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To a Friend on her Twenty-First Birthday.

Dear lady, thou dost ask a lay / From this untutored hand...

My thoughts fly back to other years / When thou wast but a little child...

The gift of a book, oh, what a dream / A fairy dream like some to thee...

Sweet friend, thy gift of the day / With no less fondness they depart...

That glow in the sun's bright glory / Maden, thy radiant daughter...

My song for thee is ended / In the waiting hour...

MY WIFE'S PARTY.

By HARRY SUNDERLAND.

A better woman than Mrs. Sunderland / Does not exist anywhere...

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you list," I remarked to a good number / of my dress-makers apprentices...

"Certainly!" I replied. "Why not?" / I liked them very much for a good appearance...

"Perhaps we had better do so," / Mrs. Sunderland's approving remark...

The exact character of the entertainment / was next to be considered...

"If we could get with two hundred we may / be thankful," I replied.

"There is no retreat now Mrs. Sunderland / We have taken the step initiative...

This threw a damper on my wife's feelings / I was sorry to perceive...

"So it strikes me. When fifty or sixty / people at an elegant supper and drink...

"On the next day we settled all accounts / with our creditors...

"No much paid for worldly wisdom," / said I, after all was over...

"Why do you say that? What has happened?" / inquired Mrs. Sunderland.

"I have fallen as I predicted, and / my lady wife who turned up her aristocratic nose...

"What! all this about?" said I to myself. / And I kept my eyes upon the ladies...

movement, when almost the waving of a / finger would have caused our party to break up in disorder...

The moment my niece understood the / feeling that had prompted the lady to withdraw indignantly...

The disaffected ones noticed, I suppose, / my decision in the matter...

We had rather a dull time after the / withdrawal of Mrs. L. For a while the spirits of the company...

My poor wife found it impossible to retain / a cheerful exterior...

At least an hour earlier than we had / anticipated, our rooms were deserted...

"The next time we give a party— / we won't!" said I, taking the words out of my wife's mouth...

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Geographical Memoir of UPPER CALIFORNIA.

By JOHN CHARLES FREMONT.

(Continued)

Southern country and rainy season, / (latitudes 32°-35°)—South of Point...

The face of the country along the coast / is generally the lower hills and plains...

In the first part of February, / the country was very dry and bare...

On the evening of the 20th September, / cumuli made their appearance in the sky...

The soil is generally good, of a sandy or / light character, easily cultivated...

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and pines. The upper part of the Salinas / valley, where we are now travelling...

The good range of grass and acorns, made / game abundant, and deer and grizzly bear...

Lower down, in the neighborhood of San / Miguel, the country changed its appearance...

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showers and hot sun, anti-cattle began to / seek the shade.

The 23d was a day of hard rain, / followed by fine weather on the 24th...

No rain fell during the first half of / January, which we passed between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles...

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Terrific Storm Shows Death Power / The following was received after our paper...

Fremont's Expedition—Terrible March! / Dr. Loom, March 26.

The Independence (Mo.) Republican, of Feb. 23, / contains letters from Gen. Taylor...

Use of Newspapers—No man should be / so far behind the spirit of the age...

DRUNKENNESS.—The fact that drunkenness / constitutes an influence on the parents...

MANAGER FOR FRUIT TREES.—Manures / for fruit trees should always be cool...

RETAINING PROSPERITY.—Iron has advanced / in England again.

AN ENGLISH ANECDOTE.—An anecdote was / recorded in the 'Edinburgh' at the moment...

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