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The Beautiful Snow.

Looking out upon new fallen snow, brings to mind a poem, popular nearly fifty years ago, and it may be of interest to lovers of poetry to know the history and true author of "The Beautiful Snow." There are other claimants to the authorship and in a collection of literary gems called "Tiffany's Diamonds of Prose and Poetry," it is credited to James W. Watson, but to those who can look back over a half century, the facts are believed to be as given in a Cincinnati paper of that date, and is herewith transcribed:

"In the early part of the war, one dark Sunday morning in the dead of winter, there died at the Commercial Hospital in Cincinnati, a young woman, over whose head two and twenty summers had passed. She had once been possessed of an enviable share of beauty, had been as she herself says, 'flattered and sought for the charms of her face,' but, alas! upon her fair brow had long been written her terrible calling! Once a pride of respectable parents, her first wrong step was 'the same old story over again,' which has been the only life history of tens of thousands. Highly educated and accomplished in manners, she might have shown in the best of society, but the evil hour that proved her ruin was from the door of childhood and having spent her young life in disgrace and shame, the poor friendless one died the melancholy death of a broken hearted outcast.

"Among her personal effects was found a MSS. copy of 'The Beautiful Snow,' traced in her delicate chirography, which was immediately carried to Enos B. Reed, a gentleman of culture and literary taste, who was at that time editor of the National Union. In the columns of that paper on the morning of the day following the girl's death, the poem appeared in print for the first time. When the paper containing the poem came out on Sunday morning, the body of the poor victim had not received burial. The attention of Buchanan Reade, one of our first American poets, was soon directed to the published lines, who was so taken with their stirring pathos, that he immediately proceeded to the hospital from whence he followed the corpse to its final resting place.

Such are the plain facts concerning her whose 'Beautiful Snow' will be regarded as one of the brightest gems in American literature. As there are hundreds who know not its origin, and would desire to have its history as well as body in their possession we give place for both." (Cincinnati paper.)

And it is hoped that there are many more who will be as interested in this, as have been several who so gladly read this clipping.

Another beautiful poem has been claimed by different persons, but it is so well known that Elizabeth Akers whose pen name is "Florence Percy" wrote "Rock Me to Sleep," in the early 60s. It is useless to undertake to prove it.

Still another, not so well known, probably is "Every Year." There are several claimants with slightly different versions—all differing from each other and from the genuine one by Albert Pike, and one who knew "from the highest authority on the subject," insists that the thought and form of the verse are original with the "famous songster of the Ouachita."—(Mrs. Jno. L.—)

PICKPOCKET IS SLY

Veteran Detective Tells of the "Dip's" Tricks.

Warns Against the Man Who Folds His Arms—Danger Behind a Newspaper—Some Cut Your Pockets.

Chicago.—"This burg is having an unusual number of jobs by pickpockets," said a veteran detective a few days ago. "I hardly understand the revival of this sort of crime, as the best of the 'dips' have been pretty well stowed away, and the complaints of 'lifted' leathers and tickers have been few until recently."

By "dips" the old sleuth meant pickpocket. When he used the word "lifted" he referred to the taking of an article by a pickpocket. In the vernacular of a pickpocket a pocket book is a "leather" and a watch is a "ticker." A diamond is a "spark."

"I don't know where this mob comes from, as I haven't been working on the cases," continued the detective, "but it seems to be composed of a pretty clever lot of dips." It may be necessary to explain again that by "mob" the old thief-taker meant a band of pickpockets.

"These fellows usually work in pairs, and it is not unusual for them to clear up several thousand dollars in a few days.

"If one of them falls, that is being

Little Brother's Story

"Mother and Marjorie's been working for two months over this wedding. Now, it's all over before ten o'clock! That's quick, isn't it, after such a big lot of work?"

"I'm thinking I won't have much of a soft snap tomorrow. You know that confetti won't sweep up just ordinary. It's to be picked up every bit of it separate. I'm dead sure that job'll be stuck on me in the morning. Gee! I'm glad most of the confetti's out on the porch instead of in on the carpet!"

"Those folks livin' next door aren't in the habit of sittin' outside nights. But d'you see them tonight? Porch just packed full's can be!"

"Guess we'll miss Marjorie, all right. At first we'll just think she's away visitin' somewhere, but soon we'll get it straight into our heads that she's gone. Then we'll miss her good. We'll miss her from the table. She always cut the pie so big."

"Do you know what mother's goin' to do with all that linen on the stairs tonight? She's going to cut it up into dish towels. We'll have a lot, won't we? We won't have to wash 'em out after every meal any more! Gee! Don't you hate to wash dish towels? They always smell so smelly."

"I guess mother's good and tired tonight. I wonder if those caterer men will go and leave everything all muddled up. I hope they don't. Gee! If they do mother'll be straightening things early in the morning and wake us kids up to help her."

"Don't you wish flowers didn't wither so quick? They cost such an awful lot! Beauts, though, weren't they? Daddy says he don't see how he's ever goin' to pay for everything. I don't see why folks don't use hat flowers, anyway—you know the kind of stuff I mean."

"That was a swell sermon the minister preached over Jim and Marjorie, wasn't it? Nearly as good as to a funeral. I never was at a funeral, but you know how they are."

"Mother said—before all the people came—that it had got to be a happy, smiling wedding or none! She said if anybody cried they'd be put straight out. Marjorie said she just knew somebody's be sure to cry. Gee! I wanted to cry when the winster began—and I guess I would, only I saw mother's eye on me!"

"Marj never expected to see Miss Hughes tonight. She eloped—nd then she got back here in time for Marjorie's wedding. I guess it's better to elope. Then nobody's got to get ready so much."

"Marj and Jim had a fierce time tryin' to get out of the house tonight. They kinda suspected that the fellows would be up to some tricks with their grips and things, so they made me take care of them out in the barn. Jim gave me a dollar for it—a silver dollar! Most as much, I guess, as he give the preacher."

"I wasn't so dead crazy about staying out in the barn by myself 'n' lookin' after those grips. The other kids was all in the kitchen lickin' the ice cream off the saucers and hoggin' all the cake that was left, never thinkin' of me."

"It didn't do Jim much good givin' me that dollar, though, 'cause a bunch of big fellows that go with Jim came into the barn and bust open the grips—Marjorie's and Jim's—and mixed everything all together. Spilled the talcum powder and the tooth powder over everything and smeared the fronts of Jim's hard-boiled shirts with sister's nail polish, the sticky red kind, you know."

"Jim had a pair of swell pajamas—all like silk. Well, the fellows slit those pajamas up into slithers! I bet they cost Jim more'n a dollar. It was a shame!"

"I felt awful sorry for Jim. I knew he'd got to sleep in something, so I sneaked up to dad's room and got his old blue flannel nightshirt, and put that in for Jim! I guess dad won't care. It was kinda old and torn and worn out, 'n' it had to go into the wash tomorrow, anyway. I bet Jim'll be surprised when he opens his grip—don't you? But Jim did me a mighty good turn once, so I wanted to help him out."

"The kids kept callin' to me out of the kitchen window that the ice cream was 'most all gone. Guess I'd got none at all but for Dor'thy. She'd hid me half of hers! I can always count on Dor'thy to look out for me. We was most-bust up with eatin' so much stuff, but we just had to get through with it before they washed up the dishes."

"That taxicab? Why, it was the one ordered by the crowd who were going to follow Jim's and Marjorie's carriage, and get on the Pullman, if they could manage to get past the gates. But Jim and Marjorie just whizzed off in it when they found out that some smarties in the crowd had telephoned their carriage not to come. Wanted to make them miss their train, I guess."

Melted His Nerve.

The pretty girl stood in front of the ice cream parlor and read the big red sign with sparkling eyes.

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Some Methods of Pickpockets.

arrested, there generally is a fund out of which his lawyer's fees are paid, and the rest of the gang stands by him, making every effort to clear him.

"You ask me how to avoid having your pockets picked. Well, I don't believe any man can give advice on that subject. It is hard to tell what style a pickpocket is going to adopt. Usually he works in a crowd. The jam on the elevated stations is a good place, but there generally is a pair of fly-cops on each of the loop stations at night, and the crooks know it. Then they get on the surface cars and work the platforms. Several of the recent jobs have been done that way.

"One of the commonest methods of stealing a diamond stud is to get them with a pair of pincers having a pocket into which the stone falls when it is cut off. The dip usually works from behind a newspaper. Of course, you can't watch every man with a newspaper on a street car, but if you have anything valuable about you, it is well to do so.

"A skilled crook may use a knife with razor-like blade to cut away the pocket. Keep your eye on the man who folds his arms. His hands may be at rest or they may be engaged in picking pockets.

"We call the man who robs women a moll buster. While the victim is looking in a shop window or standing in a street car he opens her hand bag and gets the leather. There are not many of these jobs any more, for women have become wise."

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Always the Fashions.

"Yes; I am going abroad." "And how are you going to arrange your itinerary?" "I understand coronet braids are the latest thing."

Referee's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the clerk of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the judgment rendered in said court in the cause wherein Ulysses E. Fox is plaintiff and Harriet E. Burns et al., are defendants, on the 7th day of December, 1910, for the partition and sale of the land hereinafter described, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash on the 14th day of February, 1911, at the front door of the court house in said county, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, the following land, to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-four in township three, north, range twenty-nine west of the 6th P. M., in said county.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1911.

P. S. HEATON, Referee.
Ritchie & Wolff, Attorneys.
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