THE TOWN O' DREAM.

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th bells achime a golden time to the tune of a golden strain.

The road lies straight through a golden gate-Men call it the Port o' Sleep-Where far below dim waters flow Through chambers cool and deep.

O, fair and bright in the broad sunlight, Her streets and her greening bowers, And all day long a sleepy song Murmurs of love and flowers. And never a care can enter there, Nor trouble to cause annoy,

There rest comes sweet to tolling feet And weary hearts find joy.

SSISTANT Chief of the First

Department Thierry, of St.

last week gallantly perform-

ing his duty, belongs to the class of

neroes noted too slightly in the col-

umns of the press. A soldier in battle,

as a rule, has something tangible be

fore him to combat; ninety per cent.

of a police officer's work is a mere ex-

hibition of constituted authority. A

unseen terrors, battles with an enemy

Blue Duck, of which some mention

has been in made in these columns in |

unteer force made up of every man.

woman and child in the settlement,

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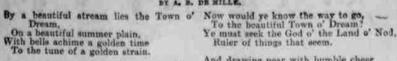
town's limit, but fires from without.

The prairie fire was the foe of every

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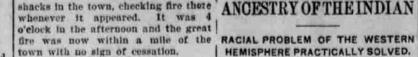


And drawing near with humble cheer Ye'll speak the Word of Kin, And if your mind is good and kind Ye'll freely enter in.

O, near and far his peoples are, And he rules them, every one, With a Pleasance deer and a Rod of Sleep At setting of the san.

By a beautiful stream lies the Town . Dream, -Weary are we and fhin

And win our Town again! -New York Independent.



But there came of an instant one of those seemingly miraculous acts of nature that men wonder over long aft? danger is past. Right in the centre of the town square of Blue Duck a little breeze started up. It eddled about the pump, it swirled and billowed, it grew in volume and then as a gale it swept cut of the town and into the teeth of the other gale, and the two joined strengths and battled there before the people's eyes. The wind from the town conquered

and the prairie wind and its flame turned back from Blue Duck, swept out to the blackened land and there died away. The danger was over. Many of the cattle were dead, many homes were gone, but no human life had been sacrificed. The Blue Duck Fire Department had done its work well, had kept the faith reposed in

Men with swollen faces, seared The fire thus started raged its way skins, fell into each other's arms or through Cub Creek bottoms, and then, tried to make a loud noise through fanned by a rising wind, broke to the their parched throats. The women uplands, and when it came out into brought all the good cheer they posthe open its flame was a hundred feet high and its width a mile. It spoke SQUARE. The children, no longer in the language of great guns, and be- frightened, ran about trying to idenfore it fied frightened birds, mad tify the men. Beards and hair were dened cattle, the covote and the snake, gone in many instances, and counten The cowboys came thundering down ances so changed that recognition to Blue Duck, bringing such cattle as was almost impossible.

"Py gravy," said Halvorson to Gen hey could and giving the alarm. Women in the shacks gathered their tleman Ed., "you look like de Bad children about them, fied to the barns, One.

caught the first horse and made for "Have you looked at yourself?" the town. If they looked back it was asked Ed.-H. I. Cleveland, in the Louis, who went to his death only to see the blast upon their homes, Chicago Record-Herald. to feel the overcoming heat upon them

A Dramatic Incident. It had been an experience meeting

for Bive Duck, while in the rear of Ten thousand people were assembled the fugitives the flames swirled, leaped in the great auditorium by the sea. There had been the hand-shake, the Here was work for a fire department waying of handkerchiefs, the hymns, -work such as rarely, if ever, come to the prayer, the word which told the men of the city departments. Here fireman, from the instant the gong was generalship to be displayed by a spiritual history of many a soul.

The bishop stood upon the platform sounds until his work is ended, faces chief of the highest order, for all the in the act of pronouncing the benedichuman life of the region was now in tion. Emotion was at its height; it whose power he can never openly Blue Duck and upon the town the fire seemed as if a spiritual wave had was coming. Gentleman Ed. was not swept over the multitude, wrapping it | Emperor of China, who declared war wanting in courage nor ability to meet in a divine caress. the emergency. The prairie conflagra-

At that moment a little child was tion was yet seven or eight milles dis passed up to the platform and the their forbears as long as their basic dshop took it in his arms. "Lost Out of town came the gang-plows child," were the whispered words. The unchanged, a postulate which is abun-It was a bucket brigade for fire en- horses and oxen bitched to them. They haby put its dimpled arms about the dantly attested by archeological evigines, chemicals, pomplers, trucks, and set to work widening the furrows al bishop's neck and laid its head upon | dence, as well as by the enduring teshose had not yet crossed the Red ready circling the place. Beyond his shoulder, its yellow curls mingling | timony of the petroglyphs. But finally these furrows back and cross tires with his gray hair. were started. Between them and the "Lost child," said the bishop, in his turned ground mounted men rode

eep, sympathetic voice, "does any one droughts, denudations and associated horses, having attached to their sadin the audience know this baby, or to dynamic phenomena, which punctuwhom it belongs? Will the father or mother come and claim it?"

There was slience and the baby nesiled closer, and the women who sat near said, "Oh!" Then a man was seen making his way to the altar; it was the baby's

father. Instantly the child stretched out its arms to go to him. Then, as | ica were enguifed, and the accequias, he gave it up, the bishop said: "There are ten thousand lost souls

in Ocean Grove. The Father's arms disjointed records of this overwhelmare waiting to receive them. So, go, to your Father's outstretched arms as ramids, temple walls, monoliths and has this little child."-Detroit Free Press.

Prices For Shaving Dead Men. "The union prices in Washington call for \$5 for shaving dead men," said a barber of the city, "but it is not always that this sum is obtained. The barber charges much according to the ability to pay. He seldom asks less than \$2.50, and the amount runs all tion to reach the western verge of the Great Plains, which had emerged and grown to grass during the interval

since it was the quarternary floor of the sea. For nearly four centuries HEMISPHERE PRACTICALLY SOLVED. their polyglot descendants, who were dubbed aborigines by European explor-

The Origin of the American Indigenes is Now Agreed Upon by the Ethnologists ers, have been an ethnological puzzle -Ruined Cities of Central America to the world, but time seems to have solved the problem. The hypothesis Built by Koreans.

That the racial problem of the West- of the reversion is easy Their proern Hemisphere has now been practi- genitors, like all pioneers, unquestioncally solved is asserted by Charles ably took with them all necessary Hallock, who contributes an article on 'store clothes,' tools, seeds, mechanical the subject to the American Antiqua- appliances and domestic utensils, but rian. This solution, he says, clears after they were isolated from the parup not only "the origin of the Ameri- ent stock and base of supplies, they can Indigenes (miscalled Indians), but learned to substitute makeshifts for approximately the antiquity of their whatever was worn out or lost. Dresses progenitors whose ruined and silent of skins, furs and pleated grasses re cities, like those of Asia Minor, long placed their home garments, and implements of stone, horn, bone, shell and since passed out of history, and whose massive pyramids, temples and palivory took the place of their original tools of iron, bronze and copper. Some aces vie with those of the Old World, of the more intelligent and energetic and are inferentially not only coeval with them but closely related." Mr. discovered mines of various ores, and Hallock believes that these ruined worked them in a rude fashion for a cities of Central America were built while, like those at Lake Superior, but the industry was finally abandoned by immigrants from Korea, and that because it was easier and cheapet to

they were subsequently wrecked by use what was handlest. Metal ornagreat disturbances of the earth's crust. ments, pottery, baskets, footgear and Their inhabitants scattered in every direction, and became the ancestors of woven fabrics were relaited the longest, because they were indispensable. all the present Indian tribes, who are, sessed and set it out in the town therefore, degenerate descendants of a The manufacture of these was an art that could not be lost. Reversion is people far advanced in civilization. not necessarily a slow process. It de-Says Mr. Hallock:

pends largely upon the environment. "It is believed that the progenitors Intercourse brings Intellect. Isolation of the ancestors of the Mexicans were clogs it, and will cometimes banish it." an Aslatic colony from Korea, which According to Mr. Hallock the Indiana was at that time tributary to the Chimay be divided into two great classes, nese empire, a fact which accounts for the forest tribes and the hunting or coincidences of dates in the first half horse tribes. Between these there of the sixth century, and this opinion speedily grew up enmity. The Chipis confirmed by Chinese manuscripts pewns may be taken as a typical exas well as by striking similarities of ample of the first class and the Sloux appearance, language and customs, of the second, and the last great battle and a proficiency in the arts and archibetween these two was fought as retecture. Their writing was in hierocently as 1857. Mr. Hallock believes glyphics exclusively, and this medium that the great series of Western of communication is spread all over mounds had their origin in these in the continent. History shows that the terminable wars between the sedentary Koreans migrated to escape tyranny, woodsmen and the flerce plainsmen. undertaking a sea voyage of nine Some are entrenchments, displaying weeks to the northeast. No matter "much military engineering skill." who first peopled Central America, the while others are "great tumuli, where Koreans certainly were in communihosts of the slain are burled." Others cation with America as far back as the still were used for "sacrificial pursecond year of the dynasty of Tsin, poses, for dykes, as sites for temples and dwellings, as refuges from inunagainst Korea. Migrapts were able dations, as amphitheatres for ball to maintain the high civilization of games and for ornamental purposes.

as in public parks and gardens of the relation and environment remained present day. Many in the semblance of elephants, leopards, turtles, rats, snakes, deer and the like were copied from the Aztec and Toltec gardens, and from others extant in the Zuni came those stupendous terrestrial disand Mohave country. They were relocations, upheavals, emergencies, produced just as we copy patterns from the Old World." Mr. Hallock thus agrees with the best modern auated the lapse of geogological time and thorities that there was no race of changed the contour of the continent. vanished "mound builders," out that By the same great cataclysm which the mounds were the work of the imbroke up the 'foundations of the great mediate ancestors of the Indians of deep,' according to the Scripture, and to-day. In conclusion, the writer asinundated so large a part of the globe serts again that "every new archeologand its antediluvian fauna and flora, ical discovery adds to the analogy the fructifying rivers of Central Amerwhich go to make up testimony to establish the more than hypothetical oraqueducts and irrigating canals were igin of our American aborigines, and destroyed or rendered useless. Some the close relations between their ancestors of Central America and the ing catastrophe are inscribed upon pypeoples of Egypt and Asia."

If it be true that a race far enough porticos of those massive ruins which advanced in civilization to construct attest to their extinguished greatness. the cities whose rulns are the wonder while oral traditions, next in historical of Central American travelers has de value to the libraries which Cortez generated into the wild Indian tribes and his fanatical priests destroyed. of to-day, that fact is certainly provohave been transmitted down the cencative of thought. We are accusturies, even to Southwestern Indians tomed to assume that our descendants of the present day. Drought, famine, must advance in civilization no matter malignant diseases, persistent internewhat their environment may be. After cine wars, and ultimate depopulation all, we can reassure ourselves by re-



New York City .- Time was, and not | chrysanthemum, which resembles the so very long ago, when it mattered scrawling, graceful flower, and the car-not a bit what the back of a hat was nation pink and milkweed, which also like, so long as the front was be- are like the blossoms for which they

are named. They are stained in all the pastel colors, so fashionable for gowns, for the hat must still match the gown with which it is worn.

Soft silks, ribbons, laces, flowers and fruit are used in profusion as trimming, while yards of chiffons and malines are tucked and pleated into most beautiful clouds. Many of the most stunning hats have streamers of velvet or Liberty satin ribbon of varying lengths. On some of the large ones pompadour ribbon in huge bows forms the sole trimming. Except when used as a foundation the heavier laces give way to the lighter for summer millinery. The all-lace or all-chiffon hats will be a feature of the summer styles. Their outlines harmonize most beautifully with the filmy fluffiness that is to be observed in all of Fashion's creations for this year.

Oddly enough there is hardly anything worth mentioning between these two extremes of "rough and ready" and the graceful, delicate creations that seem more fitted for well kept gardens than our teeming city streets. However, they are in keeping with the fashions in all other things. The trim, the trig, the tailor-made look has given way to flowing lines and floating, curling ends. It is a rebound from the masculine tendencies to the truly feminine. It seems as though there never was anything one-half so beautiful as the modes of the present day. Ostrich feathers will not be seen on

coming. Now the back is almost the any kind of a summer hat. With the most important part of it. Perhaps it exception of the wings just mentioned, is in recognition of the truth of what plumage will form no part of the coming season's millinery. Even these George Eliot says in one of her novels,





Cor et us try the portal high,

Everybody and everything centred

tant when he marshaled his men.

syward and roared.

FANNED DY & RISING WIND, BROKE TO THE UPLANDS.

community in the grass land. Late dies long trailers of wet blankets, every summer the farmers and cattle These they swashed back and forth is objectionable, of course. With some corpses it is anything else than men plowed great furrows around over the grass. The artesian well pleasant. I don't think \$5 is a large their possessions, that the fire might pump was going at its full capacity sum when everything is considered. not leap them. Small patches of and the women and children brought We would always charge it, too, if ground were burned over to check the the precious fluid out to the fire fightwe thought the people could pay .greater blazes that might come, ers in buckets, tubs, wash bollers, or Water was stored in barrels and tanks any other receptacle they could lay Washington Star. hands on. for emergencies.

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Torson, the mail carrier, came over The air grew so hot the women bethe range one day with the comment gan to gasp and the little people that the grass was dry, rain improb- choked and cried because of parched the and a prairie fire imminent. Gen- lips. Men threw buckets of water Heman Ed., as chief of the Blue Duck over them and they were revived. Fire Department, immediately inspect- Flaming masses detached themselves ed his water supply, and found, de- from the main body of the fire and splie the dryness of the period, that sailed into the town, but the watchers a goodly quantity was on hand. He were upon them before they could also tested the pump of the one ar- flare up on fresh fuel. tesian well of the town and found it The gray smoke came and then the ready for arduous duty.

"Toreon," anid he, with a shrug of worked and the women tolled for the his shoulders, "Pil cut the cards with salvation of their husbands and sweetyou that Blue Duck gets no singeing bearts out on the prairie line strag-

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"Maybe," answered Torson, looking was everywhere. Halvorson and Auat the blue sky, "maybe, but when the derson were close to his shoulders. grass starts nothing stands. It's burn- Now they were pulling up a refractory ing down in Hay Creek and north of or frightened horse; now dragging a that nine-tenths of these "messages Hamar, all the barns are gone and the man back into safety whom the heat from the deep" are boaxes .- London cattle roasting. If it don't come here, had overcome; now directing new Mail. good-but it will." work, new energy against the foe.

Torson was right and Gentleman Ed. wrong. The afternoon of the day hands swelled, their eyes filled with shelter, never conscious that his crim- was the florcest. inal act brought devastation to thouwith wrock and carnaga.

the way up from that to \$5. In the case of rich people the maximum sum allowed by the union is charged. Undertakers always charge \$5 if they shave or have a man shaved. Often they will shave a dead man themselves, without calling in a barber, and put in a bill for \$5. They mever charge less than that amount. Why is so much charged? Oh, of course, it is a good deal like the charges of doctors, druggists and undertakers, but in the case of a barber there is the additional expense of a razor. Razors that are used on dead men cannot be used on live men afterward. bought each time. That takes a large pari of the fee. Then again the work

Frequently a new razor has to be | Ico, New Mexico and Arizona, sections | a very early date.

" Messages From the Deep." The "bottle message" picked up at

Ostend, and purporting to contain news of the missing steamer Basuto written by the captain when the ship was wrecked, turns out to have been erucl hoax, as the owners, Messrs. Buckmill, suspected. Messrs. Bucknall obtained possession of the secan of paper which the bottle contained and made careful inquiries as to its genuincness, with the result that it has been discovered that the message black smoke, but the pump still was concocted by two boys in Worth ing and thrown into the sea in a boltle. This is the second message of the kind received by the owners of gling for their lives. Gentleman Ed. the missing Basuto which on investigation has turned out to be a fraud. and it gives special point to their

Ireland Losing Her People

The skin peeled on their faces, their According to the figures of the resigthey talked a tenderfoot from the East, blood, but not one of these three men ivar general, Ireland is still losing in one of those happy, innocent fools faltered. Mrs. Torson struggled population, the decline for the last given to careless things, riding his through the smoke with a bucket of year being figured at 31,435. This is horse across the Cub Creek bottoms, water and caught Ed, just as his horse entirely accounted for by emigration, flipped a lighted match from his pipe fell with a broken leg. The man stopped for there was an excess of births over to the grass behind him. An instant just long enough to duck his head deaths amountining to 13,853, making later he heard a roar, looked back, into the bucket and then on foot the loss by emigration for the year saw an immense flame and fled for plunged forward to where the heat 45,288. The registrar's figures show that last year there were 21.330 mar-The wood on the plows blistered and riages, 101,450 births and 87,606 sands of acres of land, death to hun- the fron grew hot, but wider and wider deaths. There has been, in comparidreds of cattle and a night of horror grew the protecting belt. The back son with previous years, a slight defor innumerable men and women. He and cross fires did not start well, cline in both the birth and marriage was one of those gentle fools that They needed a favoring rush of wind rates, while the death rate shows an made Plevna a slaughter-house for in- or stimulating fuel. Ed. and Halvor- increase, which is, doubtless, partially nocent men; that sent Naroleon's rid- son boldly crossed the farrow line accounted for by the fact that the ers to a sudden death; that have blis- with a barrel of kerosene and rolled reductions of the population by emitered the pages of the world's history it into the flame. Anderson found a gration are almost entirely drawn tar harrel and did the same thing. from the ages in which the death rate Torson was watching the roots of the would be smallest.-Boston Herald,

supervened, and after persistent ef- membering ,hat, according to this theforts to maintain themselves on the home sites, the discomfited survivors tinent were Asiatics. Perhaps Caucaory, the "aboriginal" races of this conscattered, even to far-off Alaska, and slans would not have deteriorated unup the eastern slope of the continental der the same conditions .- Literary Diridge to the mouth of the Mackenzle gest. River, leaving traces of their successive

occupations all along the Pacific coast

how few escaped.

self-torture, immolation of war pris-

oners, and sundry barbarous ceremo

Antiquity of Iron.

and the mid-continental route, not only fron, the most common of all the in memorials of massive masonry and metals and the most essential, has exquisite pottery, but in linguistic simi- been used since the very earliest days, larities, religious practices, mortuary in the Book of Deuteronomy it is rites, superstitions, social habits, oral spoken of as the essential and last traditions and physical resemblances of fruit of the promised land. Mention a marked character. For many centu- of it by the Greek writers indicates ries large communities tarried in Mex- that it came into guite general use at of which were populous up to the ar- On Egyptian monuments, dating

rival of Coronado in 1540, but finally from the fourth dynasty, representaaridity of the soll, caused in large part tions of butchers sharpening their by forest denundation, frequent tidal knives on bars which were evidently waves, the deflection of surface waters steel have been seen. Tubal Cain is into subterranean rock fissures, the spoken of as "an instructor of every merciless raids of the Spaniards, and artificer in brass and iron."

internecine wars, scattered them over Smelting was known in England at the lava beds and alkaline wastes of the time of its occupation by the Rosage brush and cactus, to eke out a mans, and in various places coins of precarious livelihood with their starveiron made by the Romans have been ling flocks. The remnants ultimately found. Steel working was also known betook themselves to the cliffs and me- in England prior to the time of the as, which they fortified, and attempt- Norman conquest, and we are told in ed to subsist on crops which they histories that officers of high rank had forced from scantily irrigated gardens a smith whose business it was to look on the arid plains below. This for a after the masters' arms,

distressful period, and then northward The principal seats of the manufacagain to more peaceful and fertile lo- ture of Iron were in Sussex and the ulities in Eastern Colorado, where Forest of Dean, and it has been ascernelting snows from the uplifted con- tained that works existed in that part tinental divide afforded perennial mois. of Gioucestershire in 1238. ture. Here they maintained a long-

Winter Traveling in Siberia.

protracted status as agriculturists and The difficulties encountered in crossshepherds, establishing thrifty towns ing Lake Balkal in winter are shown and villages, of which a few remain to this day as 'pueblos.' Records of by a published statement that the Trans-Siberian express, which reaches their vicissitudes and dire extremity Myssovaya, one of the termini of the are pecked upon many a neighboring lake passage, on January 5, was derock-of the continued attacks and defenses, and how the cliff dwellers were tained at that place for six days. The passengers were finally compelled to finally cut off by their enemies, and cross the frozen surface a distance of upward of thirty miles, in open sleighs "The advent of the Spaniards and and on horseback, with the thermotheir ruthless quest for gold broke into meter registering twenty-seven degrees the bucolic life of the Pueblos. Many below zero. The powerful lee break were exterminated, while others, haers, built in England, are useless rassed and impoverished, abandoned against the dense mass of ice, which, agriculture in despair and took to the owing to high winds, overlaps and chase for a livelihood. From that to packs, making the surface extremely semil-savagery the lapse was easy; a rough and almost impassable. It is not condition which was aggravated by the religious superstitions which they lake will be completed under two retained, involving human sacrifice,

An Artistic Dake

nies which date back to earliest times, The Grand Duke of Hesse is an artand obtain even now in isolated parts ist, and his art is rather a peculiar of North America. The sun dance of one for a man. He does the most the plains Indiana is a relie of the sun beautiful embroidery, and is most skilworship of Chichen-Itza and Peru, ful in his arrangement of colors. He with its attendant crucities. All the is also very fond of music, dancing, Indian tribes burned their captives on and acting, and though he both bunts occasion-a survival of ancient rites. and shoots he cares far less for active "Untold and uncalculated years it outdoor pursuits than those which are took for the Central American migra- more or less artistic.

Years.

"If you want a man to take an interest | wings will have but a short-lived reign in you turn your back on him." But whatever the cause, the fact remains. You must consider the back of your

consideration to its sides.

the early spring and for outlags all through the summer, but the dressy affairs show a strong tendency to lift their brims high on one side, as in those brilliant days when Marie Antionett sported as a dairymaid at La Petite Trianon.

The brims to hats roll off the face or droop softly back and front, and are made very soft and fluffy. Gracefully spraying flowers or lace over great, soft rolls of tulle ornament the under side of these hat-brims as well as the upper parts. Both hats and toques will be worn slightly off the

-only until the beginning of the warm weather. Then soft ribbons, flowers, foliage and lace will be seen exclusivehat as well as the front, and give full ly. As the season advances brims will grow wider and more drooping, to pro-Generally speaking, hats will be low | tect the wearer from the dazzling rays hid flat. These effects will prevail in of the sun. The trimmings will be come simpler even though retaining the outlines already given of what will be worn on the head during the next few months.

> In outing and rough wear stitched felts and sliks will rival straws, which will offer the peculiar combination of being stiff, yet soft; rough, and yet smooth. Such a hat its this is possibly the most satisfactory a woman can have. It is suitable for every occasion on which a shirt waist can be worn. They are peculiarly shirt waist hats. They stand every kind and condition of weather and have a jauntiness all their own. By all means have one



of these, whether you have any other face. Braids are of all kinds that give tucked away somewhere or not. These s soft, smooth or lacy appearance. There are the Tuscan, horsehair, satin, Milan, and the new fancy straws-Woman's Home Companion.