The Cent

ds sleep in their daffodil bed me, ere the daylight fades, k of a dream that was long sin

k of the spring when first we met, Arr: (April suns that forever have set?

When the world is red with the summer rose, And sweet with the music of mellow June, Will you miss some light when the sunset glows Till the song of the summer seems scarce i

tune: Will you say how swiftly the June days went In the fullness of last year's sweet content?

When the reapers rest in the ruddy gold Of the ripening fields on the breezy down, Will you think of the time when our tale was

told, And our hopes were ripe for the reaping down When the fields of life that flowered of late Were stripped and swept by the scythe of fate?

When the world is awaiting the spring's swee prime,

And the snow lies soft over forest and field. Will you think how we wept in the winter time Ere the pain of our parting was numbed and healed;

When the "love of your lifetime" was just new-born,

And your "life-long sorrow" was scarce out worn?

A lifelong sorrow! I mind me yet,

When we stood in the glow of the golden grain; Twere better, you said, that I should forget,

"For the greater half of love is pain." He who loves most, the most endures;

But the "life-long sorrow" is mine-not yours -Harper's Weekly.

AUNT PRISCILLA'S GREEN SILK.

"And to my niece, Arabella Stewart, I give and bequeath the green silk dress which has been in my possession for the last five-and-twenty years."

The old lawyer, who was reading the will of the late deceased to the assembled relatives, came to an abrupt pause, and glanced over his gold spectacles with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes. "Stingy old thing!"

Miss Stewart's vinegary face took on a more acid expression than usual; she drew herself up to a fearfully erect attitude, and glared around the room with a baffled fury in her ferret-like eyes.

"Stingy old thing," she reiterated, "to treat me so-the best friend she ever had. I've waited on her day and der's?" night, toiled and slaved, and borne with her caprices. Everybody knows she was rich, and yet she dies and leaves me unprovided for-me, a poor and friendless orphan girl-and wills all her money to charitable institutions. Then, not content with that, she adds insult to injury by bequeathing me that old green silk! Looks as if it had come out of the ark."

Miss Arabella, the "friendless orphan girl" of some thirty-eight summers (and winters) dried her eyes-the tears had not been shed for the loss of her only relative, but for the loss of the fortune she had confidently expected to inherit -and seizing the unoffending garment, would have tossed it upon the fire which blazed and sparkled in the grate.

But a slim little figure started forward, and a pair of small hands caught the antiquated green silk, while two pleading blue eyes were turned upon Miss Stewart.

"Oh, please, Cousin Arabella," cried a sweet voice, half-choked by tears, "please don't destroy Aunt Priscilla's dress! It seems a sacrilege. She's dead and gone, and we ought to treat her property with respect. Besides, she left it to you, and you should-"

She paused abruptly as Miss Arab la's hand came down upon her shoulder with a firm grip.

"Out of my sight!" shrieked the irate spinster; "you're always in the way where you've no business to be, Nellie Hunter. Since you think so much of the dress it's a pity she didn't will it to you instead of leaving you nothing. You were her niece just as much as I; yet she forgot your very existence. Perhaps you'd better take the dress-I'm sure I don't want it, and refuse to claim it."

The old lawyer, who had witnessed the entire scene with interest, smiled slightly.

"If Miss Nellie wishes the garment," he remarked, blandly, "I should advise

her to take it." "She's welcome to it!" snapped Ara-

bella, savagely. Nellie took the despised dress, and began folding it carefully.

"I thank you, Cousin Arabella!" she ventured, timidly.

"Well, you needn't! I want nobody's thanks! I've been living on

thanks all my life, and now would like something more tangible!" Lawyer Wilder's dark eyes wore

slightly contemptuous look.

"Miss Stewart," he said, mildly, "I should think you would have some recollection of past benefits. You have lived with your aunt for ten years or more, and during that time the entire expense of your maintenance has been serfully borne by the good old lady. And now that she has died, and left her fortune elsewhere (being her own she or so later the old lawyer and his rosy- Globe.

she saw fit), you indulge in unseemly exhibitions of temper. If any one has a right to complain, or feel slighted, I should think your Cousin Nellie was the one, for she has been literally forgotten in your aunt's will!"

"And I might as well be!" snarled Arabella. "But Nellie can have that old dress, maybe it will serve her as a wedding dress!"

And the irate spinster dashed out of the room with head erect and eves flashing fire. Lawyer Wilder laid his hand on Nellie's brown head.

"Don't mind her, little one!" he cried, cheerfully, "and don't think your Aunt Priscilla forgot you! She loved you dearly, and I'm sure there is some serious mistake in this will, for I have often heard her say that little Nell was provided for. Do not be discouraged. my dear, now that you have no home. Come home with me, my wife will be

delighted, and—as for Harry—" The old man paused, and shook his gray head wisely. Nellie blushed "celestial rosy red."

"You are very kind, indeed, Mr. Wilder," she answered, "and God will reward you for your goodness to a homeless girl. I will accept your offer for a few days, and at the end of that time I trust that I shall find employment."

When Arabella discovered that the despised Nellie had actually been invited to make Lawyer Wilder's house her home her rage knew no bounds.

"I always said you were a designing minx!" she cried, "and I know it now. You have got your eyes on Harry Wilder. But let me tell you somethinghe does not admire you, and never did. He told me, only the night before Aunt Priscilla died, that there was no other woman in the world like me, in his estimation. What do you think of that,

Nellie's face was very pale, but she answered quietly, biting her lip to repress its quivering:

"Mr. Wilder has a right to his own ppinion, Cousin Arabella, and if he likes you so much, I suppose there will be but one termination, and-and-I congratulate you."

Arabella smiled and tossed her ringleted head.

"Bah! All that is trash, of course. Resigning with sweetness what you couldn't get. Make a virtue of necessity and all that sort of thing. Well, when do you propose going to Mr. Wil-

"This evening," replied Nellie, with dignity. "Since this house must pass into the hands of strangers, and home where we have lived is now the property of others, I see no way but to leave at once. Where are you going, Arabella?"

"I suppose I can find a refuge with my brother's family for a few days," sighed the maiden, dolord sly; "but I trust it will not have to be for long!"

And doubtless her brother's family hared the same feeling. In an hour Nellie appeared, arrayed shared the same feeling. in a neat black suit, with her little traveling bag in her hand.

"Going, eh?" sneered Arabella. Well, it's the best thing you can do. I hope you've got that precious dress with you."

"Yes; I have it in my valise," answered Nellie, humbly. "Do you want it, Arabella?"

"No! Haven't I told you no? I want nothing belonging to that ungrateful old woman. Keep it for your own wedding dress."

"Do so, Miss Nellie."

Nellie glanced up. Harry Wilder was standing beside her-tall, manly, handsome. Nellie's face grew red, and her eyes drooped beneath his keen gaze.

"You are going to my father's house, I believe?" he went on, rapidly. "Well, father sent me here with the carriage to convey you home. Will you accompany me?"

And right before the incensed Arabella Nellie accepted the proffered escort, and soon, seated in the comfortable carriage, they were driving down the wide country road, bound to Lawyer Wilder's handsome mansion.

" Nellie!"

Harry Wilder's hand was resting on hers, and his face had somehow gotten into close proximity to the pretty one beside him.

"Nellie, will you be my wife?"

She started as with an electric shock. "Why," she faltered, "I understood that-that-you did not like me-thatyou cared for Arabella."

He laughed merrily.

"I was in the library where father had sent me for some papers," he exclaimed, "and overheard your entire conversation. Nellie, you must know that the idea of my caring for that cross old maid is preposterous. Why, I have loved you ever since I first met you at your Aunt Priscilla's house and saw you toiling away like a young slave, while your Cousin Arabella sat in the parlor and played lady. But answer me, darling-do you care for me? Will you be my wife?"

And Nellie did not say no. An hour

certainly had a right to dispose of it as cheeked wife were giving the lovers their blessing in the most orthodox fashion.

"Couldn't have pleased me better, Harry," shouted the old man-" not if you had married the daughter of a millionaire!"

"But, Mr. Wilder," faltered Nellie, "I am very poor, you know, and perhaps people will say-

"Hang people, my dear," blurted the warm-hearted old man, "what do we care for people? It's only you and Harry, and the good wife and me; no one to be consulted that I know of. Come now, my dear, name the wedding at once.

Since there was no reasonable excusfor delay, Nellie appointed the day, and soon dressmakers and sewing machines made music in the Wilder house pre paring for the auspicious occasion.

One day Nellie marched triumphantly into the sewing-room, holding aloft Aunt Priscilla's old green silk.

"My wedding dress!" she cried. Mrs. Wilder glanced up in consterna

"My dear," she began; but Nellie cut the remonstrance short with a kiss.

"Dear Mrs. Wilder," she said, gently, It can be remade, and will look lovely. See! it's real moire; and, as I am to be married here, in the country, are as black and dull in color as a cheap can I not be allowed to dress according to my own idea, and not follow fashion so strictly? Remember I am a poor

She paused in surprise. While she was speaking she held the dress, and her busy fingers had detected something hidden away in the lining. Paper -a piece of paper. A pair of scissors soon laid the lining open, and Nellie drew it forth. This is what she saw written on the paper, properly signed and witnessed:

"I, Priscilla Burnham, do give and bequeath all the balance of my estateamounting to fifty thousand dollars—to of all these bricks are made of French my nieces, Arabella Stewart and Nellie twenty-franc pieces. Those bricks Hunter, to be divided equally between made of gold directly from the mines

And so it all turned out like a story book. Arabella-to do her justice was overwhelmed by her aunt's kindness, and heartily ashamed of her own gross errors. She became a wiser and night. better woman.

And as for Nellie, there never was a more deserving heiress, nor ever a sweeter bride than the one who stood at Henry Wilder's side one fair spring morning and was married in Aunt Priscilla's old green silk.

A Night of Horror.

Eduard Toth, the popular but very poor Hungarian lyric poet and dramatist, who died some weeks ago, has left an autobiographical account of the event which hastened his end. There seems to be no doubt that the gifted young man had the germs of consumption already at work in him, but probably no consumptive patient ever took less precaution against the advances of the destroyer, while the last stage was prematurely hurried on by the circumstances which he has described. In a room, were laid. The truck was then light coat, with no companion but a drawn along the floor by four men, two walking-stick, and with only five gulden pulling and two pushing, into an adjoinin his pocket, he set off for a walk of ten miles across a mountain path to join a troop of players in a index needle is more than four feet long. town which is simply indicated as "K." The beam and the pans are suspended blinding snow-storm. About twelve at to avoid friction. night he saw a light in a house, made weights had been added to the large his way to it and found that it was a ones to balance the gold, the point of miserable little inn of forbidding aspect. the long index needle would tremble He determined to seek night quarters over the middle line of the ivory gradthought, between that and death. After a kind so delicate that when brought to is called, the Court of Tynwald, consists he had been admitted by the evidently a balance with two pieces of paper of of the governor and council, forming Jewish landlord he saw two peasants, equal size in the pans, the mere writing of criminal-looking aspect, drinking of a name with a lead pencil on one of and playing at cards. Toth ordered the pieces of paper will add enough an omelette and half a bottle weight to the paper to turn the scales of red wine. He was so dis- in its favor. This has actually been concerted by the evident character done on one of the scales in the assay of his host and his fellow guests, that room, but that pair is protected from he thought it better to trust himself to air currents by a glass case. the snow-storm for the remainder of the night than to such companions. He not different much in outward appearput down his five-gulden piece, at ance to the casual observer from coal which the two peasants glanced, and heavers, are, in fact, men of intelligence, received four gulden and 70 kreuzers of approved reputation, and who rein change. Warmed by the wine he ceive good pay. started off with reinvigorated force. He had proceeded some distance, when, said the chief weigher, as he put a 500to his "great good fortune," as he says, he slipped and rolled down into a deep ditch. As he could not find his way back to the road he made use of th ditch as a track. The snow had ceased and had not fallen so heavily on the an international system of coinage. downward route as on the ascent. In a The most of all this weight came to few moments he heard the voices of this country as good foreign coin, but the two peasants whom he had left in its lack of uniformity with our mintage "He must have come this way," said one, "he cannot escape us." "Bah!" replied the other, "it is not worth freezing all night to get four gulden and seventy kreuzers. I shall go August last, because the rate of exback." Toth says that he kept himself quiet and motionless on the frozen explained that the most of the gold ground for two or three hours before he dared to again move. "That night,"

he writes, "killed me, for since its hor-

without incessant coughing."-Toronto

NINETY-NINE TONS OF GOLD.

How Sixty Millions of Buillon Looks All in One Room-Tagged About and Weighed, a Hundred Thousand Dollars' Worth at a Time.

A recent issue of the New York Sun says: It costs \$1,200 to send \$5,000,000 in bullion from the New York assay office to the Philadelphia mint. That is why a room in the assay office is at present walled around with gold bricks. The weight of \$5,000,000 is eight tons and a quarter, or, more accurately, 16,585 pounds. Congress was asked for \$50,000 to cover the expense of transporting bullion to the mint, but it only day, and we'll have everything settled appropriated \$20,000. Between the second of August last and May 1 \$90,000,000 in gold was received in the assay office, and for lack of money to send it to the mint \$60,000,000 yet remairs on the hands of Superintendent Thomas C. Acton. This \$60,000,000 weighs about ninety-nine tons. A man is no law authorizing it. who should own it would be able to wall himself up in it as in a well, and the well would not be so wide or so high but that he could stand in the middle and touch every brick. The number of gentlemen in this country who could perform this interesting experiment with their own gold is small. The really, I prefer to be married in the bricks in the assay office average about \$4,000 apiece in value. The most of them are not much to look at. They quality of stovepipe. If you scratch one with a knife, you make a bright yellow mark, and this mark will not get black again. These black bricks are composed of melted foreign coins, containing about the right amount of alloy for American coinage, and so the alloy is allowed to remain in them. When the melted gold is poured into the molds the oxygen of the air attacks the copper of the alloy, and turns it black. If it were worth while to protect the bricks from the air until they got cold they would never get any darker in color than a gold coin would. Two-thirds are very nearly pure metal, and are as bright as coins. The drainage from all this gold, if it were put at interest at the next few years, one by Jefferson The vessel is passing through a light five per cent., would make a golden himself, but none proved satisfactory, stream of \$342 an hour running day and "I know just as well how much gold

Acton said, as he gazed about at the piled up wealth, "as I know my own age, but, notwithstanding that, it must all be weighed again in anticipation of the account to be rendered. If we had had money enough to send it to the Philadelphia mint, we would not have the great trouble of weighing it. About at a time."

faces of all but two of them the sweat rolled, and their hands were grimy with black oxide of copper. They tugged at the gold bars like 'longshoremen unloading pig iron. A heavy platform truck on four small wheels was rolled into the room, and on this about twenty five bars or bricks, taken from the built up golden walls on three sides of the ing room where the scales were. The scales are about five feet high, and the was overtaken by a fearful and on steel edges as sharp as knife blades, When the small having no other choice, as he nated scale. This pair of scales is of

The men who handle the gold, though

"We would not have all this trouble," ounce weight gently on the scales with his right hand and wiped off his brow with his left, "if we had arrived at the parliament of man, the federation of the world.' What we sigh for here is compels the United States to recoin it, and me to fight these weights all day.

A larger supply of foreign coins than usual has come into the country since change has been in our favor. It was other than foreign coin came to the assay office by express from mines and from various business houses. It sometimes happened that a deposit of origirors I have scarcely passed an hour nal dust, in small flaky grains, was

faced miner in person, who had brought The White Water of the Arabian Sea. it East with him on a visit to his former home.

The Great Seal of the United States. The seal is circular and about two inches in diameter.

The device for the great seal, as adopted by act of the Continental Congress on June 20, 1782, and readopted by the new Congress September 15, 1789, provided for an obverse and a reverse, but there is no evidence that the reverse was ever made.

In the obverse as originally made the eagle holds in his sinister talon a bundle of thirteen arrows, and the first seal was thus made: but when in 1841 a new seal was made to take the place of the old one, which had become worn, only six arrows were put in the eagle's talons. No one knows whether this change was made by accident or design; there

The obverse, which is the same as the impression affixed to the commission described above, has an eagle with a shield on its breast, arrows in the left talon and an olive branch in the right. Above appears on a scroll in the beak of the eagle "E Pluribus Unum," beneath a halo encircling thirteen stars.

The reverse (which, as mentioned above, is believed never to have been finished) was designed to have a pyramid of bricks unfinished, and at its base "MDCCLXXVI."

Above there is an eye in the apex of the pyramid, surrounded by a halo. At the top of the seal is engraved "Annint Coeptis" ("God has favored the understanding,") and at the bottom, "Novus Ordo Seclorum" ("A new series of ages,") meaning that a new order of things had begun in this Western world with the new republic.

When the new nation was but a few hours old a proposition was made in the Continental Congress to order a great seal for the republic. There was a committee of three appointed to consider designs for one the very day the Declaration of Independence was signed. The three were Dr. Franklin, Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Many designs were submitted in the course of and at last that now in use was accepted eye while within its influence; and the in 1782.

there is in this room," Superintendent England (in 1779) to negotiate for air and water, reflected on the surface peace, and while there Sir John Prest of the latter. - Chambers' Journal. wich, a baronet of the west of England, who was friendly to the colonies, cultivated his acquaintance. This gentle man learning from Adams that no design for a coat of arms for the United States had been adopted, suggested one Through this bin ran a perpendicular which pleased Adams, who sent it to flange screw elevator, which, being \$100,000 of it only is put on the scales Philadelphia, and after several designs attached to the shaft by a belt, was made on this side of the water were re- kept constantly in motion. By some Six men were at work. Down the jected, this one was submitted and finally accepted, being simpler in design than, as well as equally as significant as, any of the others proposed.

> The Isle of Man, Little is definitely known about the early history of the Isle of Man. The people are of Celtic origin, the Manx language has strong affinities with the Irish and the Gaelic of the highlands. The island was long under the rule of the Earls of Derby, from whom it passed by succession to the Dukes of Athole, and it was not till 1829 that the crown obtained full possession of it, by the purchase of the rights and privileges of the latter family. It has never been represented in the imperial parliament, but possesses an independent form of government, to which it adheres with the utmost tenacity. The executive power lies in the governor, who is appointed by the crown. The parliament, or as it. the upper, and the house of keys, forming the lower house. In 1866 a reform bill was passed, enfranchising the people who elect the members of the house of keys, a general election taking place every seven years. Justice is administered by two deemsters, or judges appointed by the crown, and by the high bailiffs of Douglas, Ramsey, Castletown and Peel. The tax gatherer and the rate collector are almost unknown in the Isle of Man. There is neither income tax nor poor rate, and only in the towns is there any local rate, and that but a

small one. - Chambers' Journal.

The history of bells is one of the most interesting in the record of inventions. They were first heard of about the year 400, before which date rattles were used. In the year 610 we hear of bells in the city of Sens, the army of Clothaire, king of France, having been frightened away by the ring of them. In 960 the first peal of bells was hung in England, at Croyland Abbey. Many years ago it was estimated that there were at least 2,262 peals of bells, great and small, in England. It has been thought that the custom of ringing bells was peculiar to England; but, in fact, the Cathedral of Antwerp, celebrated for its magnificent spire, has a peal of been imbedded for years in the base of bells ninety in number, on which is the skull. It is said that no impairment played every half hour the most elab brought into the office by a bronze- orate music.

With reference to the phenomenon of what is known as the "white water" of the Arabian sea a correspondent writes as follows: If the call of duty or pleasure should at any time induce any of your readers to undertake the overland journey to India they must not fail to give instructions to be called from bed should the nocturnal phenomenon of the "white water" occur. It is more frequently seen in the months of July and August, and is principally confined to a narrow belt to the eastward of the island of Socotra, known in the charts of that sea as the Line of the Strongest Monsoon, and wherein the rain-clouds on quitting Central Africa on their passage eastward are apparently confined. Should the moon be above the horizon an undisturbed night's rest may be anticipated, as the writer has never known the phenomenon to occur in the presence of that orb. To give the reader some idea of this

remarkable and striking appearance, we will suppose ourselves in a steamer, about 250 miles to the eastward of Socotra, in the position named, and in the latter end of July; time, 1 A. M. The monsoon is blowing strongly and steadily-the night, starlight and clear -a light fleecy scud occasionally passing rapidly to the eastward, and the good vessel bowling along at the rate of fourteen or fifteen knots an hour. Suddenly we discover a light hue in the water, which in a short while assumes a snow-white aspect, and in the course of a quarter of an hour extends to the horizon in all directions. The transformation of the water is perfect, the usually green color of the sea having been replaced by an appearance of whiteness like that of milk. And yet, if you draw a bucket of the water for inspection and analysis, you will find that it is beautifully clear, not a vestige of anything white being visible; nor can the microscope discover anything over and above the ordinary quantity of minute life always present in sea water within the tropics.

The deception seems to me to admit of easy explanation, it being the result simply of reflection of color. misty atmosphere, inappreciable to the white watery vesicles held in suspen-Meantime Adams had been sent to sion are, in some favorable condition of

A Desperate Situation.

Truesdale was detailed to shovel grain from one of the bins to the shute. accident the unfortunate man slipped while near it, and his foot being caught in the rotating flange was drawn down the shaft in which it works until the knee joint was level with the floor. Knowing that unless something was speedily done his whole body would be ground to pieces in this new sausage machine, he, with a presence of mind that was extraordinary, raised his body until it reached the belt which turned the flange, and by sheer strength of muscle held the machinery still, thus putting his strength against the strength of a twenty-horse engine. In this condition, with his crushed and mangled limb still in the machine, he held out against the engine for three-quarters of an hour, when he was rescued by other workmen, who had come to see what was the matter with the machinery. He was taken to the Sisters' hospital, and Dr. Bigger says he will ultimately Truesdale is about six feet high, and weighs only 170 pounds, but is a perfect giant in muscle. The forty-five minutes he spent in holding the machinery, he says, will always be a horrible remembrance. - Kansas City (Mo.) Times.

War Material in the Brain.

The death of a soldier who had carried a builet in his brain for sixty-five years was reported recently. The wound was received at the battle of Waterloo. The bullet entered at the right eve, destroying it, of course, and traversing the brain, lodged in the back and lower part of the head. After the outer wound was closed he suffered no special inconvenience from the presence of the bullet, although always, when turning himself in bed, he could feel that the ball dropped into a different position. He was unusually healthy, and he died of old age.

Another remarkable case is cited. young military officer was carelessly manipulating a musket, when the barrel burst in his hand. The pieces fractured his skull so frightfully that fragments of the skull had to be removed, and even a part of the begrimed brain substance was amputated, but the terrible wound soon ceased to trouble him, and he lived for several years. Dying at last of a fever, an examination of the brain was made, and it was discovered that almost the entire lock of the gun had whatever of the mental faculties