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THE OLDEN TIME.

BY CLARENCE MAX.  
Oh! give me back the olden time,  
When life was new and gay,  
When rose-buds veiled the sunny path,  
And heaven seemed to bear,  
Before the heart's bright trusting faith  
Was robbed by worldly love,  
And yielded up the garnered joys  
It trusted in before.

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When Nature seemed more bright,  
When each returning Spring would bring  
A dreamy, soft glow,  
When 'neath the whispering boughs it layed  
We spoke love's tender word,  
And all the charms of poetry  
Seemed far more sweet than now.

Oh! give me back the olden time,  
Before the war,  
How sprung up like some horrid fiend,  
The fiend land to us,  
When life seemed like a summer dream,  
In mild and pleasant ways,  
And passed o'er happy homes,  
Her soft and cheerful rays.

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FRANK.

"Frank" was born near Bristol, Pa., and

her parents now reside in Alleghany City, Pa., where she was raised. They are highly respectable people, and in very good circumstances. She was sent to the convent in Wheeling, Va., at twelve years of age, where she remained until the breaking out of the war, having acquired a superior education and the accomplishments of modern usage. She visited home after leaving the convent, and after taking leave of her parents, proceeded to this city in July last, with the design of enlisting in the 2d East Tennessee cavalry, which she accomplished, and accompanied the Army of the Cumberland to Nashville.

She was in the thick of the fight at Murfreesboro' and was severely wounded in the shoulder, but fought gallantly, and wounded the Stone river into Murfreesboro' on the memorable Sunday on which our forces were driven back. She had her wound dressed, and here her sex was disclosed, and Gen. Rosecrans made acquainted with the fact. She was accordingly mustered out of the service, notwithstanding her earnest endeavor to be allowed to serve the cause she loved so well. The General was favorably impressed with her daring bravery and superintended the arrangements for her safe transmission to her parents. She left the Army of the Cumberland, resolved to enlist again in the first regiment she met. When at Bowling Green she found the 8th Michigan there, and enlisted, since which time she has been, and is now connected with it.

"She is represented as an excellent horsewoman, and has been honored with the position of regimental bugler in the regiment. She had seen and endured all the privations and hardships incident to the life of a soldier, and gained an enviable reputation as a scout, having made several wonderful expeditions, which were attended with signal success.

"Frank" is only eighteen years of age, quite small and a beautiful figure. She has sable hair, which she wears quite short, and large blue eyes, beaming with brightness and intelligence. Her complexion is naturally very fair, though slightly bronzed at present from the effects of exposure. She is exceedingly pretty and very amiable. Her conversation denotes more than ordinary accomplishments, and what is stranger than all, she appears very refined in her manners giving no evidence whatever of the rudeness which might naturally be expected from her life associations.

"Frank" informs us that she has discovered a great many females in the army, and is now intimately acquainted with a young lady who is a lieutenant in the army. She had assisted in burying three female soldiers at different times whose sex was unknown for five years past. What the American now prints, its editors would scarcely have, if any, to say.

"Big Words and small Ideas." Big words are great favorites with people of small ideas and weak conception. They are often employed by men of mind, when they wish to use language that may best conceal their thoughts. With few exceptions, however, illiterate and half-educated persons use more "big words" than people of thorough education.

"It is a very common but very egregious mistake, to suppose that long words are more gaudy than short ones; just as the sort of people imagine high colors and flashy dresses are the style of dress. They are the sort of folks who don't begin, but always commence. They don't live, but reside. They don't go to bed, but ministeriously retire. They don't eat and drink, but partake of refreshments." They are never sick, but extremely maladive." And instead of dying at last, they "decease."

The strength of the English language is in the strong words—chiefly "monosyllables" of the Saxon derivation; and the people who are most fond of short words, are those who have no other things than doing, and who delights in saying "what's axl."

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"Do not the words apply to every human being, whose chief interest lies in other things than doing good, and who delights in saying "what's axl?" There are no making money in heaven; there is no promotion, there is no gossip, there is no idleness, there is no controversy, there is no detraction in heaven. *I can tell you what you will do when you get to heaven!*"

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Archbishop Purcell on the Day of Thanksgiving.

Speech of General Sickles at Saratoga.

An Honest Confession.

HUMOROUS.

The Vicksburg troops lived several weeks upon "mule meat." That's what made the rats so stubborn.

The miser is a wretch who starves him self in his world to be dandled in another.

A Western girl, after giving her lover a kiss, exclaimed: "Dog my eye, if you haven't taken a little eye, old boy."

A man may be settled by a vote of his sweetheart gives it to his lover.

Judas betrayed our Lord for thirty pieces of silver; many professing Christians have, by similar services, made ten times the money.

Why should a testator refrain from marrying? Because if he got a wife his principles would not permit him to sup por.

A Physician's Toast—may the poor people never get sick.

Upon coming into this office the other day, we asked the "devil" his rule for punctuation. Said he:

"I set up as long as I can hold my breath, then put in a comma; when I gape, I insert a semi-colon; when I sneeze, a colon; and when I want another chaw of tobacco, I puke a paragraph."

Muggins recently reproached a friend for reading that treasonable sheet the New York World.

It gets a religious frame of mind was the reply.

How?

It makes me long for another and better world.

The following is an extract from a speech delivered by ex-Governor Boutwell of the Treasury Department:

The Government has not been framed which can sustain a struggle such as inevitably must result from the existence of any considerable number of men who entertain the ideas which those men entertain.

The war that is now desolating our land, is not the result of the preaching of anybody, North or South.

It is not the result of what has been done in Congress, or of what Congress has failed to do; and if you will search the records of time, you will find that this rebellion, in which we are engaged, this war which we are prosecuting, hand to hand with the enemies of the republic, is the most logical and most inevitable of which history gives us any account.

It is not spasmodic nor exceptional.

It is necessary, because we have founded a Government upon two antagonistic hostile ideas.

To these it will be without interest to know that I shall be in command of my corps when the next battle is fought.

It is reserved for the Army of the Potowmack the last and greatest of the armes of the rebellion. I have had the honor to belong to the Army of the Potowmack during my brief military service—with it, and especially with the 3d Army Corps; my destiny is cast; proud of my association with so many heroes, their fortune will ever be mine—and nothing can be dearer to me than their honor and fame, and happiness.

When the enemies of the republic lay down their arms—when Charleston and Chattanooga, and Richmond, are garrisoned by Federal troops;

when the Constitution and the laws, and the flag of the Union are recognized from the Susquehanna to the Rio Grande—as now they are honored and loved from the Penobscot to

the Atlantic ocean, then, and will until then, will we have an honorable peace.

Meanwhile, those who are most impatient for the termination of hostilities should do all they can in aid of the Government and the army;

those who are willing to impair the authority of the Government and seek the Southern hand which spurns them, let them not be unmindful that they contribute to the worst of calamities—the recognition of a hostile and hateful Confederacy. Separation is war—endless war; union is peace. My friends, good-night, and farewell.

Advice to a Copperhead.

The Committee of the Washington Union Club of Memphis, Tenn., have replied to the declination of Hon. Emerson Etheridge, to address the people of that city, and the letter has been published, and is very severe on Etheridge, whose letter was not, by any means, polite or gentlemanly. The committee close as follows:

"As you have been exceedingly generous in the bestowal of your advice, we will make an apology for offering a little of ours:

"1. If you have been indulging too freely in the use of 'tanglefoot,' desist and join some temperance society.

2. Quit the Copperheads.

3. If you can't be a better Union man than John Minor Botts, try to be as good, and keep still.

4. Cease insulting American women.

5. Try by every means to regain the little respectability you have had and lost.

6. Offer yourself as a substitute for some negro soldier over forty-five years of age; or, if not, do the same for a white man.

7. Apologize to the President, and as Cooper is legally incompetent to hold the office of assessor in this district, you will stand a fair chance of being appointed.

8. Take moderate doses of Vermifuge and a cold bath three times a day.

9. Purchase and read a small book called "Etiquette for American Gentlemen," especially that chapter directing how to reply to police invitations.

10. If it is true that you are crazy, endeavor to get into a good lunatic asylum.

By carefully digesting these brief, gentle, and friendly admonitions, and also the 20th chapter of Exodus, together with General Butler's recent speeches, you may be able to rescue your name, not from contempt, but from infamy.

John Brown over 10 years ago, was president of Gettysburg, fought throughout the battle of the first day, and was wounded no less than five times—the last shot taking effect in his ankle, wounding him severely.

He came up to Col. Winter in the thickness of the fight, shook hands with him, and said he came to help. He was dressed in his best, consisting of a light blue swallow-tail coat, with black buttons, corduroy pantaloons, and a stove pipe hat of considerable height, and a bicorne pattern.

He was armed with a regulation musket.

He loaded and fired unflinchingly until the last of his 600 rounds brought him down. He will recover.

His little cottage was burned by the rebels. A purse of one hundred dollars was given to him from Germantown.

John Burns—Germantown Telegraph.

Advantages of Printing.

Mr. B., well-known Metropolitan printer, once told us that on one occasion a widow from the country came into his printing office with an old bible in her hand.

"I want," said she, "to print it in two pages a week."

"Yes—but she is not so old; she may marry again."

"Won't you make any change in that case? most people do."

"Ah, if they do? Well, write again, and say."

"What do you mean?"

"Why," said he, "one morning I did not feel very well, and went to see the surgeon. He was busy writing at the time, and when I went in, he stopped and looked at me, saying, 'Well, you do look bad, you had better take something.' He then went on with his writing, and left me standing behind him. I looked around, and saw nothing. I could take except his gold watch; and I took that. That's what I am here for."

A WILL.—"I give and bequeath to Mary my wife, the sum of one hundred pounds, a sum which I have no objection to give."

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How to SUBDU SIR.—A South warrior, at the hour of battle, thus appealed to his companions in arms:

"No, lads, there's the enemy. If ye don't shoot them, they'll shoot you."

"I declare, you must be the author of sin."

"Certainly."

When the old lady went out, he posted himself to the office of the American Bible Society, and purchased a copy for fifty cents.

For makes a massy! exclaimed the old woman, when he came to look at it, "how good as you have had it—it's even a most as good as it can be."

"I have never seen anything so curious as what you have got."

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