LIFE IS NOT LONG.

Dear heart, life is not long: Say thou thy word and sing thy sweetest song! Ere the dim night shall close, Drink thou the light and pluck the loveliest rose; And dream not of the sorrow and the wrong; Dear heart, life is not long! Dear heart, life is not long; And thick the thorns where all the roses throng!

Ere the rose-day be past, Be thou a garden where shall bloom the last:

Pray thou thy prayer, still sing thy sweetest song-

Dear heart, life is not long! -[F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

The Agarchist Conspiracu.

In his office at New Scotland Yard sat Inspector Murphy, chief of the grossed in the perusal of a large official-looking document, when he was orders to give them before they left the "Yard" for the night.

"Ah, boys," said the inspector, for you.

'More work, sir ?" said Mulligan. swered the inspector, with a significant shake of his head. "I have fessed anarchists only from time to to blow up Hampton Court. On the just received word from the French police that Lucien Miasme, Louis provide them with the means of carry-he had no difficulty in identifying Roche and Jean Lerat, who disap- ing them out. Miasme, Lerat and him as the third of that terrible trio peared from Paris some weeks ago, are reported to be in London."

for that Notre Dame affair, aren't they?"

"Yes, and who should have been hanged for it," replied the inspector. stating that the misadventure by Inspector Murphy received a mystertended the trial. There was no doubt had not in the slightest degree disbut they were guilty-they them- couraged La Revanche and his as- take care. He thinks he has escaped, selves hardly denied it-but the case sociates, and that another attempt at having fled from London. But the scared for their own skins, and the moment. According to the rumors Tell him-your agent-provocateurend of it was that three most villain- circulating among the militant an- that he is now in as great danger as society again."

Dame explosion," said Magee.

"Faith big enough for anything. women and children chiefly-and sultation with his subordinates. scores of them were killed or injured. One family-the Comte de la Targe spector had stated the effect of the blown up himself. More power to and his wife and two daughters-who French police's communication, their elbow, I say." were sitting just where the bomb ex-ploded, were simply wiped out. I archism-the gentleman anarchist." "Belgrave road," said Mulligan;

representative of the de la Targe too," replied Mulligan. "We know tip as that we should be fools if we family existing is the son, who at the nothing about their haunts and their failed to lay hands on him." time of the outrage, and now, too, appearances-but we know nothing "He has left it though," said Infor all I know, was serving with his about this La Revanche, except that spector Murphy. regiment in Siam."

Detective-Sergeant Mulligan struck some hesitation, identified Miasme as a light and examined the dead man's the foreigner who hired the boat. From these facts Mulligan drew the "The chief hero of the Notre Dame | conclusion that Miasme had made an

explosion has exploded himself; the attempt to blow up the dockyard or Lord be praised !"

face.

Subsequent investigation confirmed and had perished by the premature the detective's theory. They left no explosion of the bomb. And this doubt that the man killed that night conclusion was shortly afterwards was the redoubtable anarchist, Louis | confirmed by advices from the French Roche, and that he had perished by police. These were to the effect that the premature explosion of the bomb among Paris anarchists it was stated he was carrying while on his way to that the dockyard was the object of commit some diabolical outrage. attack, and that since the attempt What the outrage intended was and was made Miasme had been missing. how he became possessed of the bomb It was added that much dissatisfac--which, from the fragments discov- tion existed regarding La Revanche ered about the scene of the explosion and his skill as a bomb maker, but experts pronounced to be of excellent | t'iat, as he alone among London anworkmanship-were not known for archists possessed funds he still consome time. At length, however, an- trived, in spite of his successive failother communication was received ures, to maintain his position. "And long may he," was Inspector from the French police, which threw light on both these points and Murphy's comment on reading this

on many others besides. From the communication it ap- to suppress both anarchism and the

peared that among anarchists in Paris anarchists than all the police in Euit was said that the outrage intended rope put together. The best thing was nothing less than the blowing up that could happen would be for him "specials" told off to keep watch of the houses of parliament, or, at to go on blowing up his friends until over the anarchists. He was en- any rate, of the Clock Tower. The they were all in fragments, and then bomb had been prepared by a person for him to blow up himself." passing among the anarchists under | Inspector Murphy had not very interrupted by the entrance of two of the name-assumed, no doubt-of La long to wait. Some three weeks after his principal subordinates, Detective- Revanche. This person was reported this conversation he received word of Sergeants Mulligan and Magee. They to be a man of some wealth, and at an attempted outrage at Hampton had come to inquire if he had any the same time a skilled chemist, and Court. The inhabitants of the palace he was devoting both his talent and were awakened about midnight by a his money to the cause of anarchism. tremendous explosion. The guard He appeared to be known personally turned out, and, after considerable looking up, "I was just going to send to few of the brethren-indeed, for trouble, discovered the dead body of purposes of safety, he mixed little a man in the gardens. Evidently he, with them, living in rooms in the like Roche and Miasme, had been "Aye, and hot work, too," an- West End of London, where he pre- "exploded" himself, as Inspector pared his bombs, and meeting pro- Murphy called it, when attempting the late Roche were his especial in- of desperadoes-Lerat. Every one timates and his chosen instruments of them had perished by the same "Miasme, Roche and Lerat," re- for effecting his malignant purposes means as they had used to murder peated Mulligan, thoughtfully. -in fact, he had created some jeal- the innocent congregation of Notre "They are the fellows who were tried ousy in anarchist circles by refusing Dame. to place confidence in any others than

those. The communication concluded by connected with this explosion when "I was in Paris at the time, and at- which Louis Roche had lost his life ious note. It ran as follows: was mismanaged, and the jury was outrage might be expected at any arms of the brotherhood stretch far. ous murderers were let loose on archists in Paris this would probably he was in Belgrave road. The avengtake the form of an explosion at ers of blood are after him. He shall "It was a big business, that Notre Woolwich arsenal, or at some of the perish .-government dockyards.

On receiving this communication The church was full of people- Inspector Murphy had another con-

"This," said Magee, when the in- them, and La Revanche is now to be

believe, at this moment, the only "Yes, and a very awkward one, ently. Surely with such a straight he is a gentleman and lives in the whether we shouldn't let him and 'If that son ever meets Miasme, West End, and is probably a French- his friends settle matters between Roche and Lerat there'll be trouble man. That's too vague to help us them. It's another case of trahison ! I expect," was Mulligan's com- much. We can't shadow every French -tra-hison! !-tra-hi-son! ! !" gentleman living in West London. "Yes, it was reported in the French and yet while he's free there will be and half an hour later he and Mullipapers that when he heard of the no cessation of outrages. It's true gan were in Belgrave road searching result of the trial he swore he would he is said now to employ only Minsme for the lodgings of the missing M. La have the blood of his mother's mur- and Lerat, but even if we catch them Revanche. They soon discovered derers yet. I dare say, however, he he will soon get other desperadoes to them, too, though the name he had soon cooled down. At any rate, he take their places. He carries the passed under with his landlady was has made no move, and that's seven sinews of war, and as long as he has not La Revanche, but Montagnard. months ago. But to business. The money and a bomb manufactory we The lady gave a very particular de-

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

PHILADELPHIA has long gloried in the title of the City of Homes. She can now be also christened the Matrimonial Paradise. According to the the shipping in Portsmonth harbor, returns of the tenth census upon the conjugal condition of the United States, Philadelphia can, of all the cities of the Union, boast the smallest proportion of single persons among its total population.

It is estimated that there are 2,500 Chinese women and girls in San Francisco. Of these about 1,000 are married women; the rest are slaves. In spite of much that has been written and said to the contrary, there is not a single Chinese male slave in the United States. Unfortunately this cannot be said of the women, the great majority of whom are subject to a cruel bondage that is the sad blot upon Chinese social life. communication. "He's doing more

THE newest profession introduced for women who are poor, educated and well mannered is that of "denticure." This is an English discovery. The "denticurist" takes care of the fair clients' teeth, giving them the skilful cleansing with dental instruments which is usually done by the dentist, and which must occasionally supplement the personal attention received daily from the owner's own brush, dentrifice and floss.

THE English sparrow threatens to become as great a pest in Australia as it is here, and several of the Colonial Legislatures have recently enacted laws whereby local authorities are compelled to spend a certain amount of the public funds at their disposal in effecting the destruction of the birds. It looks very much as if this most irrepressible and impudent of all feathered creatures were destined to become as great a hindrance to the prosperity and development of Australia as the rabbit.

THE foundation stone of the North Baltic Canal was laid on June 3, 1887, by Emperior William I. During the The detectives were still engaged seven years which have passed since in investigating the circumstances then, about 8,000 laborers have been at work in uniting the two northern seas by a canal nearly sixty-two miles long. The importance of this canal All is discovered. Let La Revanche is shown by the fact that between 1858 to 1885 no fewer than 6,300 steamships and sailing ships stranded on the Danish and Swedish coast, with the total loss of 3,500 ships. From 1877 to 1881, alone, 700 men lost their lives. The canal commences at Holtenau, close to Kiel. The eastern portion is already a scene of lively traffic, and besides the boats "Hullo," cried Inspector Murphy, and steamships connected with the when he had read his note; "the works, passenger steamboats ply from third failure has been too much for Rendsburg to the Baltic.

"Iraman has the right stuff in him," says "The Philadelphia Record," "nobody more quickly perceives or appreciates it than jolly Jack Tar, no matter what may be the color of the skin. This fact is

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

MEN OF THE PRESS.

-- The Parlor Military -- Etc., Etc.

COMPENSATION.

Of dog days I do not complain,

The heat I do not mind;

I do not utter words profane,

I try to be content and gay,

And, oh, I chuckle at the way

They're freezing at the Pole!

FLOORED.

"Yes," said the young man, "I

they say this summer has been the

"Sho!" exclaimed the oldest in-

wilted yesterday two minutes after I

"Sho!" said the oldest inhabitant.

"I've seen it so hot that the collar

wilted before you put it on at all."-

A WIFE'S BRIGHT IDEA.

"John," said the wife to the hus-

band, who was struggling with busi-

get along better if you could make

'but how can I make them think

'Ah," exclaimed the husband,

"Just you rig me out in fine

people think you are doing well."

-[Judge.

And am to all resigned.

My temper I control.

hottest ever known."

put it on.'

New York Press.

FOR HARMONIOUS EASTERS.

"Mamma is thinking of buying a JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY Log.

"Really! What kind?"

"Oh, she's not particular as long as it matches the carpets."-[Boston Compensation -- Floored -- A Wife's Budget. Bright Idea -- A Sympathetic Strike

A LITTLE TWITTER.

"I am all at sea over this thing," he exclaimed, throwing his work aside, "and am thoroughly sick of it.

"Seasick?" she twittered softly, and it gave him courage to try again .- [Detroit Free Press.

FORCE OF HABIT.

First Reporter-The city editor doesn't seem to be able to get away from the habits he acquired while in the patent medicine business. Second Reporter-No?

First Reporter-Nop; he's headed up my description of the new celieve the people are right when penitentiary "A Cure for Felons."-[Buffalo Courier.

"IT'S AN ILL WIND."

habitant. "Well, it's mighty hot, anyway." pursued the youth. "My collar The summer sun is firing "The woods and all the str The pine tree is perspiring The woods and all the streams. And hot the hill-top gleams.

> But the weather hath its pleasures In the North and in the South; For the hot sun strikes the melon And it's melting in the mouth! -[Atlanta Constitution.

> > THE WRONG DESTINATION.

"Could this little poem get in toness difficulties, "I think you would morrow?'

"Don't know; waste-basket pretty full, but we'll try to make room for you!"-[Atlanta Constitution.

A MISLEADING SIGN.

The sign in this city said simply: "Umbrellas Recovered."

Old Wayback, when he was "seein" the sights," discovered that sign. He hesitated a moment and then went in. Said he:

"Say, I want yew to recuver my umbrella."

"All right," replied the workman, where is it?"

Old Wayback looked at him in astonishment and drawled out :

Ef I knew that I'd recuver her myself."-[Printer's Ink.

MODEST.

Wool-There is one thing I like about a dog.

Van Pelt-What?

Wool-He may have a good pedigree, but he isn't forever talking

OF NO EARTHLY INTEREST.

Professor-You do not appear to be much interested in the study of prehistoric man.

Miss Youngthing-Mercy, not He's dead.

AN AGGRAVATED INSULT.

clothes and everybody will think you are making a fortune."-|New York Press.

that?'

blue.

A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE.

"Children," said Mr. Chugwater, emphatically, "close that piano!" "What's the matter, father?" inquired one of the two little girls in

"The matter," he answered, locking the instrument and putting the key in his pocket, "is that the musicians of the city have been called out, and you're going to join that strike out of sympathy for the neighbors."-[Chicago Tribune.

THE PARLOR MILITARY.

She (petulantly)-I don't care if you are captain, you needn't devote about it. all your time to drilling your com- OF pany.

He-But, my dear, a captain is known by the company he keeps .--[Detroit Free Press.

A COMPLIMENT.

Jack-I am coming to the conclusion that I must be something of an idiot. May-Dear me. Why?

ment.

French police tell me that Miasme, shall have plenty of outrages." Roche and Lerat are said to be here for the purpose of committing out- Murphy. that ruffian Marquis. They say, too. vanche?" that they are well supplied with better."

detectives several photographs.

"These," he said, "are portraits forget the rascals' faces."

The two detectives examined the past.

The two detectives left the "Yard" Embankment. The difficulties and vanche." their minds. Neither of the men so, a messenger entered the room and lost in anxious thought.

caught Magee tightly by the arm. At "By Jove !" he exclaimed; "they the same instant there was a brilliant | are going it. Just listen !" most deafened them.

For a moment the two detectives gate. were too dumbfounded to think or act. Mulligan, however, quickly pulled himself together.

"The anarchists, by heaven!" he cried. "Come, Tom, we may catch the scoundrels yet." Without an track of the rascals. Mulligan, start a Targe whose father, mother and the Because he's the young Comte de track of the rascals. rushed off at breakneck speed along searching inquiries." the Embankment toward the spot Mulligan did start by the first train clothes. He was quite dead.

rages in revenge for our surrendering then is, how can we trap La Re-

money, though where it comes from "that when we're fortunate enough sulphuric acid, and the materials is a mystery. If that's the case, to trace Miasme aud Lerat, we should for compounding an explosive powder the sooner we get on the track the not arrest then-only shadow them. of great strength. Evidently he had

La Revanche must meet them some left in a hurry. The inspector paused for a mo- time or other, and when he does we To Mulligan was delegated the duty ment, and searched among the papers could shadow him until we discover of tracing the missing man. The on his desk. Then he handed to the where his bomb factory is, then we task was no easy one, and for more might catch the lot."

"A sensible plan," answered the altogether satisfactory. of the three ruffians taken when inspector. "But, no doubt, Miasme traced La Revanehe to Paris, but they were in prison in Paris. Look and Lerat meet others than La Re- there for a long time he completely at them well, and see that you don't vanche. How could you tell which lost sight of him. was which !"

photographs closely. An anxious and many gentlemen-French or other-When it was ended midnight was far shadow all the well-dressed people At any rate, that seems to me the slightest indication of surprise and turned down the dark and silent only chance of catching La Re-

responsibility of the task that night The inspector lay back in his chair committed to them lay heavy on and reflected. While he was doing spoke as they walked slowly along, handed him a telegram. He tore the phy. Suddenly Muliigan stopped and sage. Then he whistled.

flash of reddish light about two hun- Portsmouth, 11:20 p. m. Explodred yards in front of them. The sion in harbor. No injury to person asked Mur next second a tremendous report al- or property. No trace of perpetrator pointment. of outrage. Send officer to investi-

> "What do you think of that?" "Looks like another bungle," said

> Mulligan, quietly.

instant's hesitation the two men you by the first train and make two sisters were murdered by Roche

where the explosion had taken place. and did make searching inquiries. As they neared it they slackened These inquiries resulted in a pretty he whistled to relieve his feelings. their pace and kept a sharp lookout certain opinion that, as he said when so that nothing might escape them the telegram was received, there had him?" he then asked. in the darkness. A second later they been another bungle. He discovered observed a dark mass lying huddled that at Southsea a foreigner on the up on the pavement. They ap- night of the explosion had hired a proached the object warily. It was the body of a man. A moment's ex-inad not been returned. He discovamination showed them that he had ered further that is an anti-field had day." been killed by the explosion. His ing boat similar to the one hired had day." "What was it?" ments and his right side was a bleed- harbor. On showing to the owner of Miasme and Lerat, that person, after her best hair brush."

"Belgrave road," said Mulligan;

Anarchist.

"I don't know

Signed.

But the inspector was only joking. scription of him, and stated that the "That's quite true," said Inspector | cab which took him away and his "The pressing question | luggage and what he had left behind demonstrated his identity with La Revanche, It consisted of several "I was thinking," said Mulligan, uncharged bombs, a large bottle of

> than a month his reports were not He had

One morning, just after Inspector "Well, probably, they don't meet Murphy had reached his office at the 'Yard," the door opened and in prolonged consultation followed. wise," argued Mulligan, "so we should walked Detective Sergeant Mulligan. Though entirely unexpected, he was they speak to or have dealings with. | received by his inspector without the

"Well, what's up now?" Murphy asked in his quietest manner. "Oh. I've finished the job. sir,"

replied Mulligan. 'Found La Revanche?" asked Mur-

Mulligan nodded his head.

"Had him arrested ?" asked Mur-

Mulligan shook his head.

"Failed to establish his identity?" asked Murphy, in a tone of disap-

"No, I had some trouble over that," replied Mulligan; "but in the end he admitted it himself."

"Admitted it himself!" cried the inspector. "And why did the French "Faith it does," answered the in- government refuse to arrest him?"

> & Co. at the Notre Dame explosion. The inspector looked steadily at his subordinate for a moment; then "What are they going to do with

"Decorate him and send him back

to his regiment in Siam," was the answer.-[London Truth.

"I saw a very curious thing to-

"A woman driving a nail with a ing mass of flesh and bones and the missing boat the photographs of hammer instead of with the back of

illustrated on board the British steamship Ethelgonda, which recently sailed from this port for British India, and whose commander, Captain Goding, is of the colored race. He is one of the very few colored skippers who have come to Philadelphia in command of an entirely white crew and corps of officers. It is asserted by old sea dogs that no skipper enjoys to a higher degree the respect and confidence of his men than does Captain Goding. To be successful at the helm, however, a colored captain must be rated 100 A1 at

Lloyds." WM. MATTHEWSON, aged seventyfive, of Wichita, Kan., claims to ba the real Buffalo Bill, that title having been given to him in 1860. When asked how William F. Cody came to get the title, he replied : "Well, you see, Cody worked for me when he was a young fellow-he is only about forty-five now. I reckon he had begun to read Indian stories, and see how much was to be made by that kind of a reputation, and he was always fond of talk and show. I

never was any hand to wear my hair long, and go swaggering about the country blowing about what I had done. I've had my hair get pretty long at times, but was always glad to get it cut, when I could get back to a place where I could. Cody knows he has no real right to the name, but if he wants to show off as a dime novel hero, I have ne objection. I reckon seeing so many of those Indian lies has sort of disgusted me

with talking about my adventures, though l've had about as many and thrilling escapes as any of 'em can tell."

A NOVEL point in the law of wedding presents-if there be any law on the subject-was raised before a London magistrate by a well-dressed middleaged man. Can they be seized for rent? It has never been satisfactorily settled whether wedding presents given before marriage can be claimed by the donor, should the expected ceremony be indefinitely postponed,

for different magistrates have given different rulings on the subject. A man cannot get back a ring he has bestowed on his intended, but sometimes he has succeeded in recovering a piano or furniture. The gentleman

who made the application had his questions written down, and was prepared to place on the same record the magistrate's answer; but Mr. Lushington declined to give advice on the subject, merely remarking that "it depended on what the wedding pres-ents were." Apparently the landlord saw nothing in them beyond

mere portable property, and treated them as such. There is no poetry where rent is concerned.

Alameda, (Cal.,) milkmen keep a list of people who do not pay bills.

Of the population of Montana 66.50 are males, and 33.50 are females.

Jack-I have noticed that the most idiotic fellows woo and win the loveliest girls, and here I am, after winning the loveliest girl in the world. May-Oh, Jack ! (Ecstatic silence.) -Truth.

INFALLIBLE EVIDENCE.

"I am told," said the caller, "that your husband is engaged in a work of profane history. "Yes," replied the author's wife,

"it certainly sounded that way when wife. I heard him correcting the proofs."

-Washington Star.

WHY HE DIDN'T WANT IT.

dollar you don't want? Smith-Yes, here it is. Take it.

Jones-Awfully good of you, old man. You are sure you don't want think you ever will be President of

Smith-Yes, absolutely sure. It's a counterfeit.-[Truth.

SOMETIMES AN ADVANTAGE.

"Isn't it a nuisance to have a treacherous memory?"

"Not always. Some days ago my wife told me not to forget to call a veterinary physician for her poodle or it would die. I forgot."-[Chicago Record.

A WEE CONNOISSEUR.

Aunty (finishing story)-And so Prince Goody-good married her and they lived happily ever afterwards. Helen (thoughtfully)-Now tell us

a true story, aunty.-[Judge. UNACCOMMODATING.

Tramp-Will you give me a few cents?

Gent-I never give anything to tion sardonically looked down, the beggars.

speechless patient with the rubber Tramp-You never give anything dam under his teeth listened, between to beggars! Do you think I'm go-ing to become a bloated bondholder jumps, to the philosophical rumblings of the ivory carver, and along just to accommodate you? If you do about midnight recalled this you are fooling yourself badly .- [Tex. much: as Siftings. "Do you know that filings come

RAPIDITY.

"Are these colors fast?" she asked generally are badly injured by the of the new clerk.

"Yes, indeed. You ought to see Beverages of any kind?" them when they once start to run .--

Washington Star.

RESULT OF THE FAMINE.

First Tramp-What's the matter with sleeping in the coal-yard to- carpenter went on : night?

wash them down with iced drinks, Second Tramp-You'se a fine one ter foller. They ain't bin no soft coal and then wonder why their teeth can't stand such a terrific and suddere fer a week .- [Judge. den change of temperature. It's a

HE OVERDID IT.

The Man with the Big Valise .- | completely with the alternate roast-How far is it to the Northwestern in and freezing. Filled teeth are ex-Railway Station?

The Cabman (with an eye to a neuralgia frequently results. But profitable fare)-Abcut two miles. until doomsday the unhealthful ice

The Man with the Big Valise (con-sulting watch)-Pshaw! Then I won't Call. be able to catch that train anyway. Guess I'll ride over in a street car and cacch the next train after-[Chi-] 1890 was 27.05 per cent. of the popucago Record.

Young Wife (at telephone)-Is that the office of the telephone company? I want to talk with Cyrus Winterbottom. I'm his wife, and-Telephone Girl-Number?

Young Wife-Number? I'm his first and only, you insulting creature !-- [Chicago Tribune.

PACIFYING HIM.

"It is strange," exclaimed the irritable man, "that I can't get what I order to eat."

'What's the matter?'' asked his

"I ordered bluefish and the waiter brought me black bass."

"Oh, well, I wouldn't get angry. Perhaps the poor fellow is color Jones-I say, old man, have you a blind."-[Washington Star.

MIGHT CONSIDER IT.

Visitor-Well, Tommy, do you the United States?

Tommy-Oh, I dunno. Mebbe I'll try for it after I git too old to be a pitcher .- [Indianapolis Journal.

NO HARM DONE.

Fond Mother-Why, Jane, you let the baby swallow that pin.

Jane-Yis, mum, but it was a safety pin.- Truth.

SERVICEABLE.

"Don't you think this spring chicken is excellent?"

Boarder-Yes; I should think it would outwear even Russia leather .--[Chicago Inter Ocean.

loed Drinks and the Teeth.

While that awful drill went

whiz-z-z, and the boss of the situa-

out, neuralgia is developed and teeth

use of iced water, iced tea and iced

Of course, the man in the chair

cheerfully grunted out as intelli-

gently as the other side to a dentist's

argument always does, and the tooth

marvel that the testh do not crack

tremely sensitive to such action, and

The number of possible voters in

lation.

"People will eat hot dishes and