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If Gurley had only made a few more

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to store me this 31st day of October, A. D. oz. M. B. HUNGATE.
(Seal.) Notary Public.

Mercer's Poo Bah is like Othello-with his occupation gone.

Democratic candidates for county attorney seem to play in great luck.

Mr. Mercer's investment in a police commission has paid no dividends.

A unanimous nomination does not always carry with it a unanimous elec-

Wonder if Colonel Bryan will admit now that 16 to 1 free silver coinage is a

fashion. The high slippers never went out of fashion.

too generously.

The confidence of the American people in President Roosevelt is more deeply imbedded than ever.

All the men who have promises please hold up their hands.

The strike breakers did not break through the lines as they were expected to do by "Our Man Baldwin."

There will not be quite so many aspirants for consulships in Omaha to day as there were the day before elec-

Every governor who ran for re-election Tuesday was successful over his opponent. But every governor was not up for re-election.

tion if he is not elected?"

newspaper jokes about him.

enough republican congressmen in the tion to the ordinary political reaction Fifty-eighth congress to look after the which the republican party had to

interests of the whole state. unopposed candidates for district judge

are not at all surprised at the promptness with which their election was con-Latest disputches from Washington

approunce that there is not sufficient craps in the District of Columbia to supply the demand of the building contracters and promoters of deals in public building sites.

Those cartoons representing the public building Santa Claus in a most striking attitude, with three little dogs behind his beels, wilt be a memento of the most stupendously stupid campaign that has ever been fought in this or any other state.

As we have already noted, there is partisan newspaper, which always jumps backs than any other kind.

MEANING OF REPUBLICAN SUCCESS. A majority of American voters have pronounced in favor of "letting well enough alone." They are well satisfied with the prevailing prosperity and desire its continuance. They have again declared their faith in the principle of protection to our industries and our labor. They have affirmed their confidence in the national administration and their approval of the position of President Roosevelt upon public ques-

The election of a republican house of representatives means that there will be no disturbance to business and no unsettling of financial confidence by reason of assault upon the tariff. If there is revision of any schedules it will be made by the party that is friendly to American industries and labor. It means that the trust question will be dealt with in a reasonable and practicable way, having in view the supervision and regulation of the inaustrial combinations engaged in interstate business, without endangering the existence of any independent industry. It means that republican policies in regard to our insular possessions will be carried out. It means that for the next three years at least no obstruction, so far as the national legislature is concerned, will be placed in the path of national progress and development. It means security for all sound and legitimate interests, so that the enterprises of the people may be prosecuted without apprehension or embarrassment. It promises, finally, a continuance of the prosperity with which this country has been favored beyond every other during the past four or five years.

The reduced republican majority

the next house of representatives, was not unlooked for, it having been an almost unvarying rule the last half 31,330 century that the successful party at a presidential election has lost congressmen in the succeeding off-year elections. The latest returns, however, give assurance that the republicans will have a good working majority in the next house and it is not to be doubted that they will be united on all strictly party questions. The losses of congressmen are chiefly in the east, while in the west there have been gains, showing that the sentiment in favor of republican principles is generally stronger in the latter than in the former section. So far as the national administration is concerned, there is no mistaking the fact that it has a strong hold upon popular confidence. While the republicans carried President Roosevelt's own state by a very narrow margin, this does not necessarily imply any dissatisfaction with the ustional administration. The campaign in New York was made almost wholly really an expression of disapproval of strong an opposition that, while it will upon state issues, so that the result is the state administration. In the states very likely be considered at the coming generally where national questions en-The high heel has again come into tered most largely into the campaign the meantime the steamship merger has Roosevelt administration, Moreover, it is not improbable that in New York The franking privilege sometimes turns the great combinations were actively put to be unprofitable when exercised hostile to the republican party, with a can safely be said, therefore, that the view to rebuking the president for his attitude toward them.

The republican success cannot fail to have a beneficial effect upon the country and to be helpful to all legitimate financial and business interests. Never the South Omaha postmastership will party brought anything but benefit to prove an exception.

A VERDICT FOR THE PRESIDE NT. more its effects become manifest. It is

term. For more than a half-century against him. the almost invariable rule has been that the party which has won the presi-We will soon have an answer to that dential election has lost the house in of Nebraska as a colossal blunder. most impertinent question, "How long the next congressional election, no matwill Mercer remain in Omaha after electer how large the majority to be over- campaign of supreme, selfish and come. It is safe to say that but for the deeming feature. Mercer's sole cam-The world is anxious that Great courageous course taken by President paign capital was vile slander and Britain should hurry up and destroy Roosevelt at the very outset of the abuse of people who opposed blm, and the Mad Mullah, if that will stop the active campaign in leadership of his his only dependence was upon the

party on the corporation or so-called power of corporate influence and the trust question, the republicans would debauchers of the voters, At all events, Nebraska will have certainly have lost the house. In addimeet, the pressure of the corporation ustional, state or local. situation was an ominous fact. As the position to be arraigned for the results the ticket and posed before the people of the negative attitude presented by as absolutely indispensable. the government toward the evils of merged and confederated corporations, congress devoted his entire time and evils which have lately been accentuated energy to blackguarding and cartoonby industrial developments and which tained the previous negative attitude, It under the spell of corporation manipulations, would have involved the party

in certain and emphatic defeat. paign the president boldly and effect- to do their worst, and said in so many ively challenged the attention of his words that he could buy two demoparty and of the whole people to the cratic votes for every republican vote duty of the hour and proclaimed that he lost. nothing so partisan as the so-called non- corporations must be subordinated to places the number of republicans public interest through legal control in Douglas county who refused to when it sees the stuff in sight. Non- He proposed the substitution of positive be either bought or dragooned into partisan partisanship can go further in and aggressive dealing for the passive deliberate fakes and malicious roor attitude of the government. All the corporations desire is that the govern- lican vote, and the majority of his opment continue passive. The growing ponent would unquestionably have been Whatever the causes of his withdrawal conviction of the American people is much larger had it not been for the ment, but are based wholly on mere opin may have been it is plain enough now that positive resistance is the sele peculiar methods by which Mr. Mercer that Speaker Henderson would have chance of cure of the evils complained annexed democrats to his support.

been re-elected to congress if he had of. That conviction instantly restayed in the race, and his election sponded to the call of the president, Omaha wage workers that they could disease germs. By crying "Wolf!" when would have saved the house a fight over his sincerity being tested and proved by not be swerved from their honest conthemselves unheeded when they have valid the choice of a new speaker. The official who sent the above letter to

been sufficient to overcome the ordinary reactionary forces which had to be met

Such a stand required courage. It in-York. Morgan makes no idle threats on which depended the election of two somewhat smaller than in the present dedent Roosevelt has secured a verdict of endorsement which, under the circumstances, has rarely been equalled.

THE MENCHANT MARINE.

The annual report of the commissioner of navigation presents some interesting facts regarding the condition of the American merchant marine, a subject that may be considerably discussed in the next congress, if not at the coming session. Perhaps the most important fact given is the statement that less than 9 per cent of our exports and imports are carried in American vessels, but this information has become so usual in these reports that it probably will attract no considerable public attention. It is really, however, somewhat humiliating to know that this great and wealthy nation, with its growing commerce, continues to be so the operating expense account has been largely dependent upon foreign ships for transporting its products abroad. For this service our producers pay annually a vast amount to foreign ship had from American steamships, while the money paid to the latter, or a very factures and agricultural products.

The commissioner of navigation anticipates benefit to our trade and to our influence on the ocean from the Atlantic steamship merger, but it is somethusiastic view will be realized. It is combination useful in the directions pointed out by the commissioner and a would seem to be to the interest of those concerned in it to do so, but to accomplish this a more considerate and liberal policy may be necessary than the combine will be disposed to pursue. As yet man Jones of the democratic national it does not appear to have done anything to increase American influence on Jones claimed the election of Bryan for the ocean, unless the scare given to the a week after McKinley's victory was as-British shipping interest can be so re- sured. garded, but this may come in time.

The commissioner of navigation thinks that the policy of subsidies is the only method at present by which American can obtain any considerable share of foreign trade. A bill is pending in the house of representatives, having passed the senate, which provides for a system of subsidies, but it has encountered so subsidy bill comes up in congress. It go into the Schwab business. sort of ship subsidy legislation.

THE DEFEAT OF DAVID H. MERCER. The decisive majority by which David H. Mercer has been defeated in a dishas a national victory of the republican trict carried by him two years ago by more than 1,500 plurality, stands out in the people and the present one will not bold relief as an emphatic protest against wholesale corruption, corporate coercion, political treachery and supreme selfishness. With the active backing of The figure of President Roosevelt will the allied corporations, and their comrise to greater prominence the more mercial dependents and beneficiaries, the late election is studied and the with the machinery of the police commission in full swing and an enormous a noteworthy event in any administra- campaign fund, all in concert to force tion when its party can maintain control Mercer upon the district for a sixth of the house of representatives in the term, the deliberate verdict of the elections midway in the presidential people was registered overwhelmingly

The campaign waged by Mr. Mercer will go down into the political history sublime arrogance without a single re-

Never before has a candidate congress who appeared on the stump refused to discuss a single public issue

Never before has a candidate for con

Never before has a candidate public attention by the crisis in the leaders and workers, to whom he anthracite coal district. To have main- owed his previous successive elections, simply because they expressed dissatisat the moment in the light of expediency and lawless agencies by which his nomination was secured.

Instead of endeavoring to conciliate dissenting republicans, Mercer sought A conservative estimate nearly 25 per cent of the entire repub-

It is to the credit of Omaha and South

great coal strike. The response has or position, or by threats of disfavor with their employer

of Mercer is a rebuike on the part of republicans to his unrepublican conthe returns, particularly from New defeat the republican legislative ticket occupying the central oval, which will be vent the choice by the legislature of eral patronage.

All these causes contributing to his defeat are aside from the general dissatisfaction over his nonresidence and in the political affairs of this district.

While the official reports of many important rallroads show an increase durthe head operating expenses, it is well ment in the engraving art. known that the fact is the reverse. Vast sums expended on other accounts have been arbitrarily charged to operating exwho control some of those properties have sought to keep down the surplus without distribution to stockholders and convenient for this purpose.

The stock market shows little effect of the election, because the election had owners and do not get so prompt or been largely discounted in advance. good a service as undoubtedly could be Under modern methods of political campaigning the men with their hands on the political pulse can tell pretty closely large part of it, would remain in this the condition of the patient without country and be expended for our manu- waiting for the actual test of the bai-

If any of the business men who signed the pathetic appeal on behalf of Mercer really mean what they said in their what doubtful whether his rather en- confidential letter they should not be backward in coming forward with a by no means impossible to make this tender of lucrative employment to the gentleman from Minneapolis and Washington, but-

the democratic 'national congressional committee ranks a close second to Chaircommittee. It will be remembered that

The Pavorite of Trusts.

New York World. New Jersey's fiscal year closed last Friday with a cash balance in the treasury of built steamers with American crews \$2,744,718.26, and several new trusts and corporations already in sight.

Philadelphia Ledger.

There is some concern about Henry Watterson's health. When Grover Cleveland spoke the last time the Courier-Journal failed to do the Mount Pelee act.

Boosting immigration. Washington Post.

Here's a Bold Defi.

Chicago Chronicie. "If the Christian Science healer is to be prosecuted every time he loses a case," says an adherent of that faith, "let the physician likewise be prosecuted when he loses one. We are willing to agree to legislation on that basis." That looks like a pertinent and equitable proposition. What do the "regular" and homeopathic brethren say to it?

Combines Fix the Price.

Springfield Republican. One result of the famine in anthracite coal will be a great increase in the amount of bituminous coal used next year, but it does not follow that the public will get the benefit of the difference in cost. From New York comes the report that the dealers are quietly arranging a fixed price for soft coal for next year, which will be far in advance of the nominal figures. The people are getting some useful elementary lessons nowadays in principles of political economy, but it cannot be said that the instruction es particularly cheap.

RIDICULOUS AFFIRMATIONS.

Missouri Valley Homeopaths Tendered a Gentle Roast. Philadelphia Record.

At a recent meeting of the Missouri Homeeopathic association it was Valley resolved by a small majority, that all kissing must cease, as the kiss is a on means of extending the ravages of disease germs. There is no known warrant for any such affirmations. It is safe to say that not a single instance is known to any member of the association of the spread of disease by means of the kiss. Of course, the good sense of mankind has debarred all kissing by the victims of smallpox, diphtheria and like acute infectious maladies, but there We make bold to assert that the two party in power, the republicans were in gress utterly ignored his associates on is no evidence that the kiss of a person a contagious disease has ever caused the spread of any ailment: Even more positive have been the sanitarians who instituted a war against sewer gas. They have announced that newer gas is everywhere and always a poison and that it capable of producing typhold fever or have been particularly enforced upon any office and to denunciation of party diphtheria. Yet Prof. Sadgwick has recently charged that this conclusion was accepted by sanitarians without the least evidence, and without investigation. denies that sewer gas can produce a specific can now be seen, however it appeared faction with the high-handed methods disease except when its germs are present in the gas.

The license of affirmation of canitariaus finds a parallel in that of the earlier theologians, and it disproves the claims o sanitarians that they are men of science In the formative period of the cam- to club them into line or defied them It is the distinguishing quality of the scientist that he takes nothing for granted, and believes nothing which is not demonstrable. That ordinary kissing, among malady, is at all dangerous has yet to be proved. The vast majority of mankind has enjoyed this method of displaying affection voting for him at not less than 3,000, or diphtheria or some other acute infectious disease has been visibly present, no con

tagion has ever been traced to it. never been verfied by a single expert ion, have robbed sanitation of its scientific character. It is like the wholesale condemnation of well water, which, although liable to pollution, may be free from all

Last, but not least, the signal defeat Miner Scenzs and Incidents Sketched

volved instant antagonism with power- duct two years ago, when he tried to be issued by the Postoffice department will ful interests. That they vengefully overthrow the expressed will of the bear little resemblance to those now curstruck back is obvious from a study of party and sought covertly, first to the most important part of the new stamp. and it is no thanks to him that Presi- United States senators, and then to pre- sign. Above this in a panel will be the words, "United States of America." Draped on each side, and occupying about twoany senators, so as to leave him in thirds the length, will be two flags forming undisputed control of Nebraska's fed- a background upon which the oval seems to rest. Below the bust will appear the word "Washington," and in small figures the dates of his birth and death.

Stamp experts think that this new 2-cent stamp, with its superb likeness of Washthe interference of the nonresident ington, its draped flaga, its wreaths of attorney of the Union Pacific railroad laurel leaves in the lower corners, and the general balance of text and artistic effect together with the remarkable excellence of the mechanical work, will make this the finest postage stamp ever produced. Every effort has from the start been made to have ing the last one or two fiscal years under this series a type of American achieve

Models for four stamps of the new series have already been completed; the denominations of 2, 4, 8 and 13 cents. All of the designs are distinctive and are said to be of penses. There were reasons why those rare artistic merit. It is noted that the flags, now brought into the stamp for the first time since 1869, were then used on a denomination which the public rarely ever saw-the 30-cent.

> A gentleman who represented a Jarge church organization called at the White House a little time ago with a number of his associates for the purpose of paying their official respects to the president of the United States. He described their reception in these words;

'We were ushered into the president's private room. Roosevelt was sitting at his desk, talking earnestly with two men. We could see those teeth glistening and his eyes doing their share of talking, while occasionally a fist would go into the palm of his other hand with a smack.

"After a time the two men went out, not looking remarkably happy. Roosevelt sprang up from his chair and rushed over to us and grasped each of us cordially by in his heartiest manner, 'really and truly glad to see you. It's a welcome relief. Those men are officeseekers and couldn't be made to see anything but themselves. You gentlemen are at work for something and somebody else; are doing a good work As a claimant, Chairman Griggs of of which you are not the sole center. Therefore I am indeed glad to see you.' And he looked it, too.

A large number of claims for patents on devices for registering ballots are being received these days at the United States Patent Office. In fact, a surprisingly large number of patents on devices for the automatic registering of ballots have been issued, yet the field still seems to be ar open one: Rochester, N. Y., was the first to use election machines under the New York state law permitting their employment. This was in 1896, when the city authorities purchased a sufficient number for all its precincts under a contract which provided that they should not be paid for until they were demonstrated to be successful. Owing to a large number of mishaps the trial was unsatisfactory, and the machines were returned to the manufacturers, who made an assignment and closed out their business. The same year Worcester, Mass., tried the experiment with another apparatus which was equally unsue cessful. A third invention was tried at Mr. Schwah is traveling about Italy in a Hornellsville, N. Y., with better results, graphed by the Associated Press seven minutes and a half after the ballots were closed. This machine has since been used strous outrage" on Bill. generally throughout New York state, and

> be seen neat door mats. They lie on the marble floor in front of the chairs occupied by messengers. There is a bit of human history connected with their use. Long ago the messengers found that the constant walking or standing on the unyielding stone floors was extremely hard on the feet and that it frequently induced rheumatism, so they used strips of carpet on which to rest their feet while seated. One day the superintendent of the building ordered that these strips of carpet be removed and they were taken away, much to the disappointment of an old negro messenger in the State department, who declared that his chronic 'rheumatiz" became worse than ever. A newspaper correspondent heard of the matter and called it to the attention of Secretary Hay, who promptly directed that relief be afforded. This resulted in the advent of the door mat, now a permanent institu-

> A portrait of the late President McKinley and another of President Roosevelt have been discovered under peculiar circumstances in Statuary hall, the capitol. The hall is undergoing repairs and somebody discovered the other day that so-called concealed" pictures of the presidents had been drawn in shadowy outline on the imitation marble which forms the walls of the apartment. It has been learned that the pictures were drawn by Artist Allison, the painter who some years ago performed curious feats in concealed picture work while engaged in painting the massive piliars of the pension office in imitation of Italian

The portraits just discovered in Statuary hall are cleverly concealed to the ordinary observer by the delicate tracery on the surface of the imitation marble, but when examined closely the pictures of McKinley and Roosevelt stand out in startling distinciness, and can be seen from the opposite sides of the room. The portrait of Me-Kinley is about eighteen inches in height and is located above the marble statue of Roger Williams. It is an excellent likeness of the late president. The Roosevelt picture is on the south side of the hall, to the right of the entrance to the house corridor. It represents the president as wearing the khaki uniform of a cavalry officer. It is smaller than the portrait of McKinley, but the detail is elaborate. Each line in both pictures serves the double purpose of forming a part of the portrait and of the imitation marble surface of the wall. These pictures will be pointed out to sightseers. It is expected that these curious portraits will attract much attention from visitors to the capitol.

Recently a Kansas old soldier sent the following letter to the Pension Department "Topeka, Oct. 3, 1982 .- To the honorable Pension Commissioner: Having become converted to the belief commonly known as Christian Science, I herewith voluntarily surrender all claim to the pension which I have been drawing for the last twelve years. My pension was allowed on account of alleged rheumatism and alleged stomach trouble, contracted during my service in the civil war, and the mortal error which made me think I had them also made the doctors who examined me think the same. But I am now convinced that there is no such thing as rheumatism or stomach trouble; that, by the blessing of God, I am free of error, and that I have no right to take

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the Kansas City Journal withheld the name of the old soldier who wrote it. If Christlan Science should spread among the pen-

ECHOES OF THE FRAY.

Mr. Bryan wasn't running for anything this year.

Senator Hanna is not saying a word. Ohio speaks for him. "There stands Massachusetts"-perpen

dicular as usual. Tom Johnson's circus has retired to winter quarters for an indefinite rest.

Senator Teller now has genuine cause for giving the country another shower of tears. Pre-election prophecies look decidedly cheap when viewed in the light of the re-

Governor Odell feels that 10,000 is just as good as a million for all practical pur

is no practical ends to be served by delaying the feast. As far as heard from Mr. Cleveland's

Who said the country was going to the demo-how-wows! Prosperity is too good a thing to cast to the winds. Matt Quay's plum tree was shaken effectively and yielded an abundance of ripe

fruit. Pennsylvania dislikes political innovations. Jonah Kalaujaucale and Robert W. Wil cox were rival candidates for territorial delegate from Hawall. The safety of the country cannot be determined until the

fate of Jonah is known. William E. Smythe, an irrigation boomer from Nebraska, tried to float into congress on the ditch issue in California, but his She flas democratic scow was swamped and the captain thoroughly soaked. It was a "mon-

W. R. Hearst, publisher of three papers has been adopted in outside cities and states all dailies, has been elected to congress from a New York City district, Mr. Hearst's presence in congress will be hatled At irregular intervals along the corridors with delight by those who hanker for a of the state, war and navy building are to yellow streak in the dusty carcass of the Congressional Record.

PERSONAL NOTES.

General Bragg has left Cuba, and all danger of war between the United States and the Pearl of the Antilles is past. William I. Elkins of Philadelphia is erecting a private tomb in Laurel Hill ceme-

tery that will cost \$180,000. It is to be built of Westerley granite, the hardest stone Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian pre mier, has consented to speak at the coming dinner of the Boston Merchants' associa-

tion. His subject will be "Reciprocity with Canada." W. J. Spillman, agrostologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, is preparing a map of the United States

made of plants to be exhibited at the St. Louis exposition. George R. Stuntz, who first discovered iron in northern Minnesota, died at Duluth the other day in extreme poverty, although his discovery resulted in making millionaires out of a score of other men.

Pat Sheedy, the notorious gambler, an nounced that he had quit all games forever and could not be tempted to bet money on horses races, cards or other games of chance. And Pat is not sick, either.

Samuel T. Pickard, Whittier's literary executive and biographer, will sell a great many of his manuscripts and books for the benefit of a fund for the restoration and benefit of a fund for the restoration and care of the poet's birthplace at Haverhill and his home at Amesbury.

But for beautiful Gall with a full-grown Gall that snoozer can have the cake!" and his home at Amesbury.

LAUGHING MATTER.

BARRA.

Hatt Viger

J.C. AVERTOD

Chicago Tribune: "Strange how life is full of paradoxes!" mused the Casual Reader. "Here coal is one of the chief questions of the day, and yet by its very nature can never be anything but a miner

Washington Star: "It's curious," said Uncle Eben. "Nobody wouldn't think of tryin' to play de banjo wifout takin' a few jessons, but ev'ybody thinks he could step in an 'run de gov'ment wifout ao practice whotever."

Baltimore American: "Wot does it mean." asked Penniless Percival, "where de song says 'Drink to me only wit' your eyes'?"
"It means," announced Wise Wilfred, "dat de loidy kin read de wine list, but dat's as far as it goes."

Philadelphia Press: Ascum—Since your firm name is changed, why don't you replace that old sign outside the door?

Merchant—Oh, we're just keeping it there for the sake of old times.

Ascum—Ah! a sort of "Auld Lang Sign," eh?

New York Sun: The forger's apprentice worked diligently at the autograph which the chief of the gang had given him.
"Some day." he muttered, "I hope to be able to make a name for myself."

thunderous sentences did not jar the ballot boxes in New Jersey.

Mr. Bird Coler is entitled to a permanent perch at Wolfert's Roost. He flew pretty high for a weighted bird.

Washington Star: "How do you account for your extraordinary political and business success?"

"I don't attempt to account for it," answered Senator Sorghum. "In fact, I don't think that anything would annoy me more than the necessity of an accounting."

Philadelphia Press: "Whow!" exclaimed the western editor, dropping the copy of his latest issue which be had been reading, "I think I'll skip town before Broncho Pete comes around."
"What's up?" demanded the foreman.
"I meant to call him 'a scarred veteran of the Indian campaigns' and the types have it 'scared."

A SONG OF THE SEA.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post. A mermaid sat on a moss-growned rock, Sing ho! for the belle of the sobbing sca! She flipped a kiss at a jabberwock. And firted her tull in glee. She flashed a smile at a circling auk And shook the spray from her scaly frock And the sunbeams bunched in a prize cake-

On her tresses of fillgree, A merman swam to the rock's damp base,
Sing ho! for the dude of the sagt sea
wave!
And he swam around with aquatic grace
And a word with the maid did crave.
She smiled through the spume on her
girlish face,
And her brown eyes googled to fit the case,
And she slid on the rock to make a place
For the prince from a coral cave.

One arm encircled her scaly walst, Sing no! for the gall that the fellow had! And the sait of her lips he did boldly taste And said it was not half bad. He told her a sweeter one never graced The shell-decked halls of the wild sea

No maid more lovely, no maid more chaste From 'Frisco to Ballydad. He praised the grace of her shapely tail,
Sing ho! for the flatter's pregnant lips!
Admired the hue of each armorime scale
From her neck to her tail-fin's tips.
Her eyes were as liquid as Base' ale,
Her testh did the sea-pearl's glinting pale,
Her lips were as pure as the sacred grail—
And their nectar again he sips.

The maiden listened as maidens will,
Sing ho! for the ears of the trustful dove!
Ah! sweet is the taste of the tempter's pill
When coated with sugared love!
He tickled her ear with a sea-guil's guill—
The gull with the song se sharp and shrill—
And his words to the maid were of sweeter

Than a melody from above. But a handsomer mermald swam anear,
Sing ho! for the fifrt that butted in!
And the merman dived in the waters clear.
Say, wa'n't it a bloomid sin!
And he swam away with his new found dear,
And the maid on the rock shed a briny tear. she dug his words from her o'er-fed

Alone on the moss-growned rock sat she. Sing het for the girlie that got the shake! And she said: "What chumples we mer-girls be! That guy was a bloomin' fake! There are just as good merfellows in the

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