A SONG IN THE NIGHT.

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The night was calm,
The skies were clear,
From which bright stars looked down;
While summer's balm—
Cool atmosphere—
Swept over Lewistown.

My face was fan'd
By gentle breeze,
As if love held the fan
In dear one's hand,
So bent to please
The brow of suffering man.

Cooled by the breeze
Of summer's night
That swept down from the hills,
And stirred the trees
With touch so light
I listened to the rills,

Whose music, sweet
As some low song
That floats upon the air,
When noisy feet
Of hurrying throng
Awake no echo there,

Fell on my ear,
And calmed my heart,
Like some sweet angel's touch,
That quiets fear,
Removes the smart
From which we've suffered much.

A meteor dashed
Across the skies,
And disappeared from view;
The bright stars flashed
Upon my eyes
From all the fields of blue.

And as I gazed
With wond'ring awe,
New glories came in sight:
My soul was dazed
With all I saw
Upon the fields of night,

Surpassing far
The things I saw,
In all their glorious light;
That blazed from star,
That wheeled by law;
Was what I heard by night.

From Pleiades,
Through liquid air,
A song came floating down,
My ear to please,
My heart to cheer,
At night in Lewistown.

With faces bright,
And forms of light,
Like some angelic choir,
They sang at night,
In mortal sight,
And set my soul on fire:

"You sit in darkness down below,
While we in brightness shine;
And though your life is touched with woe,
A happy lot is thine!

"You gaze in wonder on the skies,
As they with splendor shine;
And though the tears now dim thine eyes,
A blessed lot is thine!

"Your life is brief and touched by fear,
But we through ages shine;
For you the grave is drawing near;
Yet nobler lot is thine!

"Though we shine and wheel through space,
We know not that we shine;
But you may know God's sweet embrace;
A higher lot is thine!

"You watch us as we blaze and burn
With majesty sublime;
But we cannot your gaze return;
A better lot is thine!

"As mighty worlds we wheel above—
We only wheel and shine;
But you can know, and feel and love!
A grander lot is thine!

"And you can know the God above,
Who says, 'All souls are mine!'
That God you feel, adore and love;
Sublimer lot is thine!

"To think, to feel, to know, to love
Is grander than to shine
Brightest of all the worlds above,
A glorious lot is thine!

"To be with God, to taste His love,
To know His Son divine,
To reign with Him enthroned above—
That priceless lot be thine!"

The music ceased,
The Pleiades
Were lost in deeper space,
When from the east
A gentle breeze
Fell on my upturned face.

"Thank God!" I said,
"The lesson's true!
A grander lot is mine
Than far o'erhead,
In fields of blue to shine!"

When heart's oppressed,
When night is dark,
Bright stars will still look down,
And guide to rest
My storm-tossed bark,
Like stars o'er Lewistown!

Throat Troubles.

If people would only remember to breathe through the nose; if they would think for a moment of the functions of the nose, I would have scarcely anything to do in my profession, said a well-known throat and ear specialist the other night.

"Yes! Free nasal breathing is the essential of a healthy throat. The nose is the medium made by nature to transmit the air to the lungs, its pasages are provided with a slight growth of hair, which acts as a sieve in purifying the air we breathe. These hairs collect the dust particles, and because of the natural supply of moisture in the nose the air is sufficiently dampened in passing not to irritate the lungs and throat.

"On the other hand, people who are in thehabit of breathing through the mouth will always have a dry parched throat, and are sure to be victims of hoarseness, and sooner or later will suffer from lung trouble.

"It is a natural outcome of the misuse of nature's organs of respiration. It is true that the singers breathe through the mouth, but it is only while singing that they resort to this method of breathing, and it is done only and solely because sufficient breath cannot be taken into the lungs at a single inspiration to balance the great amount given out in the production of the singing tone. The demand is very great and supply must be equal to the demand for singing purposes. On the other hand, no one has ever seen a thoroughbred singer while exercising other than the voice, use his or her mouth for the purpose of breathing. This saves the throat from becoming excessively dry a natural result of which is hoarseness, and keeps the passages to the lungs well protected from dust and microbes of disease.

An Immense Corn Crop.

Speaking of large corn crops and fertile fields, suppose you take a peep at the cornfields opposite Henderson, Ky., if you are ever down in that part of the country. This field is said to be ten miles wide, just 100 square miles in all. It is a fair sample of some of the fine corn producing land in Kentucky and Indiana river bottoms. In this particular tract of land there are 64,000 acres, and it is estimated by competent judges that each acre will produce 60 bushels.

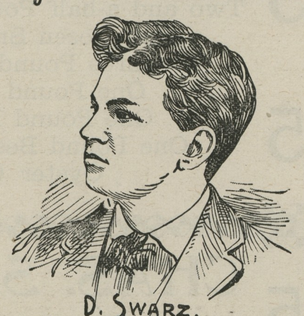
THE richest Presidential candidate comes from West Virginia. This may surprise those who have looked upon Levi P. Morton as the Dives of the campaign. But in reality no aspirant for the Chief Magistracy can vie with Stephen B. Elkins in respect of money. They think a great deal of him in West Virginia, and they propose to stand by him in the Republican convention until the last.

Recent political developments have made Senator Elkins more than a possibility. The plan of his managers is to "lay low" during the first few ballots and allow Morton and Harrison and Reed and McKinley and Allison to kill each other off. It is not a bad plan and there are many reasons why it may succeed.

Senator Elkins is one of the most remarkable men in the country, although not in the sense that Jefferson Brick held that honor. He was very poor once. Today he is estimated to be worth $15,000,000, and some think that in time he will be the richest man in the United States. His property consists first of vast tracts of coal land in West Virginia. This property will be enormously valuable in a decade. The Senator is a stockholder in numerous Southern railways. He has large sums invested on mortgage in New York and Pennsylvania. He is a banker on a very large scale.

PLENTIFUL CROPS IN FLORIDA. — From all accounts, plentiful crops of food and forage have been produced in Florida. The Brooksville *Star* has interviewed a number of farmers and thus summarizes their reports. "We have an abundance to eat at home, have the oat crop in the ground and have plenty of corn to sell. We feel easy and are not at the mercy of the orange commission men or the fruit exchanges. Our orange trees are coming on, and we shall never be worried again as we were when we raised nothing but oranges." The Jacksonville *Citizen* has similar advices from many sections of the State.

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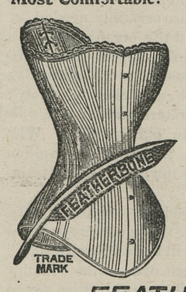
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