

IN LETTERS OF GOLD.

Full fifty years, sweet love, together
We wandered on 'gainst wind and weather...

OLD ASON.

Judge between me and my guest, the
stranger within my gates, the man whom
in his extremity I clothed and fed.

At 5 o'clock in the morning of the
sixth day I looked out. The wind still
whistled across the sky, but now with-

Half way up the east, the moon, now
in her last quarter and decrepit, climbed
with the dawn close at her heels.

Nobody knew whence he came, except
that it was from the wind and the night,
seeing that he spoke in a strange tongue,

Now for the look of this man. He
seemed a century old, being bald, exte-
remely wrinkled, with wide hollows

They frightened me. Perhaps they
conveyed a warning of that which I was
to endure at their own hands.

From the hour when he tasted food in
my house he sat there without hint of
going. Whether from design, or be-

Then the awakening came. I sat one
day in the chair beside him, wondering
as usual. I had felt heavy of late with a

A warmer color in the stranger's cheek
caught my attention, and I bent for-
ward, peering under the pendulous lids.

Turning, I regarded the stranger. He
sat as phlegmatic as an Indian idol, and
in my fancy I felt the young blood

I hurried from the room, and seeking
my wife laid the case before her. "This
is a ghoul," I said, "that we harbor;

and her eyes were the light of my soul.
Consider, then, how I felt as she laugh-
ed, taking the stranger's part against

In my room, day by day, I brooded
upon this—hating my own alteration
and fearing worse. With the stranger

Now having probed my weakness, and
being satisfied that I no longer dared to
turn him out, he, who had half imposed

And I groaned in my chamber, for
that which I feared had come to pass.
He was making open love to my wife.

One morning I went to my wife, for
the burden was past bearing, and I must
satisfy myself. I found her tending the

So I taxed her on the matter of this
stranger, saying this and that, and how
I had cause to believe he loved her.

"By my head, I believe his fancy is
returned!" I blurted out.
And her smile grew radiant as, look-

"Give me your watch!" he called out
as he drew near.
"Who should give you my watch?" I

"Because I wish it; because it is gold,
because you are too old and won't want
it much longer."

"Pardon me," she said; "it is you who
are spoiling the child."—Arthur T. Quil-
ler-Couch in Noughts and Crosses.

Literary history is crowded with in-
stances of torpid and uninteresting in-
dustriousness. Gibbon was pronounced

The original picture of "Sheridan's
Ride," painted by T. Buchanan Read,
now hangs in the private office of Pres-

Some of the most experienced practi-
tioners express the opinion that the ex-
pected fact that intubation would, on

When one, not being a professional
politician, looks at the question widely
and considers the penalties of political

The game of football played in Ameri-
can colleges and schools is not nearly so
harmful and dangerous as that which is
played in England.

LOVE AND WEATHER.

When, in the budding of the year,
To her I love I chanced to sigh,
"Thy spring," she whispered in my ear;

And when, in summer's golden hours,
I said my heart was all aglow,
She smiled as sweetly as the flowers

Oh, grant, ye powers of destiny,
That she and I may meet together,
In some strange land that's fair to see,

Absence of Real Children in Literature.
The wise mentors in conventional lit-
erature virtually tell you that child lit-

Why Milk Differs in Quality.
Milk is more susceptible to changes
from the normal condition than any
other food product.

It is remarkable that although new
fruits come to the front every year there
is not a pear yet that has been able to

The Bartlett is in season throughout
September, the Seckel from the close of
September and through October.

The smallest fee ever taken by an Eng-
lish counsel was sixpence, that fee hav-
ing on one occasion been taken by the

Remarkable Unanimity.
The remarkable unanimity that is so
pleasant to observe between man and

Monday and Friday.
Those of us who like Friday for vari-
ous reasons, but chiefly because it leads

Best Flowers for a Sickroom.
The best flowers for a sickroom are
growing flowers, but cut flowers are

Some one has noted the fact that July
has been a fatal month to presidents,
Jefferson, Monroe, Taylor, Van Buren,

Robinson Crusoe's island, Juan Fer-
nandez, is inhabited by about sixty per-
sons, who attend to the herds of cattle

Jack—I hope you'll consent to a mar-
riage between myself and your daughter
Alice.

Didn't Like the Weapons.

"I came very near having a duel
once," said the congressman to a group
of auditors.

"When I was about thirty," he con-
tinued, "I hung out my shingle in a
small town in a southern state, and be-

"I have come in," he said after a few
preliminary remarks, "to make a state-
ment about this duel. What I've got to

Why Milk Differs in Quality.
Milk is more susceptible to changes
from the normal condition than any
other food product.

A second set of causes which influence
the quality of milk grows out of the ig-
norance or carelessness of the producer

A fashion safe to stamp a young girl
in general society as ill equipped with
knowledge of good form is that of

Those of us who like Friday for vari-
ous reasons, but chiefly because it leads
up to Saturday, upon which day schools

Remembered.
To reap down the fields that in spring I have
sown.

Enthroned.
He sits enthroned on his lofty throne
Above the passions of his clay.

A Father's Suggestion.
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Dance Grundy met him with her blandest

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