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#### A RIDDLE.

A noun there is of plural number,  
A foe to peace and tranquil slumber.  
Now, any other noun you take,  
By adding "s" you plural make;  
But if you add an "s" to this,  
Strange is the metamorphosis  
Plural is plural now no more  
And sweet what bitter was before!

#### ANSWER.

"Cares" are the foes of peace and sleep;  
"Cares" line the brow with furrows deep;  
Yet to that noun but add an "s"  
And lo! It blooms into "caress."  
As countless cares produce affright,  
So one caress will bring delight.  
From "cares," "caress" extracts the sting,  
And bitterness has taken wing.

E. F. WARREN.  
Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 31, 1901.

#### ANOTHER ANSWER.

If to the bitter and plural of "cares"  
we add an "s,"  
We have that sweetest and singular  
word, "caress";  
This may not be the word  
To which Canning referred,  
But I think my presumption is fair  
Beyond any question of doubt,  
That with the "ss" left out  
We have nothing left but our "care."

In answer to riddle in last Conservative.  
C. C. TURNEY.  
Geneseo, Neb., Dec. 30, 1901.

#### A GRATIFYING ACCEPTANCE.

Former President Grover Cleveland has accepted his appointment as a member of the Industrial Federation, and the Eagle published his letter to Oscar S. Straus to that effect on Thursday. Those who superficially estimated Mr. Cleveland's character were persuaded that he would not find his acceptance of this trust practicable. Those who knew him better were convinced that the call would appeal to that sense of duty which has always been controlling with him. They were right. It was of importance that his services be secured, if they could at all be had. He has sacrificed ease and comfort, and has put his desire and preference for retirement aside, to place himself in line with the other strong characters assigned with him to the noble function of maintaining industrial peace and of promoting honor, equity and friendship between employers and employed. The act is just like Mr. Cleveland. And what is just like him supplies about the best standard of public conduct in the Union at this time.—Brooklyn Eagle.

#### CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING.

Brownville, Neb., Dec. 27, 1901.—  
In my notice of coming meeting of Territorial Pioneers' Association, under date of Dec. 1st, I find we had

taken the day and hour of the State Historical Society. Correction is here made. The Territorial Pioneers' Association will meet in the University chapel, Lincoln, Neb., on Wednesday, January 15, 1902, in place of Tuesday, January 14, as before announced, at 2 o'clock sharp. Please notice the change of date.

ROBERT W. FURNAS,  
President.

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