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## MUFFLE THE DRUMS.

Muffle the drums! Let the bugles blow
Softly their music this hallowed day!
March with reverent step and slow,
Homage to war's martyred heroes pay.
Over the graves
Of our fallen braves
Low droops the flag, while a nation is weeping.
Blow, bugles, blow,
Softly and low,
Over the fields where our blest dead are sleeping!

Muffle the drums! See, the flag is furled!
Shouts of the battle have died away;
Over the fields where war's dust-cloud whirled
Peace and tranquility reign to-day.
Clashing of arms,
Wild bugle alarms,
Ne'er shall be heard where our heroes lie sleeping.
Rest, soldier, rest,
While o'er thy breast
God's sacred watch-fires their vigil are keeping!

Muffle the drums! On steep mountain heights
Down in the valleys, on land, o'er sea,
Thundered the guns through wild days and nights,
Spilling the life-blood for you and me.
Charging brigades
Met flashing blades;
Stern was the contest on battlefields gory.
Sleep, heroes, sleep!
O'er land and deep,
Thine was the contest, and thine be the glory!

Muffle the drums! 'Tis a sacred day;
Hallowed and honored its memory keep.
Naught but Love's tokens we bring to lay
Over the graves where our fallen sleep.
Blow, bugles, blow,
Softly and low,
While fairest flowers Love's hand is here strewing,
Over the graves
Of a nation's braves,
Over the sod which our tears are bedewing!

## THIS MEMORIAL DAY.

### Tender Recollections of the Days of the Early Sixties.

To-day, when Spring, the enchantress, has put her spell upon this great country in the fullness of its beauty and when the red earth, gashed and bare, has covered its deformity and dearth with the verdant bloom of bounteous nature, and nowhere in all the land is sadness—then it is that the lacerated heart, mellowed by sweet memory, offers upon the soldiers' graves the sacred tribute of flowers.

Now there is no North or South, and from Southern lands to New England's shores the warmth of human love goes down into the valley of the dark shadow to make the patriot's sacrifice supreme.

The personal aspect of decorating the grave of the soldier and sailor is the essence of sympathy. The realism of war is terrible beyond words, and the moral of a soldier's grave is sad enough.

In this era of bloodless commercialism, when war is justified only by commercial advantage, it is well to take to heart the noble lesson of the early sixties, when preservation, not expansion, brought the white tombstones to the green sward, desolated homes, and broke countless hearts.

As the South suffered in this respect, so did the North. But there are no sections now, outside of the buncombe of partisanship.

The fraternal unity, as well as the physical oneness of the last war, has made this an undeniable reality.

And though over the graves of our dead we weep,
We can trust them all to the tender keep
Of the GOD who guides, and who will not cease,
Till all flags are furled in the PORT OF PEACE.

## At the Pool of Bethesda.

One of the footprints of Jesus in the vicinity of Jerusalem is the Pool of Bethesda. The pool which represents it now is an unsettled question. Three are pointed out; of which two are dry and full of weeds and rubbish. One of these is near the gate of St. Stephen and the other is near the Church of St. Anne. The third pool, supposed by many to be that of Bethesda, is the Pool of the Virgin. It lies in the Kedron valley, deep within the hill, Ophel. The approach is through a vaulted chamber and by two flights of steps which descend thirty feet beneath the surface. There has been a large deposit of debris here so that the outer aspects have greatly changed. This pool is an intermittent spring. It flows sometimes two or three times a day, but in the dry season not so often. The flow continues from ten to thirty minutes. The surplus water runs off through the rock-cut conduit, made by King Hezekiah, and forms the Pool of Siloam. The disturbance of the water, due to the intermittent flow, and the fact that it is the only living water in the vicinity of Jerusalem, in the opinion of the writer, strongly identifies it with the Pool of Bethesda. The irregular movement of the waters was not understood. It was attributed by those not acquainted with aquatic movements to angelic agency—Ram's Horn.

## Not What He Asked.

In these days of individualism in thought and action the balance of decision tips more and more toward the personal. Even in the matter of spelling the ego asserts itself in the face of tradition and history. Bobby in Tit-Bits is not the only person who constitutes himself the final court of appeal in the realm of orthography.

'So you go to school, do you, Bobby?' asked the minister.

'Yes, sir,' answered Bobby.

'Let me hear how you spell 'bread.''

'B-r-e-d-e.'

'The dictionary spells it with an 'a,' Bobby.'

'Yes, sir, but you didn't ask me how the dictionary spells it. You asked me how I spell it.'

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## NAVY'S GLORIOUS PART.

The navy was engaged in 65 battles during the civil war. At the outbreak of hostilities the enrolment of officers and men aggregated 7,600, which before the close of the war was swelled to 132,554.

There were 1,804 men killed or mortally wounded in action, of whom 342 were scalded to death by escaping steam from boilers pierced by the enemy's shot; and 308 men were drowned in action, going down with their ships.

Total naval losses were as follows:

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| Killed in action | 1,804 |
| Wounded | 2,226 |
| Died from disease & accidents | 3,000 |
| Total | 7,030 |

The first naval engagement was the capture of Forts Clark and Hatteras, N. C., Aug. 28, 1861, by Capt. J. G. Van Brunt, without loss of life or injuries to the sailors. In this engagement were the Minnesota with 46 guns, Wabash 45 guns, Monticello 6 guns, Susquehanna 17 guns, Pawnee 15 guns, Harriet Lane 5 guns, and Cumberland 25 guns.

The most important to the world at large was the battle March 9, 1862, between the Monitor and Confederate ironclad Merrimac, the first battle in the world between ironclads, for that day saw the doom of all existing naval ships then in the world.

The most famous engagement occurred June 19, 1864, seven miles off Cherbourg, France, when the U. S. Kearsage engaged and sunk the confederate privateer Alabama, which had been built and fitted out in England. The engagement lasted one hour and two minutes.

The Kearsarge took six officers and 64 men prisoners, afterwards paroling all but one of the latter. Capt. Semmes of the Alabama and a number of the crew were picked up by the British steam yacht Deerhound, which made off for England and there landed them safely. After the war England paid dearly for its participation in the affair.

The two greatest naval engagements were the capture of New Orleans, April 24, 1862, opening the mouth of the Mississippi to commerce; and the battle of Mobile bay, Aug. 5, 1864, when the greatest fleet was assembled, and when Admiral Farragut, lashed to the topmast of the Hartford, led the fleet past the harbor forts and through the field of torpedoes. It was on the latter occasion that Farragut gave utterance to his famous remark about torpedoes. The Brooklyn was leading the line up the bay, when it suddenly stopped and backed and threatened to involve the entire fleet in destruction. 'What's the matter?' signaled Farragut.

'Torpedoes,' was the response.

'Damn the torpedoes,' said Farragut, 'go ahead,' and assuming the leading position with his own ship led the fleet to victory.—Boston Globe.

## Soldiers' Rations.

The daily allowances for the privates was as follows:

Twelve ounces of pork or bacon, or one and a quarter pounds of fresh or salt beef.

One pound six ounces of soft bread or flour, or one pound of hard bread, or one and a quarter pounds of corn meal.

To every 100 rations (about a company) there was also provided:

Fifteen pounds of beans or peas.
Ten pounds of rice or hominy.
Ten pounds of green coffee, or eight pounds of roasted or ground coffee, or one and a half pounds of tea.
Fifteen pounds of sugar.
Four quarts of vinegar.
One pound four ounces of candles.
Four pounds of soap.
Three pounds and 12 ounces of salt.
Four ounces of pepper.
Thirty pounds of potatoes.
One quart of molasses.

## Worms In Fowls.

For worms in fowls feed a mash food each morning for a week containing a liberal amount of freshly crushed garlic bulbs, or, if you cannot obtain them, good strong raw onions. Use as much of this in the mash as you can get the birds to eat readily. Disinfect all droppings with a 2 per cent solution of sulphuric acid. Burn up all litter material and thoroughly disinfect your poultry houses. If you leave droppings lying about they will be scratched over by other birds, and these will become affected also.

Cupid sometimes grafts a peach on an old shrub.

## Various Uses of Electricity.

Electricity for power, lighting and heating is common enough and most people are familiar with these applications. Among the various other uses to which the electrical energy is put are the following:

Electroplating.
Electric cigar lighters.
Electrotyping.
Electric sealing wax heaters.
Automobile battery charging.
Electric glue pots.
Electric welding of metals.
Electric furnaces, laboratory.
Electric furnaces, dental.
Electric branding irons, meat.
Electric branding irons, boxes, etc.
Electric soldering irons for every service.
Electric flatirons, common.
Electric laundry irons, special.
Electrically heated laundry rolls.
Electric silk hat irons.
Electric embossing press heaters.
Electric vulcanizer for rubber tires.
Electric massage and vibratory appliances.
Electro-therapeutic current devices, and light rays.
Electric sterilizers for surgical instruments.
Electric cauteries.
Electric (ozone) water purifiers.
Electric time stamp.
Electric lifting magnets.
Electric ore separators.
Electric thawing of frozen pipes.
Magnetic chuck for lathes.
Electric curling irons and grease paint heaters for theatres.
Magnetic 'Old Man,' machine shop and construction work.
Magnetic dental hammer.
Electro-magnet for oculists for removing metal splinters from the eye.
Magnetic flux coil for producing partial anaesthesia.

## Where Is the West?

It would be easier to tell where is the East. That is always toward the Atlantic. Boston is East to Cleveland; Chicago is East to Colorado, and everything this side of the Cascade mountains is East of the Pacific Coast. It almost amounts to this. The West is where a man is; the East is where he or his father came from.

So it comes to pass that the West has no fixed geographical limits like the South and New England. It is something more than a geographical term. Like Boston, it is a state of mind. There are mountains and rivers and oceans within the limits of which this state of mind is preeminently to be found, but it is to be recognized in other regions as well. You can tell a Westerner as you can tell a Southerner, sometimes by his speech, always by his attitude toward life.

The West means Americans who are controlled by certain ideas and motives. But American does not mean Anglo-Saxon beyond the Alleghenies. It is never strictly speaking a matter of descent, but this is doubly true of that great region where blood and ideas and habits of every people under the sun are fusing into a new race. Inevitably the West is cosmopolitan. With such an origin it could not be otherwise. Provincialism in any arrogant sense of the term you will not find outside of the thirteen original states of the Union. On the prairies too many men have succeeded where according to all precedent they ought to have failed, for any one to claim a proprietary right in omniscience. Lacking that, however convinced it may be of its own superiority, the West is tolerant, and the Westerner is at home everywhere.—World Today.

## Fannie Woods' Hen Talk.

Fannie Woods says in the April Farm Journal:

The poultry yard should be graded and ditched so that there will be no puddles of water for poultry to wade through.

Give the little brooder chicks a chance to get to the ground on sunny afternoons. They like to pick at the young blades of grass and scratch and hunt.

It is necessary to keep the April hatched chicks confined a good deal on account of unfavorable weather, but they must have an occasional outing to keep them thrifty and lively, as healthy chicks should be.

Everything comes to the man who pays spot cash.

Clothes do not make the man—or the chorus girl.

If a guest at a restaurant ate a lobster and a second guest did the same, what would the second guest's telephone number be? 8 1-2.

## Value of Good Roads.

Bradley county, Tenn., covering 325 square miles of territory, had an assessment valuation equal to $9 per acre and an average tax rate of $1.65 per $100 when agitation in favor of good roads began there. After a long and earnest struggle the advocates of improvement were able to carry by a small majority a measure which provided for the issuing of bonds for $90,000, to be used for improving their public thoroughfares. Opponents of the scheme fought it in the courts and thus held back the work of advancement, but the courts decided that these bonds would be valid and ordered that they should be issued.

Warned by the hostility which had so delayed their work, the advocates of good roads began cautiously to carry out their undertaking in such a way as should make converts if not warm friends of their opponents. Competent engineers were engaged to plan and to direct the work, and the most efficient machinery was bought, every part of the work was done in the best way practicable and every care taken to get the best results for the money.

Before half of this $90,000 was spent all parts of the county clamored for additional money for road improvement of all their roads, and there was little if any opposition to providing for an issue of $186,000 worth of bonds for this purpose.

A result of this was that lands which could not find buyers at $8 to $10 an acre so long as the roads were either dry, dusty and rough, steep and badly aligned or wet, muddy and stone were easily salable at $15 to $30 per acreeven before the work of making theroads good wascompleted. Another result is that the county seat has gained importance as a manufacturing town and is consequently growing in population, in prosperity and in ability to pay a larger share each new year of the cost of improvement.—E. W. Perry in Good Roads Magazine.

## Short on Scripture.

Colonel John Cosgrove, afterward congressman, defending a client accused of some crime, in an eloquent climax shouted:

'What does the State's attorney expect? Does he expect my client, like Daniel, to command the sun to stand still and have it obey?'

'Judge James W. Draffen, lawyer for the opposition, interrupted: 'May it please your honor,' he said, addressing the bench, 'I object to Col. Cosgrove's misquoting Scripture.'

'I beg pardon,' blandly replied Col. Cosgrove, 'I forgot for the moment that it was not Daniel, but Solomon, who commanded the sun to stand still.'

## A Brilliant Idea.

'Why is it,' she asked shortly after the wedding, 'that you don't care to skate any more? You were so fond of it before we were married.'

'I wasn't fond of it, my dear. To tell you the truth, I made a martyr of myself for your sake. I knew you enjoyed it so that I felt as if I had to'—

'Thought I enjoyed it? Heavens I was a martyr too. I thought if I didn't go and be tortured you'd take some other girl, and'—

'Say, Fanny, I believe it would be a fine thing if every girl and boy could be locked up the minute they became engaged and kept behind bars till the day of their marriage.'

## To Make Cold Cream.

This valuable adjunct to the toilet should, when possible, be made up at home. This is an excellent recipe: One ounce of pure white wax, two ounces of spermaceti and half a pint of almond oil. Melt together in a small jar in the oven; stir well and run into small pots.

Among the white races more than seven-tenths of religion is confined to women. Yet the men run things. Very few men are really religious, while you find some women who are not.

When a man tells his 'story,' always remember that he exaggerates it and that he isn't fair with the other fellow.

More than 2,200 battles occurred and nearly 360,000 men in the Union army were killed in battle or died of wounds and disease.

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A good many loafers imagine they are philosophers.

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## OFF HIS MIND.

Something was always the matter with Mr. Jordan. When he was not suffering from excruciating pains in his back or chest, or groaning with an attack of indigestion, he was threatened with inflammatory rheumatism, appendicitis, or something equally terrible. He could talk by the hour about his miseries, and frequently did.

"I know what will cure you of all these ailments you have been telling me about," said his friend, Doctor Simmons to him one day; "but it wouldn't do any good to recommend it to you,"

"I'll promise to do anything you suggest," vowed Mr. Jordan, "if it's something that isn't beyond my powers,"

"I will answer for that. You go to the big brickyard just outside of town. Tell the superintendent I sent you there; and that I want him to give you a job among the boys who lift the soft clay bricks from the moving platform or belt, just as they come from the machine, and place them in the racks. It's lively work, but there is something in the atmosphere of fresh clay or in the handling of it, perhaps, that's just what you need. Take whatever he offers you, if it's only a dollar a day."

"I'll do it."

It was several weeks before Doctor Simmons saw him again.

"Hello, Jordan!" he said, when he met him. "You haven't told me anything about your ailments lately."

"My ailments!" exclaimed the other. "Good land! Do you know what kind of a job that brick jerking is? I haven't had time to talk about my ailments, or even think of them, for a whole month, and every last one of them has left me!"

"I thought so. You may quit now. You're cured."—Youth's Companion.

## Private Ownership.

Before a great fire of logs in Helicon Hall, the seat of his utopian colony, Upton Sinclair one snowy night talked of the injustice of the private ownership of land:

'A tramp was one day strolling through a wood that belonged to the Duke of Norfolk. The duke happended to meet him and said:

" 'Do you know you are walking on my land?'

" 'Your land?' said the tramp. 'Well, I've got no land of my own, so I'm obliged to walk on somebody's. Where, though, did you get this land?'

'I got it from my ancestors,' said the duke.

" 'And where did they get it from?' went on the tramp.

" 'From their ancestors,' said the duke.

" 'And where did their ancestors get it from?'

" 'They fought for it.'

" 'Come on, then,' said the tramp fiercely as he pulled off his coat, 'and I'll fight you for it.'

'But the duke, hastily retreating, declined to accept this fair offer.'

## Language of Umbrellas.

There is a language of umbrellas as of flowers. For instance, place your umbrella in a rack and it will often indicate that it will change owners.

To open it quickly in the street means that somebody's eye is going to be in danger.

To shut it quickly signifies that a hat or two will probably be knocked off.

An umbrella carried over a woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain, signifies courtship.

When the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings it indicates marriage.

To swing your umbrella over your shoulder signifies 'I am making a nuisance of myself.'

To put an alpaca umbrella by the side of a silk one signifies 'Exchange is no robbery.'

To lend an umbrella indicates 'I am a fool.'

To return an umbrella means—well, never mind what it means. Nobody ever does that.

## Too Rich To Spell.

'I wish,' said Mrs. Parvenu to her daughter's teacher, 'that you would drop spelling from the list of Janet's studies.'

'Drop spelling!' exclaimed the teacher. 'Why?'

'It is so common,' replied Mrs. Parvenu. Everybody learns to spell.'

'But your daughter will need the knowledge,' protested the teacher. 'She'll need it for her correspondence, and—'

'Enough!' interrupted Mrs. Parvenu haughtily. 'Evidently you cannot rise above the common level. My daughter will move in the highest circles of society, and will be rich enough to have a private secretary to write anything that she does not wish to have printed. I do not wish to have her time wasted.'

## Looking Backward

The prevailing talk about late frosts and damaged crops was brought up to an interesting point on the floor of change yesterday through the recalling by James A. Loudon, one of the oldest active grain merchants in the city, of the destructive frost which visited this country on May 17, 1859, just forty-eight years ago yesterday.

'There are few who recall that frost,' he said, 'but I have a very distinct recollection of it. That season, or spring, like the present one, had crops and produce coaxed out early with mild, warm weather. Then came a sudden turn cold, which resulted in the blighting frost of today, 48 years ago. From the Mississippi river east, and you must remember there was nothing there was nothing West at that time to amount to anything, crops were blighted. Prices jumped with leaps and bounds, and flour was shipped from Philadelphia to Pittsburg and from New York to Buffalo. Farmers, thinking that their crops had been ruined, went into the market and bought flour. I remember having an order for 200 barrels of flour, which I sold at a profit of $1.50 a barrel. After the excitement had died down there came a period of excellent growing weather and crops were resown.'

The frost of May 17 was not the last for that season. On June 5 there was a heavy frost, and the river column of the Enquirer referred to it as follows;

'The docks of steamers were ornamented with this white mantle, which left the impression that even the most vigorous fruit must have been destroyed.'—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## If I Only Had Capital.

Young man, you already have capital. You have hands, feet, bone, brain, muscle, and health. Are not these capital? What more capital has God given to anybody?

"Well, if I only had a few thousand dollars in cash capital." But these are better than cash capital, for no one can take them from you, and with these you can earn cash. Our men of wealth and influence did not start with any cash capital. They went to work with the plow, the hoe, the jack-plane or broad-axe, and in time their capital brought them a rich harvest. Ah! this is the rub, you don't want to work; you want money on credit, so you can play the gentleman, and speculate, and by playing vagabond. You want to marry a rich girl who will support you. You want to wear fine clothes and smoke cigars and be a gentlemen of leisure.

Shame on you, young man? Go to work with the capital you have, and you will soon make interest enough upon it to give you as much money as you need. If you cannot make money upon what capital you have, you could not if you had a larger amount in cash. If you waste your present capital you would waste money if you had it. Then don't stand around a helpless fellow, waiting for something to turn up, but go to work. Take the first work you can get to do, and do it well. Always do your best, and if you manage your present capital well you will soon have plenty more to manage.

## A Mean Man's Thoughts.

Sometimes we wonder what a mean man thinks about when he goes to bed; when he turns out the light and lies down; when the darkness closes in around him and he has to be honest with himself. And not a bright thought, nor a generous impulse, not a manly act, not a word of blessing, not a grateful look, comes to bless him again. Not a penny dropped into the outstretched palm of poverty, nor the balm of a loving word dropped into an aching heart; no sunbeam of encouragement cast upon a struggling life, the strong right hand of fellowship reached out to help some fallen man to his feet—when none of these things come to him as the "God bless you" of the departed day, how he must try to roll away from himself and sleep on the other side of the bed! When the only victory he can think of is some mean victory, in which he has wronged a neighbor. No wonder he sneers when he tries to smile. How pure, and fair, and good, all the rest of the world must look to him, and how cheerless, and dusty, and dreary must his own path appear. Why, even one lone, isolated act of meanness is enough to scatter crumbs in the bed of the average, ordinary man, and what must be the feelings of a man whose life is given up to mean acts! When there is so much suffering and heartache and misery in the world anyhow, why should you add one pound of wickedness or sadness to the general burden? Suffer injustice a thousand times rather than commit it once.

She—Why are you always and forever growling around the house?

He—They won't stand for it at the office.

Live today as though it was the only day you had to live. This is the secret of the forceful life, the life of vitality and beauty, the only life that is worth while.

'Wyndley doesn't play the cornet any more, does he?'

'No, he thought he'd better give it up.'

'Bad for the lungs, eh?'

'It wasn't that. One of the neighbors shot two keys off the instrument while he was playing it.'

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