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### His Knowledge Best.

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In lively words the sweetest strain,  
The notes of joy's glad song,  
Or melodies made soft by pain.

And some with plaintive air must walk  
In lowly words of weary wail,  
While in some happier clime,  
The mount of joy may stay.

And in the grand ascending song,  
He shows sweet to his unit,  
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### OUT IN THE COLD WORLD.

It is a glorious morning in early April. Flo Bryner is sitting alone in a gorgeously-furnished morning-room awaiting the advent of Mrs. Fitz-Maurice Smith. When Flo arrived, they were absent at an entertainment; but this morning she has intimated through her maid that it is her pleasure to hold an interview with her new governess at ten o'clock precisely in her morning-room.

But not Louie seems considerably taken aback by the prospect; she shakes it however after a very limp fashion, bestowing at the same time a long cold stare on Flo.

"The children are making the most detestable noise in the school-room," she observes to her governess, who is naturally drowsy from her drooping shoulders.

Flo selects a sheet of paper and complies with the request. She has just finished her note, when Mrs. Smith enters the room, and looks with some little astonishment at her governess to her husband.

"What a lovely day!" she exclaims, and then tramps hurriedly out to where his horse is awaiting him.

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this list will need a little study, Mrs. Fitz-Maurice Smith.

"I dare say I shall be able to manage them," answers Flo, somewhat impatiently, and she is about to retire, when a maid enters the room.

"My daughter, Miss Fitz-Maurice Smith," announces Mrs. Smith condescendingly. "Louie, this is the new governess."

Flo smiles, and holds out a hand of friendship. The girl looks so sweet, she cannot surely have inherited the mother's pious manner.

"There is a lull on the lawn," she says, and she looks at her governess with a look of interest.

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settles down in the glowing sunshine to a long day of drudgery.

It is the third morning after Flo's installation as governess to Mrs. Fitz-Maurice Smith's sweet children. She has requested an interview with her former mother for the purpose of informing that formidable personage that she has declined to return from a field whence a few brave and many faithful hearts have already been ousted.

Flo can hold her own well enough with the children, who, though high-spirited and utterly spoiled, are not without their redeeming good points, but she cannot brook the perpetual insolence and interference of her mother-in-law.

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at all, and so he decided on a little innocent revenge. Amidst the laces of her bosom she has placed a bunch of snow-drops embedded in moss, and a corresponding nest against her new brown slippers. Her gloves, fan, and the little high-heeled shoes are all by the best makers; and Flo nods at her reflection approvingly.

"I don't know if you will be so good as to take off your hat for a moment, please," she says, with a wicked little laugh. Then she makes her way to the schoolroom, where Cornelia and the younger children are awaiting her.

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her that amused me," explains Louie. "Why, she has actually got one of the officers from Aldershot now! I must find ma, and tell her to send her up stairs."

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### NEWS IN BRIEF.

—The annual income of Queen Victoria is \$1,137,900.

—Bluebirds have been scarce all along the coast this season.

—There is an almanac in the British Museum 3,000 years old.

—Louisiana is assuming prominence as an iron producing state.

—Between 50,000 and 60,000 annually visit the White Mountains.

—Gold bullion reaches an annual product of \$400,000 in Georgia.

—Eighty-nine Americans are in attendance at the Berlin University.

—Of the twenty-five members of Grant's two cabinets six have died.

—The crown jewels in the Cathedral at Moscow are valued at \$120,000,000.

—Colorado is becoming a large producer of very superior draft horses.

—A German chemist is said to have discovered an antidote for strichnine.

—During the last ten years the population of London has increased 572,000.

—Boys as pages are now popular features at weddings in Eastern cities.

—A bamboo shoot at Fort Meyer, Fla., has grown twenty feet since May 25th.

—Green and red are most feared by the most charged with color blindness.

—Four millions of false teeth are manufactured in this country every year.

—One-fifth of the legal voters of Massachusetts are veterans of the civil war.

—Geologists say that the coal beds of the earth will be exhausted in 10,575 years.

—The number of visitors at the British museum last year was nearly 400,000.

—Each new recipient of the order of the Garter pays fees to the amount of \$5,000.

—The wheat crop of Colorado will this year amount to nearly 3,000,000 bushels.

—Twelve Hebrews were converted in London last year at an expense of \$175,000.

—Atlantic city is said to use about 500 tons of ice a week at this season of the year.

—Pute Indians are proving successful farmers on the Pyramid Reservation in Nevada.

—Some smart statisticians have figured it out that lightning kills 100 Frenchmen every year.

—The number of recruits to be called out for the Russian army and navy this year is 230,000.

—In Philadelphia for the last ten years the ratio of divorces to marriages has been 1 to 24.

—The weight of the silver in the treasury vaults at Washington, is estimated at 543,700.

—The people of the United States consume more lemons than those of all other combined.

—Of the 1,025 voters registered at Walls Walla, Washington Territory, about 400 are women.

—One hundred and fifty thousand vessels in Europe and North America are engaged in fishing.

—Paris is ready with 1200 beds in her cholera hospital if she should unhappily need them.

—The season in London is reported "very dry," though trade and business is correspondingly dull.

—Snow-shoveling is still a fashionable amusement in the vicinity of Montezuma, Colorado.

—A bullet fired at a Georgia man recently struck his watch chain, and was thus turned aside.

—A law in New Haven, Conn., prohibits the display of fireworks before daylight on July Fourth.

—The city mission of Berlin circulates no less than 75,000 printed sermons on Sunday morning.

—The palace which the city of Marcellus presented to Napoleon III is now used as a cholera hospital.

—English capitalists own 1,000,000 acres of grazing land in the west, together with the stock thereon.

—A resident of Atlanta, Ga., died of congestion of the lungs in seven minutes after a hearty diet of watermelon.

—Ward, Nev., which cast over 500 votes in the election, now has a total population of about fifty.

—A man with wax birds in miniature cages has been selling them to the confiding Poughkeepsie people for dy-traps.

—This country is drinking 33 per cent more coffee than in 1881. The difference was only 12 per cent.

—Water ponds in Chili were covered with thin ice on the 25th inst., indicating a temperature rarely low for that section.

—The Russian colony in McPherson county, Dakota, has sown some ten thousand acres of flax and it promises well.

—After numerous unsatisfactory attempts the American whittish has been successfully acclimated in English ponds.

—A citizen of Akron, O., won't believe newspaper reports, and has started East to see if Gen. Grant is really dead.

—Worth's black list, just issued, has the names of 1,230 ladies, who, through vanity, order better dresses than they can afford.

—In the White House the visiting cards are saved and sold for waste paper. In the month of May there were 6,000 cards.

—An old gentleman of 70 was among the nineteen residents of Arlington, Ga., recently arrested for playing baseball in the streets.

—In the thirty-eight states of the United States 2 counties, Texas leads with 151 counties, followed by Georgia with 127.

—A colored woman only 37 inches high, though 27 years old, lives on a Florida plantation. She claims never to have been sick.

—A number of Goethe's posthumous writings, released from obscurity by the recent death of his grandson, will soon be published.

—Two daughters of John Bell, once a candidate for the Presidency, are keeping a young ladies' seminary at Chestnut Hill, Boston.

—Aroostook county manufactured 7,000 tons of starch last year, which was almost three times as much as the year before. This is doing a pretty business.

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### THE PANAMA CANAL.

Brief Account and Estimated Cost of the Work.

The projector and most active mover in this work has been the indefatigable engineer, M. De Lesseps. In 1879 he visited the isthmus and satisfied himself that the construction of a ship canal across it was quite practicable. He then returned to France and formed a stock company to undertake the work, and about the year 1880 the canal was made by the Colombian government in 1878 for the construction of an interoceanic canal west, through his influence, the French government in 1881 a number of engineers and surveyors were sent from France to the isthmus, and the actual work upon the canal was begun in the following summer.

De Lesseps in a report to the company in January estimated the probable total cost of the work at 512,000,000 francs and the stock of the company was fixed at 600,000,000 francs to give an ample margin for the work. The canal, he estimated would be ready for actual operations in 1888.

The plan of the canal contemplated a direct cut from sea to sea, open to the sky through its entire length, with a nominal depth of 20 1/2 feet below the sea-level and a width of 72 1/2 feet at the bottom of the canal, and the excavation of a grand side-basin, 1 1/2 miles long, and about the central point of the canal, to facilitate the passage of ships in either direction.

It was estimated that a total excavation of 143,880,000 cubic yards of earth would be required for the digging of the canal proper, and the enlargement of the locks at either end sufficiently for the traffic. Since 1881 the work on the canal has been steadily pushed on, and the great mortality among the white laborers has been a serious drawback to the undertaking. The amount of excavation necessary has not been found to much exceed De Lesseps' estimate. The labor and expense of it have been found to be much greater.

Already the work has begun to lag from shortage of funds, and in July, 1885, De Lesseps endeavored to secure the government to purchase the canal for a new loan of 500,000,000 francs, but it was refused. The reports of the great engineer have been made annually, and they have uniformly given an encouraging exhibit of the progress of the work.

Until January, 1884, the labor of actual excavation proceeded but slowly, so much preparation in clearing was required in the first four months of 1884 more excavating was done than in all the time previous. Dredges are also now being used for the excavating and are found to be of much assistance. In the first four months of 1884 more excavating was done than in all the time previous. Dredges are also now being used for the excavating and are found to be of much assistance.

There was placed on exhibition in the windows of the Windsor Record office, Detroit, recently by a party of workmen near Sandwich the day before. The ancient instrument of punishment is covered with rust, but in a good state of preservation. It consists of a stinger of wood about five feet in length and four rings of varying size. The ring at the upper end was for the neck and the center ring for the waist. At the lower end were two rings of iron, which were fastened to place the unfortunate wretch who was to be punished in this harness, chain his hands and feet, and swing him from some convenient place and leave him to starve to death and rot. It is supposed that this gibbet was last used about 100 years ago.

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