TERPSICHORE ON WILLER CRICK,

The daughters of Terpsichore who sit at Phallas' feet,
And overlook the festival of dancing,
In point of style and makeup may be very hard to beat—
As couple, soft eyed bourbs they're entrancing.
But a tan cheeked diety,
Living in the Used-to-be,
Could beat these maids with cards and spades in bloom:
For she reigned on Willer Crick,
And presided, fair and chic,
Over the "rags" we used to give before the boom.

The "rags" we used to give before we plastered out the place,
Before we had the opry house to splurge in,
Were free and easy gatherings of homemade country grace,
And ev'rybody came without the urgin.
Oh, the fiddle and the horn,
And the organ, wheezed and worn,
Made an itchy, twitchy music in the gloom
Of the busy workaday,
So that sorrow staid away
From the "rags" we used to give before the boom.

The caller off and the fiddler was a simple, homely soul,
Who had one waltz in all his repertory;
His long suit was his "cowdrills" and the overflowing bowl,
And the "Irish Washerwoman" was his glory.
But he tickled up his heels
With his old Virginny reels,
Like an airy, joyful fairy in the room;
For then none of us were rich,
Nor were parvyneo and sick,
At the "rags" we used to give before the boom.
—Will A. White in Indianapolis Journal.

A WOMAN'S ADVICE.

For two whole years Captain Jumpison had been the idol of the spinsters of Bunborough-by-the-Sea. Cheery, good natured and good looking, his private means were limited, if they existed at all, and his pay was insufficient to enable him to indulge any of those expensive tastes which lure young men from the milder delights of tea and tennis. He neither hunted in winter nor played polo in summer, and he was always ready to dance half the night at the Bunborough balls. He really was a very nice man indeed, every one agreed that he would make a very nice husband for any one of the young ladies of Bunborough to whom he might finally determine to offer himself, and for two years he distributed his favors freely, but with almost absolute impartiality.

"There is safety in numbers and the cowards know it," said Miss Grayson, of the Valley cottage, to Maud Oakley, who had been unburdening her soul to her. Miss Grayson was the kindest of elderly ladies where young people's love affairs were concerned, and Maud Oakley had known her since she (Maud, not Miss Grayson) was a baby. "Cowards!" said Miss Grayson again under breath, and Miss Oakley sniffed deprecatingly. She had been talking to Miss Grayson for an hour, and had told her sympathetic listener a good deal that was, in the language of the vulgar, "stale news."

Miss Grayson was quite aware (all Bunborough might have told her) that Captain Jumpison had quite recently shown a distinct preference for the Oakley family. He dined there whenever he was asked and had won General Oakley's confidence by delicately expressing unbounded belief in his stories—not always an easy task; he had been most attentive to old Mrs. Oakley during supper time at several balls, and his visits to the house for 5 o'clock tea had not been limited by invitations issued to him or confined to those occasions when General and Mrs. Oakley were at home; but there were two Miss Oakleys, and to which of them Captain Jumpison intended his attentions to be devoted was a question which Bunborough-by-the-Sea would have liked to have answered. It was not strange, however, that the public were puzzled when Maud Oakley had had to confess to Miss Grayson that she had no very distinct idea whether her sister Geraldine or herself was preferred by the man to whom she had unreservedly lost her heart, though she admitted she had her fears.

"Geraldine has Dr. Coverdale," said Maud. "She would be quite happy with him."

"Quite so," said Miss Grayson. "It never rains but it pours."

Maud wondered whether it had ever "poured" with suitors in Miss Grayson's young days and said nothing.

"Can't we make Dr. Coverdale propose to her?" said Miss Grayson.

"And Geraldine accept him?" added Maud doubtfully. Miss Grayson was a determined looking old lady, but even she seemed to consider the project impracticable.

"Did you ever try booboo with any one?" said Miss Grayson.

"What?" said Maud.

"Boohoo, boohoo, boohoo!" cried Miss Grayson excitedly, and an elderly lady who had selected the precise moment to be announced by Miss Grayson's pretty little parlor maid very nearly turned and fled. She came in, however, and her impression that Miss Grayson had gone demented was confirmed by the apparently imbecile laughter with which her greeting was received.

Maud rose to leave, and Miss Grayson, who had recovered her presence of mind sufficiently to inquire after her new visitor's husband (he had been dead seven years), accompanied her to the front door.

"Don't you understand, you silly child?" she said, kissing her affectionately on the doorstep. "Cry, cry, cry your eyes out; not one of the wretches in a baker's dozen of them can stand tears." And the kind old lady returned to pacify a justly indignant widow, while Miss Oakley walked home with a light-breaking slowly in on her as she pondered the somewhat enigmatical advice she had received.

Meanwhile Captain Jumpison was striding down the flinty road leading from the barracks to Bunborough as if he trod on air. He scarcely knew how he had transferred himself from uniform to his newest mufti, but between his beating heart and the tweed coat which formed its outermost covering he could feel the communication which had that afternoon altered the course of his career, forever. "On her majesty's service" it had arrived, and "on her majesty's service" it informed him he was expected to proceed forthwith to a somewhat distant portion of her dominions, where, in return for a salary exceeding his wildest dreams, he was to perform duties as to which he still felt vague. But they probably included the dispensation of substantial justice with lavish hand to unlucky swarthy fellow subjects, and the instruction of the male portion of them in the use of obsolete weapons and the evolutions of an improved drill.

The climate—well, every rose has its thorn, and Government House and his society would reconcile Geraldine Oakley to a bursting thermometer and a diet of quinine. She could have her sister to stay with her if she felt lonely. He was quite fond of Maud, though of course she did not care for him. Did she not always retire when he came to tea and leave him alone with her elder sister, and always refuse to give him more than four dances in one evening? But Geraldine was different. Dr. Coverdale would do very well for Maud when Geraldine was gone. There she was—Maud, not Geraldine—standing on the top step waiting for him as he almost ran up the garden walk.

"How do you do?" she said shyly as she ushered him into the drawing room. "I will go and tell Geraldine you are here."

He was delighted. Could anything have been more thoughtful? But, oddly enough, she did not go. She sat down, on the contrary, and began fingering a "chair back" nervously.

"It is a fine day," she said, and then stopped.

"Hang it!" he thought. "I meant to tell Geraldine the news first, but there's no harm in beginning with her."

So he began, pulling out his official letter to show her.

"I have come, Miss Oakley, to tell you some news and ask you to congratulate me."

"What!" she exclaimed, "are you engaged to be mar"——

"Oh, no!" he answered, "not exactly—that is, not yet—in fact I mean not exactly."

And he got very red, and so, curiously enough, did she. She looked very pretty blushing, and with her lower lip quivering a little. Geraldine was not so pretty as Maud, he admitted to himself as he looked at her; but so much the better. Geraldine would be all the less likely to flirt, if, that is, there was any one at Government House to flirt with.

"No," he said; "it's the appointment I told you (or was it your sister?) my uncle was trying to get for me—the very thing I have been wanting."

And he proceeded to paint the charms of the new career opening before him in glowing colors. He said nothing about the quinine. When he came to an end of all the details she was sitting, with an expression of deep interest, looking at him, and he felt that had she only been Geraldine the very moment would have arrived—that precise opportunity, not always easy to obtain, particularly in a small villa. "And so," he said, feeling he must bring his tale to a conclusion and give her an excuse for going to fetch her sister—"and so, Miss Oakley, I leave Bunborough very soon, and have come to say goodby."

"Good—good—boohoo!"

She did not hit the precise note which had startled Miss Grayson's visitor, but the effect on him was even more electrifying.

"My God!" he murmured.

"Boo—hoo, boo—hoo-o!" And she buried her head in the sofa cushions.

For a minute he said nothing; his first inarticulate entreaty to her died on his lips before her storm of grief, so he bit his mustache in silence. Then the front door slammed. Miss Geraldine Oakley was going out for a walk, totally unaware of his arrival. Could he stop her? He could hardly open the window and shout. He moved toward the drawing room door, but he had to pass the sofa, and as he did so the girl on it rose, as if she, too, half dazed, was seeking a way of escape, and as their hands met on the door handle she sank sobbing into his arms.

"Don't, don't!" she whispered, hardly articulating, but he was doing nothing from which he could desist, for he could scarcely let her drop on the floor.

"Good God!" said Captain Jumpison again; "will no one come?" But the house was still, and he reflected that perhaps it was as well that no one should come in at that precise juncture—at all events, not without warning—and so there was another pause, broken only by her sobs. He could see her sister through the muslin blinds; she was looking over the garden gate talking to some one. Would she change her mind and bring whoever it was in to tea? If she did Maud would surely hear them entering the house and retreat. But Geraldine stood talking at the gate. Only the rector wore a high hat at Bunborough-by-the-Sea and Dr. Coverdale.

"Click!" went the garden gate as Geraldine passed into the sunny roadway.

"Boohoo!" It was a very gentle one this time from somewhere near his watch pocket.

"Click!" went the garden gate as it swung back on its hinges.

And Captain Jumpison surrendered at discretion.—St. James Budget.

Uncle Sam's Pension Roll.

The last annual report of commissioner Raum, of the pension Bureau, made public Wednesday, gives some interesting figures. On June 30, 1892, there were 876,568, pensioners on the rolls, the increase of 199,008 during the past yet having been brought about by new legislation, notable the Dependent Pension bill, which Mr. Cleveland once vetoed, but which now as a law is generally conceded to be a just and wise measure.

The commissioner well says:

"The strain upon the life powers of the soldier was so great as to make permanent inroads upon the vital forces, which would necessarily result in the development of a multitude of ailments and disabilities beyond the reach of medicine. * * * Good health and the ability to perform labor were the soldiers' capital

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This measure brought aid to thousands who were seriously disable from earning a living by manual labor, yet could not establish the fact that there disabilities were of service origin. The cost of pension last year was $139,000,000; this year it will be about $155,000,000, and next year the estimated appropriations will aggregate over $165,000,000.

After 1894 the maximum expense will have been reached; and already there is encouragement for uncomfortable Mugwumps in the fact that death is doing great work in lessening the number of pensioners. Last year 25,306 names were stricken from the rolls.

It is interesting to note that twenty widows two daughters of revolutionary veterans are still drawing pension; and there are 165 survivors of the war of 1812 on the rolls, 119 less then last year.

Weather Signs.

The formula of popular weather signs most approved by scientific men is that adopted by the Farmers' Club of the American Institute some years ago:

1. When the temperature falls suddenly a storm is forming south of you.
2. When the temperature rises suddenly a storm is forming north of you.
3. The wind always blows from a region of fair weather toward a region where a storm is forming.
5. Cirrus clouds (cari cloud, cat's tail) always move from a storm region toward a region of fair weather.
5. Cumulus clouds (hay-cock) always move from a region where a storm is forming.
6. Where cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the north or northeast, there will be rain within 24 hours, no mater how cold it is.
7. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the south or southeast, there will be a cold hailstorm on the morrow if it be in the summer, and if it be in the winter there will be a snow storm,
8. The wind always blows in a circle around a storm, and when it blows from the north the heaviest rain is east of you and if from the south the heaviest rain is west; if from the east, the heaviest is south.
9. The wind never blows unless rain or snow are falling within 1,000 miles of you.
10. Whenever heavy white frost occurs a storm is forming within 1,000 north or northwest of you.

That is about as far as popular weather prophecy has yet advanced. It is not a great distance, but it is better than the old fashion of trusting to the italic warning in the almanac, prepared a twelvemonth ago.

Fifty Years Ago

Uncle Sam was not so hard worked as today. The mail carriers were few, the postage upon a single letter was 25 cents. When one was received, the family all gathered around the father to hear the news. On a memorable occasion the letter read as follows: The demijohn of "Prince Regent" is empty, please send me another. Our friend Daniel Webster was with us when it came, and considers it the finest he has ever tasted. We are happy to know the 25 cent postage is gone. Still happier to know the whiskey Webster praised is to be had at McCullough's Half Century House, 523 Liberty street, foot of Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. send registered letter or post office order for the medical wonder, 'Prince Regent."

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