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L. FORD HALFORD.

New York City, June 12th, 1885.

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DAN LEARY.

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POETRY OF THE TIMES.

Thanksgiving's Approach.

No robin in the cedars pipe,
But every turkey's getting ripe,
And, while the leaflets dance a jig,
We dream about the crackling pig.

Pointed and Characteristic.

I met the girl of the .
And gently took her ear
I thought I'd pop the ?
But I didn't have the S.

Little Things.

Little drops of water,
Little grains of corn,
Make the festive whisky
And the morning horn.

And the little cocktails,
Humble though they be,
Make swelled heads and fill the
Pen—i—ten—tia—ry.

The Mugwump Bluebird.

Oh, what has become of the mugwump bird
In this weather of wind and snow,
And does he roost as high as we heard
He roosted a year ago?

A year ago and his plumes were red
As the deepest of cardinal hues;
But in the year they've changed, 'tis said,
To the bluest of billious blues!

A year ago and this beautiful thing
Warbled in careless glee,
But now the tune he is forced to sing
Is pitched in a minor key.

It's oh, we sigh, for the times gone by
When the mugwump lived to laugh—
When, coy and shy, he roosted high,
And couldn't be caught with chaff.

And it's oh, we say, for the good old day
Which never again may come—
When the mugwump treaded his devious way
And whistled his lumpty-tum!

—[Eugene Field.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Plush takes precedence of velvet this season.

The zebra stripes of last year are still favorites.

Beaver muffs are again in vogue for misses.

Collar cuffs, and belts are made of beaded galloon.

Cloth boots faced and foxed with kid are again worn.

Black moire antique is draped with black cashmere.

Fur and beaded trimmings are used for plush costumes.

Roman sashes are made to do duty as vests for house costumes.

Sapphire blue and plumb grey are an admired combination.

Gold and coral beads are used for trimming Turkish or Figaro jackets.

Boots are again fashionably laced at the side as well as up the instep.

Woolen overdresses are gracefully draped, and are usually without trimming.

Jackets of real and imitation Persian lamb come among other novelties in wraps.

Dark and plush bodices with brocade vests are worn with black or colored skirts.

Veils are to be worn long enough to cover the chin, and are the color of the bonnet.

Bronze, violet, corinth brown, copper and plum are the colors most desired in velvet or plush.

Draperies for plush or velvet dresses are of zebra silk or of beautiful wool and silk fabrics.

Capes and pelerines of fur or fur trimmed remain in favor, but are no longer high shouldered.

Plain wool surahs, with flowers in brighter tones than the ground are used for overdresses and drapery.

High collars with stiff lining are seen on all woolen costumes. Linen collars or folds are worn with them.

Ribbons are much used for bonnet strings, and ribbons were never more varied and pretty than this season.

Sealskin walking jackets for young persons have loose fronts with small pockets, out fit snugly at the back.

Plain skirts are not the invariable rule. Many fashionable women cling to the classic lines of the long draped overskirt.

The newest jerseys are pointed in front very short over the hips, and finish with the jaunty French position in the back.

Florence Blythe, the heiress of $1,300,000, Blythe estate in San Francisco, has as yet no suitors. She is only eleven years of age.

Fur fringes made of real or imitation tails of the same animal whose fur trims or forms the wrap is a feature in this fall's wraps.

New jersey jackets have seams just like any other jacket or basque, and the waistcoat is the almost invariable feature in the latest importations and productions of these articles.

Red in shades both deep and vivid is a leading color which is likely to prevail the autumn and winter through in dress, millinery, and in many wraps for either dressy wear or utility use.

Long French surtouts of dark-red stockinette, boucle fabrics, or dull red bouretta cloth are made with double-breasted fronts and box-pleated backs open from the tournure.

A Louisville woman asks for a divorce on the ground that her husband will not allow her to see the morning paper until he has first looked it over and cut out all advertisements of dress goods.

A number of women attempted to vote in New York Tuesday and were happy in being refused and gaining notoriety as sufferers in the cause. A woman enjoys pain more than a man does.

Plain skirts do not look strong minded when bordered with boucle or astrakhan plush, or when made of striped material with a tiny pleating of good velveteen at the bottom, or when bordered deeply with any rough looking or heavy broche bordering.

In new millinery accesories are very rich and beautiful scarfs and ribbons of raised velvets, embroidered plush and satin in tapestry effects, wrought with silk and gold threads, which come direct from foreign looms and command a high price by the yard.

Immense metal buttons again dispute with bead and silk cord fastenings for the suffrage of fashion's followers. These buttons are employed not only on jackets but in trimming dresses also. Unless, however, of the best quality, the size of these buttons tends to vulgarize them.

A "sweet disorder" in the arrangement of the hair is not only allowable just now about the temples and upon the crown of the head, but it is considered very proper and "stylish" to allow numberless short stray zephyr locks to fall carelessly from either side of the graceful French twist which carries the most of the hair high to the front and sides of the head.

The short sealskin mantle and its imitation in seal plush, trimmed with feather bands for the early days of autumn, and with black otter bands and tails for later in the season, are promised an enduring popularity until the weather demands long furlined and seal garments of various forms which are brought out for midwinter wear.

A raccoon fur overcoat or long ulster for a gentleman is one of the fur novelties shown in New York. It reaches almost to the ankles, has a collar that can be raised above the ears, and is lined with soft quilted satin. It is called "The Canadian." Another fur garment at for a St. Petersburg or Montreal winter is a dolman visite of Alaska sable, fringed with tails of the same.

Autumn Leaves.

The leaves are falling, falling fast,
And chilly blows the northern blast,
The fields have lost their bloom;
But while we grieve that beauty fades,
That dreary are the groves and glades,
One ray still lights the gloom;
The teasing fly has run his race,
No more with towel or pillow case
We need to rise at night and chase
Mosquitoes round the room.

PEPPERMENT DROPS.

A squash artistically painted took a premium as an "Irish watermelon" at a recent fair in California.

Diptheria is driving out the first families of Salt Lake City, and the courts are looking up all the second families.

Since the marked reduction in the salaries of the base-ball players, the future of the college graduate is gloomy indeed.

It proposed to found at Vassar a chair of matrimony. Why not? If future census officers are to earn their salt, this industry should be encouraged.

"Vaccination bees" are a popular diversion along the Canadian border. The person who hoods the bee while it is being vaccinated is supposed to wear sheet-iron gloves.

A leading banker of Paris has committed suicide on account of financial embarrassment. The necessity of a rapid transit from France to Canada becomes more apparent.

It is a mean father who will spend the afternoon painting the front gate at this season of the year and not drop a hint of what he has been doing at the supper table.

In a pack of cards with which two Chinamen had been playing poker, at Stockton recently, were found five aces, eight kings, six sixes, and so on, showing that the Mongolians understand the intricacies of the game.

An eye to economy: Young husband—"I believe I would like a nice little turtle steak for dinner." Young wife of a thrifty disposition)—"I am afraid turtle steaks are rather expensive, dear. Wouldn't you be satisfied with a mock-turtle steak?"

"She loved, alas, she loved me! she loved me ere I weaned," gushes some ninny of a versifier. We think if she had waited until after he was weaned before she loved him, and that process were deferred until after his exit from calfhood, the poor poet would die unloved.

The time may come when politics will mean all that is noble and good; when a small boy will break an apple in two and give his sister the biggest half; when a tramp will work, and a stray dog wont bite; but the day will never dawn when a fly can tickle a drowsy man's nose without getting itself disliked.—Chicago Ledger.

The Girls.

The girls are fond of gay arA;
They love to kiss a baB;
InconstanC they oft display,
And they'll eat canD—maybe.

They'll expect to marE wealth
And Efforts make to do it;
They're fond of euloG; poor health
Most all Hieve and rue it.

They love Iscream; stick on their hats
A blue J-quite stupendous;
They play croaK which ends in spats
And busL show tremendous.

They'll write a gushing poM sweet;
With tears their eyes will gliss;
A pianO they will beat
While folks unhapP listen.

Their Qriosity is great;
They like a hero lovR;
They bang their tresS most ornat
And thus their baT cover.

They'll shake you like agU, too,
And enV feel and show it:
If single they willW,
For they're Xperts and they know it.

They seldom know the reason Y
And often they are laZ
& if you know them they will try
To drive you almost crazy.

—H. C. Dodge in Chicago Sun.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

W. T. Carlton's company have made a great success in San Francisco in "Nanon."

"Dark Days" will be produced for the first time in this country at the Criterion theater, Brooklyn, on Monday week.

Mrs. Scott Siddons has received some very tempting offers to revisit this country next season and will, in all probability, accept.

Johannes Brahms, Germany's greatest living composer of symphonies at the present period, has just finished his Fourth Symphony.

London McCormack, who is appearing this season in Joaquin Miller's "Olivette," supported by a young daughter of Mr. Miller, is said to be meeting with much success in the south.

Miss Stella Rees, the western beauty who makes her appearance next season in the legitimate drama, is a Quakeress, and is said to be possessed of unusual accomplishments.

Miss Marie Wainwright, who until recently was Mr. Barrett's principal actress, has been engaged as leading lady of a stock company that is to play in New Orleans and a few of the large southern cities during the winter.

The New York Tribune says that Mme. Judic sang the music of Bettina in "The Mascot" better than it had ever previously been sung in that city. Her love scenes she also gives with more tenderness and her personal adornment in the second act is more magnificent.

The first of the Gewandhaus concerts in Leipzig this season was devoted to the compositions of Carl Reinecke, who celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his position as director of this famous institution. He was also serenaded by several military bands and vocal societies.

Liszt has been lately visiting his pupil Sophie Menter in her chateau in the Tyrol. He will spend the winter in Rome. Next April he will pay a visit to London, where his apostle, Mr. Walter Bache, will arrange for a great Liszt festival, at which "St. Elizabeth" and other works of his will be heard for the first time. Subsequently he will visit Paris, where a series of Liszt concerts will be given by Colonne. Nothing would induce Liszt to appear now as a public performer; but the promise of letting him shine as a composer usually "fetches him," as it does most artists.

Col. Mapleson is pleased to be facetious in regard to certain plans of the people at "the other house." Apropos the New York Tribune credits him with a good story: "Have you seen the account of what those German opera fellows are going to do?" he chuckled. "They are going to give German opera with a double cast. It reminds me of old E. T. Smith, a well-known London manager, who had Her Majesty's one year and managed the Crouverne and the Albanians besides. He came to me one day and said: 'Mapleson, my boy, things are getting very bad and something must be done. Here the duchess of Kent is on her death-bed and people won't come to the opera. Now, I have a great idea. You know I was the first man to play a pantomime with two clowns and two pantaloons, and so on. Well, look at this model.' And he showed me a model of his stage divided into two tiers by a horizontal platform. 'I am going,' said he, 'to electrify the public. I'm going to do the "Trovatore" with two complete casts at the same time. On top I shall have Mario and Grisi on one floor and Tietjens and Trebelli on the other. One orchestra will be for both and we can divide the chorus. They have to sing in time, haven't they? There'll be no difficulty about that, eh?' he asked. 'But the cadences,' I objected. 'O, hang the cadences, we'll leave them out.' Well, I managed to persuade him to abandon his idea, but I was reminded of it by those fellows above there with their double cast."

EDUCATIONAL.

Amherst notes increased classes.

Columbus revenue pays all expenses without tuition fees.

Connecticut has 5,000 students in collegiate institutions.

Columbia's new medical building will be the finest in the United States.

Matthew Arnold has been sent by the English government to study free schools in France.

President Elliott, of Harvard University, and the chef in the Parker house restaurant, Boston, receive each a salary of $4,000.

The resignation of the presidency of Yale college by Dr. Porter comes at a time when no less than fifteen colleges are without a head.

The Harvard college president and fellows have voted to establish a Peabody professorship of American archaeology and ethnology, and have elected Frederick Ward Putnam, A. M., as professor in that department.

The school board and the patrons of the schools of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, are having a row because of the expensive manner in which the schools are conducted. The papers have taken up the matter against the school officials.

Of 1,000 medical students graduated from an English medical institution fifteen years ago 128 have died and 96 have left the profession. Twenty-three have achieved distinguished success and 60 considerable success; 507 have made a living, 124 have not made a fair practice and 56 have failed utterly.

Senator Stanford has given orders to deed in trust his three immense ranches, known as Viva, Gridley and Palo Alta, for the endowment of a university and school about to be erected at Palo Alta, California. The ranches are 85,000 acres, and to other represent a value of $8,500,000. It is Senator Stanford's intention to make this institution the best in the country, by providing the ablest professors from home and abroad.

The world moves on, and Yale college is compelled, no matter how reluctantly, to move with it. For years its faculty has turned a deaf ear to the many female applicants who have sought for admission. Other colleges have succumbed to the demand for the co-education of the sexes, but until last month old Yale has stubbornly refused to admit females. At last, however, it has given in in response to the persistent knocking of the dainty hand of a Michigan girl. Alice J. Jordan is her name, and she has entered the senior class of the law school. She is an honorable graduate of both the law and academic departments of the noble state institution of Michigan, but she set her heart on graduating from Yale.

CONNUBIALITIES.

Girls can marry at the age of eleven years in the state of Maine.

The Glenwood, Colorado, Echo, advertises for 999 girls for wives in that country.

Ralph Modjeska, son of Mme. Modjeska, will marry his cousin, Felicia Bender, in York, in December.

Ex-Governor English, of Connecticut, will treat his youthful bride to a wedding journey through Europe this winter.

Miss Carrie Damm of Cincinnati, was married the other day. Her name is known wherever the English language is spoken.

A marriage ceremony was lately performed on an iceberg in the Arctic ocean, the contracting parties being a German clergyman and an English girl.

A costly feature of bridal toilets just now is the hand bouquet. One of orange blossoms and delicately tinted lilacs recently carried at a New York wedding cost $50.

A well-known minister of the Methodist church says that his first marriage fee was sixty cents and a barrel of fall pippins, paid by the bride who married a poor farmer. His last wedding fee was $50 in gold.

Miss Emily C. Hall, daughter of Rev. John Hall, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church of New York, was married in that city last week, to Mr. William Wheelock. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father.

A colored couple astonished a Hopkinsville, Kentucky, colored revival meeting with a marriage. The groom is the father of twenty-two children, and the bride boasts of ten, making a ready made family of thirty-two children to start on.

At a fashionable wedding in Exeter, England, the other day, the officiating clergyman, filled with righteous wrath, stood up in his pulpit and solemnly rebuked that part of the company which had flocked to the church "only to see what could be produced by the manufactory of art and the dressmaker's skill."

The queen wrote to all her family and announced her marriage to them, says Charles Greville in his memoirs. When she saw the duchess of Gloucester in town and told her she was to make her declaration the next day, the duchess asked her if it was not a nervous thing to do. She said: "Yes, but I did a much more nervous thing a little while ago." "What was that?" "I proposed to Prince Albert."

The Salvation army continues to receive the advertisement of notoriety. At a wedding of one of its members in England the other day trouble occurred. Before the ceremony there was a procession through the streets, which were lined by thousands of spectators. The procession was led by officers on horseback. There were two bands, and the bridal pair were drawn in a carriage. On the route mud and stones were thrown, and several stones were thrown into the bridal carriage. One of the officers was maltreated, but no other serious injury was done.

RELIGIOUS.

London contains more Roman Catholics than Rome.

There are 500 spiritualists in Atlanta, Ga., and they contemplate building a temple.

The eastern conferences of the Congregational churches of Michigan meets at Romeo Nov. 10 to 12.

Senator Sawyer has given $15,000 to the Young Men's Christian association of Oshkosh, where he resides.

Bishop Taylor writes that missionaries with big families are wanted in Africa. They can dig and teach, hoe and preach.

It is reported that the Rev. George Barnes, better known as the "Mountain Evangelist" of Kentucky, has been received into the Church of England.

The Sabbath is held in such great respect at Tourso, Scotland, that the cemetery is not allowed to be opened on that day. Even burial is considered a desecration.

Evangelist Bell recently closed a five-weeks' revival at Manchester, Iowa. There were nearly two hundred converts, about one-half of whom joined the Methodist church.

At the Hartford church congress, recently held, the fact was brought out that a large and increasing number of the Episcopal clergy—probably a majority of them—favor a more strictly liturgical, and a more picturesque form of worship, than has hitherto prevailed.

Many strange religions are being introduced into California, among them Hindoo Theosophy and Chinese Confucianism. The growth of Spiritualism there is so rapid as to challenge attention. A local paper, noting these facts, says it is about time for the Christian churches to wake up.

Easter will fall next year upon its earliest possible date, namely, St. Mark's day, April 25th. The last time that it so fell was 1736, old style, (1743 new style.) The next time will be in 1943, new style. Easter falls on St. Mark's Day at irregular intervals, happening on an average three times in four centuries. At present, however, it happens about once a century, at intervals of either 57, 68, 84, 95, 152, or 163 years. This will continue till the year 4900, when three intervals of 320, 1,363 and 288 years will intervene.

IMPIETIES.

The man who said that roasted missionary tasted like roast mule had a low down opinion of a mule as an article of diet.

Whatever the streets of heaven may be paved with, those of Salisbury, N. C., are being macadamized with gold quartz worth $15 per ton.

Sam Jones says: "If a brother errs, catch him on the first bound." If Sam played ball he'd know his brother's first bound could not be found out.

John J. Jenkins, aged 49, a leading church member of Syracuse, N. Y., has proved a defaulter, having embezzled $15,000 from S. P. Pierce & Sons of Syracuse, whose book-keeper he has been for ten years. The affair has been compromised.

Parson Whangdoodle Baxter of the Austin Blue-light tabernacle met Jim Webster, who was complaining of hard times, etc. "Whiskey an de cause ob all yer brubbles an sorrers," replied Jim's spiritual adviser. "Dat's so, parson. I feels mighty troubled when I hasn't got any ob hit."—Texas Siftings.

A certain young couple of our town were looking cautiously over the pages of a hymn book the other evening when the young man paused for a moment and pointed at a hymn entitled, "When Shall We Embrace?" Presently the young lady, in answer to this question, turned to the old familiar hymn, "In the Sweet By and by." We suppose there will be a match soon.

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SINGULARITIES.

Cornell university has received a splendid specimen of the manatee, or mermaid, from South America.

George Haupt of Neguanee recently shot a wild owl which measured five feet two inches from tip to tip of wings.

In the zoological section at the National museum is an egg taken from a guano bed, which egg is computed to be 1,000 years old.

A living frog has just been found in the heart of a solid rock, where it must have been ages. It is needless to say he never advertised, or he could not have remained so long unnoticed.—[Danville Breeze.

The steamer Oregon, on a voyage from Portland, Ore., to San Francisco early this month, encountered an immense whale, and struck it with such force that the big vessel shook from stem to stern. In some unaccountable way the monster's head then became wedged in between the rod of the rudder and the vessel, and in that way the whale was carried along with the steamer for several hours.

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THE IDLE LAWYER.

It was a capital hit and well delivered, full between the eyes. It sent the recipient, a gaudily-dressed fop, spinning into the gutter, much to the detriment of his fine apparel, and served him right for insulting an unprotected girl, whose hurried steps and timid manner betrayed her uneasiness at being alone on the street at such an hour.

Having done his duty in the premises, and waiting to see the bespattered coxcomb pick himself up ungracefully and slink away abashed and cowed, Ned Armour turned to see what had become of his protege.

She stood trembling, as though fright had arrested her steps. Her pale face, on which the light of a neighboring lamp chanced to fall, was of surpassing beauty, and Ned being a knight as gallant as brave, begged permission to see her safe home.

In a sweet, gentle voice, with a slightly foreign tinge, she accepted the offer, and the two walked on together, for the most part, silently.

"Will you not come in, sir?" said the girl, stopping at the door of a plain-looking house. "My father, I am sure, will wish to thank you for the kind service you have rendered. He is an invalid, and it was an errand to procure him some necessaries that took me out tonight."

Ned accepted the invitation and that was the beginning of his acquaintance with M. Bertrand and his charming daughter Maria.

Ned Armour was the junior of a law firm of which his uncle, Mr. Banting, was the head. He had little love for the profession, but had entered it to please his uncle, to whom he owed everything, his rearing included. It is safe to say that after the adventure just related he spent two evenings in the society of Maria and her father to one passed with Coke & Blackstone.

M. Bertrand was an old soldier of the first empire, who, with the fall of his chief, had lost all; and driven into exile with his infant child, he had wandered from country to country in the hope to mend his fortune. Now, his daughter and himself had no other dependence than the earnings of the former, who turned to the best account she could her proficiency in music by giving private lessons.

Ned would gladly have assisted his friends from his own purse had he known how to do so without giving offense to the proud old soldier.

"I've been thinking of a wife for you," said Ned's uncle one morning, as the two sat together in the senior's private office.

"So have I," replied Ned.

"Ahem!" returned the uncle.

"I've picked out one for myself," said Ned, "that is, provided I can obtain her consent."

"The deuce you have!" exclaimed the head of the firm, who had always regarded the question as one within his own exclusive jurisdiction.

There is no knowing to what a pitch the discussion would have reached but for the entrance of two gentlemen, who came to consult Mr. Banting.

A Frenchmen, a stranger, it seemed had died suddenly while on a visit to this city some years before, leaving a large sum of money. One of the two gentlemen present had been appointed trustee of the fund, and the other claimed to be next of kin to the deceased, whose cousin he asserted himself to be.

"The deceased spoke of having a brother," said the trustee, "in search of whom he was traveling."

"Yes, his brother Antoine," said the other, "who absconded from this country years ago, and of whose death I have ample proofs."

The papers were submitted to Mr. Banting, who promised to examine them and give his opinion next day, at which time, if everything was regular, the money would be turned over to the claimant.

It wasn't often that Ned paid much attention to the business of the office, but mention of certain names during the colloquy caused him to prick up his ears while seemingly busy with the morning paper, and five minutes later he was running at full speed to the house of his friend, the Bertrands.

At the appointed hour next morning the same two gentlemen came to hear Mr. Banting's decision. Ned, as before, had the morning paper before him, but kept a sharp ear turned.

"These papers appear to be all right," observed Mr. Banting. "I have scrutinized them carefully and find nothing wanting."

"Then it only remains to pay over the money, I suppose," said the heir expectant, rubbing his hands.

"Nothing more," replied Mr. Banting.

The trustee produced his accounts, showing the sum on hand, which had been largely enhanced by accruing interest, and was beginning to draw a check for the amount, when Ned Armour threw aside his paper and strode forward.

"Don't be too fast!" he exclaimed.

It was the first time Ned had ever interfered in a business consultation, and his uncle looked up surprised.

"Why, what do you know about it?" asked the latter.

"I've a witness in my private room I think you'd better examine before proceeding further," answered Ned.

"Wait a moment, and I'll bring him."

Ned stepped out and returned immediately, escorting an infirm old man, whose eye flashed as it fell on the cowering countenance of the would-be heir.

"Tell these gentlemen who you are," said Ned, "though one of them doesn't seem to need the information."

"I am Antoine Bertrand," replied the old man, proudly, "the brother and heir of him on whose fortune this base wretch seeks to lay his lawless grasp. It was this villian, when the star of my illustrious chief went down at Waterloo, who, through perjury and falsehood, drove me into exile, and received, as the reward of his perfidy, my entire wealth. The proofs he now presents are as false as those he manufactured then, but I have documents here which will leave no doubt as to my right."

The false heir did not remain to see inspected the packet of papers which the old man presented. Suffice it to say they were found in all respects correct. Marie Bertrand was now a match for the wealthiest man in the land, and when Ned told his uncle that it was she whom he had picked out for a wife, the old gentleman didn't object; neither did Marie nor her father, and Ned Armour lived for many years, the happiest of husbands.

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