

THE HESPERIAN  
BIXBY'S RETREAT.

Happy New Year.

Those New Year resolutions!

The fellow who tries to flatter you is a fool or he thinks you are.

With Paul Clark for speaker of the house and E. M. Pollard leader on the floor, the Nebraska legislature has but to elect Chauncey Warner or *me* United States senator, pass a few appropriations, draw their salary and adjourn, to win the gratitude of a long suffering public.

Misfortunes never come singly. Now that the excitement incident to the outbreak of smallpox has somewhat subsided, Jimmy Searson returns to inflict himself upon this college community for another three or four weeks. We could vaccinate in the case of smallpox, but what can we do in the case of Jimmy Searson?

WHIST.

I played at whist, that's what I did,  
The trump—I tried to make a heart,  
The hand I held was good.  
Confound it all, right there's the rub,  
Her dear papa saw through the game,  
At once he 'lowed to stop the same;  
And so for trump he named a club,  
The hand he held was good.

DID YOU?

I was seated in the alcove  
Gazing out—I know not where,  
When you, passing so sedately,  
Looked my way, and met my stare.

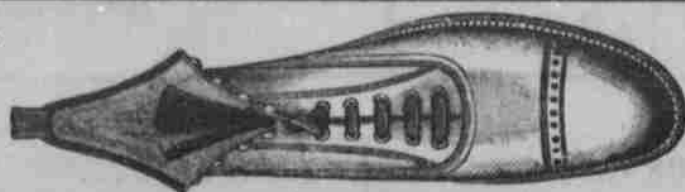
Since that day I've wasted hours  
Simply gazing here or there,  
Wondering if you really could have  
Winked at me, O maiden fair.

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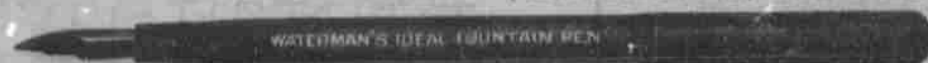
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