



OUR CENTENNIAL.

From Russia's barren snowy steppes; from India's sultry clime; From Europe whose proud record dates from infancy of time; From islands' o'er now barely weaned from barbaric clime; From cultured nations where the arts have reached gigantic growth; From all the world, of every race, of every tongue and creed. Embassadors are hastening here, with almost lightning speed; Are bearing with their priceless gems—the treasures of the loom—Rare wares of art, by peasant men wrought 'mid dark age's gloom—

AN APRIL SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

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CHAPTER I.

"Lucy, have you forgotten who is coming to-night?" said Mrs. Gordon, with a frown, as she looked at her curiously-headed daughter, who stood in the doorway of the old-fashioned farm kitchen, in an unbecoming wrapper, holding up her hair, and looking so contented, that she seemed to be in her full red lips. "No," gloomily replied Lucy, without looking at her mother's face, "I am not going to dress." "Are you not going to dress?" her mother went on, a little sharply. "No," her mother's face flashed angrily. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. You treat John Appleton outrageously. One day you smile on him, and the next you speak to him as if he were a dog. He's worth a dozen of that Lambert, that you've been flirting with lately. "Lucy walked out into the little porch where John and she had often talked the twilight hours away, and muttered, with a toss of her curly hair, "John is a fool. I'll do as I please."

CHAPTER II.

"But—but you flirt so with Gerald Lambert," stammered John. "Jealous! Fie, John!" laughed Lucy, with a saucy twinkle in her hazel eyes. "I am not." John suddenly grew grave and stern. "But you know I love you, Lucy, and I cannot stand idly by and watch another man win you from me." Lucy's face whitened, as it always did when she was angry, and the softness faded out of her heart, even as the sun was fading out of the western sky. "You must drink an earthly wine, and say, 'drily,' " Gerald Lambert is only a friend."

CHAPTER III.

"No!" she replied, sullenly, although in the same breath she mentally wished Gerald at the bottom of the sea. She thought of the glowing sunset, and the sun shone like molten gold. "Do you see you beautiful scene, Gerald—the west all barred with amethyst and blue—the blue sky above us, flecked with pink?" "Yes," breathed Gerald, gazing at the sunset, spiritual face. "Well, John and I watched the sun go down one year ago. I was young and foolish. I refused his love for your boyish admiration. And the sun arose, and his rays kissed me, and I was glad to-morrow morning they will kiss mine."

CHAPTER IV.

"I will make it up with him to-morrow," said Lucy, as she laid her head on the pillow. "But, alas! for all human to-morrows, she knew not what that April sunrise would bring forth."

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THE CONSTITUTION—THE UNION—AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS. NEWS IN BRIEF. The Old Fellows of Memphis propose to establish a public library. The United States ship Congress, has been ordered to Philadelphia, to remain during the Exhibition. Iowa plants will be represented by about 1,500 specimens, collected by Joseph Arthur, of Charles City, Minn. Among the additions made to Belmont Mansion is a large dining room capable of seating 1,000 persons; five small ones, each 40 feet square, and a commodious cafe. The Iowa Coal Company has forwarded a 4,000-pound lump of coal, cut in the form of a monument, four feet square at the base and two at the top. It was taken from the mines near Oskalesia. Everything is Centennial-red, white, and blue, or star-spangled blue. "Maria!" screams Flora McFlintsey, "hand me down that Centennial pink silk cut with the Revolutionary bias cut on the John Quincy Adams ruffle!" Fredrik M. Wallen, representing the *Bernds-Posten*, the *Dramatiska*, and other Swedish papers, has arrived, authorized by the Swedish and Norwegian governments to examine the condition of the fisheries of the United States, and also those of its geology, meteorology and topography, and to make a report of the same to those governments. Another chair, which was in Independence Hall during the session of the Continental Congress that passed the Declaration of Independence, has been presented to the National Museum. It was purchased from the late Edward D. Ingraham, of this city, by Charles S. Ogden, who now places it under the charge of the committee on restoration of Independence Hall. An immense chandelier, 24 feet in length, having a spread of 14 feet, and weighing 4,000 pounds, has been hung in the Art Gallery. It is the work of Messrs. Cornelius & Sons, and is manufactured of crystal and gilt in the Renaissance style, of a special design, accord with the interior design of the building. Twenty large four light brackets, of a style to match this chandelier, are being put up by the same firm. A badge of beautiful design has been adopted by the commission to be worn by each of its members. It is made of gold, and consists of an American eagle grasping in its talons a horizontal bar, upon which are the letters U. S. C. C. An escutcheon is suspended from the bar, and the badge is worn in the centre of a blue silk ribbon, at the top of which is the name in gilt letters of the State to which the commissioner belongs. In the display of Tiffany & Co., New York, will be a number of elegant presentation wares, comprising one voted to Gen. Grant at the New York Sanitary Fair when General McClellan was his competitor, also, a sword presented to Admiral Farragut, one of General Hancock's and many others belonging to officers of greater or less celebrity. All of these have seen service, and each is associated with some leading incident of the civil war. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Philadelphia River Steamboat Company have perfected arrangements for the carriage in steamboats of passengers from the towns and landings along the Delaware river, between this city and Trenton, direct to the exhibition grounds. The transfer from boat to car will be made at Tacony, where four boats will arrive daily, the hours being 8.35 A. M., 12.23, 3.40 and 6.40 P. M. Trains will arrive at Tacony from the Centennial grounds at the hours of 7.40 and 11.50 A. M., and 3.20 and 6.15 P. M. New Jersey will possess two objects of special interest at the Centennial. One of these is now in the possession of Mr. E. Bishop, of Boonton, and is the original commission, in a state of perfect preservation, issued by Congress, October 10, 1776, appointing John Paul Jones a captain in the United States Navy. It is signed by John Hancock, President, and Charles Thompson, Secretary. The other is the original deed transferring a portion of New Jersey from William Penn, Gauen Laurie, and Nicholas Lucas, trustees, to John Fenton. It is dated in the year 1676, is very much worn and contains three immense seals of the members of the first part. It is in the possession of Col. Frank M. Ething, of Philadelphia. It is in the United States Building and nowhere else on the grounds, that the American visitor feels that he is really at home. Here everything that has contributed to make his country great and interesting is thoroughly represented, and no other nation is permitted to show its nose anywhere within it. The building is filled with machinery and models representing the workings of every department of the government, and of departmental branches, to their minutest ramifications. Important and well organized as the political display is, it is far exceeded in interest by the representation of the antiquities of the country and of its mineral wealth and geological wonders. Just outside the building women are engaged in arranging the paraphernalia of the "Light-house establishment." A fog-bell, weighing 3,000 pounds, has been hung. It is operated by clock-work which, when once wound up, is self-working, causing the immense hammer to ding-dong until the machinery is either stopped by an operator or is worn out. Immense affairs, made of boiler-iron and looking like balloons, the lieutenant in charge says are buoys. A steam-whistle or fog-signal, which can be heard for a distance of thirty miles, will be exhibited, as will be also everything adopted in an American light-house of the most approved kind. The principal band-masters of New York are a Spaniard, an American, an Englishman, and an Irishman, and a German. Nine-tenths of the musicians are Germans. Peoria, Illinois, is the largest distilling point in the United States, and will be worth making over \$25,000,000 revenue to the Government on distilled spirits alone. The Ohio Legislature has passed a bill providing for the punishment, by fine and imprisonment, of any person who gets on and off railroad trains that are in motion. The New Jersey legislature has passed a bill authorizing the sale of streets gas and water companies that knowingly use poor meters \$500. Dr. J. S. Sylvester, one of the most distinguished mathematicians of the Hopkins university at Baltimore. The Centennial Committee of the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, has had the crack in the old independence Bell repaired, believing that it is too precious a relic to be meddled with. Grace Greenwood repudiated her husband Leonard Lyman, and she has just been repudiated at Washington, many years ago. She found out he was bad before the democratic investigators did. The third annual report of the stockholders of the United States Centennial Exposition, says there will be a deficiency in the funds of \$1,500,000, which must be made up by admission fees. A Rochester gentleman proposes to give to the University of Virginia, a building worth \$25,000, and \$15,000 for a building, provided \$12,000 is subscribed for its preparation and care. The Speaker of the English House of Commons has to invite each and every member to dine with him once during the session, and as there are 608 members, this demands a good deal of hospitality. Vienna Demorest, daughter of the New York milliner and dressmaker has abandoned her intention of making a career for herself in the theatre, and her voice is unimpaired, but it is lost all power. Boston, the colored cashier of the Freeman's Savings Institution in Washington, accused of tampering with the funds of that institution, looked behind his desk for the personalization of respectable freedom. Mme. Bonaparte Patterson of Baltimore is recovering. The long ago expressed the belief that she would reach the age of one hundred years, and although over ninety, is remarkable for her tenacity of will and physical endurance. The most costly private residence at the West is that just completed by George M. Pullman, of Chicago, of palatial character. It is built of massive blocks of brown stone, and the buildings, grounds, and furnishing cost, it is stated \$300,000. The hitherto unknown giver of \$25,000 toward the Centennial endowment fund of \$500,000 for the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., proves to be Oliver Hoyt, of Stamford, Conn., who some years ago gave \$25,000 to the same institution. Mrs. Marshall of Chicago can outwalk Mrs. Hudson of St. Louis. She told it at Fort Wayne, Ind., the other day, walking one hundred and fifty miles while the latter only made one hundred and forty-seven miles. They are going at the rate of \$150 a day. A blast of one thousand kegs of powder was recently fired in a mine in Nevada county, Cal. It loosened up ready for washing, about 200,000 cubic yards of earth. The bank was over 200 feet in height, and the mass was raised bodily four feet. The explosion was a complete success. The New Jersey courts have decided that bets on election are void, and that the state holder is bound to return the loser his money. There will probably be more betting hereafter in New Jersey than there has been heretofore. The poets of age, health and intelligence, who some years ago gave \$25,000 to the same institution. John Hall, of North Troy, Vt., has seven children, four of whom, under fourteen years of age weigh 200 pounds each. The youngsters are twin girls, ten years of age, healthy and intelligent. These children have each ten well-formed fingers, two thumbs and twelve toes. Mr. Hall has done his duty for the centennial year. It is said that the oldest church edifice in America, excepting a Romish church in St. Augustine, is St. Luke's, Isle of Wight county, Va., about five miles from Smithfield. It was built as early as 1635, and after being roofed for a century, the present roof was put on somewhere between 1830 and 1835. It is now used for worship, and the grounds around it are used for burial. Its thick walls and high tower are still strong.