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And the best way is the way,  
One stitch and then another,  
And the largest ream is needed;  
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And the highest wall is made;  
One nail upon another,  
And the deepest nail is laid.

So the little coal workers,  
In their daily, honest motion,  
Have built these pretty islands  
In the distant dark blue ocean,  
And the noblest undertaker,  
Man's mind hath conceived,  
By repeated effort,  
Have built the palace of heaven.

Then do not look disheartened,  
On the work you have to do,  
And say that such a mighty task  
You never can do through;  
But just endeavor day by day  
Another point to gain,  
And soon the mountain which you fear  
Will prove to be a plain.

"Home was not built in a day,"  
The ancient proverb teaches,  
And Nature, by her trees and flowers,  
The lesson of the day repeats,  
Think not of far-off duties,  
But of duties which are near,  
And that which is before you,  
Resolve to persevere.

**JAMES A. GARFIELD.**  
The Life and Services of the Republican Nominee for President.

James Abraham Garfield was born November 19, 1831, in the town of Orange, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, about fifteen miles from Cleveland. His father, Abraham Garfield, came from New York, but, like his mother, was of New England stock. James was the youngest of four children. The father died in 1833, leaving the family dependent upon a small farm and the exertions of the mother. There was nothing about the elder Garfield to indicate that he was a thoroughly capable business man, unless it was his industry; but his wife, who is still living at an advanced age, was always fond of reading when she could get leisure from her hard household duties, and was a thoroughly capable business woman, and a stern, stern principle, and more than average force of character. Of the children, no one besides James has made the slightest mark in life. The eldest son, a farmer in Michigan, and the two sisters are, I believe, farmers' wives. James had a tough time of it as a boy. He toiled hard on the farm early and late in summer and worked at the carpenter's bench in winter. The best of it was that he liked work. He had not a lazy hair on his head. He had an absorbing ambition to get an education, and the only road open to this end was that of manual labor. Ready money was hard to get in those days. The Ohio canal ran not far from where he lived, and finding that the boatmen got their pay in cash and carried better wages than he could make as a carpenter, he hired out as a driver on the tow-path and soon got up to the dignity of holding the helm of a boat. Then he determined to ship as a sailor on the coasting trade, and after a year and a half he returned to his home, and when he recovered he decided to go to a school called Geauga Academy, an adjoining county. His mother had saved a small sum of money, which she gave him, together with a few cooking utensils and a stock of provisions. He hired a small room and cooked his own food to make his expenses light and his money last. He paid his own way after that, never calling on his mother for any more assistance. By working at the carpenter's bench mornings and evenings, and teaching in the country schools during winter, he managed to attend the academy during the spring and fall terms, and to save a little money toward going to college. He had excellent health, a robust frame and a capital memory, and the attempt to combine mental and physical work, which has broken down many farmer boys ambitious to get an education, did not hurt him.

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On terms of close friendship with the best men in both houses. His committee service during his second term was on the Ways and Means, which was suited to his taste, for it gave him an opportunity to prosecute the studies in finance and political economy which he had always felt a fondness for. He was a hard worker and diligent in those days, going home with his arms full of books from the Congressional Library and sitting up late nights to read them. It was then that he laid the foundations of the convictions which he held to firmly amid all the storms of political agitation. He was renominated in 1874 without opposition, but in 1876 Mr. Hutchins, whom he had long opposed, was elected to the District. Hutchins canvassed the district thoroughly, but the convention nominated Garfield by acclamation. He has had no opposition since in the Democratic party. In 1872 the Union and Democratic parties joined, but his majority was larger than ever. In 1874 the Greenbackers and Democrats combined and put up a popular soldier against him, but they were defeated. The Ashland district, which is generally called, is the most faithful to his representatives of any in the North. It has had but four members in that territory.

his marriage. During his professorship Garfield married Miss Lucretia Rudolph, daughter of a farmer in the neighborhood, whose acquaintance he had made while at the academy, where she was also a pupil. She was a thoroughly capable business woman, and a stern, stern principle, and more than average force of character. Of the children, no one besides James has made the slightest mark in life. The eldest son, a farmer in Michigan, and the two sisters are, I believe, farmers' wives. James had a tough time of it as a boy. He toiled hard on the farm early and late in summer and worked at the carpenter's bench in winter. The best of it was that he liked work. He had not a lazy hair on his head. He had an absorbing ambition to get an education, and the only road open to this end was that of manual labor. Ready money was hard to get in those days. The Ohio canal ran not far from where he lived, and finding that the boatmen got their pay in cash and carried better wages than he could make as a carpenter, he hired out as a driver on the tow-path and soon got up to the dignity of holding the helm of a boat. Then he determined to ship as a sailor on the coasting trade, and after a year and a half he returned to his home, and when he recovered he decided to go to a school called Geauga Academy, an adjoining county. His mother had saved a small sum of money, which she gave him, together with a few cooking utensils and a stock of provisions. He hired a small room and cooked his own food to make his expenses light and his money last. He paid his own way after that, never calling on his mother for any more assistance. By working at the carpenter's bench mornings and evenings, and teaching in the country schools during winter, he managed to attend the academy during the spring and fall terms, and to save a little money toward going to college. He had excellent health, a robust frame and a capital memory, and the attempt to combine mental and physical work, which has broken down many farmer boys ambitious to get an education, did not hurt him.

When James G. Blaine went to the Senate in 1877 the mantle of Republican leadership in the House was by common consent placed upon Garfield, and he has worn it ever since. In January last General Garfield was elected to the Senate to the term which will be vacated by Allen G. Thurman in 1881. He received the unanimous honor never given to any man of any party in the State of Ohio. Since his election in 1873, the Republican party has won many complimentary manifestations in Washington and in Ohio.

As a leader in the House he is more cautious and less dashing than Blaine, and his judicial part of mind makes him too slow to look for two sides of a question, but he is an efficient partisan. When the issue fairly touches his convictions, however, he becomes thoroughly aroused and strikes tremendous blows. Blaine's enemies were continually surprised and piqued. Garfield waits for an opportunity to deliver a pitched battle, and his generalship is shown to best advantage when the chief of the opposition is in the grounds where each party thinks its argument an exceedingly effective. On the stump Garfield is one of the best speakers in the country. He has a good voice, an air of evident sincerity, great clearness and vigor of statement, and a way of knitting his arguments together so as to make a speech deepen its impression on the mind of the hearer until the climax is reached.

General Garfield is the possessor of two homes, and his family migrates twice a year. Some ten years ago, finding how unsatisfactory he was in hotels and boarding houses, he bought a lot of ground on the corner of 12th and State streets in Washington, and with money borrowed of a friend built a plain, substantial three-story one. A wing was extended afterward to make room for the first-story. The rest of the building was repaired in time, and was probably saved in great part from what would otherwise have gone to landlors. The children grew up in pleasant home surroundings, five or six years ago the little cottage at Hiram was sold and for a time the only residence the Garfields had in his district. They moved to a new place on Little Mountain, a bold elevation in Lake county, which commanded a view of thirty miles of rich farming country stretched along the shore of Lake Erie. Three years ago he bought a farm in Mentor, in the same county, lying on both sides of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad. Here his family spend all the time when he is free from his duties as a member of Congress. The house is a low, old-fashioned, story-and-a-half building, but its limited accommodations have been supplemented by numerous out-buildings, which were also fresh from the mill. The farm contains about one hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in a high state of cultivation, and the Congressman finds a recreation, of the most refreshing kind, in the field work and making improvements in the buildings, fences and orchards. Cleveland is only twenty-five miles away; there is a postoffice and a railway station within a mile, and the country is rich in game. Painesville is but five miles distant. One of the pleasures of summer life on the Garfield farm is a drive of two miles through the woods to the shore and a bath in the lake. General Garfield has five children living, has lost two, who died in infancy. The two older boys, Harry and James, are now at school in New Hampshire. Harry, or Molly, as everybody calls him, is a banker, and is now in the army. James, or Rosy, is a

twelve. The two younger boys are named Irwin and Abram. The General's mother is still living, and has long been a member of the family. She is an intelligent, energetic old lady, with a clear head and a strong will, who keeps well posted in the news of the day and is very proud of her son's career, though more liberal of criticism than praise.

General Garfield's district lies in the extreme northeastern corner of Ohio, and now embraces the counties of Ashland, Trumbull, Geauga, Lake and Mahoning. His old home, county of Portage, was separated from it a year ago. With the exception of the coal and iron regions in the extreme southern part, the district is purely a rural one, and is not a very fertile one. It is a New England ancestry. It is claimed that there is less illiteracy in proportion to the population than in any other district in the United States. It is a broad-shouldered and sturdy people. He has an unusually large head, that seems to be three-fourths forehead, light brown hair and beard, large, light blue eyes, a prominent nose, and a high forehead. He dresses plainly, is fond of broad-brimmed slouch hats and stout boots, eats heartily, cares nothing for luxurious living, is thoroughly temperate in all respects save in that of brain work, and is devoted to his wife and children, and very fond of his country home. Among men he is genial, approachable, companionable and a remarkably entertaining talker.

General Chester A. Arthur, the Republican Vice President, was born in 1829. He came to New York early in life, and practised law in that city, rising to a position of respectability and honor. He derives his military title from his service on Governor Morgan's staff during the rebellion. He subsequently held other positions of honor, and was appointed Collector of Customs for New York by President Grant. He took an active part in State politics, but never neglected his official duties for them. As a Collector, he was highly esteemed and respected by New York importers and merchants, and they very generally regretted his summary removal by President Hayes for alleged violation of the Civil Service law. He was a member of the United States Senate from 1876 to 1881. He received the unanimous honor never given to any man of any party in the State of Ohio. Since his election in 1873, the Republican party has won many complimentary manifestations in Washington and in Ohio.

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