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YOUNG MEN

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YOUNG MEN

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MARRIAGE,

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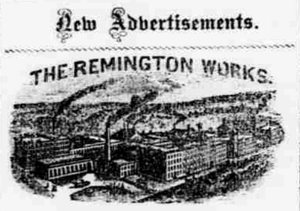

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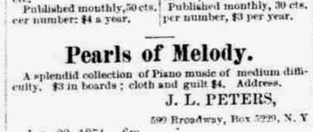

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She's far from me, away, away,
Across the hills, beyond the bay,
But still my heart goes night and day
To meet and greet my darling.

Brown wren from out whose swelling throat
Unstinted joys of music float,
Come lend to me thy own June note,
To warble to my darling.

Sweet dove, thy tender, love-lorn coo
Melts pensively the orchard through,
Grant me thy gentle voice to woo,
And I shall win my darling.

Lark, ever leal to dawn of day,
Pause ere thou wingst thy skyward way—
Pause, and bestow one quivering lay,
One anthem for my darling.

Ah, mocker, rich and leafy June,
Thoul't grant, I know, one little boon,
One strain of thy most matchless tune,
To solace my darling.

Bright choir, your peerless song shall stir
The rapturous chords of love in her;
But who shall be our messenger,
When we salute my darling.

Oh, noiceless swallow, crown of spring,
Lend us awhile thy swift curved wing;
Straight as an arrow thou shalt bring
This greeting to my darling. [*Galaxy.*

Miscellaneous.

IN AN OLD GERMAN CASTLE.

The lateness of the European supper gives very little of what we call in America "an evening." The cozy after-tea call is not known here. The supper is regarded as part of the evening and if any one comes at all after dark, it is to stay to tea. At the castle it is often after eight o'clock before the doors of the large dining-hall are thrown open and "Esist angerichtet" is announced by the fine-looking dresscoated genius of the supper-room. The first course is tea and cake. The tea is made and poured at the sideboard by the youngest daughter of the house, and the servant brings the cups to the table. The rum or arrack decanter is indispensible to the tea-table as the cream pitcher, for it is generally the custom to inspire the quiet, cup of tea with a little of the spirits of the times, so that in Germany it cannot be described as "the cup that cheers but not inebriates." After the tea is disposed of a large china milk-pan of sour milk appears. The milk is eaten from soup plates, with grated bread, sugar, and cream upon it. The third course is cold meats, stewed pegion, and potatoes—the latter in their jackets—and there is a pleasant little strife among the ladies as to who shall have the honor of preparing a plateful for the two dear old gentlemen at the head of the table. The father sits at the head of the table, the mother at his right, and the children follow according to age. The little dark-eyed man opposite to the Baron Von R——, one of the masters of ceremonies at Berlin. He owns a neighboring estate, and has ridden over to supper. His manner might perhaps betray his calling; but when he opens his lips to a continual silvery ripple of compliments, one is no longer left in doubt. It is only the glimpse he gives us of the meeting of the three emperors last summer which compensates us for listening to his flatteries. The young lady of sixteen who sits at his right is the Countess Von R——. She has a sweet face, lady-like manners, and often lights up her surrounding by a flash of wit. But such taste in dress! The short-waisted back falls hopeless and dejected over the rupture in the friendship between it and the skirt, and the short sleeves do their utmost to cover the large ruffled wristbands but fail in the charitable attempt. It fires the American imagination to read of barons and countesses, but when we come to see them, how the Republican irreverence does run riot! We can think of several gentlemen in certain little New England villages to whom the baron would not dare to hold his candle if he realized what he was about, and of many a young lady whose mind is as well stored and whose back fits better than that of the countess. Yes, girls, "a rose by any other name" smells just as sweet. It need be only a genuine rose.

When supper is over we all rise from the table and shake hands and say, "Gesegnete Mahlzeit!" which, being interpreted, means "May the meal be blessed to you!" The daughters make a low courtesy and kiss the back of their father's hand; he bends over and kisses their foreheads. This ceremony is performed after each meal; and when the family is large it is quite an undertaking to steer through it successfully, suiting one's bow and courtesies to the age, sex, and standing of the person addressed. To the uninitiated there is something so comical about it that it is impossible not to have one's sleeves full of laughter, in spite of the long rows of grave ancestors shaking their heads at one from the walls. The Germans think the Americans "must be fearfully impolite people to rise from the table and disperse without saying anything to each other." After tea we gather in the study of Herr Von R——, the lord of the castle. In the corner of the room stands the German stove. It is built of short procelain—in this case dazzling white, and reaching to the top of the room, and looks more like a family monument than a stove. In the grate a few coals are doing what only coals can to make an October evening compensate for the loss of the June evenings. The room has a pleasant air, but the American eye falls with a chill of disappointment on the bare polished brown floor. There is not a carpet in the castle, and but few are to be found in Germany.

At first the newspaper is read. No family takes a paper for itself; usually three or four club together for a paper, and the consequence is that it is in the house but a few hours, and whoever will read must "strike while the iron is hot." From the castle it goes to the village pastor, from the parsonage to the cantor, or organist, and who comes in for the last stale bits we do not know. The paper is read aloud, and we hear whether it rained yesterday in Ems when the Kaiser took his walk, what the color of the Empress' dress was, and with whom the Crown Prince went to drive. These weighty items are devoured with avidity by the loyal inmates of the castle; for all the nobility are genuine King worshippers, and can speak only with disgust of the equalizing tendencies of the age. We are often pitied because we live in a land "too poor to have a King;" but we always decline sympathy on that score, and remark that our land is so rich that we are all kings and queens. After the reading the gentlemen betake themselves to cards, and the ladies to knitting. After the Feminine Germany is a maniac on the subject of stockings. The desire for them amounts to a passion. A lady told us a few days since that in her "outfit" she had two hundred and fifty pairs. How these people endure to knit three hundred and sixty-five evenings in a year, (Sundays is not excepted) is beyond our comprehension; but the knitting work seems as indispensable to the hand of a German lady as the pipe or cigar does to the lips of her husband, and they think the American ladies the most useless cumberers of the ground because "they do not even knit their own stockings." This evening we amuse ourselves with the "Hasenwette," or "chasing the hare."

We all begin knitting together, and counting the rounds. The one who has finished the first round calls out one, she who finishes the next calls out two, and so on till twelve are knit. The one who says twelve must be the hare. She must now knit alone, but has the privilege of counting on from twelve, while the rest of us must go back again and begin at one, and see how soon they can catch her. The needles fly, and the counts come thick and fast from the pursuers, while the hare counts steadily on alone. Woe to her who drops a stitch, or must stop to narrow, or "slip and bind." The chase grows hotter and more exciting as the hunters near the prey, the counting and laughing grow louder, and the gentlemen lay down their cards and cheer, sometimes the pursurer and sometimes the pursued, until the victim is caught and rejoiced over. The hare reached her hundreth round before we three hunters caught her. But we must pluck a few of her laurels out by saying that she was at the toe of her stocking, while the rest of us were in the largest part of the leg.

The countess is knitting from a "Wunder Knauel," or "wonder ball." It was presented to her on her last birthday, and is made by putting in all sorts of little knick-knacks as the ball is wound. These are done up in papers, and the ball presents enough mysterious angles and points to excite the most torpid curiosity. Surely if anything could induce one to knit, it would be the thought of developing the resources of one of these balls. We all look on with the deepest interest as one little package after another loosens itself from the last confining thread and falls out.

Now it is a chocolate drop, now a little box with a pretty ring in it, then a pair of tiny embroidery scissors, and so on till the heart of the wonder is reached, which is often a gold watch or some other long coveted treasure. We regard the "Hasenwette" and "Wunder Knauel" as merciful little inventions to help one over the intolerable platitude of a long cotton stocking.

But we are reminded that the evening is passing by the horn of the watchman, who at ten o'clock begins his nightly walk about the great isolated pile of buildings which for eight hundred years has been the scene of the joys and sorrows of the family of Von R——. As the hours come round he pauses at each of the four sides of the castle and blows his trumpet, and in a weird and monotonous voice sings the following verse:

"Lis: my lords, the while I say
The hour of [ten] has passed away.
Look ye well to fire and light,
Lest harm befall the house to-night—
And praise the Lord your God!"

The swallow-tailed genius appears again, and announces that the baron's horse is at the door. The courtier literally bows himself from the presence of the ladies to the back of his horse. After this ceremony is over the servant brings in the candles, we shake hands and say "Schlafen sie whol," the daughters kiss the fathers hand, he kisses their foreheads, and the company breaks up, with perhaps a mischievous blowing out of one or two of the candles as we pass each other for the last time.

The Good Fellow.

We wonder if "The Good Fellow" ever mistrusts his goodness, or realizes how selfish, how weak, how unprincipled, and how bad a fellow he truly is. He never regards the consequences of his acts as they relate to others, and especially those of his family friends. Little fits of generosity towards them are supposed to atone for all his misdeeds, while he inflicts upon them the disgraces, inconveniences, and burdens which attend a selfishly dissolute life. The invitation of a friend, the taunts of good-natured boon companions, the temptations of jolly fellowship, these are enough to overcome all his scruples, if he has any scruples, and to lead him to ignore all the possible results to those who love him best, and who must care for him in sickness and all the unhappy phases of his selfish life.

The Good Fellow is notoriously careless of his family. An outside friend can lead him whither-soever he will—into debauchery, idleness, vagabondage. He can ask a favor, and it is done. He can invite him into disgrace, and he goes. He can direct him into a job of dirty work, and he straightway undertakes it. He can tempt him into and indulgence which may suit his vicious whims, and, regardless of wife, mother, sister, who may be shortened in their resources so as legitimately to claim his protecting hand,—regardless of honorable father and brother,—he will spend his money, waste his time, and make himself a subject of constant and painful anxiety, or an unmitigated nuisance to those alone who care a straw for him. What pay does he receive for this shameful sacrifice? The honor of being considered a "Good Fellow," with a set of men who would not spend a cent for him if they should see him starving, and who would laugh over his calamities. When he dies in the ditch, as he is most likely to die, they breathe a sigh over the swill they drink, and say, "after all, he was a Good Fellow."

The feature of the Good Fellow's case which makes it well nigh hopeless, is, that he thinks he is a Good Fellow. He thinks that his pliable disposition, his readiness to do other good fellows a service, and his jolly ways, atone for all his faults. His love of praise is fed by his companions, and thus his self-complacency is nursed. Quite unaware that his good fellowship is the result of his weakness; unaware that his sacrifice of honor, and the honor and peace of his family, for the sake of outside praise is the offspring of the most heartless selfishness, quite unaware that his disregard of the interests and feelings of those who are bound to him by the closest ties of blood, is the demonstration of his utterly unprincipled character; he carries as unruffled, or a jovial front, while hearts bleed or break around him. Of all the scamps society knows, the traditional good fellow is the most despicable. A man who for the sake of his own selfish delights, or the sake of the praise of careless or unprincipled friends, makes his home a scene of anxiety and torture, and degrades and disgraces all who are associated with him in his home life, is, whether he knows it or not, a brute. If a man cannot be loyal to his home, and to those who love him, then he cannot be loyal to anything that is good. There is something mean beyond description, in any man who cares more for anything in this world than the honor, the confidence, and love of his family. There is something radically wrong in such a man, and the quicker, and the more thoroughly he realizes it, in a humiliation which bends him to the earth in shame and confusion, the better for him. The traditional good fellow is a bad fellow from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot. He is as weak as a baby, vain as a peacock, selfish as a pig, and as unprincipled as a thief. He has not one redeeming trait upon which reasonable self-respect can be built and braced.

Give us the bad fellow, who stands by his personal and family honor, who sticks to his own, who does not "treat" his friends while his home is in need of the money he wastes, and who gives himself no indulgence of good fellowship at the expense of duty! A man with whom the approving smile of a wife, or mother, or sister, does not weigh more than a thousand crazy bravos of boon companions, is just no man at all.—*Dr. J. G. Holland, in Scribner,s for June.*

Dunkard Peculiarities.—The following is from the St. Louis Republican's report of proceedings by the National Conference of Dunkers, a religious sect, at Girard, Illinois, last week:

Then came a question with reference to the manner in which the beard should be worn, which elicited a lengthy discussion, and it was decided that wearing the beard in fashionable style was contrary to the doctrines of the church, and that the brotherhood should be very careful not to imitate the ways of the world in this respect. It has ever been the order of the church to wear a full beard, but to wear a moustache only is not permissible, and renders the offending brother liable to church discipline. It was recommended that the brethren should trim the moustache shorter than the lip, that the mouth might be clean to receive the kiss of brotherly love.

The next question discussed was, will this meeting allow brethen, especially ministering brethern, to engage in the banking business? Decided that it was improper for them to do so; that the funds invested would not be under their control, and that in case parties to whom they should make loans should fail to meet their indebtedness, it would be collected from them by process of law, and might, therefore, be the means of depriving the widow and orphan of homes, which is contrary to their belief; that banks often loan money at high rates of interest, which is usury, and therefore unscriptural, has a tendency to make them covetous and lead them into temptation; that the brotherhood should keep their property under their own control, so that they can use it for the spiritual and temporal good of mankind. They are permitted to loan at the legal rates of interest in the several States, and never to take a greater per cent. All brethren were advised to be very careful what kinds of business they engaged in, especially railroads and banks.

The question of collegiate education was next discussed, and it was decided that it was not advisable to give their children such, as it would have a tendency to lead them astray from Christian simplicity and primitive doctrines, and thereby create discord in the Church.

Lager Beer.—The Rev. Thomas K. Beecher says in The Elmira *Gazette*, that he has never known a case of habitual drunkenness to result from the use of lager beer. He recommends the appointment in every city of an 'unimpeachable inspector of all brewerages offered for sale, and inexorable condemnation of the deleterious.' When this is done, he continues, 'we shall then probably have gone as far as it is possible for human society to go in protecting its members against bad habits. In this direction it would seem as if time and labor and money would be well expended. Profoundly satisfied that slimulus has a salutary part to play in Christian civilization, and that alcohol is nature's readiest and most universal stimulus, the problem would seem to be so to use it as to gain from it all the good that can be gained and avoid all the evil, holding fast to the double truth found in scripture, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' Also, 'Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.' And this: 'Let your moderation be known unto all men.'

Nellie Grant's Marriage Certificate.—The certificate of the marriage of Nellie Grant is engrossed upon parchment, in connection with five other documents. On the upper left-hand corner of the sheet is a copy of the license, written in a plain