

It Will All Be Right in the Morning.

When the bounding beat of the heart of love And the springing step grows slow...

THE WALL-FLOWER.

I wish I was dead; I am 28 years old. I never really noticed it till now. I can't find a wrinkle or a crow's-foot on my face...

And now, what's the good of it all? I've made a certain number of people quite miserable; but I've never been in love myself—not really—except—perhaps—

Well, nobody cares now if I have a heart or not. It's all different. I have got a certain number of friends, whose step suits mine, who ask me for dances...

I can see the ball-room reflected in the mirror here. How nice and cool the glass is to my hot cheek! What a fool I must look—only there is nobody can see me—

How decidedly melancholy dance-music is! I never noticed it so much before. I could lie down on the floor this very minute and howl, if I were to let myself go.

Suppose I were to cross the room and talk to Mrs. Fleming? Anything to seem occupied! No, I see she is asleep, and if she were not, she would only tell me of Violet's perfections.

There is Violet—with John Forrest. He is looking at her exactly as he used to look at me—eight years ago. Why did we quarrel? My fault, I begin to think. I suppose it was, but I know I felt very much in the right at the time.

Anything not to have people talk. But he has never forgiven me. If he were to ask me for a dance, now, I should think the end of the world had come!

Sometimes, lately—I have thought—that he would be glad to—oh, its just my fancy! And I don't want him to either!

I wonder if he really cares for Violet Fleming? She's delightfully young—and naive—and enthusiastic. I know he thinks so—but she has the reddest arms I ever saw!

Yes, for me, but for him! I don't love him. How could I? I should have to tell him, and even a Mr. Brown is not so abject as to marry a woman who tells him point-blank that she can only promise to—tolerate him!

Here they all come! I must try and look unconcerned! I know every stick of my fan by heart, but I will pretend it interests me deeply.

Here's the first couple! Billy Danvers and Miss Forrest! I was his first love, and he's trying hard to make Grace Forrest think she is. Let him!

Mrs. Jenkyn and our host! She's a widow. I wish some one would make me a widow. What am I saying? But she's ten years older than I am, and she laughs like a child.

Why, here's Violet—with Mr. Darcy! I thought she was dancing with John Forrest! And John Forrest—alone!

May you have a dance, Mr. Forrest? I—I—yes, certainly. The next?—the next but one.

Oh, good heavens! The end of the world?—or the beginning?—[Black and White.

"Aren't You Going to Pop?" A young lady was desirous of buying a parrot, so she went to a bird fancier's, and, after examining a good many birds, asked the price of one that took her fancy.

"Well, I will begin at the beginning, miss. You must know that that parrot belonged to a very poor family—a sailor son brought it from abroad—in fact, so poor that the mother was constantly running to the pawnbroker's.

The next afternoon, when George—that was his name—called on the young lady, and they were alone in the snug little parlor, the parrot eyed him gravely and asked: "Aren't you going to pop?"

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becomingly and her eyes were downcast—the love that had been bottled up in his broad bosom for three years, and perhaps but for that parrot would never have been uncorked, was now poured forth; and half an hour afterwards, when he left the house an accepted lover, he was not quite certain whether he would like to ring that parrot's neck or buy it an annuity for life.

Where There is No Afternoon. Strangers to Washington often remark the custom of addressing one at all times of the day by the uniform salutation, "good morning."

This is all, of course, official parlance. The custom has grown so that it extends throughout social life and in all sorts of private business, until it is reigning until all government business is at an end in Washington.

Japanes Politeness. The Chief of Police at Fajieda, hearing of my arrival, called at the hotel with his daughter, who had learned some English at Kyoto.

The chief remained an hour, evincing interest in my eating with knife, fork and spoon, and mixing sugar with the rice. In the morning he called again with two more Japanese ladies.

Wooden Whalers No Longer Useful. The old-fashioned whaling ships have been practically ousted from the whaling industry in the Arctic Ocean by the new steam whalers.

THE PUBLIC DEBT. Secretary Carlisle's Figures Show the Obligations Still Grow. The public debt statement issued on Wednesday shows that the net increase of the debt, less cash in the treasury, during the month of December to have been \$6,861,062.

When to Wind Your Watch. During the night your watch is quiet, as it were—that is, it hangs in your vest without motion or touch. If you don't wind it at night the mainspring is then relaxed, instead of being in that condition during the day.

A New Jersey boy has been discovered who sees everything upside down. The following shows the net gold in the treasury on the 31st of December in the years named: 1889, \$180,838,082; 1890, 148,972,833; 1891, 150,740,000; 1892, 121,205,082; and 1893, 80,861,000.

THE TRADE OF A YEAR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF

Of the Bureau of Statistics, Imports and Exports Amounted to \$1,714,066,000.

The annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Worthington C. Ford, which has just been issued, comprises 157 printed quarto pages of statistics of the foreign commerce of the United States for the year ended June 30, 1893, and discusses at considerable length the causes of the gold movement.

The noticeable features of these figures are: The values of imports of merchandise attained the highest mark in the commercial history of the country; the exports of gold reached a higher figure than ever before attained in a single year since the foundation of the Government.

The largest losses are as follows: T. P. Brown, chamber of commerce building, \$200,000; insurance \$100,000; F. M. Quale, grain and elevator \$200,000; fully insured; Frank I. King, grain and elevator \$100,000; \$118,000 insurance; Toledo Press club \$2,000; no insurance; C. L. Luce, estate building, \$60,000; Wonderland theatre owned by Moore and others of Buffalo, \$50,000; Samuel Young, building \$50,000; West & Grant wholesale drugs \$75,000; insurance \$45,000; Mrs. E. Bullock, Cincinnati, Anderson block, \$10,000; Second national bank, office fixtures, etc. \$25,000; William Baker, Hartford block \$10,000.

Coldest Weather of a Century in England. The Thames Frozen Over. A dispatch from London says: The Thames, from Windsor to Teddington, is frozen over. A number of trading vessels are fast in the ice.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Summarized Proceedings of Our Law-Makers at Washington. FIFTEENTH DAY. SENATE—Congress reassembled on Wednesday after the Christmas holiday recess.

HOUSE—The only business accomplished by the house was to swear in Mr. Adams as successor to the late Representative O'Neil of Pennsylvania, and to act on the resignation of Representatives Fellows and Fitch of New York.

SENATE—Mr. Hoar renewed the fight on the administration's Hawaiian policy in the Senate today and offered a resolution calling on Secretary Carlisle for a statement of the money paid to Commissioner Hoar and the orders and law under which the payment were made.

HOUSE—The entire session was consumed in filibustering on the Hawaiian resolution of Mr. Boutelle and delaying the consideration of the Wilson tariff bill.

Much Longer. Little children sometimes find it hard to understand that any one has had an existence before they, the little ones, were in the world.

It is a consolation when another man is in trouble to think that it will prove a valuable lesson to him.—Acheson Globe.

PIERCE FIRE IN TOLEDO.

The Loss is Estimated at \$750,000. Several of the largest building blocks in Toledo, O., were burned Thursday night, causing a loss estimated as high as \$750,000.

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OUR MINING RESOURCES.

Natural Gas and Petroleum Falling Off! Coal Booming. The report on the mining resources of the country for 1892, prepared by Chief Day of the geological survey, was made public. It shows that the high water mark in mining productions was reached in 1892, both in this and every other country.

The English apple crop was a very good one this season and apples have been so plentiful that the farmers have fed them to their cows. The method pursued was to grind the apples to pulp and mix them with straw chaff.

MARKETS.

THE WHOLESALE PRICES ARE GIVEN BELOW.

Table with columns for commodity names and prices. Includes items like WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, FLOUR, and various grades of grain and flour.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Table listing prices for dairy products such as BUTTER, CHEESE, and various types of cream and milk.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Table listing prices for various fruits and vegetables including APPLES, BEANS, POTATOES, and TURNIPS.

POULTRY ETC.

Table listing prices for poultry and other farm products like LIVE CHICKENS, DRESSED TURKEYS, and EGGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Table listing prices for miscellaneous goods such as TALLOW, SEEDS, and various types of flour and meal.

PHILADELPHIA.

Table listing prices for Philadelphia market goods including FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, and BUTTER.

NEW YORK.

Table listing prices for New York market goods including FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, and BUTTER.

LIVE-STOCK REPORT.

Table listing prices for live stock such as CATTLE, SHEEP, and PIGS.