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IN CAP AND BELLS

The spring is having a "hot finish."

Labor is man's greatest consolation.

Don't take life too seriously in summer.

"The Hessian Flies" was a revolutionary war cry.

Pride has more lives than a cat and dies harder.

The crop of baccalaureate addresses is ready for the harvest.

The calendar and the weather have adjusted their differences.

American patriotism's highest duty is the protection of the home.

The condition of the weather indicates that Satan has climbed off the lid.

The lesson every man should learn before going into politics is to be a good loser.

If you burn your letters before you send them they will never rise up to torment you.

A panic was caused at the skat congress in Milwaukee a few days ago. Some one must have cried, "Skat."

The injunction has been invoked in New York against a baseball umpire. This is an improvement on the bat.

"Back soon," is the legend that the real estate man tacks on his door even when he goes on a two weeks' fishing trip.

A writer in The Outlook says marriage has a fatal effect on music. More often music has a fatal effect on marriage.

Professor Triggs says the newspapers should be purged of their jokes. He evidently considered such advice to the funny papers unnecessary.

MOONLIGHT AND MUSIC

Dear heart, do you remember
That summer by the sea,
One blue night in September,
When you were here with me?
How like a pearl uplifted,
The full moon rose and drifted,
And how the shadows shifted,
Until the stars were free

Along the beach the breakers
Brought in their lavish store,
Gathered from ocean acres,
And strewed the curving shore;
Grasses that gleamed and glistened,
Flowers that the sea had christened,
Shells at whose lips you listened,
To learn their wonder lore.

Softly the breeze blew over
From groves and gardens fair,
Spilling a scent of clover
Into the balmy air;
The breath of pines around us,
Fragrant it came and found us,
Just as the moonlight crowned us,
And love at last came there.

What music hailed our rapture!
What singers on the sand
Where they whose hearts could capture
Our joy and understand?
Oh, wind and wave, they guessed it;
They sang it and confessed it
Their love and ours—and blessed it
There on the moonlit strand!

Dear heart, still sweet the story
For all the years gone by;
Still floods the moon with glory
The land, the sea, the sky;
And still the nightmoth hovers
Around us and discovers
The same devoted lovers
Wind, wave, and you and I.
—Harper's Magazine.

Darkey's Idea of a Postoffice.

Booker T. Washington tells the following story of an old Southern darkey who was sent for the first time to the postoffice to mail four letters:

His employer not having the necessary change to pay the postage, told the darkey to pay it, and he would repay him the next day. The old negro started down the road and about an hour later reached the post-office.

"Boss," he said, looking in through the stamp window, "how much do it tek ter sen' fo' letters for Massa Johnson?"

"Eight cents," replied the clerk, from within the window.

"Dat so?" interjected the negro.

"Yes, uncle."

The old darkey studied a while, took out a leather bag and worried eight coppers out of the lining. Laying these on the counter he drew a long breath and said:

"Well, yo' c'n let 'em go 'long."

"But where are the letters?" asked the clerk.

"Whar is day? Why, I done drapt 'em in de hole 'round yonder."

Asks List of Passes

The Indiana railroad commission has issued an order to railroad companies of the state requiring them to furnish a list of those receiving passes and also a record of all free transportation outstanding June 1. The commission hopes to have by July 1 a list of all public officials who have passes, which will be made a basis for investigation.

England's future king, Prince Edward of Wales, now 11 years old, possesses a child's habit of saying the unexpected thing. When visiting King Edward the other day, the king asked him what he was studying, and the little prince said: "All about Perkin Warbeck." Asked who Warbeck was, the prince replied, "He pretended he was the son of a king, but he wasn't; he was the son of respectable parents."

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