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THE LITERARY REALM

The critics seem to be at variance regarding the ability of the "good grey poet," and while some subjugate him, others seem to find little to rave about in his work.

Some years ago Walt Whitman wrote: "Ah, vast and well veiled Death, Oh, the beautiful touch of Death, soothing and benumbing a few moments for reasons."

Without fear he met death and peacefully passed to his long home. It has always been surprising to American lovers of literature that this poet, should, by foreigners, be considered a typical American, a genuine Yankee, for to us he was unique.

His independence and originality are not distinctive American traits, but the common possession of all great minds. He was born in Long Island, in sight of the sea, so his poetry is as free as the air he breathed.

He was employed in various capacities on papers and magazines, when a young man. Humanity was always a study to him, and there was poetry in the crowded streets of a city, and the joys and sorrows, as written in the face of the people he met on the streets, suggested the deeper problems of life, of which perhaps, poets sound the depths more than other men.

In 1855 appeared his "Leaves of Grass." Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote Whitman, "I find it the most extraordinary piece of wit and wisdom that America has yet contributed. I am happy in reading it, as great powers make us happy. I give you joy of your free and brave thought. I find the courage of treatment, which delights us, and which large perception only can inspire."

Naturally, publishing firms wished to print an expurgated edition of these poems, but their author would not permit it. A Philadelphia firm finally published "Leaves of Grass" entire and the volume secured recognition from literary people all over the world, who recognized a great genius, scoring conventionalities. He defined conventionalities even in the construction of his poetry, which was not made by rule or verse, but was the outpouring of a poetic soul.

Two or three volumes of prose and verse followed "Leaves of Grass," which met with success. "Lincoln's Burial Hymn" and "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd" strike a common cord of sympathy, a test of a true poet. Walt Whitman's character as a man was peculiarly lovely. His devotion to his home, his idea of womanhood, his bravery, his work in the war, and lastly, the heroic way he endured his sickness and met death, mark him a great man.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, takes a different view of the ability of Walt Whitman and paints this picture: "When the eulogists of the 'good grey poet' have asserted that their favorite filled an honest and a unique position in modern literature, they should rest their case and appeal to time. As the world understands the term, as it had understood it since Homer first sang, Walt Whitman was not a poet, even by implication. In the sense that it has strict rules for the performance of certain work every art is a science; not an exact science, perhaps, but still a science. Mr. Whitman violated all rules and traditions. He was neither the writer of impetuous verse nor the framer of beautiful or airy rymes, and we seriously question whether he would ever be styled a poet had not one half of the world been constantly engaged in the fad of 'finding something new.' This they certainly found in Whitman, but novelty is not poetry. He had ideas, force, imagination, language and contempt for all accepted theories; but he shocked every corner of poetry, both cultivated and uncultivated, and leaves only a few lines which the world will remember as part of paros of poetry. If this be not true, then we are on the verge of a revolution in poetic appreciation. The votes which dissent to this are those of the seekers for novelty. What he wrote was true, but that is but one element of successful poetry. He was good and grey, manly and straightforward and there will be sincere grief over his death; but this will be for the great and loving heart of the man—the work of the founder of a new poetical school. And this is, after all, the greatest praise."

Printers' Ink of New York, a paper published by Geo. F. Rowell & Co., seems to be in the toils, as regards postal rates, with the postal authorities. In each issue of that pamphlet, which comes weekly, they publish various opinions as to why they should be allowed same rates as other newspapers. Wonder why the editor does not publish the hundreds of articles printed in the various papers throughout the land upholding the action of the postal authorities? Printers' Ink, while it must be admitted is a neat and interesting sheet for newspaper men and advertisers, is nevertheless a fine advertising scheme for Rowell & Co., who have already reaped a fine harvest resulting from that publication. Rowell has bled the country prom for years; taken contracts from the advertiser at fat prices, and we might say, forced the country publishers to accept them at prices that would not make more than pay the actual cost of composition, and now, instead of Rowell advertising his own business with the parties that have made him rich, he gets up this little fable to advertise his business and along with it rake in as much as he can from advertisers in general. The newspaper men over the country have little use of Rowell and there is scarcely a convention held nowadays but what denounces him and his methods. At the national editorial convention at St. Paul last summer, at Boston the previous summer, and at every convention the writer has attended (and he has been a delegate to nearly all of them), it seems to be the general opinion that Rowell is a detriment and an injury to the press. The Chicago Publishers association recently sent a strong protest to the government authorities against re-submitting Printers' Ink to the mails at posted rates and it does seem now that the press generally would, in a measure, get even with Rowell for his unfair treatment in the past—not that it considers it spite

work on the part of the postmaster-general but because for once at least he will get his deserts and cannot force the issue to his terms. All his bluster and bull-dozing in publishing letters, etc., will, we opine, be of no avail and it is to be hoped that Mr. Wessell will stand steadfast to his orders.

Among the number of new journals that have recently shown up in the east, a new one known as The Club certainly deserves the distinction of being by all odds the handsomest, most sprightly, wildest and most attractive of them all. Only about a year old, it has made wonderful progress, and well it should, for it has many unique ideas never before seen in publications of the kind. It is in magazine form, printed on heavy paper and throughout is artistically gotten up. The engravings are excellent, the presswork unexcelled and the matter within the covers full of spice and good cheer. If you want something new, interesting and thoroughly interesting call for The Club at the news stand.

The Ladies Home Magazine, which is conducted by Mrs. John A. Logan at Washington, will be sent free hereafter to all new subscribers to the COURIER who pays a year in advance. This offer also holds good to old subscribers who pay up arrears.

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Anatomical. A quack doctor stood on his wagon at a street corner selling his cure-all. A group of people gathered about him, and he undertook to explain the anatomy of the throat.

"My dear friends," he began, "perhaps you don't know it, but there are two passages that go from the back of the mouth to the stomach. One is called the esophagus and the other is the esophagus. Now the solid victuals goes down the esophagus and the liquids down the esophagus."

"Over the top of the holes is a cover with a hinge in the middle, and when you swallow beefsteak the little door over the esophagus flies open and the little door over the esophagus drops down, and vice versa when you take a drink of coffee."

This description aroused too much for a fellow who stood on the edge of the crowd. Shaking with laughter, he remarked in a loud tone:

"Gosh, but those doors must go flipper flopper when a fellow eats bread and milk!" —Youth's Companion.

His Letter. DEAR FATHER—I have found work at last—ever sooner than I expected, and with a friend that sticks to me always, and with whom I spend many hours.

My work is a little confining, but I have my evenings to myself. You will be pleased to hear that I am thrown with men who have been in the custom of handling money and valuables, and also that my progress was earnestly sought after. Your loving son, P. S.—My friend has a well rounded character.—Brooklyn Life.

A Little Chap's Novel Plea for Fresh Air. A certain Washington avenue merchant is father to a very bright boy not quite five years old. Several weeks ago the youngster passed through a siege of the mumps. After his recovery prudence compelled his confinement to the house for a few days, but he grew very restless.

One day he saw his little companion playing outside and put in a plea to join them. "Then raise the window, dear," said his mother. The window, by the way, was protected by a screen.

"Mother," said the little lad reproachfully, "how much good do you suppose strained air will do a boy like me?" —St. Louis Chronicle.

Insulating on Accuracy. Teacher—What is the distance from here to the moon? Thoughtful Pupil—About 248,000 miles. "Haven't I told you time and again, Johnny Peppertit, that the distance from the earth's surface to the moon is a little less than 240,000 miles?"

"Yes'm, and you told us a little while ago that it was night in China and the moon was shining on China this very minute."

"Certainly." "Well, ain't it 8,000 miles from here to China?"—Chicago Tribune.

A Familiar Face. She—So you've been out west. Did you have a nice time? He—Only so so. I went to a party one night in Denver expecting to have a good time, but there was only one familiar face in the room.

She—Whose was it? Some friend's from the east? He—Yes. It belonged to a clock made in Connecticut.—Detroit Free Press.

CREEDE MINING CAMP. A Second Leadville—Fourth Place Already Gained by the Young Giant.

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SHERIFF SALE. Notice is hereby given by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Catherine S. Bowman is plaintiff, and Elizabeth Hewitt, Colinda L. Hewitt, John D. McFarland, Gustav Elmood, and K. H. Elwood, first name unknown, defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1892, at the east door of the court house in city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to-wit: Lot number six (6) in block number six (6) in the street known as the 11th day of April, Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 8th day of April, A. D. 1892. 4-9-11 SAM McCLAY, Sheriff.

SHERIFF SALE. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution issued by the Clerk of the District Court for the second judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster County, in an action wherein John P. Dorr and Seneca G. Dorr and E. S. Branson are plaintiffs, and Bridget Dougan and Estlin Dougan are defendants I will, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 18th day of April, A. D. 1892, at the east door of the court house in the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to-wit: The south half of the southwest quarter of Section sixteen (16) and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section sixteen (16) Town Eight (8), Range Seven (7), east of the 6th E. M. in Lancaster County, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 17th day of March, A. D. 1892. 3-19-11 SAM McCLAY, Sheriff.

NOTICE. In the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska. In the matter of estate of Olive Wilson, an insane person. Notice is hereby given that on the 25th of March, 1892, Hon. C. L. Hall, one of the judges of the district court in and for Lancaster county, made an order in the above matter, that all persons interested therein, should be and appear before him at the court house in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1892, to show cause why authority should not be granted to William Wilson, a sane person, to execute to John H. McIlroy and Edward Blaser a deed to the following described premises situate in the County of Lancaster, State of Nebraska, to-wit: The north half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 32, town 10, north range 7, east 6 P. M. Also the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said section 32, township and range aforesaid, containing in all seven a one-half acre more or less. All persons interested in said matter are hereby notified to appear before said judge on said date to show cause why such authority should not be granted according to the prayer of the petition filed in said matter on the 23d day of February, 1892. Dated March 25th, 1892. W. H. L. WILSON, Guardian of Olive Wilson, an insane person. 3-25-11 A. F. RICHMOND & LUTY, Attorneys.

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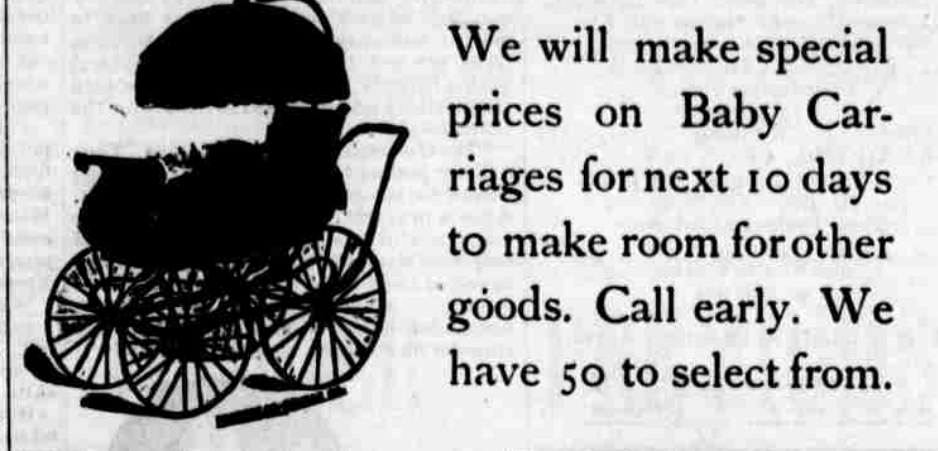
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