

Democratic Watchman

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THE CLOVER.

Some sing of the lily, and daisy and rose,
And the pansies and pinkies that the summer-time throws...

I never set eyes on a clover field now,
Er foot round a stable, or climb in the now...

And so I love clover; it seems like a part
Of the sweetest sorrows and joys of my heart...

Nests of American Birds.

The nests of birds are among the most
curious and wonderful things in nature.

Several species construct pouch or bag
shaped nests, pendent from some twig
or limb.

Another species which constructs a
pendent nest is the vireo. It is a very
fragile cup suspended from a crocheted
twig.

A number of birds, including the
bluebird and many others, construct their
nest in the wood of trees.

The male bird frequently returns to
a bank near the water.

Another bird whose nesting habits
are peculiar is the bank swallow.

Every one is familiar with the dainty
bluebird, bearing, as Burroughs says,

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its having carried Mohammed in four leaps
from Jerusalem to Mecca, seven miles
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said a lady to a mailing clerk.

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have to rush things?"

"When we find 'In haste' written on
the corner of an envelope."

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The Earth is Drying Up.

All rivers and small streams are vis-
ibly smaller than they were twenty-five
years ago. Country brooks in which
men now living were accustomed to fish
and bathe in their boyhood have, in
many cases, totally disappeared in con-
sequence of the failure of springs and
rains which once fed them.

Leo XIII is the 253rd pope, a fact
scarcely mentioned. Of the total 253
successors of St. Peter 15 have been
Frenchmen, 13 have been Greeks, 8
have been Syrians, 6 have claimed
Germany as their birthplace, 5 have
hailed from Spain, 2 were from Africa.

Eight of the number did not live a
month after succession; 40 lived less
than a year, and 23 more died when
they had been less than two years on
the pontifical throne; 54 between four
and five years; 57 when they had reigned
less than ten years; 51 before they had
finished their fifteenth year, and 18
died after reigning between 15 and 20
years.

A Cambridge provision dealer tells
of receiving an order for salt "mackerel"
from a Harvard professor.

A bill made out by one of the leading
pedagogues of a neighboring city con-
cluded with "balance due." Those who
know will tell that the sermons of dis-
tinguished clergyman sent up for print-
ing frequently abound in errors of this
kind.

Cobbett, in his grammar, loved to give
instances of bad spelling and ungram-
matical language in kings' speeches.

Napoleon was not a correct speller,
and the Iron Duke slipped often. The
misfortune is often an inherited one,
and whole families upon their remotest
branches and twigs will show the same
weakness.

"What!" says Maj. Pendennis,
"would you marry a woman who spelt
affection with one f?"

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The Day We Celebrate.

It was last Fourth of July. Hunts-
ville Ala., was literally packed with
colored people and more coming.
Uncle Reuben and his wife sat in their
car in front of the court house, each
tace wearing a puzzled look, and by
and by the old man called to an ac-
quaintance:

"What is it, Reuben?"
"What's all this fussin' 'bout?"
"Wh'y, it's 'Forth July, Reuben?"
"I know that. Yo' can't tell me noth-
in' 'bout 'Forth July; but what's de
rumpus fur?"

"Wh'y, dey's celebratin'."
"Wh'at dey celebratin' fur?"
"Cause it's de day to celebrate."
"Oh, dat's it? I see. Dat makes it
plain. When I struck town an' found
de people fussin' around so I jist dun
reckoned dat it might be de day had
broken out agin. Day's celebratin'
'cause it's de day to celebrate? Dat's
all right, Jerry—all right." —New
York Sun.

A good book is one that interests
you.

One in which the bright rather than
the dark side of life is shown.

One that glorifies virtue in woman
and honor in man.

One in which the good are re-
warded and the wicked are made to
suffer—suffering, by the by, that may
be of the conscience—or in a more
earthly way, a reward given either on
earth or promise for the future.

One which convinces you that this
world is filled with good men and good
women.

One that breathes forth the goodness
of a creator, and respects his all gov-
erning laws.

One that makes you feel that you
are meeting real people—people who
elevate your thoughts as you associate
with them.

A fashionable doctor having a house
on Fifth avenue prices himself upon
the favor with which he is regarded
by women.

"Ah," exclaimed he, rising to greet
her, "you are, not, then, ill enough to
be in bed."

"Some other member of the family?"
asked the doctor, rather disappointed.

"Well," said the young lady, "We
call him one of the family. You see
it is my little fox terrier, Dixie. He
has a bone in his throat and I thought
you might be able to remove it."

GREAT LITTLE MEN.—Some of the
greatest men that ever lived were of
small stature and insignificant appear-
ance. The reader will readily recall
many instances. Very small are Dr.
Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pills, but
they are far more effective than the huge
old-fashioned pills which are so difficult
to swallow and so harsh in their action.

"To purify a room, set a pitcher
of water in the apartment, and in a
few hours it will have absorbed all the
respired gases in the room, the air of
which will become purer, but the water
utterly filthy. The colder the water
the greater the capacity to absorb
these gases.

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