

TO DELLA, IN HER YELLOW GOWN.

In the early summer morning's light
She swept the dew drops down
From the drooping boughs and jeweled grass
That brushed her yellow gown,
As along the orchard's winding path
She walked with tranquil grace
Like a Ceres seeking harvests' gold,
With watchful, smiling face.

O the lawn lay green and stretched before
Her feet its shining way,
And she crossed it like a vision bright,
A sunbeam of the day;
Or a mystic damsel brought, perchance,
By weird Aladdin's charm
To wander in her gleaming robes
About a quiet farm.

And the dazzling sky held up its blue,
The arching trees bent down
Till in sylvan frame the dark-eyed maid
Shone out in yellow gown.
Like a Moorish princess from afar
Whose shrouding veil was lost,
Or a pictured form from Art's fair realm,
With Nature's gems embossed.

Like a glowing flower was the face
Above the yellow gown
With the petals' velvet on the cheek
And on her dusky crown.
All the golden pansies growing low
Looked up as she drew near,
And their glances told their secret thought,
"One like ourselves is here."

—MARY FRENCH MORTON.

POPULAR ASSIMILATION. Evidence of the growing unpopularity of the war in the Philippines comes from various quarters. Perhaps the most striking proof is a canvass which was made by The Springfield (Mass.) Union, an expansion organ, of the survivors of the Thirty-fourth Massachusetts regiment in the civil war, when they held their annual reunion the other day. The questions put were these two: "Do

you favor hauling down the flag in the Philippines? Do you endorse the present policy of President McKinley in the Philippines?" Considering that President McKinley is a "comrade" of these veterans, that most of them are republicans, and that the inquiries were so phrased as to make affirmative answers easy, the noteworthy feature of the result is the number of men who express misgiving, doubt, and even condemnation. While a large number approve without qualification everything that has been done, a respectable minority made such answers as these:

"I don't believe in withdrawing the army now, but it never ought to have gone there."

"I approve of the president's policy in the main, but I'd like to see the affair settled without any more bloodshed."

"Certainly the army should be withdrawn if we can't stop in any other

way. I do not believe the flag ought to have been hoisted in the first place."

"I think we'd better stop operations there. I don't believe in hauling down the flag now, but I don't believe we ought to have fought there at all."

"Take the army away. I think the flag ought to be hauled down anyway."

"I don't believe in their fighting over there. I believe we ought to have a coaling station there, and give the people the same chance as we have the people in Cuba, if it would end the war."

DENIALS. THE CONSERVATIVE republished the allegation that W. J. Bryan declared, when first seeking an office in Nebraska, that the money in holding office, and not the honor, attracted him. Several weak and evasive denials of the statement by irresponsible disciples of Bryanarchy have been made.

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