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He that will of reason is a bigot; he that cannot is a fool; he that dare not is a slave.

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## POETRY.

### ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

"She's only a farmer's daughter,"  
A stylish lady said,  
With a scornful glance of her hand  
Some eye.  
And toss of haughty head.  
She frilled and flounced and furled  
In the very latest style;  
Her head was a wonder of curls  
And her train something less than a mile.  
Her hands that sparkle with many a ring,  
Were shapely and fair to view—  
As they well might be, for no useful work  
Were they ever allowed to do.  
To hear her talk of the "lower class,"  
Of their sins against propriety,  
Of "her family," and of "country girls,"  
And her horror of "mixed society."  
One would think that among her an  
cestry  
She numbered at least an Earl;  
(Her father was once a carpenter,  
And her mother a factory girl.)  
They say she is brilliant and beautiful  
I will not their words deny;  
But ah! the farmer's daughter  
Is fairer far to my eye.  
She is not in the height of fashion,  
But is very becomingly dressed,  
With flounces enough for comfort,  
And they look as if made of the best.  
Mirth and innocent happiness  
Out of her blue eyes shine;  
Her hair is untortured by crimps  
Or curls,  
And wears it by right divine.  
No mother toils in the kitchen for her  
While she on the sofa loafs,  
Novel in hand, dressed in her best,  
Receiving her morning calls.  
A share in the heat and burden of life  
She willingly, cheerfully takes,  
And duty, and love, in that happy  
home,  
A pleasure of labor makes.  
And though you may smile at this  
curious fact,  
I have seen her with hoe in her  
hand  
While she planted the corn, or waged  
war on the weeds,  
When man's help was scarce in the  
land.  
And her flowers—well, this summer  
you'll see them yourself,  
As you ride past the farm on the  
prairie,  
And mark the home, covered with  
roses and vines,  
The work of this Martha or Mary.  
And I'm sure you will say, spite  
the verdict of those,  
Who live out in fashion's gay whirl,  
That "only a farmer's daughter"  
means  
ONLY A SENSIBLE GIRL.

## BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

Beautiful faces are those that wear—  
It matters little if dark or fair—  
Whole-souled honesty printed there.  
Beautiful eyes are those that show,  
Like crystal pages where heart-fires  
glow,  
Beautiful thoughts than below.  
Beautiful lips are those whose words  
Leap from the heart like songs of  
birds,  
Yet whose utterance prudence guards.  
Beautiful hands are those that do  
Work that is earnest, and brave, and  
true,  
Moment by moment the long day  
through.  
Beautiful feet are those that go  
On kindly ministries to and fro—  
Down lowliest ways, if God will it so.  
Beautiful shoulders are those that  
wear  
Senseless burdens of homely care  
With patient grace and daily prayer.  
Beautiful lives are those that bless—  
Silent rivers of happiness,  
Whose hidden fountains few may  
guess.

It is said Mr. Blaine receives  
eighty cents a volume royalty for  
his book. About 100,000 volumes  
already have been ordered, so that  
the writer is sure of 80,000 for his  
year's work.

Good old Aleck McClure hardly  
knows how to track the Democratic  
party this year. He is in the  
predicament of the man who was in  
doubt how to approach the mule; if  
he came up in front, the animal  
would see him and run away, and if  
he came up behind, the mule would  
let fly at him with its heels.—*Cat-*  
*vago News.*

## THE CHARACTER OF LINCOLN.

From Blaine's Book.  
"Mr. Lincoln," he says, "was  
calm and philosophic. He loved  
the truth for the truth's sake. He  
would not argue from a false pre-  
mise, or be deceived himself or  
deceive others by a false conclusion.  
He had pondered deeply on the is-  
sues which aroused him to action.  
He had given anxious thought to  
the problems of free government  
and to the destiny of the Republic.  
He had for himself marked out a  
path of duty, and he walked in it  
fearlessly. His mental processes  
were slower, but more profound than  
those of Douglas. He did not seek  
to say merely the thing which was  
best for that day's debate, but the  
thing which would stand the test  
of time and square itself with  
eternal justice. He wished nothing  
to appear white unless it was white.  
His logic was severe and faultless.  
He did not resort to fallacy, and  
could detect it in his opponent, and  
expose it with merciless directness.  
He had an abounding sense of hum-  
or, and always employed it in il-  
lustrating of his argument, never  
for the mere sake of promot-  
ing merriment. In this respect he  
had the wonderful aptness of Frank-  
lin. He often taught a great truth  
with the felicitous brevity of an  
Æsop fable. His words did not  
flow in an impetuous torrent as did  
those of Douglas, but they were al-  
ways well chosen, deliberate and  
conclusive.  
Mr. Lincoln united firmness and  
gentleness in a singular degree. He  
rarely spoke a harsh word. Ready  
to hear argument and always open  
to conviction, he adhered tenaciously  
to the conclusions which he had  
finally reached. Altogether modest,  
he had confidence in himself, trust-  
ed to the reasoning of his own mind  
believed in the correctness of his  
own judgment. Many of the popu-  
lar conceptions concerning him are  
erroneous. No man was father than  
he from the easy, familiar, jocose  
character in which he so often pre-  
sented himself. While he paid little attention  
to form or ceremony, he was not a  
man with whom liberties could be  
taken. There was but one person  
in Illinois, outside of his own house-  
hold, who ventured to address him  
by his first name. There was no one  
in Washington who ever attempted  
it. Appreciating wit and humor, he  
relished a good story, especially if it  
illustrated a truth or strengthened  
an argument, and he had a vast  
fund of illustrative anecdotes, which  
he used with the happiest effect.  
But the long list of vulgar, sala-  
cious stories attributed to him were  
retailed by those who never enjoyed  
the privilege of exchanging a  
word with him. His life was, alto-  
gether, a serious one, inspired by  
the noblest spirit, devoted to the  
highest aims. Humor was but an  
incident with him, a partial relief to  
the melancholy which tinged all his  
years. He presented an extraordi-  
nary combination of mental and  
moral qualities. As a statesman he  
had the loftiest ideal and it fell to  
his lot to inaugurate measures which  
changed the fate of millions of living  
men, of tens of millions yet to be  
born. As a manager of political is-  
sues and a master of the art pre-  
sented them, he has no rival in this  
country, unless one be found in Jef-  
ferson."

There is a spot in your eye that is  
not sensitive to light, a part of the  
eye with which you do not see. The  
following directions for finding it  
are going the rounds of the papers  
and may be new to some of our boys  
and girls. Shut your left eye and  
with your right look steadily at the  
cross below, holding the paper ten  
or twelve inches from the eye:  
X  
Now move the paper slowly toward  
the eye, which must be kept fixed on  
the cross. At a certain distance the  
other figure—the letter O—will sud-  
denly disappear; but if you bring  
the paper nearer it will come again  
into view. You may not succeed in  
the experiment on the first trial,  
but with a little patience you can  
hardly fail; and the suddenness  
with which the black spot vanished  
and reappears is very striking.  
A cup of hot water taken just be-  
fore rising and retiring is a sure cure  
for constipation.

## A BLIND SPOT IN YOUR EYE.

There is a spot in your eye that is  
not sensitive to light, a part of the  
eye with which you do not see. The  
following directions for finding it  
are going the rounds of the papers  
and may be new to some of our boys  
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## MY CREED.

I believe in the tremendous soul-  
power that inspired old John Brown  
whether in the death-dealing barri-  
cades at Ossawatimie, or on the mar-  
tyr's scaffold at Charleston. He  
was the one who came early in the  
morning of a great political refor-  
mation, ere the twilight had whiten-  
ed the heavens with its silvery  
bronze, and rolled away the great  
stone, when immortal Freedom  
came forth, full panoplied, revived  
and glorious and ascended to her  
glittering throne in the skies, while,  
as in the drama of Pentecost, eleven  
tongues of fire came down and rest-  
ed upon her apostles. I believe in  
the overpowering influence of godly  
woman; in woman; in woman suf-  
frage, in both church and state, and  
that the man does not live upon the  
earth who can advance a rational  
argument against that proposition.  
Why may not a woman vote, I pray?  
Solely because of her sex? And  
what, then, is sex? An ordination  
of nature for the perpetuation of the  
race, which is unknown in the  
theocracy beyond the grave. It is  
not the poor, perishing body that  
votes, it is not the frail hand that  
bears the inscription. It is the im-  
mortal, indestructible, godlike, sex-  
less soul—that which is to live on  
and on forever in imperishable youth  
long after the last surviving star  
shall have flown in terror from its  
orbit and perished in the lifeless ex-  
panse of the desert heavens. There  
is no distinction of sex among the  
angels and the great company of the  
redeemed; no marrying or giving in  
marriage; no birth; death in the  
shining throng that worship round  
the Throne; and there no true soul  
was ever yet divorced from the ten-  
der bosom of its love. I believe in  
the symbolical motto of the Cardo-  
nari, or mountain, charcoal-burner  
of Italy, "Ravage on the wolves that  
devour the lambs." I believe in the  
society of a single laboratory, like a  
lonely cyclop forging at his anvil. I  
have faith in the patriot that  
nerved the arm of Charlotte Corday,  
and in the might of the spiritual  
which inspired John Knox. It was  
a single human mind that founded  
the pyramids, which for four thou-  
sand years have stood sentinels over  
the ancient secrets of the Nile. It  
was one mind that reared the dome  
of St. Peter's like a pantheon hung  
in the air that swung the hundred  
brazen gates of Thebes; that drove  
the locomotive through the cold and  
cruel heart of the Alps; that trained  
the terrible lightning to work un-  
der the sea. I have confidence in  
the electric inspiration which a red-  
hot human heart can cast abroad  
over an intelligent, reading, think-  
ing people. Finally, I believe in the  
gospel of Retribution. That—  
"Time, at last, sets all things even.  
There never yet was human power  
That could evade, if unforgiven,  
The patient watch and vigil long  
Of him who treasures up a wrong."

## AWOMAN'S LIFE IN MEXICO.

This is the first year that ladies  
even Americans, could walk through  
the street of Mexico alone in the day  
time without being grossly insulted.  
They look her straight in the eye  
and say whatever they please. As to  
their own wives, they are prison-  
ers always. They are never permit-  
ted to walk or ride out for a moment  
without their husbands, unless the  
need is very imperative. One call  
from any gentleman will compromise  
any married women in Mexico. It  
is not believed to be possible that a  
woman can innocently appear alone  
upon the street without her husband.  
An American lady, who boards at  
the Hotel Interbide, tells me of a  
Spanish-American wife there who,  
though as well as imprisonment will  
permit, has not been out of her room  
once in seven weeks, except to go to  
church (confessional doubtless) once  
on Sunday. Her meals are sent to  
her. To see American ladies out  
shopping seems to these tyrants and  
victims a degrading spectacle.  
I wouldn't like to be a young girl  
in "May-he-co," as they call this land  
—or a young fellow either. It is  
considered indecent for them to  
speak to each other till they have  
virtually become engaged, or to see  
each other without the presence of  
third parties till they are married.  
To behold a Mexican youth at first  
courtship gazing laudaciously up at  
a brown girl a hundred feet dis-  
tant on an upper balcony, whom he

has never been permitted to speak  
to, holding his steed immovable and  
gazing up, on his head a colossal  
bat, brave with great ropes and ar-  
baques of gold, on his legs breeches  
of some fine stuff, gorgeously with  
silver buttons or coins down the legs  
in double rows, holding his place  
with unwinking eye an hour at a  
time and coming there day after day,  
week after week, rain or shine, es-  
pecially rain, drenched to the skin,  
persistent and passionate—well I  
know few more edifying spectacles.  
In two months, if he is lucky, he  
will be able to get into the house  
and sit in the "front room" with the  
old folks. And in two months more  
he will marry her and lock her up.  
—DETROIT THUNDER.

## THE WOLF AT THE DOOR.

Under the heading of "The Wolf  
at the Door," the Meadville Repub-  
lican of a recent date says: We  
have always felt a kind of curiosity  
about what an Indian would do with  
his money, providing he should get  
sufficiently civilized to earn more  
than enough to buy fire water and  
blankets. We have found out. The  
annual distribution of annuity goods  
at Lac Court Oreille reservation has  
just been made to 1,000 Indians  
there. The Indians of this reserva-  
tion have been extensively engaged  
in logging during the past winter,  
and have banked about \$180,000  
worth of logs. They are well fed  
and well clothed, some of them hav-  
ing realized from \$2,000 to \$3,000  
from the sale of their timber. All  
have been at work. And how do  
they spend it? First whiskey, and  
secondly—let the agent's descrip-  
tion answer: "They came up in  
broadcloth and kid gloves, with gold  
watches, chains and seals, to re-  
ceive their dole of ten pounds of  
flour and three pounds of pork per  
capita." This is progress with a  
vengeance—but it is the progress  
that, next to the beer glass, keeps  
the most of our laboring folks poor.  
There is a multitude of railroad  
men, and machines, and carpenters,  
in this country who work hard, get  
good pay, but never have anything  
ahead. It is nothing under the sun  
but their "broadcloth and kid glove"  
policy which causes it. In our  
neighboring oil regions men are  
earning as drillers and engineers  
big pay, but a driller with anything  
ahead is a speculator who isn't gray  
headed. They build a shanty and  
put a Brussels carpet on the front  
room and buy a piano. They don't  
always have two sheets on the bed,  
but they are pretty sure to have a  
bedstead as high as the ceiling.  
The children don't always know how  
to read, but at least one of them  
takes music lessons. Every driller  
carries a gold watch, while his em-  
ployer generally carries a silver one.  
Lot these men lose work and they  
would not have enough ahead to  
keep the family in johnnycake for a  
week. Over in the Ohio mines a  
week ago there was a strike. The  
men had no work for a month. They  
had been earning \$3.00 and \$4.00  
per day, but two weeks after the  
work stopped, nearly every family  
had to be furnished food. They had  
lived it out; not in fine clothes  
or fancy furniture, but had actually  
eaten it up. "Why," said the own-  
er of the mine, as he trundled pork  
and beans and potatoes around to  
them, "I can't set such a table as  
these fellows do. They buy straw-  
berries at seventy-five cents a quart  
and eat lettuce in January. They  
won't be bothered with a pig, and  
I have to raise a drove to keep them  
from starving when out of work."  
It seems a pity that the "poor In-  
dian" should be taught whiskey  
drinking and extravagance at the  
out set. That when they do make a  
strike, as in the Lac Court Oreille  
reservation, there should be no  
more sensible to follow than those of  
extravagant show. That the next  
thing they learn after drinking is  
throwing away their money, but it  
is the example that most of our civ-  
ilized laborers set, so what can we  
expect from the uncivilized? "Lo,  
the poor Indian, and lo, the poor  
white man."

A young woman arrived in Balti-  
more from Switzerland en route to  
Uruguay, South America, to meet  
and marry her lover. It might be  
supposed that one so far away  
might have escaped entirely, but  
only a select few seem to have any  
luck in this world.

## A DOCTOR'S TRIBULATIONS.

If a doctor dresses well and wears  
a high hat, people say that he is a  
medical dude. If, on the other  
hand, he pays little or no attention  
to his toilet, then he is accused of  
lack of dignity. If he goes into so-  
ciety, attends balls and parties, then  
the impression is that he is fishing  
for popularity.  
If the physician visits his patients  
while they are in good health he is  
accused of attempting to sponge.  
He comes to the house in order to  
be invited to dinner. If, on the other  
hand, he never comes unless he is  
called, the inference is that the only  
use he has for his patients is to make  
money out of them when they are  
sick. If the doctor attends church,  
of course he is a hypocrite, who is  
trying to work on the religious feel-  
ings of the community. If he does  
not attend church, nothing can be  
plainer than that he is an infidel or a  
socialist. If the doctor's wife does  
not return the calls that other ladies  
make on her, then she is putting on  
airs, turning up her nose at her bet-  
ters, &c. If she does return the calls,  
then she is plucking patients for  
her husband to shoot at.  
If the doctor's horse is fat, that is  
a sure thing that he has not got  
much to do. If the animal is emac-  
iated, he is a brute for not taking  
better care of his horse. If he drives  
fast he is trying to create the false  
impression that he has been called to  
the bedside of some important  
patient. If he drives slowly he does  
not care a cent whether or not his  
patients die before he gets to them.  
If the patient recovers his health, he  
is indebted to a kind Providence, or  
a strong constitution, or to the care  
that was taken of him during his ill-  
ness. In no case is the doctor en-  
titled to any credit for the recovery.  
If the patient dies, he is undoubt-  
edly murdered by his physicians. If  
the medical man is sociable and  
talkative, the people say we do not  
want a doctor who tells everything  
he knows. If he is a silent man  
then they say a doctor should en-  
courage his patient to be communi-  
cative. If he talks politics they say  
that a doctor should have no polit-  
ics; and if he does not talk politics  
then he is a sneak and a time-server  
who either has no opinions or is  
afraid to own up what his politics  
really are. If the doctor does not  
run his horse to death when he is  
called, he is not taking sufficient in-  
terest in the case. If he does not  
send in his bill, his object is to pre-  
vent his patient from engaging an-  
other doctor. If he does send in his  
bill, he is in a fearful hurry for his  
money, and so on to the end of the  
chapter.

Bed bug poison—oil of sassafras.  
Rats and mice avoid chloride of  
lime.  
Clean coarse comb with a broom  
taft.  
Vinegar will remove lime from car-  
pets.  
Worm-wood will drive out ants.  
Salts of lemon will take stains  
from ivory.  
Place camphor gum near your sil-  
ver to keep it bright.  
Salt, if applied immediately, will  
prevent ink stains.  
Wash whitewashed walls with vin-  
egar to make paper stick.  
Frozen house plants will revive  
when sprinkled with camphor water.  
Tobacco tea will kill insects on  
plants and is good for the plant.  
Water as hot as can be taken is  
excellent in cases of vomiting.  
Sponging the head with tea will  
prevent the hair from falling out.  
Rub your stove-pipe with linseed  
oil, keep in a dry place, and it will  
not rust.  
A little milk in the water in which  
you are washing your dishes is much  
nicer than soap.  
For damp closets and cellars, put  
shallow dishes of unslacked lime, and  
change often.  
Do not always keep your piano or  
organ closed if you want the keys to  
remain white.  
For house plants: Put a piece of  
raw beef in the bottom of the pot  
before you put dirt in it.

Nearly 40,000,000 pounds of map-  
le sugar were produced in this  
country last year. Pennsylvania  
supplied 2,866,010 pounds.

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