; newspapers, nil.