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**Select Poetry.**  
**AMERICAN SLAVERY. A PROPHECY.**  
BY MRS. E. W. B. DEANE.  
The following lines were written in Europe, twenty years ago, in answer to a slaveholder's family, who invited the authoress to travel in the Southern States. They were first published many years ago:  
You tell me of a bright land far over the sea— But, ah! I can you call it land of the free— Where the image of God, for a hand of gold, Like a host of the field, in the market is sold? Where the child from the mother's fond bosom is torn; Where the father is chained, leaving orphans "Orphans," said I, sitting down on the piazza steps, and leaning my head against the rose-wreathed pillar just opposite the window, "I wish you'd tell me what to do—I'm desperately in love with your sister Agnes, and—don't laugh now—I have not the courage to tell her so."  
I paused an instant, and then went on: "I love her better than life. No, that is not saying enough. I would die to make her happy. Oh, Mary, can't you get me a further encouragement? I don't care how many uv, I'll give up my heart sinks so in dread from the one little word, 'No!' Will she speak it, do you think?"  
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"She will not—she never will!"  
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Life has been brimming with sweets ever since. Many a golden moment has passed to sprinkle its chalice of joy with my footstep. Ere I passed into the world of the by-gone, but in all my existence, there never came a second time like that.  
I had been pleading to Agnes herself; and Mary stood smiling in the background, the richest spice of roguery gleaming in her hazel eyes, through a dim outer of jealousy.  
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"Oh! I see now! Well—up—up—my word! for such a wretched looking, gilded, and almost repulsive, but, in a remarkably pedantic. Accept my congratulations, Aggie—ditto, Arthur."  
**"SOME FOLKS' FAILINGS."**  
"Mercy knows," said Aunt Jerusha, as she settled herself in her small rocking chair, and wiped her steel-bound spectacles over her nose, "mercy knows I never saw my neighbors give enough of it to take care of my own affairs. Now there is Dorothy Ann—she knows all ways just what every one has on at church. The idea of looking at people's failings. We all have our failings, I declare, and a sigh finished the sentence.  
Whether this harangue was addressed to the world in general, or was for the especial benefit of a tall young lady seated at a table near by, inserting a sharp pin into the lock of her hair, we do not know. The young lady made no reply, but a mischievous smile flitted over her face, and a silence followed, unbroken save by the vexatious snap of the shears as they closed over the cloth, tickling the forehead of the girl in the corner. Suddenly Aunt Jerusha peered out of the window.  
"Look, Minerva Jane—ain't them the Carpenter girls going by?"  
"Yes," was the laconic answer.  
"Do see how they are dressed! They are calling in the church during prayer-time last Sunday, looking like peacocks. I watched them down the aisles clear to their seats. They wore green silks, velvet cloaks, and their bonnets looked like flower gardens. I noticed their furs in particular, they were now and fashion-able. Much cause they have to be proud! I should think a glance at home would lower their feathers some. But there comes Mrs. Baker! Oh dear! She is a regular gossip, and we shall have to listen to her long yarns all the afternoon.  
"What a bore she is!" a vigorous knock at the door was followed by the entrance of the lady in question. Aunt Jerusha rose with a beaming face to greet her.  
"My dear Mrs. Baker, how do you do?"  
"Just thinking about you. Lay aside your knitting, and spend the afternoon with me. Minerva Jane, bring out the rocking chair for Mrs. Baker."  
The two ladies were soon seated with their sewing, and Aunt Jerusha asked: "Have you seen Mrs. Nash recently?"  
"I wonder if her husband is as bad as ever?" she said, that woman has a time of it. I suppose you know he stole the pork from Mr. Brien's cellar a few weeks ago?"  
"Yes, I heard of it."  
"Have you seen Mrs. Slocum riding with her young daughter?"  
"To be sure. Some folks say he's her cousin, but I don't believe it."  
"Well, now, I do say," replied Aunt Jerusha, "I don't slander my neighbors; but that's pretty doings, anyhow. Did you ever hear what a wild girl she was before she was married? My sister-in-law, that woman has a time of it. I suppose you know he stole the pork from Mr. Brien's cellar a few weeks ago?"  
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**Mr. Nash Suggests a Plan for the Upbuilding of the Democracy.**  
CONFEDERATE X ROADS, (in the State of Kentucky.)  
January 21, 1866.  
Hallelou! Hallelou! Hallelou! I see a light! It beams onto me! It penetrates me! It fills me! Joy to the nation that ordered me!  
I have discovered the cause of the decline of the Democracy. I see it yesterday. I wuz a wonderin on the neighborin hills, a musin on the depravity uv humanity ez exemplified in the person uv the grocery keeper at the Corners, who unannouncedly refused to give me further credit for corn whiskey, which is the article they use in this country to pizen themselves with. He assured me that he had the utmost respect for my many virtues, but he disapproved that the one he prized the most, further credit for corn whiskey, was payin for my lick. Therefore the account might be considered closed. Then for the first time in my life I believed in total depravity.  
"While musin in a melancholy mood on this dark cloudy day, for across the Democratic party, I came onto a party uv men born for life. Then the froth flashed over me—their operations show'd me the way to success—the shoor path to triumph.  
"When," said I to myself, "when men seek to gain life they bore for it. They seek for credit for corn whiskey, not the Democracy. We dug downward! downward! through all the strata uv society. We went through all the groceriesthis stratum was the most ignorant uv our kind, and the most numerous. Every whites uv the South, then below them the heft uv the poor of Noo Jersey—then southern Illinois and Indiana, then the Pike county of Missouri, and so on!—I never went upwards for konserts, except 't'vant no use—had to come down. We got lots uv konserts, then there was a regular sliding scale with the heft uv Democrats who wasn't born in the party, to wit:  
15 quarter dollar smiles.  
10 cent drinks.  
5 cent sumps.  
A flat flask concealed.  
A bottle openly.  
Democracy.  
We lost our holds for two reasons.—First, the poor licker we hev now kills off our voters too fast, and the tax on whisky forced two-thirds uv our people to quit smoking, and ez soon ez they got to get on their feet, they joined the Abolitionists. Secondly, our leaders supposed there wuz no lower stratum to dig into, and they gave up in disgust.  
"But I have discovered that lower stratum I have found it, and when they ask me how I got it, I shout 'Hallelou!' The nigger is the lover stratum—and if we bore down to it, and work it thoroughly, we hev at least a twenty years' lease uv it.  
"We must cultivate the nigger. He must hev the suffrage! It is a burnish shame, that in this Nineteenth Century, in the full blaze uv intelligence, living under a Declaration which declares all men 'free and ekal,' that a large body uv our people should be denied the glorious privilege of being tax payers, and voting. Is not the Afrkin a man? Is he not taxed ez we are and most uv the Democracy, for many uv them hev property; is he not amenable to all the laws even as we is? Then, why, I triumphantly ask, is he not entitled to a vote? And why not, indeed!  
"But this is Abolition!" methinks I hear an obtuse Democracy observe in horror—"and why give them votes, when they will use them to elect a man?"  
"Aint the bulk of them rather degraded and low than otherwise? Methinks. Aint that the kind of stock we want, and the kind which aluz set us up for a model?"  
"Every schoolmaster is an engine of Abolitionism—every newspaper is a cess.—General Wise, of Virginia, when he thanked God there wuznt a newspaper in his district, had reason to; for do you suppose a reading constitution would have kept such a blatheskite ez him in Congress year after year?  
"Then agin, the Constitutional Amendment will hev more members uv Congress, and more of them, than before the war, and them States we depend on.  
"But my skem is still more comprehensive. Them niggers ain't needed in the South. We'll send them North. A few thousand will overbalance the Abolition majority in Noo Jersey, fifty thousand will bring Ohio back to the fold, the same number will do for Noo York and Pennsylvania, and the country is saved—we will be able to elect the President. Thus the pit the Abolitionist dug for us he'll fall in himself—the one he cut for us will break his own head."  
"Money hev cum out uv the carcass.—The nigger smells sweeter to me now than nite-bloomin Serious—he is more precious to me than gold or silver or precious stones. He is the way, and I shall walk in it. He shall lift me up to a Post Office. We must give our Afrkin brother—for is he not a man and a brother?—not only the suffrage, but he must have land, and the Democracy must give it to him. I want Garret Davis to instantly interdorse a bill to give him a section of land, a pair uv mules, and a cook stove, and each female Afrkin brother two flarin calico dresses and a red bonnet. I want him to advocate the bill in a speech uv not more than two hours, so that it will stand some chance uv passin. On second thought, I think some other man had better interdorse the bill, as the Sennit hev got such a habit of votin down everything he proposes that they'd slawter this without considerin it, on jeneral principles.  
"Then we've got 'em. Work ez hard they may at it, it'll take twenty years afore the Abolitionists can educate em up to the standard of votin their ticket, and even that time won't do it, if we can get the tax taken off uv whiskey, so that

should not want a daughter of mine doing a curved thread of silver and one bright star bore its lance of pearl against the radiant horizon. I looked silently up at the fair atmosphere—down at the blossoming garden of flowers, thinking in a moment of my perplexity, how like the blue heavens was Agnes's eyes, and marvelling that the pink roses were so near akin to the dainty color that came and went upon her silk-soft cheek.  
Beside the low French window that opened upon the piazza floor, I saw the flow of muslin drapery through the fragrant gloom. It was with Mrs. Marcylyffe was wont to sit with her baby. I caught the refrain of the low, delicious cradle song, warbled in the tiny sleeper's ear. A bright thought struck me—I would take woman's wit into my counsel.  
"Mer!" said I, sitting down on the piazza steps, and leaning my head against the rose-wreathed pillar just opposite the window, "I wish you'd tell me what to do—I'm desperately in love with your sister Agnes, and—don't laugh now—I have not the courage to tell her so."  
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"Mercy knows," said Aunt Jerusha, as she settled herself in her small rocking chair, and wiped her steel-bound spectacles over her nose, "mercy knows I never saw my neighbors give enough of it to take care of my own affairs. Now there is Dorothy Ann—she knows all ways just what every one has on at church. The idea of looking at people's failings. We all have our failings, I declare, and a sigh finished the sentence.  
Whether this harangue was addressed to the world in general, or was for the especial benefit of a tall young lady seated at a table near by, inserting a sharp pin into the lock of her hair, we do not know. The young lady made no reply, but a mischievous smile flitted over her face, and a silence followed, unbroken save by the vexatious snap of the shears as they closed over the cloth, tickling the forehead of the girl in the corner. Suddenly Aunt Jerusha peered out of the window.  
"Look, Minerva Jane—ain't them the Carpenter girls going by?"  
"Yes," was the laconic answer.  
"Do see how they are dressed! They are calling in the church during prayer-time last Sunday, looking like peacocks. I watched them down the aisles clear to their seats. They wore green silks, velvet cloaks, and their bonnets looked like flower gardens. I noticed their furs in particular, they were now and fashion-able. Much cause they have to be proud! I should think a glance at home would lower their feathers some. But there comes Mrs. Baker! Oh dear! She is a regular gossip, and we shall have to listen to her long yarns all the afternoon.  
"What a bore she is!" a vigorous knock at the door was followed by the entrance of the lady in question. Aunt Jerusha rose with a beaming face to greet her.  
"My dear Mrs. Baker, how do you do?"  
"Just thinking about you. Lay aside your knitting, and spend the afternoon with me. Minerva Jane, bring out the rocking chair for Mrs. Baker."  
The two ladies were soon seated with their sewing, and Aunt Jerusha asked: "Have you seen Mrs. Nash recently?"  
"I wonder if her husband is as bad as ever?" she said, that woman has a time of it. I suppose you know he stole the pork from Mr. Brien's cellar a few weeks ago?"  
"Yes, I heard of it."  
"Have you seen Mrs. Slocum riding with her young daughter?"  
"To be sure. Some folks say he's her cousin, but I don't believe it."  
"Well, now, I do say," replied Aunt Jerusha, "I don't slander my neighbors; but that's pretty doings, anyhow. Did you ever hear what a wild girl she was before she was married? My sister-in-law, that woman has a time of it. I suppose you know he stole the pork from Mr. Brien's cellar a few weeks ago?"

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There's a libe about to gleam,  
Thee's a libe about to gleam,  
Wait a little longer!

**Correspondence.**  
**LETTER FROM THE WEST.**  
NORTFIELD, Jackson Co., Wis., March 31, 1866.  
Friend Cobb—Perhaps a short description of this part of the West may be of interest to those who contemplate a removal here in search of homes. Under the most liberal policy, passed by Congress in 1860, any person who is, or declares his intention of becoming an American citizen, can, by simply taking the oath of allegiance, enter claim to 160 acres of any of the unseated government land in any of the States or Territories. The land, if located, is to be improved and occupied for a period of five years, during which time it is free from all land taxes; and then, if the settler has not been off from the land more than six months at any one time, a deed is given, after which the land is subject to all customary taxes.  
By this wise policy of our generous Government, a person can in a few years secure a home, without other cost than that of having his claim registered and recorded—about fifteen dollars. If the settler prefers, he can secure an eminent title to the land, and secure a deed at once. He can also take out a pre-emption, which will hold the land for one year; and many take advantage of this privilege, when looking for a desirable place to locate. Knowing they will in that time have leisure to remove there with their families from the East. The land is divided into sections of 640 acres each, and these in turn are divided into quarter sections, and one of these quarters is the amount of one person under the Homestead Law. Every alternate section is known as "railroad land," and is seeded to the company or companies that may construct a road; the amount being limited to a distance of six miles on either side of the road, and none to be claimed until twenty miles of the road shall have been built, and in like sections for the rest of the road.  
This land is then brought into market, and sells for different prices in different localities. Here, it will probably bring from three or four dollars. In Illinois, on the line of the Illinois Central, it brings from ten to twenty dollars per acre.  
With this material assistance in defraying the expenses of building roads, and being sure of large freight of grain, companies are getting ready to market, and rapidly pushing their lines in all settled portions of the West; and the farmer generally finds a ready market for the surplus products of his fertile soil.  
More than a dozen roads lead to Chicago, the New York of the West, and in evidence of her vast trade is found in her rapidly increasing population and in the millions of bushels of grain shipped every year to the East and to foreign ports. Without these lines of communication to get the grain to market, there would be but little inducement for the farmer to raise the grain now produced; and even as it is, it often brings, seemingly, so small a price, that it does not pay to raise it. Wheat here is but seventy cents per bushel; and, when carried to the New York market, a hundred miles to the railroad, brings but one dollar. Corn and oats are correspondingly cheap; and in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, I saw oats sell for