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THE MARCH OF THE YEARS.
BY R. L. CARBY.
The deep low tread of the year,
Who may call it the lead he bears,
Whether of joy or care,
Or whether life shall with us pass,
'Neath the touch of the coming year?

MUCH IN LITTLE.
—Of what thickness is a line of conduct?
—What is the exact width of a broad grin?
—There is nothing so fearful as a bad conscience.
—When a clock runs down, does it ever capsize itself?
—By the rules of war, it is death to stop a cannon ball.
—In what vehicle did the man ride who was driven frantic?
—If a man pursues a path, is the path supposed to run away from him?
—Young folks grow most when in love; it increases their sight wonderfully.
—Charity is frequently displayed best in helping others to help themselves.
—Make no expense, but do good to others, or yourself—that is, waste nothing.
—An apt quotation is like a lamp which flings its light over the whole scene.
—Poverty is the only burden which grows heavier by being shared by those we love.
—He is rich who saves a penny a year; and he is poor who loses behind a penny a year.
—Dark seasons are never pleasant to us, but they are always good for us. A cloudless sky could never produce a rich and abundant harvest.
—A farmer made his last will and testament in words few and significant: "I have nothing, owe nothing, and I give the residue to the poor."
—"Were you ever cross-questioned?"
—Yes; when questioned by my wife, after spending the evening abroad—cross enough, in all conscience.
—A convicted criminal never objects to the grammar of the Judge, but the lawyer who has been acquitted in court by passing a long sentence.
—Faith dies when charity ceases to feed its flame, and strength decays just in proportion as cheerful hope fails to quicken the energies of the mind.
—Idleness is a constant sin, and labor is a duty. Idleness is the devil's home for temptation, and for unprofitable, unproductive, and unwholesome thoughts.
—To know a man, observe how he loses his object, rather than how he wins it; for when we fail, our pride supports—when we succeed, it betrays us.
—Energy will do anything that can be done in this world; and no talents, no connections, no opportunities, will make a two-legged animal a man without it.
—Dear Julius: You say your love will surmount all obstacles. Meet me, then, adored, on the summit of Mount Blanc on the first of next month. Your Celestina.
—The trouble with our praying is not so much that we do not pray often, as that we do not pray earnestly. All we want to be on God's Way and Means Committee.
—Some have wondered that disputes about opinions should so often end in personalities; but the fact is, that such disputes begin with personalities, for our opinions are a part of ourselves.
—It is a strange thing to behold what goes on in the minds of some who do not commit for want of a friend to tell them of them. The light of a good counsel is that which settles business straight.
—A chap was arrested in Philadelphia the other day for stealing a clock. The judge told him that as he had taken another man's time to begin with, he could now take his own time to reflect upon it, and sent him off for three months forthwith.
—"Steam is a great thing," remarked a traveler in a railroad car to his neighbor. "I love my fortune, but I don't like a manager of a company." "No," "An engineer, perhaps?" "No; I have lost a number of relatives by railroad accidents."
—"You are the dullest boy I ever saw," cried exclaiming a bald-headed uncle to his nephew. "Well, you can't expect me to understand things as quick as you do; because you don't have the trouble of getting 'em through your hair."
—Nothing so tyrannous over one as a habit of jesting and contempt, real or assumed. Success in the use of sarcasm and ridicule rarely fails to make its practice more frequent and its application more wide than is either justifiable in itself or agreeable to listeners.
—We must not wonder when the leaves grow small, and are only made of barley and the fishes decrease in number, if the mere hangers-on of the world, and the idle, and the idle who comes to Christ for what he can get of worldly good will leave him when poverty and shame lie in the way.
—An enterprising American firm has established a literary agency at Louisville, Ky., where they advertise to manufacture all sorts of literature to order, such as orations, tales, funeral notices, love letters, essays, political effusions, learned treatises on all manner of subjects, &c. "Illustrate persons please take notice."
—Children are inquisitive bodies. For instance: "What does cleave mean, papa?" "It means to unite together." "Does John unite wood with the cleave?" "No, it means to separate." "Pa, does a cleave separate from his wife when he cleaves to her?" "Hem, hem! Don't ask so many foolish questions, child."
—Gutzog once made a joke—grave and serious as became him. A lady requested his favor when he was minister in behalf of a young gentleman who wanted a wife. "How well," said the lady, "it must not be more than twenty-five miles from Paris." "Madame," said the minister, "the first embassy variant at Paris or the environs shall be given to your friend."
—A gentleman who was informed that his artistic son spent his time in idleness, and in studying one or two, and seeing no evidence of work, asked, "Where is the picture you have pretended to be working on all this time?" "Why, sir," answered the son, "it is a picture of the moon, and I've done it twice." "How well," said the father, "it must not be more than twenty-five miles from Paris."
—Some people are like snails; they carry their spiritual home around with them on their backs. You never see them in the same Church. They are religious vagabonds, forever on the move and without any fixed abode. Nothing short of death in their families gives them a pastoral connection. It is astonishing how many moribund parishioners the pastor of a city church can have.

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