If We Knew.

If we knew the woe and heart-ache,
Waiting for us down the road,
If our lips could taste the wormwood,
If our backs could feel the load,
Would we waste the day in wishing
For a time that ne'er can be?
Would we wait in such impatience
For our ships to come from sea?

If we knew the baby fingers
Pressed against the window pane
Would be cold and s iff to-morrow—
Never trouble us again—
Would the bright eyes of our darling
Catch the frown upon our brow?
Would the print of roey fingers
Vex us then as they do now?

Ah! these little ice-cold fingers,
How they point our memories back
To the hasty words and actions
Strewn along our backward track.
How these little hands remind us,
As in snowy grace they lie,
Not to scatter thorns—but roses—
For our reaping by and by.

Strange, we never prize the music
Till the sweet voiced bird has flown;
Strange, that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone;
Strange, that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem half so fair
As when winter's snowy pinions
Shake their white down in the air?

Lips from which the seal of silence
None but God can roll away,
Never blossomed in such beauty
As adorns the mouth to day;
And sweet words that freight our memory
With their beautiful perfume,
Come to us in sweeter accents
Through the portals of the tomb.

Let us gather up the sunbeams
Lying all around our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff;
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blessings of to-day,
With a patient hand removing
All the briars from our way.

Heart-Rending Case.

"What I want to know," said a white headed young man of twenty, as he stood before the Sergeant in charge of the Central Station yesterday, "what I came here for was to get some advice."

"Proceed," said the Sergeant.

"You know Nancy Thompson, don't you?"

"Never heard of her."

"Well, she's a widder, over forty years old, and I've been boarding there."

"Yes."

"And we were engaged to be married."

"Whew!" whistled the officer.

"I don't blame you," continued the young man, in a broken voice. "I'm only twenty and she's forty, but a man can't always tell when he's going to make a fool of himself."

"And you fell in love?"

"I did that, and as soon as we get through talking I'm going out to hire some one to kick me over to Canada and back! Yes, sir, fell dead in love—loved a woman of over forty."

"And what followed?"

"What followed? Why, what allers follows? I'm human, same's any body else, and when I love I love like a locomotive on a down grade. What do you think I did in just six weeks by the watch? Went to the theater sixteen times, out sleighing twelve times, had three parties, went to three lectures, and took her out to eat oysters ten or eleven times. Fact, sir—cost me durn near $200.

"But it was all for love," replied the Sergeant.

"I thought so, and what else did I do. Bought her a forty dollar watch, a ten dollar bracelet, a five dollar ring, a seven dollar set of jewelry, a new dress, and gave her a five dollar gold piece with a hole in it! Yes, sir, I drew $500 from the bank—every red I had—and used it all upon her."

"And then!"

"She purtended to love back, and smiled and smiled and looked heaps of love at me. She'd lean on my arm, talk about Cupid, and git off poetry by the rod, and it was plainly understood that we were to be married in June. Oh, she knew her biz, and she slid around me as the Bengal tiger does around a lamb."

"Did she break the engagement?"

"Last night," said the young man, swallowing the lump in his throat, "she told me that she had been trifling with me all along. She said she was engaged to another man, and she could never be more than a sister to me! I tell you, Sergeant, you could have knocked me down with a straw; I braced up after awhile and called her a hppocrite, when she called me a white headed idiot, and the boarders threw me out of doors. Five hundred dollars gone, and I'm a wrecked man."—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Petrified Goose.

The Yolo (Cal.) *Mail*, some days before the 1st of April, told the following goose story: "While hunting in the tules near the sink of Cache Creek on Monday last, Abe green, an old hunter discovered a petrified wild goose, standing upright, with legs buried about one-half in the adobe soil. He thought a first it was living, and creeping closely up, fired his gun at it, but the bird did not budge an inch. He thought it very strange and walked up to it. He found it dead, and in trying to pick it up, was astonished at its immense weight. It had turned to stone, and a mark on its wing, near the forward joint, showed where the shot had struck it, knocking a piece off. He managed to raise it up out of the ground, and when he laid it down a piece dropped from its breast, disclosing a hollow inside, from which pure, clear water commenced running. Its feathers were very natural, and its appearance was calculated to deceive—so lifelike. He took it to his cabin, down the canal, a few miles back of Washington, where it can be seen by those who wish to see such a strange and unusual sight.

We should round every day of stirring action with an evening of thought. We learn nothing of our experience, except we muse upon it.—Bovee.

One of Little Johnny's Compositions.

THE O'POSSUM.

If there is anything in names this animel is Irish, but there isent none there now, and them in the colinies call their-selfs possums, like they was natifs. Possums is bigger than a bird, but not so big as a dog, and has a sharp nose and a long bald hedded tale which is all ways cole as ice, never mind the weather. Its jus as if their tales were ded and the funerals was postponed, but this aint so, for their tales is mity lively if you have ever see 'em roun the bars of their cage. I herd a man from Ostralia say that they was no place in the world were nature had been so good to her creatures, and he said, the man did, that if it wasent for the poesum's tales how cud they hang by 'em from the branches of trees like they do, but wen I ast him wot they hung for he didn't know. I spect its only to sho the aint afradey.

The she one has a tobacco pouch on the outside of her stummack, and wen the little ones is friten they creeps in it and wen they are snug they don't care a copper wot becomes of their old mother wich is outside. When the dog fines a possum and it cant git to a tree it lies down and pretens it is ded.

Once there was a dog which diddent kno about possums toun one a lying like it was ded, and after roling it over a wile and smellin it, the dog lay down by it and went to sleep. Wen the possum saw the dog was a sleep it got up quiet to go a way, but jus then the dog opened its eyes and see the possum standin up. Such a friten dog you never see, and such a friten possum you never see, but the dog most. It jumpt up and made for home, howling at every leep, and fore it got home it had changed from a black Newfounlarn pup to a old bull dog as wite as milk.

A man wich had a pet possum and a chicken wich he thot ever so much of was a sittin at his table ritin one day, wen he see the possum come in the door and try to sneak under the bed. So the man said Cleopatra, wich was the possum's name, come here and do some tricks on the table, but the possum needed lots of coaxin, and wen it was sittin up on the table, beggin like a dog, the man he d his chicken go yeep, yeep, yeep! Then the possum she started and stared all roun the room like she said wy, bless my soul, were is that chicken? But the man knew were it was wel enough. Then the chicken went yeep, yeep, again, and the possum ran to evry side of the table and looked over the edg, and then come back to the middle a shakin her head like sayin I cant make it out at all, it beats me! But wen the man he cluckt like a ole hen the chicken stuck its head out of Cleopatra's pouch, were it had been put away to be et.

Possums is marsupials, which souns very fine, but I spose its just cos they cant be anything els, with th eir cole tails and them pockets on their stum mackses.

$20,000 a Year Not Enough to Marry on.

Says a New York paper. New York crowded with rich unmarried men, afraid of the expense of supporting these gilded butterflies. There is a bachelor at the Sixth Avenue Hotel, whose income is $20,000 a year, and still he says he can't afford to get married. He's a proud fellow, and says as a single man he can have the best horses, best room and best box at the opera. "If I should get married," he said, "I should have to stint myself or overdraw my income." "How is that?" asked a friend. "Well, now, come into the parlor and I'll show you. You see, ladies are extravagant now-a-days. They dress so much more than in Europe. I mean, they don't wear rich diamonds like the women of Florence and Milan, but they wear rich dresses, laces, shawls and furs. Now, I'm proud, and I would not want my wife outdressed, so I have to keep out of the marriage business. Do you see that lady there?" he said, pointing to a fashionable caller. "Yes." "Well, she had on a $400 panniered, wattaued, polonaised, brown gros-grain dress, and I wear a $60 coat. She wears a $1,300 camel's hair shawl and a $500 set of sable, while I wear a $70 overcoat. She wears a $70 bonnet, while I wear an $8 hat. She wears $200 worth of point appliqne and point augile, while I wear a $6 shirt. Her shoes cost $15, mine $12. Her ordinary morning jewelry, which is changed every year, not counting diamonds, cost $400; mine cost $50." "Well, how does it foot up?" "Why, the clothes she has on foot up $3,225, and mine cost $206, and that is only one of her dozen outfits, while I have—say three. The fact is," said he, growing earnest, "I couldn't begin to live in a brown stone front with that woman, and keep up appearances to match—carriages, church, dinners, opera and seaside—for $20,000. I'd have to become a second-rate man, and live in an eighteen-foot house, or withdraw over to Second avenue, and that I'll be hanged if I do!" and he slung his fist down into a nice silk hat in the excess of his earnestness.

Multum in Parvo.

Love is a thing most nice, and must be fed to such a height, but never surfeited; what is beyond the mean is ever ill.—Herrick.

Never respect men merely for their riches, but rather for their philanthropy; we do not value the sun for its height, but for its use.—Bailey.

To be influenced by a passion for the same pursuit, and to have similar dislikes, is the rational ground-work of lasting friendship.—Cicero.

When affliction thunders over our roofs, to hide our heads and run into our graves shows us no men, but makes us fortune's slaves.—Ben Johnson.

Centennial Jubilees at Lexington and Concord.

One Hundred Years ago.

There were from forty to fifty thousand people in attendance at the celebration of the one hundreth anniversary of the battle of Lexington on the 19th of April. This battle was especially important as being the first in the great struggle which resulted in the establishment of the American Republic.

Long before day carriages and wagons were well filled and pedestrians began pouring into town. Booths and extemporized merchants went up on every corner. At 7 A. M., the whole town was alive with moving, bustling humanity, and monster tents with their gay decorations and flags, and streamers fluttering from every house presented a most cheering and inspiring aspect. The arrangements in every particular were most complete. The monster tent in which was to be served the grand Centennial dinner presented a striking appearance and were the most perfectly arranged and liberally supplied ever seen on a public occasion. It was four hundred and ten feet long and seventy feet wide with a central wing one hundred and fifty feet long, with plates for three thousand seven hundred and forty persons. Every seat had been disposed of, and most exorbitant prices were asked and offers made by those who had and those who had not tickets. The main tent in which the oration, unveiling of statutes, &c., took place, was provided with seats for four thousand, every one of which was secured. The first train from Boston came crowded, and from all other adjoining villages hundreds swarmed.

The procession formed in divisions, the State officers coming first; then President Grant with prominent military and naval officers, Judges of the Supreme Court, Senators, Representatives and other National officers. Vice President Wilson rode with the President in a four horse carriage.

In the Third Division were Governors Dingley, of Maine; Weston, of Vermont; Ingersoll, of Connecticut, and Lieutenant Governor Vansandt, of Rhode Island, accompanied by the Portland Mechanic Blues, Amoskeag, Providence Light Infantry, Gen. Burnside and the Ransem Guards, of St. Albans, Vermont. In the other divisions were the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati officers of the Harvard College, Masonic Society of Massachusetts, Historical Society of New England, and delegations from large numbers of towns from New England.

On arriving at the grand tent an address was delivered by Ralph Waldo Emerson and a poem was read by James Russell Lowell.

The procession moved along Main street to the square, thence up Monument street to the old bridge, and across to the provincial parade ground where were tents for the delivery of orations and for dining. E. R. Hoar acted as President of the day. After the orations the dining tent was filled. an oration was then given by George William Curtis. Before its conclusion the chilly winds dispersed a large portion of the audience. A large number of bands were playing in the city.

"Paul Revere's ride" was toasted by a grandson of Revere. Senator Boutwell and Governors Ingersoll, Peck and Dingly all responded to the toasts. Judge Hoar read a letter from Fred. Douglass. This closed the exercises. By five o'clock the visitors had all left the village owing to the severe cold weather which was becoming more unpleasant hourly.

In the evening a grand ball was given at which the President and party appeared. The scene was very brilliant.

The President left before the oration was concluded and was driven in his private carriage to Lexington. Gov. Gaston and staff went by train. The day was excessively cold with snow occasionally. After dinner Hoar made an address and gave a toast to the 19th of April, and Speaker Blaine made a patriotic response.

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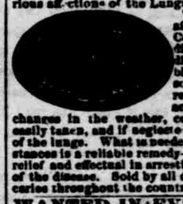

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