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Forgotten Lines Written Half a Century Ago that Deserve to Live.
A correspondent has asked where and by whom the following stanzas were written. They first appeared in a volume published in 1844, entitled "The Pictorial Reader," consisting of original articles for the instruction of young children. By Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, etc.:

THE DOVE.
There was a lonely ark,
That sail'd o'er waters dark;
And wide around,
Not one tall tree was green,
Nor flower, nor leaf of fern:
All, all were drown'd.
Then a soft wing was spread,
And o'er the billows drest,
A meek dove flew:
But on that shoreless tide
No living thing she spied
To cheer her view.
There was no chirping sound,
O'er that wide watery bound,
To sooth her woe.
But the cold surges spread
Their covering o'er the dead,
That slept below.
So to the ark she fled,
With weary, drooping head,
To seek for rest.
Christ is thy Ark, my love,
Thou art the timid dove,
Fly to his breast.

The Juggernaut.
Juggernaut or Jaggernaut, or simply Puri, is a town on the eastern coast of Hindoostan, in the province of Orissa. It is celebrated as being the seat of a temple erected to Vishnu, and is one of the principal resorts of Hindoo pilgrims, who come hither to worship the idol Juggernaut, a hideous figure of wood, which, placed upon a movable platform sixty feet in height, is drawn by means of ropes, while the infatuated worshippers throw themselves under its ponderous wheels and are crushed to death, hoping thus to secure eternal blessedness. The testimony of several government officials have been given to the effect that the deaths which occur in these idolatrous scenes result more from the pressure of the vast crowds and the confusion of the excited multitude than from the determined desire for self immolation. Greater care is now taken by the civil authorities to preserve order, and consequently to save life; but still the scenes on the roads as the multitudes come to the temple, at the temple itself, and on the return, are of a most demoralizing and destructive character. After all that may be said in explanation by the officials, the testimony of those who have for many years been spectators of the exciting scenes at the loathsome and disgusting worship, clearly establishes the fact that self immolations prevail, and they are considered a special honor to the idol and a means of exaltation after death.

The Bloody Shirt.
The origin of the phrase, "The bloody shirt," is in a Corsican custom, now nearly, if not quite, obsolete. In the days of the fierce vendette—the feuds which divided Corsican families from family—bloodshed was a common occurrence. Before the burial of a murdered man the grieta was celebrated. This word, which literally means a crying aloud, may be translated "a wake." The body of the victim was laid upon a plank; his useless firearms were placed near his hand, and his bloodstained shirt was hung above his head. Around the shroud were a circle of women, wrapped in their black mantles, who rocked themselves to and fro with strange wailings. The men, relatives and friends of the murdered man, fully armed, stood around the room, mad with thirst for revenge. Then one of the women—the wife or mother or sister of the dead man—with a sharp scream would snatch the bloody shirt, and waving it aloft, begin the woe-woman's lamentation. This rhythmic discourse was made up of alternate expressions of love for the dead and hatred of his enemies; and its startling images and tremendous curses were echoed in the faces and mutterings of the armed mourners.

That Cork Leg Again.
Thomas B. Briggs, of Delaware, Ill., a retired army officer, writes to "The Letter Box" of The Detroit Free Press: "I saw in The Free Press of March 22 a notice in 'The Letter Box' that Santa Anna's cork leg that was taken out of his carriage at the battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico, in the Mexican war, is now deposited in the city of Washington. This is a mistake. That leg is now in Memorial Hall, in the city of Springfield, Ill. I was at the battle, and saw the leg in one hour after it was taken out of the carriage, and have kept track of it since. I was a private in Company G, Fourth regiment, Illinois Volunteers, the company having the honor of capturing the carriage containing it." Perhaps it is the leg Santa Anna ran away on that is at Washington.

The Seven Sleepers.
The legend of the Seven Sleepers runs that seven noble youths of Ephesus, during the persecution of the Christians by Decius, a Roman of the Third century, fled and took refuge in a cavern, and having been pursued and discovered, were walked in and thus left to perish. They were said to have fallen asleep, and in that state were miraculously preserved nearly two centuries, when their bodies, having been found in the cavern, were taken out and exposed to the veneration of the faithful. Then it was said these holy martyrs were not dead; that they had been in the cavern where they had fallen asleep, and that they at last awoke, to the astonishment of the spectators. The spot is still shown at Ephesus where the pretended miracle took place, and the pious annually celebrate the Feast of the Seven Sleepers.

The Court Jester.
From very ancient times the court fool played an important part in the entertainment of the nobles. Alexander the Great and Dionysius each had his fool. During the middle ages this singular vocation became fully developed and the jester was an indispensable court officer. The mark of the fool was the shaven head, the fool's cap decked with a cock's comb and asses' ears, and the fool's scepter. Some fools, such as Triboulet, jester to Francis I of France, have historic reputations. The court fool was abolished early in the Eighteenth century. The Russians were the last to keep a court jester, Peter the Great having so many that he divided them into distinct classes.

Fast Growing Grain.
If one grain of wheat is put on one square of the chess board, two on the second, four on the third, etc., it would require merely for the last square \$28,494 million tons, or as much as \$9,000,000 of the largest ships could carry, or more than the freight carrying capacity of all the shipping from Noah to now added to all the railroad cars, carts and wagons ever made.—If you don't believe this just figure it out yourself.

Pat Salaries.
The yearly salary of the United States minister to Russia is \$17,500. The United States minister to France, Germany and England each receive a like amount.

WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

FANCIES AND FASHIONS THAT PREVAIL AT VANITY FAIR.

Directions in Dressing the Hair, with Opinions Expressed about the Two Extreme Modes of a High Coiffure and Low Greek Knot.
Any decided change in hairdressing is only slowly becoming manifest, but "we still wear our hair dressed high, very high indeed," as we lately heard a fashionable young lady declare. In the annexed illustration is given a very charming style of coiffure for those who prefer to dress the hair high. It is an arrangement that will show off a well proportioned head, especially if the same be gracefully poised.



THE HAIR DRESSED HIGH.
The front hair is parted at the side and turned back and fastened to a small coil, formed of the back locks braided almost at the top of the head, the upper half of the back hair being also arranged in a puff and pinned to this. The lower half is then divided into three strands and each rolled upward into a loose puff. To complete the coiffure a thin strand of false hair is put on at the side when the coiffure has been arranged so far, and slung into a knot at the top of the head. The end is then rolled over in a small puff.

Still, dear readers, the narrow puffs are, you may rely upon it, gradually inclining more and more toward the back of the head, and courageous ladies not infrequently try if a low Grecian knot does not suit them better than the high coiffure now so much worn. Still it must be borne in mind the turned up plait or simple coil must neither be so screwed up nor placed so low as those worn by Albion's daughters some years ago, and because they are higher and larger, and therefore look fuller, it is most likely that the coil at the back of the head will ere long find renewed favor among ladies. Only young people indulge in becoming curls and hanging plaits.

Novelties for Day and Evening Wear.
Striped moire and grenadine, in black or white, for both day and evening gowns are among the novelties, and also alternate stripes of moire and jetted lace. Gray woolen materials are particularly popular, and many of them are mixed with broken checks. Some have waistcoats, cuffs, and side panels of white cloth, braided with gray and silver fancy braid; and in a few cases the braiding itself is carried out on another shade of gray, or even on pale tan colored cloth. This is quite new, and gives an uncommon look. The color is laid as a band on the white cloth, and then braided. Dark green, with white cloth vest, tan cloth band and oxidized silver braid look well.

Latest Styles in Overgaiters.
Overgaiters are now fashionable for ladies as well as men. These are made on all colors, but the most predominant hues are drab, gray and navy blue. The person who undertakes the manufacture of overgaiters must necessarily be a practical shoemaker. All most any one can cut out a pattern, but every person cannot cut one that will fit the foot of the wearer. Overgaiters are now made on a regular and graded scale, according to the size and width of the shoe worn. It very often happens that ladies have their overgaiters made to order and usually have them made of the same material as their dresses.

New Dress Trimmings.
Passementerie and embroidery, likewise gold and silver braid, continue to enjoy great favor as dress trimmings, and are used for both day and evening costumes. Applique ornamentations of velvet or plush, or flower design in cloth of a different color, outlined with cord or embroidered braid, are much admired for trimming outdoor costumes of the cloth. When used for evening toilettes the passementeries and embroideries are lighter and more lace like, and enriched with fine gold braid, silk cord, metal threads and small pendants.

New Garibaldi Jerseys.
The Jersey, since its introduction, has undergone innumerable changes and many improvements. At first it was a tight fitting, graceless affair, with little or no effort at ornamentation, and was made of stockinet. Now we have all sorts of basques, full dress corsages and blouses classed under the general term of jersey.



SMOCKED GARIBALDI—SMOCKED BLOUSE.
This season have come to the fore an endless number of varieties of this popular style of blouse. The soft silk jackets, belted on at the waist and variously finished about the neck and wrists, with tucks shirring and the like, appear to be favorites, and have been christened Garibaldis. In the cut is shown a smocked Garibaldi, quite new in design, and made of pongee silk. It requires no description other than the illustration. The remaining figure shows what has been introduced to the public under the name of smocked blouse. In addition to the styles described there are Garibaldi jerseys of stockinet cloth with turn down silk collar, cuffs and belt. Sometimes the collar, cuffs, etc., are of velvet. Then there are Garibaldi shirts in striped flannel, with ribbon bows at the neck, and designed especially for tennis, yachting and other outdoor sports.

Handkerchiefs for Men.
Fine linen handkerchiefs are the most fashionable for gentlemen's use this year. They are rather smaller in size than they have been formerly, and are hemstitched. The border is about one and a half inches wide. Some linen handkerchiefs have fancy borders, small stripes or checks being the most popular. In silk handkerchiefs the size is smaller and the hem much narrower than those used during the winter. They are perfectly plain, the fancy bordered ones having gone entirely out of fashion.

ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

Interesting Paragraphs Clipped by the "Scientists and Facts" Editor.
Von Molke is to be made a prince.
Salvini will make an American tour next season.

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The emperor of Austria is expected to visit England.
Queen Victoria has a real motherly kindness underlying her brusque manners.
Sir Andrew Clark, Mr. Glaston's physician, received \$25,000 for a journey to Italy.
Archdeacon Farrar does not believe that Solomon had 1,000 wives, but only about 70.
Miss Virginia M. Holladay, of Carroll, Md., has been granted a patent for a bracket holder.

A French artist named Renouf is stretching an immense canvas for the purpose of painting the Brooklyn Bridge.
Lewis Morris, the English poet, thinks that Lord Tennyson has lost \$50,000 by the non-existence of international copyright.
Mrs. Patti Lyle Collins, employed in the "dead letter" office at Washington, reads every known language except Russian and Chinese.
Miss Booth, the daughter of Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army, is to marry a Hindoo, Fakir Singh. Five shillings admission is to be charged.

The report comes that Claus Spreckles will erect a \$3,000,000 sugar refinery in the Quaker City. Philadelphians already refer to him as Santa Claus.
Dr. Helmholtz of Paris has invented a new spectroscope for investigating the changes in the blood. It is expected to prove of importance in studying nutrition.
Mrs. Morris, of Shelbyville, Mich., possesses as a highly prized relic a large meerschaum pipe that belonged to a former king of Denmark, and is now 238 years old. It has been an heirloom in her family for generations.

The king of Dahomey has embarrassed the king of Portugal by sending him a negro girl, the "most beautiful" in his dominions. King Louis doesn't know what to do with them, and has housed them in the Zoological Gardens pending reflection.
Three of the grandsons of Dom Pedro, of Brazil, ages 12, 10 and 7, are publishing a bright little paper called The Courier Imperial. They are the editors, printers and pressmen of the little sheet, which is liberal in politics and opposed to slavery.

Speaking of George Gould, a correspondent writes to a Boston newspaper: "His voice is low, almost soft, and mildly modulated. He wouldn't smoke a cigar for a farm, and the drinking he does wouldn't harm a kitten. His wildest excess since his marriage has consisted in an occasional visit to the theatre. He is always accompanied by his wife."
While Emperor Frederick, then the crown prince, was at San Remo, he was much amused at the efforts of journalists to obtain news regarding his condition. On the first day on which his larynx was examined, after tracheotomy had been performed, he turned to Sir Morell Mackenzie and said good-naturedly: "Sir Morell, will you please close the blinds of the window which faces the Hotel de la Mediterranee, or I am sure that the young lady journalists will see down my throat and send off an account of it before the examination is over."

George W. Cable, the novelist, says The New York Press, is not referred to so often in print as he was a few years ago, and yet it is not that his power has been lost; it is only that he has become a settled fact with the literary history of the country. He is now rich and spends most or practically all of his time at his beautiful home in the pleasantest part of New England. He is a sensitive, exceedingly refined character, has questioning eyes, wears his beard after the style of Robinson, and is exceedingly neat and particular in his dress. It is said that his New Orleans acquaintances are not over-pleas'd with his settling down among the hills and snow of the North. He is a banjoist of no little ability, and possesses other social gifts that add to his popularity.
Senator Cullom has a 4 year old granddaughter, who is sometimes terrible but always charming. For example, the other day some political callers came in at dinner time. The ladies of the household waited patiently for a time for them to go and let the senator come to the dining room. But when their patience gave out, they sent the little one in as an ambassador. She reached the door and saw a room full of men. She hesitated a few moments until there was a slight break in the conversation, and then in an abashed but also a reproving tone said: "Grandpa, tea is getting cold." The senator looked around, a good deal amused, and then to test himself and his friends down easy, replied pleasantly: "Tottie, I guess you're getting hungry?" "Yes," said the little one quite positively, "I am, and mamma is getting hungry, too." The political conference broke up right off.

Postponing the Nuptials.
That was a very sensible old gentleman who in Greenpoint the other day sent word to the invited guests that his granddaughter aged 18 would not, on a certain day appointed by her, with a young man of 19, said the granddaddy, according to The Times: "Herbert is good enough boy, and I am perfectly willing he should marry Lillie, but not now. He is a clerk in a coffee house and earns very little money. Besides, he is only a baby yet and will have to wait several years before he is fit to become a husband," to which we may add that there are a good many babies, both groom babies and bride babies, who marry nowadays, whose nuptials might well be postponed until they reach years of discretion.—The Epoch.

A Family of Albinos.
Three members, children, of a German family living about eight miles northwest of Altoona, in Polk county, Ia., are said to be albinos. One is a boy about 16 years of age, with very small pink eyes that are intolerant to light. He keeps his eyes shaded in day time and a sudden glare of light would knock him down. His pupils are scarcely observable. He cannot do any work in day time, but frequently plows all night. The darker the night the better he can see. The three children have light albino hair and skin as soft as velvet.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A man never values himself at so small a figure as when sued for breach of promise, and on no other occasion is he rated as high by the other sex.—Baltimore American.

Road improvement associations are being formed by cycling clubs all over the country, and they receive hearty support from horse owners.
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