

WELCOME VISITORS.

They come to me in dreams, betimes,
The dear ones gone before,
They sit beside me at the hearth,
Go out and in my door;

I waken with a sob of pain
That it is but a dream,
And yet they're near me all the day,
So real does it seem.

Dear dwellers on the distant shore;
Come near me when you may,
Let memories of my happy dreams
Make sweet the waking day.

THE HARPOONER.

In silence the ship moved on through the tranquil waves of the North Pacific, the old Arctic, the lucky ship of the whaling fleet.

The sailors used to say that they would sooner be before the mast in the old Arctic than mate of another whaler, because they could make more money.

A man was standing near the fore-castle, shading his eyes with his hand and peering out ahead. He was tall and strongly built, his face marked by the tattooing instruments in use in the north seas.

George Betts was the captain's nephew, and the doctors had said that the only thing which would save his life was a sea voyage, and they gave him in charge of Captain Jacobs.

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In 1898 the British Museum stored away 222,674 numbers of 3,437 English, Scotch, and Irish periodicals, and 68,702 numbers of 292 foreign and colonial periodicals.

meet her, you at the wheel; don't let her fall off!"
And the Arctic sped on before the awful gale, leaving Nat Myers and George Betts at the mercy of the angry sea.

"That's right, my son," he said. "Cheerily, cheerily, lad!"
"The ship is away," said George, sadly, as he saw the Arctic rush on before the wind.

"Never you mind, sonny," and he passed his arm about the lad, and, stripping off his belt, raised the boy, so that he lay upon the board, and then bound him to it, face down, but in such a position that he could raise his head a foot or more from the board.

"Why don't you get on the board, Nat?" said George, uneasily.
"Never mind me," replied Nat, "I'm all right, you see."

"History" and Daniel Boone. The scholar told some strong stories now that we were in a region of historical interest—where Boone planted his first fort, and where Boonesborough once stood, but he always prefaced his tale with the overwhelming authority that—

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IMPERIAL DECREES.

BEING ISSUED FROM WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS.

All the Strength of the Government Must Be Used in Order to Perpetuate the Reign of the Money Power and Other Trusts.

(Washington Democratic Letter.) Washington, D. C., June 16, 1900. There is no doubt but what Mark Hanna runs the government. There isn't a department in Washington which is not being operated for the main purpose of re-electing McKinley next November.

A particularly flagrant instance is just now engaging public attention. There is a bureau of the treasury department known as the bureau of statistics. Its function is to compile statistics relative to commerce, imports and exports, the movement of coin and similar matters. For many years it was under the control of Worthington C. Ford, recognized as one of the principal statisticians in the United States, a man of fine character and excellent ability.

The position came under the civil service law, and by law could be filled only by an expert statistician. After Secretary Gage took office, with great pretenses as a civil service reformer, he gave Mr. Ford assurance of his high esteem and of his strong desire that he should remain at the head of the bureau of statistics.

From the time he entered office the bureau of statistics was run for the sole purpose of getting up Republican statistics. In every way that human ingenuity can devise, figures have been twisted, warped, distorted and garbled in order to back up the Republican position in favor of protection of trusts and of the gold standard.

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Otis' Philippine campaign is the most humiliating military failure in the history of the government, but the administration has to stand for Otis because Otis stands for the administration.

But there are ample signs that the country has had about all it wants of militarism. Military heroes are at a discount. The Republicans do not find it wise to put a military man on the ticket with McKinley any more than the Democrats will at Kansas City.

It is recalled now that some six months ago when a certain Cuban newspaper began charging American officials with corruption, Gen. Ludlow, then in command at Havana, promptly threw the whole staff of the newspaper into jail and practically suppressed the offending paper.

It is well to note that five of the inspectors in the Cuban postal service who conveniently looked the other way when Neely and his confederates were stealing postal funds, have been "permitted to resign."

In the corridor of the Hoffman House, in New York, a prosperous looking citizen was heard to remark to a friend the other evening: "I am a Republican and always have been but I want to tell you that this man Bryan is the greatest political leader this country has had in 25 years, with the possible exception of Blaine."

This declaration suggested the points of similarity and difference in the personality and character and statesmanship of Bryan and Blaine. That James G. Blaine had a personality so engaging and commanding as to inspire immediate admiration and to win lasting respect is the admission of his bitterest foe.

In all these elements of greatness Bryan resembles Blaine, except in the greater accuracy of the former's learning and the profounder quality of his mind. But where Blaine was weak, Bryan is strong.

While the trusts have here and there increased the wages of their employees, which had previously been reduced from the 1892 scales, they have in every instance not only added several times as much to their own profits and made the people foot the bill, but they have failed also to restore wages to the old standard before what has been called hard times reductions.

Stoves have increased 50 per cent. Wagons have increased from four to five dollars. Copper has doubled in price. Fourteen-inch plows that sold for \$10 now sell for \$14.

What a happy dog you are! Don't you ever borrow trouble? "Nope! Can't afford to; the interest too high."—Brooklyn Life.

THE COMING AGE OF ALUMINUM.

Death of Copper Industry Foreshadowed and Ultimate Downfall of Iron.

The coming age will be the age of aluminum. It is only 70 years since this wonderful metal was discovered by Woehler, and the aluminum industry, scarcely 40 years old, commands already the attention of the entire world.

The absolutely unavoidable consequence of the advance of the aluminum industry will be the annihilation of the copper industry. They cannot exist and prosper together, and the latter is doomed beyond any hope of recovery.

Aluminum, however, will not stop at downing copper. Before many years have passed it will be engaged in a fierce struggle with iron, and in the latter it will find an adversary not easy to conquer.

While it is impossible to tell when this industrial revolution will be consummated, there can be no doubt that the future belongs to aluminum, and that in times to come it will be the chief means of increasing human performance.

Its electric conductivity, which, for a given weight, is greater than that of any other metal, would be alone sufficient to make it one of the most important factors in future human progress.

Boers After a Battle. An American, who has recently returned from South Africa, where he saw some of the fighting, from the Boer side, tells of the impression the manner of these fighters made upon him.

Origin of the Term "Bluestocking." The term "bluestocking" was originally used in Venice about the year 1400 to designate literary classes by colors.

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FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Ventilation of Sleeping Rooms.

Rooms which are to be slept in, after having been occupied during a whole evening, must be thoroughly ventilated before the occupant prepares for bed.

Care of Rubber Plants. A woman who has great success with her rubber plants sponges on each leaf on the under as well as the upper side at least three times a week.

A Forget-Me-Not Window Garden. Forget-me-not is easily cultivated and is one of the prettiest plants for a window garden.

Laundering Fine Napery. Hang your linen to dry, using two lines comparatively close and parallel for your tablecloths.

Rhubarb Jam Tart.—Rhubarb jam is particularly nice if a little ginger be added to the preserve.

Cinnamon Rolls.—Roll out the biscuit dough into a thin sheet, spread on it melted butter, and sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon.

Cold Tongue and Sounds.—Soak them the night previous in warm water and scrape well.

Ginger Beer.—For ginger beer take one large spoonful of pulverized ginger, one of cream of tartar, one pint of yeast, one pint of West India molasses and six quarts of water.

Salad of Greens.—Select any suitable green vegetable such as romaine, chicory, escarole, taking care to have as many different shades of green as possible.