"I can't make 'em hold but a few little things— Some cookies, an apple or two. A knife and pencil and bunch of strings, Some nails and maybe a serew, And marbles, of course, and a top and ball, And shells and pebbles and such, And, some odds and ends—yes, honest, that's all! You can see for yourself 'tisn't much.

"I'd like a suit of some patent kind,
With pockets made wide and long;
Above and below and before and behind,
Sewed extra heavy and strong.
I'd want about a dozen or so;
And I should be perfectly happy, I know,
With a handy rig like that."
—Eudora S. Bumstead in St. Nicholas.

My heart is firm;
There's naught within the compass of hu
manity
But I would dare to do.

-Sir A. Hunt.

HIS FLEETING IDEAL.

The Great Composite Novel.

XII.—CONCLUSION.

By BILL NYE. Illustrated by W. H. SPRAGUE.

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Across the peaceful bosom of the great plains no sound disturbed the night save now and then when at long intervals the shadowy figure of a coyote crossed an aisle in the sage brush, and opening his snapping, drooling jaws gave forth that justly celebrated dietonic scale of his which is so well calculated to call out the goose pimples even on the death mask of Methuselah.

Even the wind trod softly over the scorched and withered grass, and the well lubricated moon stole in and out among the clouds without a creak, with the exception of Bitter creek, of course, which laved its alkali shores in the eternal solitudes, and bleached still whiter, as the years went by, the snowy bones of those who once had sought to invade this great undertaking establishment of nature—this petrified hush of centuries.

But what sound is this that gently beats upon the tense drum of the listener's ear?

The distant iar and gentle palpitations

beats upon the tense drum of the listener's ear?

The distant jar and gentle palpitations
of a coming train from the west!

Scarcely do we hear this and catch the
yellow twinkle of a headlight when another muffled roar from the east and a
little crawling light growing rapidly out
of the dusk and distance swallow the
intervening miles, and in a flash the two
screaming, snorting, panting monsters
have met like mail clad giants in a
mighty tournament.

Come to the bridal chamber, Death!

hty tournament.
Come to the bridal chamber, Death!
Come to the mother when she feels
For the first time her first born's breath;
Come when the blessed seals
Which close the pestilence are broke,
And crowded cities wail its stroke.

Come in Consumption's ghastly form:
The earthquake's shock, the ocean's storm;
Come when the heart beats high and warm
With banquet, song and dance and wing
With banquet, song and dance and wing
And thou art terrible. The tear,
The groan, the knell, the pall, the bler,
And all we know or dream or fear,
Of agony art thine.

But to the heart, where love is dead, And hope is kneeling o'er its bler, Thy face with joy is overspread, And so lights out with bounding tread The soul that only sorrowed here.

The soul that only sorrowed here.

When Lena awoke with this dull pain
in her head she felt certain that she was
dead, and was almost tickled to death to
think that her sad heart would sorrow
no more and that Harry was free; but
almost at once came the smell of hot
varnish and the slight suspicion of an
overdone porter who ought to be turned
over.

"Great Gawd." she said, as her breath

over.

"Great Gawd," she said, as her breath came in brief pants, "the car is on fire. I must go away."

To a spectator who might have seen the collision it would have seemed impossible that a living thing could come out of this terrible wreck and holocaust; but ere long a venerable apple worm crawled out of the cool side of a nice eating apple, and seeing that he could be of no further use on board the train, came out of the car and slunk away in the darkness.

Soon the cheerful car stove begins to get in its work, and the chaos of broken woodwork begins to burn, at first slow-ly, then, as the swift winds of the plains catch it, the red blaze leaps out and greets the frightened night with a cackling laugh.

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DR. WATSON.
When Dr. Watson returned after sending his lying telegram to Edna he found the house empty and the door locked, the shutters drawn and everything deserted. The reader will ask how he knew that every one was gone when the door was locked and he could not get in, but we must remember that he was in the hypnotism business, and could do things that other people might consider difficult. Many a time as a boy he had hypnotized a watermelon dog and then helped himself to the luscious fruit.

Tombour down thank God. You may be able to prove yourself innocent after all," she had never called him Ehrain before. He stooped and whispered a few low, passionate words in her ear. HENRY HESSHALL. HENRY HESSHALL. HENRY HESSHALL of shrimp pink bathed face, neck and shoulders.

He soon learned that Mr. Crawford and taken his whole household, and with



MR. CRAWFORD.

hypnotize Mr. Crawford, but the old man
had shrewdly had himself vaccinated,

hypnotize Mr. Crawford, out the on man had shrewdy had himself vaccinated, and so he was safe.

There was nothing for the doctor to do but to follow the procession, for Crawford had evidently heard that his daughter was in California, and had resolved to go to her.

For some time the doctor argued with the old man, but without avail. He then tried to hypnotize the ticket office into giving him a lower berth, but the agent had been exposed when he was young, and so wasn't afraid of getting it now.

Therefore Dr. Watson had to jump hurriedly on the rear platform as the train pulled out and sleep in the smoking car with his front teeth resting heavily on his knees all the livelong night.

In the drawing room of a pleasant and airy sleeping car supplied with electric bells and a thermometer was a buffet, the sandwiches in which smelled like lower eight, while lower eight got even by smelling like a corned beef sandwich, and here sat Mr. Crawford and Miss Brown. Below is given a picture of Miss Brown. Her name was Celia Brown, but her friends called her Ceil and Brown with an air of badinage which brought a rosy flush and sweet bright smiles to her fair face.

The artist has happily caught this smile with his little catch-as-catch-can camera.

The picture was originally a full length

camera.

The picture was originally a full length figure, but owing to the pressure on our advertising space and a note just received from the chief of police we have decided to condense the portrait as much



MISS BROWN.

Briefly but truthfully and tearfully
Miss Brown made a clean breast of her
sorrowful slavery to Dr. Watson, the
hypnotist, and on her knees she promised the old man that never again would
she give him an opportunity to wield his
ghoulish and disagreeable influence over
her.

As the fair head of the beautiful girl
rested on his knee, and with trembling

As the fair head of the beautiful girl rested on his knee, and with trembling fingers he screwed up her Psyche knot a little tighter, so that it could not get muddy as the spirited roadster sped along the track, he thought he had never saw so fair a being, taken all around, as she was. [Mr. Crawford always used the choicest English in his conversation, but occasionally his thoughts were ungrammatical.]

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"I also have a confession to make, dear one," he said. "Prepare for a piece of information which you can hardly credit, save that I, who am, or is, or are, as the case may be, the criminal, tell it to you may be.

the case may be, the criminal, tell it to you myself.

"Would you believe that I, who am your comrade on this journey, whose face is so refined, so spirituelle, could have taken the life of Dr. Cronin?

"Could you believe that I. a professor of religion and aworthy inside guard for two terms in the Little Bethel Independent Order of Good Templars, No. 38,702, could have gone under the cover of darkness and with a bright new clasp knife cut into the nice warm vitals of a neighbor, and then, with his hot blood spurting up my sleeve, hacked the dying man to pieces, put him in a shawl strap and carried him away to a sewer trap and concealed his dishevelled remains so that the police could not get on to my that the police could not get on to my

spoor?
"And yet for months this terrible seeret has been preying upon my soul. Yesterday while Dr. Watson was up-Yesterday while Dr. Watson was up-town it occurred to me that possibly I did not kill Cronin, and so, picking up a paper, I read that another man did it. Following up this germ of thought, I soon also discovered that I was abroad all the year of the Cronin murder. I am now wondering if Dr. Watson has not been wielding an unholy influence over me which the delightful climate of Cali-fornia and some light stimulant like rye whisky and opium may overcome.

whisky and opium may overcome."
A quick sob came from the bowed form before him.
God. You may be able to prove yourself innocent after all," she said. She had payer called him

It was but the work of a moment for Ephraim to call up a sleepy but clerical looking man in upper five, also in pajamas, who quietly slid down into the drawing room and in the presence of the sleeping car conductor and porter made the two man and wife.

And what of Henry Henshall, the hero and artistic ass of this story?

Leaving his art to shirk for itself, and forgetting that he had promised on that very day to paint two large barns for a party in Oakland, he fought mally for a place on the train in order to follow an unknown flaxen haired fiddler, who did not care a cent for him or his art. Henry Henshall was not a bad man, but he needed some great calamity or severe concussion to jolt a little sense into him. That was all. Life had been too smooth with him. He had painted several portraits of Beatrice Cenci, which had been accepted by the family and paid for, yet after all he needed something that would almost kill him, but not quife. This would, the doctor thought, knock the talents out of him, and give him an ambition to do as he agreed and pay his debts.

Such an episode was in store for him. For, by a strange fatality, this train he rode upon a few nights later (although

For, by a strange fatality, rode upon a few nights later (although Mr. Barnum, by a slight oversight



AFTER THE WRECK.

who has a large amount of stock to feed and water and bed down and take care of nights, places the accident on the first night 'nt) crashed into the train which brought Mr. Crawford west in search of his child.

On that fatal night Edna placed he On that fatal night Edna placed her violin in her berth, where it could not get overheated by the steam pipes, and then, letting down her angelic hair till it fell about her slight figure like a halo of molasses candy, she looked so sweet that the porter thoughtlessly swallowed a pillow which he was holding in his teeth as he watched her skin up the steep ladder and plunge into her couch with a glad cry.

She soon stuck her head down into Mrs. Henshall's berth, however, and said tenderly:

ly:
y dear friend, I do not know why "My dear friend, I do not know why, but I think I am going to die," and she thoughtlessly quoted some lines from the deathbed scene in which Little Eva gen-

thoughtlessly quoted some lines from the deathbed scene in which Little Eva gently glides up the flume at \$2 a week in an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company.

"I have saved quite a little fortune from my popular appearances before the public, and I wish you would give it to my father if I die."

A quick sob came from the lower berth occupied by Mrs. Henshall.

It was hers. She made it herself.

"Nay, nay, my dear," she said, "if eyether die, let it be I—or me, if that sounds better. Oh, let me die!"

With that she moaned piteously, like a person who does not feel well.

"Yes, dear lady," said Edna, handing her a crocheted purse containing \$8.

"This will lift the mortgage on the



I cannot go on to any great length to describe that horrible night. It was a wonder that one human being came forth



Alive from the terrible wreck—and awful hell, I was going to say.

Henry Henshall was struck on the head by a fresh train fig, and for a time lay unconscious, but the smell of his burning trousers aroused him, and he got up and went out of the car.

Strangest of all, the blow had cleared his intellect and knocked the laudable pus out of his mind, as it were, and "Lena" was the first word on his lips. The awful picture seemed to bewilder him a moment, and then he set to work. From the window of a burning car a white and beautiful arm extended through the broken window. On the hand, though spatted with bright scarlet

splotches, he recognized his wife's wedding ring.

With a cry of agony he dashed into the crushed and burning wreck, and just as the flames were beginning to creep upon her he jumped from the hungry flames with his fainting but happy wife in his arms. Again and again he blessed the happy blow on his head which had cleared his vision and made him see how near he came to losing a good, true and desirable wife.

Lena's hair turned snowy white, and is so yet, but she makes a beautiful matron, a kind mother, and a good wife to the cashier of her father's bank, Mr. Henry Henshall, who has a signature now worth \$250,000 in his own individual right.

Edna was never fully recovered. Aside from the hinges of her violin case, her remains were never found. I hated to write this, but I am not here to be sentimental. I must be truthful. Her money was used, or a portion of it at least, to relieve her father's indebtedness, and with the balance was founded a conservatory of music in Boston.

Dr. Watson was pinned to the wreck by the ear and slowly scalded to death. Before he died he said he was sorry for what he had done, but yet with his last breath he tried to bite a preacher who was praying for him. He was a low

what he had done, but yet with his last breath he tried to bite a preacher who was praying for him. He was a low creature. He was a disagreeable per-son, and his death utterly failed to cast

a gloom over the community.

Mr. Crawford and his bride returned
to Chicago and remained there quite

awhile.

They were very, very happy indeed.

Mrs. Dr. Watson went on the stage and did well. She receives good wages, and also got \$85,000 insurance on her husband, whose life she had insured the year before. With this money she bought two beautiful dresses, which she now wears on the stage and which make a great hit.

now wears on the stage and which make a great hit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henshall are real happy all the time. Henry is a good provider and Lena can construct a cake which will make one's hair curl. They have a good deal of company come to see them, and almost without exception each one says on going away, "We have had a real good time."



Something for Old Maids. Undoubtedly marriage is the natura and appropriate condition of woman She wants and needs a husband to love and children to love, and a home to be attached to, as a female bird requires a attached to, as a female bird requires a nest full of eggs or of young, and a proud and faithful mate on a contig-nous branch of a tree to render her com-pletely happy.

Nor can it be denied that many old maids are sour—sour is their disposition, as pickles fresh from the strongest vin-egar.

mains are sour—sour is their disposition, as pickles fresh from the strongest vinegar.

Probably it is because they have so little to do—rather, we should say, owing to the want of sufficient duties on which to expend all their vigor and force. They do seem, and it may as well be admitted, to take to scandal somewhat as ducks take to water, yet we look upon that as a minor point in considering their character and utility. We do doubt very much whether the world would be as well off if there were not old maids in it. In their bosoms dwell some of the most benevolent hearts in the world.

Was not Florence Nightingale an old maid? What married woman ever did as much, not only for the good of the soldiers of England, but for the improvement of the world, as she?

And yet, if she had had a stalwart husband, a luxurious home and a house full of babies, who would ever have heard of her outside of the walls of her own home, or, at most, the limits of her own visiting circle—New York Ledger

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GEMS IN VERSE.

strength
Than that which comes through failure. This
I know—

I know—
I know—
That while success forever proves our loss,
Failure has pointed with unerring hand
To some still grander failure. Thus my soul
Has had no chance to fold its weary wings
And rest in apathetic victory.

And rest in apathetic victory.

And still the purpose of an eagnest mind Does reach fruition every day and hour. Rather, it makes fruition as it goes. It fails, but counts its failures as success, And in a world on fire, on fire itself, Still feels the breathing of a deep content.

—Helen Wilmar

From my library window I see, day by day,
A red iron letter box over the way,
And once in awhile, when I've nothing to do,
I number its callers—and here are a few:

The first is a maiden with cheeks all ablush. I know her heart throbs like the throat of a I know her heart throbs like the throat of a thrush,

That the half hundred paces she's come have seemed "blocks,"

Ere she drops her first love letter into the box.

A young husband next, with his face lit with joy,

Mich tells quite plainly that "it is a boy,"

He dashed off a letter, with lines all aslant,

To tell sister Jennie that now sho's an aunt.

And next, a maidservant with apron and cap,
Who looks as though sadly in need of a nap;
Poor soul she's been weeping; and now, as she
nears,
A black bordered missive shows cause for her
tears.

Another now comes to the red iron box,
Of taste rather "loud" in the matter of frocks
"Quite pretty," you'd say, but true beauty
ne'er soils
The soul that's enmeshed in its mystical toils.

Bent, haggard, untidy—who now totters near, His features fast set in a cynical sneer? A note to his lawyer—the sneaking old vise— To "foreclose that mortgage and buy at half price."

And last comes the postman, who whisks ou his key. Unfastens the padlock, and nodding to me With a jerk that explains that there's no tim to lag. Walks off with the letters all safe in his bag.

Come one and come all—there is plenty

room
In the red iron box for your joy and your gloom,
Your sin and your sorrow, your hopes and your fears, fears,
That will all have flown—where? in a hundred
of years!

Whind Love.

Two lovers heath you poplar tree—
She's sixty-five, he seventy;
But still he is to her the beau
Who wooed her fifty years ago;
For wrinkled brow and trembling knee
Disturb not her serenity;
Nor faded cheek nor whitened curl
Can ever steal from him the girl
Whom healt you ancient poplar tree
Whom healt you ancient poplar tree
He wooed and won in Katte Whiting.

Not Without Care

Not Without Care.

You may build you an elegant mansion
And fence it around with gold,
Set it all with diamonds and rubies;
You may keep out the wind and the cold
You may hanls from it all intruders,
Have music and levity there;
You may whut out discord and envy,
But you cannot shut out care.

But you cannot shut out care.
You may build a lowly cottage,
You may paint it all in white,
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You may sing with the voice of an angel, You may dance with a fairy's feet, You may laugh till your laughter make music

For every one that you meet;
You may dance till your feet seem twin my dance till your feet seem twin my king.

You may dance till your received whiting.
Till the roses fade in your hair,
You may dance till the world dies of envy,
But you cannot drive away care.
You may smile in the faces of women
Who envy your very life,
As you hide from their eyes all the burdens,
The wearniess, heartaches and strife;
You may live so the poor will adore you,
Live a life that the world ealls fair;
You may let love be conquered by duty,
But you cannot live without care.
But you cannot live without care.

The Martyr.

The Martyr.

Every age on him who strays,
From its broad and beaten ways.

Pours its sevenfold val.

Happy he whose inward ear.

Angel comfortings can hear

O'er the rabble's laughter;

And while batted's faggots burn,

Glimpses through the smoke discern

Of the good hereafter.

- Whittier

I know a deep philosopher who's far too wise to think.

That bubbling, breezy blatherskite, the boister-ous bobolink.

So drunk is he with wine of joy, so music mad with mirth.

ous bobolink.

So drunk is he with when of joy, so music mad with mirth,

His tipsy carols of content rejuvenate the earth.

We feel the orient joy of life with which our the search of the search and air, and in the heart of man.

From what deep fount of flowing joy does this man dimistred drink.

This bubbling, breezy blatherskite, this boisterous bobolink?

From rounded apple blossom cups where wild bees browse and bloom;

From tiger lily beakers and from chalices of From stawberry gobiest silled with dew, the incense of the night,

Caught from the sky's inverted urn embossed with starry light;

Forth from his blossom bed he leaps, and, laughingly and strong,

All up and down the ringing earth he weaves his web of song,

And praches boldly to the sad the folly of degal,

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And the my heart his wisdom finds a surer welcome home

And to my heart his wisdom finds a surer wel-come home

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