

Maud Muller

Maud Muller on a summer's day,
Mounted her wheel and rode away,
Beneath her blue cap glowed a wealth
Of large red freckles and first-rate
health.
Singing, she rode, and her merry glee
Frightened the sparrow from his tree.
But when she was several miles from
town,
Upon the hill slope, coasting down,
The sweet song died, and a vague un-
rest
And a sort of terror filled her breast—
A fear that she hardly dared to own,
For what if her wheel should strike a
stone!

The Judge scorched swiftly down the
road—
Just then she heard his tire explode!

He carried his wheel into the shade
Of the apple tree to await the maid.
And he asked her if she would kindly
loan
Her pump to him, as he'd lost his own.

She left her wheel with a sprightly
jump,
And in less than a jiffy produced her
pump.

And she blushed as she gave it, looking
down
At her feet, once hid by a trailing
gown.

Then said the Judge, as he pumped
away,
"The very fine weather we're having
today."

He spoke of the grass and flowers and
trees;
Of twenty-mile runs and centuries.

And Maud forgot that no trailing gown
Was over her bloomers hanging down.

But the tire was fixed, alack-a-day!
The Judge remounted and rode away.

Maud Muller looked and sighed, "Ah
me!
That a Judge's bride I might be!

"My father should have a brand new
wheel
Of the costliest make and the finest
steel.

"And I'd give one to Ma of the same
design,
So that she'd cease to borrow mine."

The Judge looked back as he climbed
the hill.
And saw Maud Muller standing still.

"A prettier face and a form more fair
I've seldom gazed at, I declare!

"Would she were mine, and I today
Could make her put those bloomers
away!"

But he thought of his sisters, proud
and cold,
And shuddered to think how they
would scold

If he should, on one of these afternoons,
Come home with a bride in pantaloons!
He married a wife of the richest dower,
Who had never succumbed to the bloom-
ers' power;

Yet, oft while watching the smoke
wreath curl,
He thought of that freckled bloomer
girl;

Of the way she stood there pigeon-toed,
While he was pumping beside the road.

She married a man who clerked in a
store,
And many children played around her
door.

And then her bloomers brought her joy;
She cut them down for her oldest boy.

But still of the Judge she often thought
And sighed o'er the loss that her
bloomers wrought.

Or wondering if wearing them was a
sin,
And then confessed: "It might have
been."

Alas for the Judge! Alas for maid!
Dreams were their only stock in trade.
For of all wise words of tongue or pen,
The wisest are these: "Leave pants for
men!"

Ah, well! For us all hope still remains—
For the bloomer girl and the man of
brains,

And, in the hereafter, bloomers may
Be not allowed to block the way!

THE SUICIDE.

Unannounced, headlong he fell
Into the frightened court of hell;
And Satan, swift his javelin lift-
ing, cried,
"E'en hell's to such as thou de-
nied!"

—William Reed Dunroy.

Crete Chautauqua

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