### Humorous.

#### Our Women.

What is the theme that now I sing, With rattling bones, and banjo's ring, While tamborine aloft I fling? Our Women !

Who they that, in our homes of ease. Uncertain, coy, and hard to please, Through life's tight places men do squeeze f Our Women

Who smile when favorite china breaks? Who take the topmost buckwheat cakes? Who nurse the baby when it wakes? Our Women !

Who drop the needle for the pen, And make the echoes ring again, To wake those stupid things, the men? Our Women!

Who kindled the Centennial flame In distant States, where, dull and tame, The men forget their country's fame? Our Women!

Who, when the men in blank dismay, Sat wondering if the thing would pay, Pulled back their skirts and led the way? Our Women!

Who stormed old Independence hall. And woke the councils, one and all, With sixty-thousand-power call? Our Women?

Who, when Centennial stock was low, Did bravely take their books and go, And begged a share from every beau? Our Women!

Who leave the cradle and the tub? Who coax papa and wheedle hub, Unheeding jest and gibe and snub? Our Women!

Who worked all day and talked all night, To build their house, and put to flight The fools who sneer at Women's Right? Our Women!

Who waked the days of Washington; Contriving tets and fair and fun, While Polly put the kettle on? Our Women!

Who, in the loyeliest array, Wnen 'neath the burden bowed the strong, Still cheered the faint with buoyant song? Our Women!

Ann sang that lay that no man wrote; "Forever shall our banner float. Our oriflamme, the Petticoat?" Our Women!

Who, when Centennial days are o'er, And Patriotism asks no more, Will be things we most adore? Our Women!

#### Nearly a Preacher.

An official of one of the railroads centering in Detroit was yesterday beset by an old man for a railroad pass to Grand Rapids. The his hand and a "woodsy" air He looked as if he had entered town after an all night's wrestle with a bad dirt road, and he had no sooner

"Are you the free pass man?" The official hesitated a little, and the stranger amended his query by asking:

"Would you give a preacher a pass to Grand

Rapids ?" "Are you a preacher?"

"Kinder."

"You give me your word that you are a preacher, do you?" "N-ot exactly," stammered the stranger.-

"I don't say I'm regularly ordained." "We can give passes to clergymeu occasionally, but we must know that they are active dispensers of the gospel."

"That hits me," cheerily replied the old man, rubbing his hands. "I calculate I dispense more gospel than any other one man in Antrim

County !" "But you just admitted that you weren't a

preacher," said the official. "Not a regular, 'Squire, I'm what you might

call an assistant to a regular preacher. I'm sexton of a church, I can lead at a prayer meeting, and I've started all the hymns that have been sung in Antrim County for five years

The official smiled faintly, and the stranger was encouraged to go on: "I'm nearly a preacher. Folks send for me

when they are dying, I keep order at camp meetings, and it any body's to be dragged out of the school house for snapping bears during prayer meeting I'm the one who does the dragging."

"That's hardly being a regular preacher," replied the official.

"No, of course; but it's mighty close on to it. It's so near that I hate to walk to Grand Rapids. I'm on call, Judge. If our preacher should suddenly give out 1'd be the only man within fifteen miles who could stand behind his pulpit and take his place. They all know it and I'm respected accordingly. More'n half the people call me parson or deacon, and fellers who have got into a jaw about Daniel in the lion's den or Moses in the bullrushes have walked five miles to have me set 'em right."

The official made out a trip pass, and as the stranger returned thanks and picked up his cane he added:

"I won't take up any more room than I can help, and I'll leave my satchel if you think the cars'll be loaded too heavy. You have lent this pass to the poor, and it's treasure laid up in Heaven for you, where I hope some day to meet you and tell you how good it felt to roll slong in your cars after jogging for eighty-five miles on foot."

They found a set of teeth in Dr. Talmage's church last Sunday, and he suggests that somebody sat and sung herself away all but her teeth.

#### Perfectly Satisfactory.

A man of fifty, wearing very large spectacles and a very long coat, was brought out to answer the charge of "tightness," and the little old woman in the audience came forward and called out:

"I appear here as his wife and his lawyer.-If anybody says he was drunk they lie!"

"Don't be so fast, woman," replied the court. "Don't you dare call me a fast woman again?" she shouted, growing a foot higher

every minute. His Honor looked into his desk to see if everything was all right, and wore a very serious

face as he lifted up his head and said: "This man was found hanging to a lamppost at 11 o'clock last night and calling for his

Sarah Jane. Is that your name?" "He was, eh?" she mused as she gave the prisoner a searching glance.

"Called for her over twenty times," continued the court.

"He did, eh?" anxiety and love," continued his monor. "Love, eh? He's my busband, Judge. Let

him go. Let me settle this case with him?" "I don't believe I hollered for no Sarah Jane!" put in the prisoner.

"Shut right up, sir!" whispered the wife.-'We'll see about this Sarah Jane business." "I'll suspend sentence, and you can take him," said the court.

"Come on " she whisperrd to the prisoner, out she added:

"Now you foller me home, and if you attempt to skip for Canada I'll make it the hottest day at the LOWEST PRICES. Promptly upon you ever saw !"

#### Where the Moncy Goes.

"Mr. Swipes, won't you split up a little wood and go and borrow a brass kettle before you go up town?"

"What in thunder do you want me to do that for ?". "Cause I wan't to preserve some cherries to

day." "Cherries?"

"Yes, Cherries."

"That's just like you Mrs. Swipes. You're always spluttering and tooling around with some nonesense like this."

"Nonesense-well, I guess you like preserves as well as anybody."

"I don't either."

"If you wasn't too lazy to split the wood ycu'd like them."

"Mrs. Swipes, now do be sensible. You know this preserving business costs money for sugar, fruit, cans, wax, firewood, and the deuce knows what all. But some way or other you never do think about expense, for you're always buying ribbons, ruffles, and flummadiddles; but when I want anything, such as an easy chair to rest my weary bones' in-oh, no, I can't have it, because you've spent all the money for duds to put on your own back."

"Now you think you've said it. Oh, no, you stranger entered the office with a big cane in | don't spend any money, but I shend it all. It that's so, where do you get money to play pedro and come to the bosom of your family stone blind drunk? Don't deny it, Swipes, for you stood his cane up in the corner than he briskly know somebody blacked your eye-glasses the other day and you was so drunk you thought it was midnight and came home with a lantern in your hand in the middle of the day. You talk about squandering money."

> The La Crosse Sun has a highly gifted and cultured art critic. Having recently heard the Camilla Urso troupe, he gives his impressions of the performance in this elegant and appreciative style: "The fiddler Urso more than carved the fiddle. She dug sweet morsels of music out of it, all the way from wishbone to the part that goes over the tence last. She made it talk Norwegian, and squeezed little notes out of it not bigger than a cambric needle and as smooth as a book agent. But the most agile flea-catcher was sixteen fingered Jack, the sand-hill crane that had the disturbance with the piano. We never knew what the row was about, but when he walked up to the piano emiling and shied his castor into the ring any body could see there was going to be trouble.-He spit on his hands, sparred a little and suddealy landed a stunning blow right on the ivory, which staggered the piano and caused an exclamation of agony. First knock down for Jack. He paused a moment and then began putting in blows right and left in such a cruel manner that the spectators came near breaking into the ring. Whenever a key showed its head be mauled it."

A young woman in Chicago who has taken a course of chemistry, has been assisting her father in his drug store. The other day they sent in a prescription for simple medicine for a sick baby, and the next day the baby's father went down town to buy a tiny coffin. The chemist was requested to rise to a personal explanation. "Great Jehoshaphat!" he said, looking at the powder, "why there's arsenic in it! It ought to have been bicarbonate of soda, Eliza, how is this?" "Oh, pa l" replied the any smart man who wishes to make \$2,000 a assistant, we had no soda, and arsenic is the nearest shade that matched !"

Somebody has said that butterflies were unusually scarce last summer. Evidently he was not a family man who made the statement.—
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