We Are Not Old.

We are not old, though years have rolled
Like shadows from our path away,
Since first to me thou didst unfold
Thy love—oh! happy, happy day!—
We are not old!

Thy cheeks are fairer than the rose,
Thy lips are sweeter than the dew,
Thy hand is whiter than the snows,
And as the heavens thine eyes are blue:
We are not old!

Time dealeth gently with us here,
No change our hearts have ever known;
Our joy increases year by year,
For sweet contentment is our own:
We are not old!

As in the past may we glide on,
All gently down the stream of life,
And when we reach our journey's end,
May we together rest—my wife:
We are not old!
—*N. S. Spenser.*

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A pretty girl of eighteen is a boot-black in Galveston. She takes the shine out of the fellows.—*New York Commercial.*

"They tell me you have had some money left you," said Brown. "Yes," replied Fogg, sadly, "it left me long ago."—*Boston Transcript.*

The average life of a locomotive is only thirty years, but the average life of a locomotive engineer is sixty. The engineer can jump.—*Philadelphia News.*

At Norwich, Miss Maria Baker was married to Mr. Butcher. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Brewer, and the clergyman who married them was Mr. Painter.—*Quiz.*

"I can marry any girl I please," he said, with a self-satisfied-if-you-loved-a-girl-would-you-marry her expression of countenance upon his languid face. "No doubt," she responded: "but what girl do you please?" They don't speak now.

Old gentleman (looking at a very bob-tailed horse): "Bless me! how short they have cut his tail." Attendant: "His master is a member of the Society for the Protection of Animals, sir. In this fashion he will not annoy the poor flies."

A correspondent asks: "What time of year do the days begin to shorten?" When you have a note in bank. A note in bank is the great annihilator of time. The days are crowded together in thin layers, and the nights are like a smear from a blacking brush.—*Arkansas Traveler.*

The title of the lesson was, The Rich Young Man, and the golden text was "One thing thou lackest." A teacher in the primary class asked a little tot to repeat the two, and looking earnestly into the young lady's face the child said: "One thing thou lackest—a rich young man."—*Congregationalist.*

A boy paid his first visit to one of the public schools the other day as a scholar, and as he came home at night his mother inquired: "Well, Henry, how do you like going to school?" "Bully!" he replied in an excited voice, "I saw four boys licked, one girl got her ear pulled, and a big scholar burned his elbow on the stove. I don't want to miss a day."

They were talking about dogs—the habits, comparative intelligence, etc., of those sagacious animals—when young Rutherbert said: "Well, sir, my dog's a dandy, he is. You ought to just see him sometimes, Honestly, I believe he has more sense than I have." "That's a very doubtful compliment for the dog," said old Mr. Gloomy, who sat over in a corner.

"Those people," said the pastor, solemnly, after giving out his text, "who are either too poor or too stingy to afford fly screens at home, are perfectly welcome to sleep in this church every Sunday morning." And then he went on with his sermon, but he preached to the wide-awakest congregation a good man ever looked down upon.—*Hawkeye.*

Did you ever see a woman mail a letter? She will undertake to drop it into the box; then she draws it back and scans the directions; tries the stamp to see that it is on fast; scrutinizes the gummed side and runs her finger over it once or twice; then gives it one or two sudden jerks, which send it rapidly into the box. She then peeps in to see if it went through.

"What a man your father is!" exclaimed Mrs. Homespun, looking up from the letter she held in her hand. "He says he has bought a French clock, and shall bring it home with him. What will it be good for except as an ornament? None of us can tell the time by it, unless you can, Edith. You know something about French, don't you?"—*Boston Transcript.*

A man in Iowa has invented a new fastening for horse collars. It is lucky that the horse's collar does not fasten to a button in the back of his shirt, because if it did, judging from human experience, when it flew off after he had broken his thumb nail trying to crowd it into a new button hole, he would just kick the stuffing out of anything he was hitched to, even if it was a freight car.—*Boston Bulletin.*

The First American Circus.

The first circus in the United States started out of Putnam county, N. Y., in 1827 or 1828. It had eight or ten performers, as many horses, neither tent nor seats, and advertised only by marching through the village invested, with a man ahead calling out the place of exhibition, etc. The programme included feats of strength, leaping, etc., and riding without saddle, and the ring was pitched in yards wherever convenient. After a time an elephant was added, and from this grew the menagerie addition. In 1832 the first tent was used in New York city.

FOR THE LADIES.

What Women Earn.

There are few occupations open to women by which they can earn large salaries. Teachers are the best paid workers, receiving from $600 to $900 a year. But, as a rule, women receive from twenty to thirty per cent. less than men for the same or equivalent service. Good saleswomen, for example, get from $6 to $10 per week. Some few who have served a long time receive $12, and occasionally a salary as high as $15 is paid; but the latter are very exceptional cases. Good female cashiers obtain, on the average, a little more than good saleswomen. But $15 per week is a large stipend for a cashier, and it requires a guaranteed ability, the best of references, and sometimes good security, to obtain such a position. The only employment in which as high as $20 a week is ever paid to a woman appears to be in the office of a bookkeeper, and here the average of wages is far below $800 a year. The majority of good bookkeepers get from $10 to $12 per week, and many women well trained in the business think themselves fortunate if they obtain $8. The sewing girls employed by large firms during the busy season, and who are engaged in the making of dresses, cloaks, underwear, etc., seldom receive more than seventy-five cents or $1 per day, and even then are obliged to remain idle for some months during the year. A favored few employed on "custom work" or intrusted with the care of small departments, earn from $9 to $10 weekly. Tailoresses are paid at about the same rate. Skilled compositors find no difficulty in earning all the way from $8 to $14 per week, though the latter stipend is exceptionally good, and is paid in very few offices. This class of workwomen, however, has multiplied so greatly during the past ten years that many are unable to get employment from one year's end to the other. In the position of housekeeper $1,000 a year is occasionally paid to an experienced woman, trustworthy and capable of assuming the entire management of a first-class establishment; but such instances are very exceptional, and can only be commanded by experienced women, well trained theoretically. On piece-work in artificial flower manufacture and occupations approximating to the artistic, it is stated that wages as high as $18 are occasionally earned by first-class hands; but in ordinary industries from $8 to $12 per week represents the average earnings of a woman in occupations requiring some training, and from $3 to $6 is a common wage in the lower industrial walks.

Fashion Notes.

Pink and pale brown make a pretty combination.

Slate-color, an ugly and unbecoming color to either blonde or brunette, for some reason unknown, has come into fashion once again.

Three rows of gold buttons are set down the front of frocks made of stuffs into which gold is woven, and constitute their sole trimming.

Turkish and India embroideries of soft, dull, yet rich coloring will trim the self-colored cashmere and cloth dresses worn later in the season.

New wool goods have ball figures three inches wide, of a shade so nearly like that of the stuff that the whole fabric appears to be plain at the first glance.

The long gauze veils formerly used here, but now out of style, are worn in Europe and called American veils. Meanwhile the English mask veil of red tulle is adopted here.

New bonnets and hats for the season between summer and winter have the brim of summer straw with a wintry velvet crown. Styles for the demi-season are otherwise well defined.

The pelisse to be worn next winter is precisely like the long plain redingote worn two years ago. It is made of cloth and trimmed with braid down the front and back, but not around the skirt.

There is nothing very new in the gilt and silvered ornaments to be used on bonnets next winter, but there are crescents enough among them to satisfy all the rabid Egyptian sympathizers.

According to the indications thus far the cloth pelisse trimmed with braiding on the seams and down the fronts will be the outside garment most worn next winter. Some have vests braided across the front.

Soft feathers in white or pale tinted colors are worn in the hair with admirable effect, and with full evening dress, diamond stars, arrows and crescents, or pins in the shape of small flowers and leaves are used to fasten the plumes in place.

A new color has been added to the already extended list of novel, artistic shades. It is called honeysuckle, and in one light is of a delicate rosy pink, and in another throws out a delicious golden hue. It very much resembles the æsthetic tint known as "dawn" which appeared last year.

At present the color that is the rage in the fashionable world is a compromise between gray and fawn, with a tendency to gray. Moonshine-blue comes next in popularity, but it is not every one who can stand it. The name of another new color is ficelle, really twine-color; but ficelle sounds soft—almost girlish. Twine-color would be intolerable.

Sailor hats are worn this fall, trimmed with a ribbon as deep as the crown, drawn tightly around it, and then tied with an upright bow at one side. A wreath of poppies or corn flowers, or a mixture of both, is frequently added with good effect. The dyed straws matched to the toilet, are easily found, as they come in nearly every color in this jaunty shape.

Some of the new gimps have silk chenille tufts interwoven into them with very soft and pretty effect, and another novelty in trimmings is a plush brocaded galloon of silk with bits of silver or gold showing in the raised designs. These last trimmings come in fashionable shades of prune, marine blue, bronze brown, olive, dark green, dark garnet and black.

Elegant skirts for dressy wear are made of black satin de Lyon, with ruffles of the same alternating with those of black Spanish lace. With this skirt is a tunic of black satin de Lyon in panier style, bordered with black Spanish lace ruffles, and above this a jersey jacket of plain black Lyons velvet, finished at the throat with a collarette of Spanish lace.

A Parisian writer states that the draping of skirts is becoming more and more elaborate, while opinions are divided upon the subject of the tournure. This accessory should be but a slight one with the short costume, leaving the hips quite free. Whether paniers are worn with the dress or not, one needs a support to the puff and drapery, which is looped up very high at the back.

Wasn't In.

The occupant of an office on Congress street west fixed matters one day this week in such shape that any caller had to run the gauntlet of a boy in the ante-room, and as he retired into his den beyond he said to the youth:

"Now, young man, look me in the eye."

"Yes, sir."

"And remember what I say."

"Yes, sir."

"If any person calls and asks if I am in you must say you don't know. You will then ask their business. If they say it is a financial matter you must come in here, stop a minute, and return and say that I am out of town to take baths for my rheumatism."

"Yes, sir."

It was hardly an hour before a stranger came up, and when asked his business he replied:

"Well, I called on a little errand involving some money."

That was the cue for the boy. He retreated to the back room, winked at his employer, and returned to the ante-room and reported:

"He has just left for the country on a vacation."

"Then I'll leave a note," said the man, and he sat down and wrote a few lines and took his departure. When he had been gone ten minutes the employer came out to read it. He read:

"Called to pay you that ninety dollars, but you were out. Am off for Tennessee. See you when I return in January. Tra-la!"

It was the work of only ten seconds to fling on his hat and reach the street; but it was too late. An hour's hard work, including a walk to one of the depots, failed to turn up the man who had money to leave instead of a bill to collect. The boy over there was looking very much cast down yesterday. One would have said that somebody had been swearing at him.—*Detroit Free Press.*

"Rub the Rust Off."

Listeners do sometimes hear good things of themselves—if they are involuntary listeners. In the following instance the truth the listener heard was uncouth and blunt, but it was useful.

Dr. J. M. Reid, secretary of the Missionary society, tells a good story relative to himself. Once, when editor, he was invited to preach in Chicago. He was taken to the church by a good brother, who landed him there early; and, no one being present but himself, he took a seat in the church alone to meditate and rest for the evening sermon. It was just at dusk, and he had not been seated long before he heard persons engaged in a prayer service in an adjoining room.

He listened Presently a loud, zealous brother engaged in prayer. He touched upon various matters, and invoked the Divine blessing upon them, including "the speaker of the evening," Dr. Reid. For him he prayed very much as follows:

"O Lord, bless him who is to speak to us this evening; he is a poor, weak man, but make him a power. Bless the message that he shall bring. We know that he is only an editor, and that he is rusty; but, O Lord, rub the rust off."

Dr. Reid said that the man prayed earnestly, oblivious to the fact that "the editor" was listening; and, as an emphasis to his prayer, he (the doctor) uttered a hearty "Amen."—*Methodist.*

Measuring the Perspiration.

By means of apparatus constructed specially for the purpose it has been found practicable to measure the amount of perspiration in different portions of the human body. It is also found that the most important element in reference to the atmosphere, in this connection, is its relative humidity—an increase of this relative humidity corresponding to a decided diminution in the quantity of perspiration. Of less importance is the influence of temperature, an increase of this acting not so much directly by increasing the capacity of the air for moisture as it does indirectly, by first of all bringing about some changes in the skin, increasing the supply of water at the surface whence the evaporation takes place. The clothed arm is found to be subject to variations in the amount of perspiration, which are dependent upon the exterior influences of the air, as is the case with the naked arm; clothing does not, in fact, diminish, but rather favors, the evaporation of water from the surface of the body.

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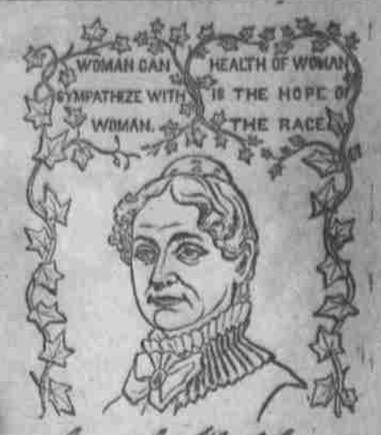

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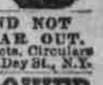

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