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In her moire see her sit—
Gown of antique sheen,
Great blurred roses over it
Sunk in mossy green.

A rose her dainty corsage holds,
A rose within her hair,
And as she stirs her silken folds
A rose scent in the air.

O'er her antique, rose blurred gown
See her fingers flit,
While I envy, looking down,
Every rose of it.

I would I were a silken thread,
That they might weave of me,
Upon an antique moire bed,
A goodly rose to see.

Would I were a rose, art born,
Sunk in a fern green frond,
That, 'mong the rest, I might adorn
A gown for Rosamond.

Nay, would I were a living rose—
She'd be more soft and fond—
That I might kiss her bosom close,
Then die for Rosamond.

—Lulah Ragsdale in Detroit Free Press.

DRAFTY ENGLISH HOUSES.

In England Homes Are Devoid of Modern Comforts or Conveniences.

The average dwelling house in any class—upper, middle or lower—built within a year is constructed almost precisely on the lines in vogue at the beginning of the century. In England there has been in ninety years no such advance in domestic architecture, with regard to both convenience and style, as we have noted in the United States in the last decade. The Englishman may explain this by alleging that he built better in 1800 than we did in 1882. In this he will not be altogether wrong, but he will be supported by fewer facts than he imagines.

The British carpenter has not yet mastered the art of making a window. There is always a gale blowing in around the sashes during the winter, whether the outside air be calm or raging. The more heat you get in a room—and by lamps and gas you can contrive to raise the temperature—the greater is the rush of cold air from without. It forces its way around the window sashes and the doors in obedience to a natural law.

An English house is drafty, whether it be the dwelling of a peer or a peasant. The doors are hung even worse than the windows. In the first place there are no thresholds, and there is a gaping space between the floor and the bottom of the door. The room in which I am now writing has an admirable specimen of an English door. I have just measured the yawning crevices around it. Between the floor and the bottom of the door there is a space one-half an inch wide, extending across the entire breadth of the door. Around the other three sides of the door there is a space one-quarter of an inch wide. All the doors in the place (which is not the work of a "jerry builder," but is what the British call "a high class" and expensive structure) are hung in the same fashion. Imagine, then, the number of portieres and thick rugs necessary to exclude the drafts.

The halls of an English house are unheated. Drafts are accordingly increased, for the cold air will always rush from the chilly halls into the apartments of high temperature. Screens, portieres, rugs, heavy window hangings are essential in every room. Of course these things darken an apartment. Thus you can only break the currents of air in a London dwelling by adding to the depressing gloom of the almost sunless London winter.

An American housekeeper setting up an establishment here misses the numerous and capacious closets of the Yankee domicile. Closet making is an unknown art to the Nineteenth century British builder. I know of any number of new and expensive dwellings—both flats and houses—in which there is not a hanging closet. The most you can do is to provide a few cupboards in the "chimney jogs." For clothing you must have wardrobes set up in your rooms, monopolizing space and being as cheerful to gaze upon as sarcophagi. Odds and ends you must stow away as best you can. Cellars, in the American sense, are unheard of. A small dungeon for coals or a penitential cell for wines fulfills the British housekeeper's notion of a cellar. "Set tubs" are usually reserved for the "mansions of the great."

The bathroom is the latest innovation in English houses of the better class, but it is still an innovation. The clumsy tin tub, a yard and a half in width and six inches in depth, continues to be the Briton's favorite instrument for the matutinal ablution. In this unwieldy contrivance, brought into his chamber in the morning, John Bull takes his frigid splash. His aversion to bathrooms is akin to his horror of gas "above the drawing room." J. B. prefers to go to bed by candle light. He has a notion that gas will suffocate him in his sleep. Perhaps he cannot trust himself to shut off the illuminant by turning the "tap."—London Cor. Boston Herald.

Several Common Phrases.

Some of our idiomatic phrases are amusing rather than didactic. Take, for instance, the very common remark made when some one of the company has told a harmless secret—"You have let the cat out of the bag." It is at once a figure of speech and a picture, but a veritable bugbear to a foreigner not versed in the mysteries of our language. The same idea is expressed in another idiom, "You've tipped up the apple cart." A phrase that has an expressive meaning is one which epitomizes whole volumes of advice—"Keep a stiff upper lip."—Detroit Free Press.

His Chances.

"If I had half a chance I'd marry," remarked a handsome millionaire bachelor to a good looking girl.

"But you never will have," she asserted.

"Why not?" he asked, somewhat taken aback.

"Because," and she smiled in a way that fascinated him, "every chance in your case is a whole one."

It was the merest chance she took, but it netted her a million and a man.—Detroit Free Press.

A Story of the Late A. T. Stewart.

I was a young lawyer at the time, about as poor as a home missionary. I had to go to the late A. T. Stewart's to take his signature to an affidavit. He signed and I swore him; then he wished to know how much there was to pay. In view of what took place afterward, I am justified, I think, in saying that what Mr. Stewart expected me to say when he asked "How much?" was "Oh, that's all right."

But I didn't say that; I said, "Seventy-five cents."

"What?" shouted Mr. Stewart.

"Seventy-five cents," I answered again.

"I won't pay it," said he. "You've no right to ask so much. The price is a shilling, and that's all I'll give you."

"But, Mr. Stewart," I replied, "a shilling is the price when you come to my office. I've come to your store and I've a right to charge for my car fare and a reasonable amount for my time. Seventy-five cents is really a very small charge, Mr. Stewart, a very small charge."

"I won't pay it," he persisted. "If you want a shilling you may have it, but not one cent more."

I got angry then. I gave him one look, with which I intended to convey the idea that I held him in contempt. Then I said: "Mr. Stewart, you are a poor man and I'm a rich one. Twenty-five cents is nothing to me and seventy-five cents is a fortune to you. I'll make you a present of that seventy-five cents that you owe me."

Then I made my best dancing school bow and walked off.—Interview in New York Times.

The Effectiveness of Modern Guns.

The prominence given to a lecture by the German doctor, Dr. Billroth, on the wounded in war, has induced Mr. Archibald Forbes to write on the subject. Dr. Billroth estimates that of the casualties at Weissenburg and Worth during the Franco-German war, 80 per cent. of all the wounded were caused by rifles, 15 per cent. by the large guns, and not quite 5 per cent. by the lance and sword. Mr. Forbes, however, says that the statistics for the whole of the war on the German side prove that over 90 per cent were due to rifle fire, about 9 per cent. to artillery, and about 1 per cent. to cold steel.

The smallness of the mortality from the French artillery is explained by the fact that their artillery was notoriously badly served. Dr. Billroth believes that the future will see a still greater proportion of deaths resulting from rifle fire than from shell. Mr. Forbes points out that, in doing so, no account has been taken of the probable use of highly destructive explosives in the shells of the future.—Army and Navy Gazette.

The First Protestant in Japan.

The first Protestant Christian in Japan was one Murata, a military retainer of the Lord of Saga, in the southern island of Kiushiu. In 1860 he went to Nagasaki, by order of his chief, and one evening, as he was crossing the harbor in a boat, he picked up a book that was floating about in the water. The writing ran from side to side, "like the crawling of crabs," and upon sending it to one of the Dutch then settled at Nagasaki, he learned that it was the Christian Bible, then a proscribed book. Curiosity spurred him on, and he had one of his assistants learn the language of the book and translate it for him, sentence by sentence.

His study was continued in secret, with a few friends, after his return home. When a difficult passage was found, a messenger was sent to Dr. Verbeck, a well known missionary then in Nagasaki, for its interpretation. Murata was afterward baptized, and his name now stands first on the roll of Protestant Christians in Japan.—London Times.

Women Taking the Places of Men.

In Holland men can no longer be trusted to work the switches on the railways, and women now fill their places. This is a slap in the face indeed to the male sex, and a great triumph to the advocates of female labor. But we have yet to see how the thing works. The men say that there will now be looking glasses in the switch boxes, and that the women will never leave them till they have smoothed their last hair and settled the bow of their last ribbon, and that in the meantime there will be collisions; that when left to themselves they never have been in time for the train as passengers, and will not be more punctual as pointswomen; and, finally, that if they hear their lover's whistle anywhere in the neighborhood they will pay very little attention to that of the locomotive. If these objections are not valid, conclude the men, "we are not Dutchmen."—London Queen.

An Old Fashioned Phrase.

There is an old fashioned phrase of hospitality which consists of only two words, and I find it a parallel to the Greek salutation, and like it, a command. "Sit by," says the comfortable New England farmer to his guest beneath his roof. Now compare this commanding phrase with the more modern polite question, "Will you partake of refreshments?" which is as empty and void as a Chinese invitation, and throws the choice of acceptance on the guest. One is the living soul of speech, the other a mere dead formality.—Detroit Free Press.

The Death of Christ.

In a book entitled "The Physical Causes of Christ's Death," the writer states that Christ died from a broken heart, so that, when the soldier pierced his side, blood and water flowed out, which whould have been an impossibility if no rupture had taken place.

The Wisdom of It.

Cora—Don't you think that law preventing one from marrying his deceased wife's sister was a very foolish one?

Merritt—On the contrary, I've always considered it a wise one, because there's seldom more than one pretty girl in a family.—New York Epoch.

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