

TODAY.

My soul upon my lips hath set a seal,
And, though I needs must greet thee day by day.

What lies between us I must not reveal—
My life is spent in learning to obey.

But, oh dear one, when thou and I shall meet
In that fair world that knows not grief nor fear.

Unfettered, shall these longing lips repeat
For evermore, "I loved thee always here."

—M. L. Smith in Harper's Weekly.

PRISCILLA'S ERROR.

It was first day afternoon, and Friend Priscilla Gibbons sat in the rocker in her cozy front room.

The sermon was forgotten; every woman on one side, and every man on the other, and every youngster in every part of the house craned his or her individual neck to get a good view of the new-comer, who so rashly defied traditions.

Friend Priscilla herself lost the thread of her discourse and stood there helpless in the general amazement. The stranger, startled by the silence and by the fixedness of the numerous gazes fastened upon him, roused himself to the situation, surveyed the two divisions of the house and proceeded to act. Sneak, sneak, down the aisle he went again; sneak, sneak, along the stones outside; and sneak, sneak, up the other aisle to a front seat in the Quaker synagogue.

The elders breathed again; the children giggled, and Friend Priscilla endeavored to gather up the broken threads of her interrupted discourse. But the inspiration had fled. After one or two ineffectual struggles to enunciate a proper sentence, the little lady sank into her seat, placed her gray bonnet precipitately on her head regardless of the white face ruffled, pulled her carefully ironed and folded handkerchief from her pocket, held it before her face and gave herself up to agitation.

Friend Priscilla's pocket handkerchiefs, like the rest of her belongings, were fine and beautifully kept, and the ones devoted to use for state occasions were religiously laid away in a box by themselves. As she sat there reflecting on the untowardness of the immediate occurrences Friend Priscilla's one consolation was the recollection that the handkerchief now decorously drooping before her face in a long, half fold had been taken that morning from the sacred box in which her best were preserved.

Rudely breaking in upon her meditations came an audible snicker from one corner of the room, followed by a giggle from another quarter. She was astonished to find the meeting breaking up and a friend at her elbow saying demurely, though with a laugh in her eyes: "Priscilla, hasn't thee made a mistake in thy kerchief? That hardly looks like the ones thee usually carries." One hasty glance at the article mentioned, another at the smiling looks directed toward her by the entire audience, an awakening to the conviction that it had been necessary to close the meeting on account of the incongruity of her attire, and Friend Priscilla hurried out and home by the back way.

First day school had no charms for her that day. Her dinner was a weariness to the flesh. The cat concluded a blizzard had swept the heart of his mistress, and retired to seek consolation in the light of the fire and the warmth of the rug. Afternoon ran on toward twilight, and twilight deepened into evening, and still Friend Priscilla Gibbons sat there gloomily, wondering how it had ever happened, and bemoaning that she of all people should have brought discredit upon the sacredness of a Friends' meeting, for it had taken no second glance to show that what she had supposed to be a neatly ironed, fine white handkerchief shading her agitated little face had been in reality a long white stocking, dangling its toe and heel audaciously toward the audience.—Philadelphia Times.

A Bright Christmas. What a flood of memories the word revives! To tell of the happiest Christmas I ever experienced is almost an impossibility—there were so many happy ones when my father was alive to teach me how to enjoy them. The first Christmas that I remember seems now like a scene from a long forgotten comedy. I was a very little boy then, but the day is impressed upon my memory by a mishap never to be forgotten. Who has not some time been given a drum by his dearest friend and closest confidant—his father? The drum that I received then was almost as large as I, and the very first use to which I put it was that of a staphyler.

My ambition at that moment was to reach the lofty altitude of an armchair. The drumhead, however, refused to sustain me and I fell through with a bang. How long I might have remained there it is impossible to say, for I never could have extricated myself alone. The hearty laugh in which my father indulged when he rescued me from my predicament is still a bright spot in my recollection.—George B. McClellan in New York Herald.

Soms of Burns' Phrases. Here are a few specimens of Burns' happy phrases: "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley"; "The fear o' hell's the hangman's whip, to hand the wretch in order"; "But pleasures are like poppies spread; you seize the flower, its bloom is shed"; "Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us"; "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn"; "Nursing her wrath to keep it warm"; "The mirth and fun gees fast and furious"; "What's done we partly may compute, but know not what's resisted"; "Princes and lords are but the breath of kings"; "The rank is but the guinea stamp, a man's a man for a' that."—London Tit-Bits.

Finda at Sea. In respect to derelict or abandoned property at sea the ancient rule gave one-half to the salvor, but now the usual course is to allow the award to be governed by the same principles as in other salvage cases, taking into consideration the risk and labor employed in the service. Often a ship fortunate enough to save an imperiled or helpless vessel will make more money for her owners than she would on two or three voyages.—New York Evening Sun.

How the Number Nine Affects Love. The first unmarried man passing beneath the lintel post of a door over which has been hung a pod containing nine peas will marry the maid who placed it there, and a piece of worsted with nine knots tied in it is considered a lucky charm for a sprained ankle.—New York News.

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

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Financial Statement

of the AUDITORS OF FOSTER TWP. ON ROADS.

For the Year 1891-92. Lewis Bechtloff, collector of road taxes, in account with Foster Township, DR.

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By amount of exonerations, per-some bills, \$531 61; Abatement, 54 34; Scattered land returns, 545 28; Unsettled land returns, 545 28; Errors in assessments, 75 95; Errors in occupations, 38 82; Less collected, 1 mill tax from Cox Bros. & Co., as per in- Junction, 117 23; Paid to Joseph Serricks, 3706 61; Worked out taxes, 1242 86; Collector's commission, 185 33; Total, \$6531 49.

Overpaid by collector, \$7 44; Commission on worked out taxes, 75 14; Amount due collector, \$132 58; Thomas Lewis, treasurer, in account with Foster township, DR.

To amount received from county treas-urer, liquor license money, \$1425 00; From Collector Bechtloff, 3706 61; Total, \$5131 61.

By amount paid on orders of Thos. Earley, \$190 00; Paid to Joseph Serricks, 124 09; Orders of Wm. Jenkins, 414 79; Orders of Hugh Brogan, 33 65; Orders of Thos. Earley, 32 65; Judgment and mandamus ex- ceptions, 1500 81; Treasurer's commission, 148 73; Cash in hands of treasurer, 25 32; Total, \$5131 61.

Expended by Thos. Earley, super-visor, DR. Thos. Earley, days, \$62 00; Thos. Earley, horse, 142 20; Charles Serricks, horse, 172 00; Labor, 1529 73; Supplies, including auditing, 43 97; Taxes worked out by Cox Bros. & Co., 589 00; Total, \$2307 20.

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HEAVENLY RECRUITS, Centre Street, above Chestnut. Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor. Morning Service, 10:00 A. M.; Sunday School, 2:00 P. M.; Love Feast, 3:15 P. M.; Preaching, 7:30 P. M.

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