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Poetical. IF YOU LOVE ME, TELL ME SO. ERIC LILIAN WHITING.

IF YOU LOVE ME, TELL ME SO. Wait not till the summer goes, For in autumn's chagrel light, Fades in sunset's purple haze, The love that's in the heart.

IF YOU LOVE ME, TELL ME SO. Let me hear the sweet words low, Let me, in life's morning hour, Hear you in womanhood's bloom, Ere white comes dark days of gloom.

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On a certain occasion Sir William was unpacking a large box of clothing which had just been received from England. Hendrick chanced to be present and was particularly attracted by a richly embroidered coat which he saw brought forth and shaken out in all its glittering splendor of gold lace and gilded buttons and bright silk facings.

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Methodist Parson in Luck. "I see," said the scribbler to a leading member of the Legislature on Saturday, after exchanging the compliments of the season, "I see you have two good Methodist divines to furnish the supply of orthodoxy for you this season. Isn't that a little singular?"

"Yes, it is a little odd, but it was brought about in a peculiar way." "How was that?" "Well, I don't care if I do tell you. Generally, you know, the Legislature divides the honors—"

"And the emoluments, too," the scribbler could not but interject. "Yes, and the emoluments, so as to give each denomination a chance. Last year in this House we had Rev. Mr. Clarke, a Methodist as our chaplain. Clarke is a splendid fellow—so kind to the boys; goes out after any of them who happen to be languid too overmuch at any time, is genial and courteous to all and makes the most unique, freshest and original kind of prayers. Everybody liked him. Well, this year, when it was privately announced that Rev. Dr. Holmes, another Methodist, was to be appointed chaplain of the Senate, Mr. Clarke naturally concluded his lease had expired. He wanted to see me mentioned the matter, and I told him perhaps it could be fixed. I then asked the Speaker of the House, Mr. Myers, to reappoint him, but the speaker hesitated. He thought it wouldn't do to have a Methodist at each end of the string but I urged it so strong that he gradually relented. Then to back him up I got four of the candidates for Speaker to come up and join in my plea."

"So, so," said the scribbler musingly, "four souls with but a single thought, four hearts that beat as one." "Sixtieth. Just so," responded the Legislator, "but blast your poetry. But the crown of the affair is to come. As we were requested to reappoint Mr. Speaker, four representatives of the bluest of the blue Presbyterian stock uniting in this request."

"And that's the way Bro. Clarke managed to seize again the glittering prize of a \$300 Chaplaincy, with all the rights, titles and privileges thereto annexed, without the equilibrium of the denominations having been disturbed?" "And the Legislator said "it were"—"Philadelphia Gazette."

The Victory of a Hardware Clerk. A sprightly-looking man with sandy whiskers and buff-colored satchel entered a hardware store recently, where he encountered the head clerk, whose humor frequently takes a practical turn.

"Good morning, sir," said the sprightly-looking man as he began to open his satchel. "Bad day out?" "Don't want any cutlery," responded the clerk. "But I desire you sir—"

"Don't want any cutlery, nor hammers, nor saws, nor any hand saws, stove, crane, or anything else. Don't want anything else. Don't want anything else."

"By this time the sprightly-looking man had unrolled the straps of his satchel, dipped down into it and brought out a light, small, curly-shaped machine, which he held up to view with a smug smile.

"This, sir," said he, "is a model of Simpson's celebrated cooking stove and was not combined. You will see that the movement is rendered reciprocal by this simple—"

"My friend," interrupted the clerk, "do you know that you are liable to be counted out at any moment? The returning board is in session right here." "But just do me the kindness to examine this beautiful piece of mechanism. It is—"

"See here, stranger," responded the clerk, "did you ever know a crippled man to become a president?" "Well, sir, I believe not."

"Well, if you've got any ambition that way you'd better leave this store, because in a general scuffle between you and me you might get your leg broken over some of these orders and things."

The sprightly man took the hint, re-packed his satchel, and left in a hurry, while the head clerk went to the drawer, selected the cleanest-looking \$10 bill and put it in his pocket as a token of victory.

Who Wrote Mother Goose?—The popular impression that "Mother Goose's" Melodist was never written, but, like Topsy, just "grewed," has been dispelled. The Rev. J. M. Manning, of Boston, in a lecture recently said that Mother Goose was a veritable person. Her name was Elizabeth Goose (her maiden name Elizabeth Foster). Her husband, Isaac Goose, was a widower with two children when he married her, and the family of children was in due time increased to sixteen. One of the girls married Thomas Fleet, a printer, and Mother Goose went to visit them after their first baby was born. Mr. Fleet was at first extremely annoyed at the hap-hazard singing of his mother-in-law, but, discovering that she sang original ditties, he was "millions in it." Songs for the Nursery, or Mother Goose's Melodies, in 1719. The author Mrs. Goose herself, was a member of an old South Church and died in 1751 at the age of 92.

A TEXAS STORY.—You'd hardly believe now what I am going to tell. In Texas we use rawhide straps, or thongs, for traces, and in wet weather they do stretch amazingly. Why, often in damp weather, at home, I've hitched up two horses and drove down the hill from my house into the creek bottom for a sled load of wood. I have loaded the wood and many times driven back home and my traces stretched the horses and the sled would not be hitched to the horses.

"But how did you get the wood home then?" asked an inquisitive bystander. "Oh, I just tied the ends of the traces together and threw them over a post, went knocking about my work and waited till the sun shone out. Sometimes it would be more than two hours before that sled load of wood would get home, but you'd see her crawling up the hill at last, gradually approaching as the rawhide traces shrank up into their proper lengths. Yes, Texas is a great country, you bet."

A French invitation to a wedding?—"Madame X— has the honor of asking you to be present at the marriage of her only daughter, Céline X— with the Sieur Y—, on the 15th of the month of February, at 8 o'clock, and underneath, "Pray for her!"