

A WISH.

Oh, youthful days, so bright, so clear,
Oh, youthful thought, so deep, so dear,
Oh, youthful fancy, hope and fear,

While fancy carries us away,
While hope is leading us astray,
Oh, bring us to the bright to-day,

Around us may a heaven glow,
While guardian angels, pure as snow,
Will love and keep us from the foe,

And may our brightest dreams prove real,
And may our future but reveal
Our purest trusting that we feel

NICHOLAS AND CHARLOTTE.

The betrothal and marriage of the
Princess Charlotte, of Russia, with
Nicholas, who was then a Grand Duke,

The Grand Duke was uncommonly
taciturn during the evening. His fore-
head was clouded, and his gloomy eyes

"So I shall leave Berlin to-morrow!"
He paused abruptly and looked at the
Princess, as if he were waiting for an

"Charlotte is given to silence and
reserve, but under the apparent cool-
ness she conceals a warm and loving

Well he might have said, like Caesar,
"I came, I saw I conquered."
The Princess fell in love with him,

His features were of the Grecian cast
—forehead and nose formed a straight
line—and large, blue, sincere eyes

Among those few, however, was the
young Prussian Princess, who had
drunk deep in their intoxicating fervor.

At this time, however, the masterless
personal charms of the Grand Duke
were enhanced by political prospects of

had no children, but in case of his
death, which could not be expected
soon, the Grand Duke Constantine was
to inherit the throne of Peter the Great,

The King then delicately insinuated
to his daughter that, if she had taken
a liking to the Grand Duke, and had

In this manner the day approached
on which the Grand Duke was to leave
Berlin. On the eve of his departure,

Three years afterward Princess Char-
lotte, then only 19 years of age, and in
the full splendor of beauty and happi-

"We are all very sorry to see Your
Imperial Highness leave us so soon.
Would it not have been possible for

"You will all be very sorry?" mused
the Grand Duke, not entirely
satisfied by the vagueness of sorrow

"That is much more difficult," said
the Princess, with a deep blush, but at
the same time her eyes beamed forth

"What do you think of? Here, in the
presence of a hundred spectators?"
"Ah, it can be easily done without

"The ring is really a talisman."
"I expect so. May I hope to hear
its history?"

"Why not? My first governess was
a Swiss lady by the name of Wilder-
matt. Once she went to Switzerland

Empress of Russia, to the relatives of
Mrs. Wildermatt, for I was told that
both this lady and her mother had for-

With the same apparent coolness
and indifference the Grand Duke picked
up the bread inclosing the ring, took

At this moment the procession reach-
ed the main entrance of the Winter
Palace, where Alexander I., the Em-
peror, came to meet his beautiful sister-

Who would believe that eight short
years afterward the brilliant young
Emperor had breathed his last, and

Faithless Extinction of Animal Life.

The mode of death to which the ani-
mals are subject is that by asphyxia,
not by suffocation or asphyxia. Physi-

"Ah! that is what makes my heart
ache so," said he, "for when you are
gone, and I think of all your happi-

"Do not talk so to me!" she cried.
"Do you not know that in a few days
I shall be Ernest's wife?"

About two months ago, while staying
in the Rocky Mountains in Northern
Colorado, I witnessed an example of
fatherly affection in a tom cat, which

In sickness or in health lemonade is
a safe drink. It corrects biliousness; it
is a specific against worms and skin

Broken Hearts.

In what was then a charming seaside
town there lived fifty years ago, a most
lovely girl, named Amy Providence—

Miss Amy was invited to visit Miss
Woolsey, a wealthy old aunt in Rhode
Island, before her marriage. So, bund-

Among the many who came to Miss
Woolsey's, attracted by the exquisite
beauty of Miss Amy, was one, a certain

"My dear Miss Amy"—and very ten-
der was his look—"you are going away,

A Venetian Summer Hotel.

The bedrooms all open upon a large
court and are nothing but dark cells or
closets, with no ventilation except what

"There isn't a bed in the whole house;
everybody sleeps on cots. The guests

"No, no," said Amy, once more; "do
not tempt me. Ernest is not rich, I
know, but I love him and I love me

So it came that Amy Providence was
not even "off with the old love before
with the new," for when Mark Halse

One of the crudest affairs to be seen
in Mexico is the common road wagon,
the wheels of which are made from a

with them; one grew up a miserable
drunkard, and another went out from
her for many years, returning finally,

By the terms of the will, the son was
to come North immediately on being
apprised of his father's death, take the

"Ernst, can you forgive me?"
Gently the old lover took her hand in
his.

"When they came to her, hours later,
she lay peacefully asleep, her white

Who Won't Go.

The post-master of a burg about
twenty-five miles from Detroit was in
the city in search of influence. He

"I tell you," he explained, as he
wiped the sweat from his brow, "it's an

"Which was me, yes, the boys put
me in. But after a year or two they

"Tolerably; but the first thing he did
he settled his lash with us. Got his

Washington—Jefferson.

"Boss," he whispered, as he leaned
over the counter, "de ole woman wants

Eyesight of Hunters.

The following story, illustrating the
means savages and hunters employ to
discover and pursue trails success-

"About two miles from town he sud-
denly checked his horse, gazed intently
in the ground and said, 'Some fellow

"Because he is shod; and the horses
herding on the prairies do not wear
shoes."

"After that it would not surprise
me," said the doctor, "if you were to

Who Won't Go.

"Which was me, yes, the boys put
me in. But after a year or two they

"Tolerably; but the first thing he did
he settled his lash with us. Got his

"Die in the harness! I've come
down here to hunt up a man who says

"Boss," he whispered, as he leaned
over the counter, "de ole woman wants

A Crude Wagon.

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in Mexico is the common road wagon,
the wheels of which are made from a