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Selection of Poetry. The Coming of Spring. The winter time is past and gone.

Beautiful spring! beneath her smile, The air grows warm and bright, And rivulets through cow lip fields...

Bright, blessed Spring! thy coming bid A heartless thoughtless care, As beautiful as the newly risen day...

HOW TO PROVE AN ALIBI. A DETECTIVE'S STORY. One Sunday, about ten years ago, I found myself at Carlisle.

After dinner at the hotel, I dropped in at the office of the District Attorney, with whom I was well acquainted.

"Anything of importance?" I asked rather carelessly. "One at least," he replied. "Joe Slicer, a notorious scoundrel, is to be tried for highway robbery."

The next day was Sunday. I awoke quite early and found the promise of a beautiful summer day so good that I dressed myself and sallied out for a walk.

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The first question of the District Attorney made the fellow start and shiver. "Are you in disguise, sir?"

"Only a fancy!" was the sulky answer. "I've worn that wig for years." "Have you indeed? Did you wear it all day yesterday?"

Mr. Pleasant was now loudly called for by the defense; but no one came forward. The unexpected reception which the last witness had met probably chilled the ardor of his confederate.

I left Carlisle the next morning, and heard nothing more of the affair for several weeks. Then a letter from the District Attorney, thanking me for the assistance I had rendered him, conveyed more details.

STRANGE ACCIDENT. A remarkable accident occurred in Pittsburg one day recently. A coal train was backing into a yard, when the rear car jumped the track, careening, and with a sudden plunge pitched into the kitchen of a house near by.

A farmer cut down a tree that stood so near the boundary line of his farm that it was doubtful to tell whether it belonged to him or his neighbor.

A Night on a Battlefield. The Prussian Captain Forstenberg, who was wounded and left for dead at Gravelotte, gives a frightful picture of what he witnessed after darkness had fallen upon the encamping plain.

Some time in 1863 or 1864 a body of Federal cavalry passed near the residence of Dr. J. G. Pinkston, of Williamson county, about six miles west of Franklin, Tenn.

When a country-bred boy leaves home it is generally to enter upon some business, the end of which is to acquire property, and he will succeed just in proportion as to he has been made to earn and save in his childhood.

THE OLD BACHELOR'S WILL. An old bachelor of Passaic, N. J., named Matsch, died recently leaving an estate valued at about \$400,000, including 80 acres of choice land near Passaic, and six horses.

Nearly all of his property is bequeathed to his horses. The farm of eighty acres is set apart for their exclusive comfort and support, and \$300 a year, to each is also provided for their additional welfare.

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A DOWN east editor blunderingly says that he has enough original poetry to fill the Post. He is not only a failure as a poet, but he is a failure as a poet.