

Democratic Watchman

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A BIRTHDAY ODE.

BY ALBERT BRILLY.

(For the WATCHMAN.)

Sweet sixteen plus two today,
'Tis indeed a charming age!
Light's thy heart, and life is gay,
Gladdens all thy thoughts engage.

THE PACK.

"I call it living a lie." That is what
the minister's wife said, and she bit off
her words the same way she bit off her bread.

It is two weeks since I have written a
word. Nathan is getting well now, but he
has been very sick. Ann says I am to go
away now every night and sleep, but I

I did not get any farther last night—Yes,
yes, of course I went into Nathan's room.
I lighted the lamp and looked at him a
long time. He looks so little in his sleep!

I have said right along that I would tell
him before he grew up. I could not bear
to have any one else tell him. But the
minister's wife has unsettled me. It is

What right have ministers' wives to talk
like that? What right has any one's wife?
How do they know? They hold their lit-
tle new-borns tight and look over the lit-
tle bald crowns, at us denied women—

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ing of his little cap, and his laugh and his
hair and his freckles. John likes all of
Nathan, I am sure.

He is not very well tonight. I have just
been in again to feel of his cheeks, and
they are hot. I know what the trouble is,
and Nathan knows. I wish he would tell

I wonder why little sinners are so dear?
Does the minister's wife buzz here? And
love him better than before? "Nathan,"
I whispered, "always—always tell meth-

I know another thing. That I am glad
I did not tell Nathan before he was sick.
Every time his little hot lips have said
"mother" I have been glad. He said it

To-day Nathan went to school again. It
is six weeks since he was taken sick, and
I have been all this time helping him get
well. I could not stop to write in a jour-

Judith Pride's little girl is dead. I
walked home from the funeral with the
minister's wife, and I wish I hadn't. She
said things—that she wondered Judith

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Why Steel is Painted Red.

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mother of a brave. Yet in my arms he felt
so small—the little papoose!

I think my breath stopped for a fragrant
of an instant. I did not need to ask him,
but I asked: "Who—who was it, Nathan, that you

I caught him up—in the dream—and I
can feel his little warm body now. We
were so happy. I thought when I went
back to my room John was with me. John

I have told him. I have been in, in the
dark. He was not coming to me; I did not
meet him in the hall. I had to go all the

Some women have lived fancies. Some-
thing seemed to drop with the tiniest thud
when I finished, and it was the pack. I

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THE WOMAN THAT WILL SING.

I have in mind a woman,
Who never sings a song,
Her house is neat and tidy,
But she worries all day long.

One's first impression of Egypt is more
or less influenced by the donkey boy, for in
Alexandria, even before you step ashore, he

Some long linen fringe, looking very
like the knotted fringes of a damask towel
end, is shown edging the tunic of a brown

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.
It is vain to be always looking toward the future
and neglecting toward it.—J. F. Boyes.

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FARM NOTES.

The soy bean is a pea, and the cow pea
is a bean—funny, isn't it?
Never tolerate a man on the farm who
yanks, kicks or whips a horse.

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