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Oh, pure, white shaft upspringing to the light
With one grand leap of heavenward
reaching might,
Calms against the blue forevermore
Lift thou the changeless type of souls
That soar
Above the common dust of sordid
strife
Into the radiant ether of a life
Shepherded by the vastness of eter-
nity.
A hero's quickening spirit lifteth thee
Unto the skies that claim thee for
their own;
In those vast fields of light, sublime,
alone,
High commune holdest thou with the
young day,
With sunset's glowing heart ere twi-
light gray
Hath lulled its throbbing fires, and
with dim night
That folds thee softly in the silver
light
Of many a dreaming moon. In majes-
ty
Serene like the great name enshrined
in thee,
Thou dost defy the all destroying
years,
Smile with thy still rebuke our craven
fears:
Point us forever to the highest height,
And in our Nation's peril hours shine
as a star
With thy noble witness to the undying
power
Of the high soul that lives above the
gray.
—Julia Larned in Scribner's.

Philip Penrose's Friendship

Philip Penrose and John Carleton had been chums since boyhood—ever since that memorable day at an early stage of their school life when John Carleton had fought and vanquished the bully of the class for his cowardly assault on the "new boy."

Philip studied medicine and became a successful practitioner in his native New England town. John adopted a business career. But their friendship did not end with their separation. They corresponded regularly keeping each other in touch with their affairs. John fell in love with the "dearest girl in the world" and married her, but Philip, who for some reason had always disliked and avoided women, remained a bachelor—the despair alike of manning mamma and scheming spinster.

About two years after John's marriage Philip was stunned at receiving a letter from his friend apprising him of the fact that his wife had left him for no other reason than that they had quarrelled and that John, in a moment of temper, had said something for which he was afterward sorry.

It was about six months after learning of John's marital misfortune that Dr. Penrose called one day to attend a young widow named Mrs. Felton residing with her mother and evidently a newcomer in the neighborhood. He found his new patient and her mother to be extremely reticent about their affairs, yet during his attendance on the former he learned that she formerly lived in a Western city, and that she had come East in the hope of obtaining employment as a teacher or governess.

Philip continued to call on her long after one would have supposed there was any need of his professional services. Perhaps it was the appealing sadness in her large dark eyes that attracted him; perhaps it was the un- wavering reserve and dignity of her manner.

The upshot of the matter was that Dr. Penrose asked her to be his wife, and was firmly refused. Pressed for a reason, she answered that she did not love him. To which he calmly replied that, as she was the only woman he ever would or could love, he intended to win her affection, and was willing to wait years, if need be, to attain that result. Philip's determined attitude forced a more explicit reply from Mrs. Felton, and she finally admitted that there was an insurmountable obstacle to their union in that her husband was not dead but living.

Quivering like a stricken deer under the blow, Philip began involuntarily piecing together in his mind certain ideas, the chief of which was that Felton had been the maiden name of John's wife, and on a sudden the awful truth flashed upon him.

"John Carleton—he is your husband!" he said huskily. For answer she burst into uncontrollable weeping.

Whatever may have been the state of Philip Penrose's mind that night as he sat in his study, his pen writing to John Carleton, the answer that came by return post was to the effect that John utterly repudiated his wife; he never would forgive her desertion of him and was about to seek a divorce.

And so there came to Philip Penrose the greatest temptation of his life. All through the long, weary night he wrestled with it, and when morning came it found him aged and worn, but with a grim, determined look on his face. Into the letter that was to plead for the honor and happiness of the two beings he loved best on earth he threw all the eloquence and passion of which he was capable. With what magical power he wrote may be judged by the reply:

"Dear Old Boy: You have conquered. You have shown me plainly wherein I was wrong and the way to happiness again. I long to clasp my wife in my arms. God bless you, Philip."

And Philip? Well, he is one of the ablest physicians of the day and has amassed a fortune. His hair and shaggy beard are quite gray now, and he is still a bachelor. But standing on the edge of a heart-shaped frame, there is a picture of a young girl, whose dark eyes bear a singular resemblance to those of John's wife.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

New York has 800 millionaires. Lima, Peru, is without umbrellas. Half a century ago nails were slowly wrought one at a time with hammer and anvil.

An alleged new Raphael picture has been discovered at the exhibition of Sacred Art at Como.

It is estimated that the consumption of beer in the entire world amounts to \$1,980,000,000 per annum.

The Cleveland street railroad strike cost Ohio \$25,000 for transportation and maintenance of the militia.

A Maryland law prohibits Baltimore policeman from doing mechanical work for the department or for hire.

Rats recently operated the striking mechanism of the disused Flushing, L. I. town clock for several hours.

The total value of sea fish landed in Ireland in 1898 was \$1,962,935, an increase of over \$70,000 on the previous year.

Santa Cruz, Cal., is perhaps the only municipality in which water is furnished free to inhabitants for domestic purposes.

The Street Railway Journal estimates the life of iron poles for overhead wires at 33 years, and wooden poles at 11 years.

The names of Indianapolis milk dealers who use formaldehyde will be published in the newspapers by the City Sanitarian.

There is a project on foot in Geneva, O., to erect a library in memory of the father of artistic penmanship, Platt R. Spencer.

Tunnyfish, a rather neglected fish in England, has in Portugal the glory of being made a subject of special study by the King.

The total value of the lumber annually manufactured in the North-west, including Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, is \$80,000,000.

The health authorities of Bavaria examined last year 55,437 samples of food and drink, and made complaints in 179 per cent of all cases.

The British Government has given permission for the Prime Minister of Canada to visit England, and he will remain in London for three months.

The Government of India is disposed to employ electricity as its motive power in the great central factories, which it intends to set up in Jubbulpore.

The cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where for two sen—about seven-tenths of a penny—letters are conveyed all over the Empire.

In Germany, during the year ending July, 1898, out of 387,991 persons looking for employment, 22,597 found occupation by means of free employment agencies.

The Bank of Spain now holds \$12,700,000 more gold than it held a year ago, and \$41,700,000 more silver. Its note circulation, meantime, has increased \$21,800,000.

About the most expensive luxuries in Lima are postage stamps. It costs 22 cents in native silver to carry an ordinary letter, which is equivalent to 11 cents in gold.

In those parts of Armenia where the Moslems took place three years ago Turkish soldiers still infest the villages and force the impoverished natives to support them.

Last year the Sweetest Automatic Supply Company of London collected in coppers from their machines no less than £189,796—\$3,561,040 pennies, roughly 312 ton of coppers.

The Belgians are an eminently commercial people. In Antwerp ten traveling commercial scholarships of three years' duration, with an annual income of \$1,000, are given to students who most deserve such opportunities.

A New Jersey man has patented a hitching post which will accommodate bicycles as well as horses, the portion of the post nearest the pavement being provided with slots of sufficient width to admit the wheel of the machine.

Turkey does queer things sometimes—things which cannot be fully understood by the people of the Western world. One of the odd incidents recently related tells of a German firm sending some fine textile goods wrapped in newspapers into Turkey.

The custom officials decided that the goods had to be unwrapped and sent on their way minus the newspapers.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Don't busy yourself with unimportant things. It is easier to do right than it is to get credit for it.

A girl's idea of an eligible man is one who wants to get married.

The difference between love and sympathy is merely a matter of years.

No one ever heard of appendicitis resulting from a diet of sour grapes.

A few temptations beset the industrious, but all temptations assail the idle.

Some gold-standard politicians believe in the 16 to 1 theory—that it, 16 votes for \$1.

Results impress us more when we are ignorant of the process by which they are attained.

About the time a man's argument is exhausted he begins to lose interest in the subject.

The only difference between speculation and speculation is a little crookedness. The fact that there is a little crookedness about the letter "S" explains this.

OF INTEREST.

There are 50,000 Hebrews in Italy. Poison ivy is one of the menaces to golf.

There are 81,000 coal miners in France. Peoria distilleries use 40,000 bushels of corn daily.

Only six persons out of a thousand reach the age of sixty-five.

One-fourth of the earth's population dies before reaching the age of seventeen.

A resident of New Zealand has patented a liquid for branding cattle which can be applied with a brush.

A Wesleyan preacher named Houldsworth, who had preached for eighty years, died recently in the Halifax (Eng.) almshouse aged ninety-four years.

In a single year the value of canaries raised in Germany is estimated at \$250,000 and the greater part of this sum goes into the pockets of the very poor.

The London underground railroad is losing popularity. During the last half year the falling off in the number of passengers carried amounted to 300,000.

Ecuador produces nearly one-third of the entire cacao used in the world. The total is estimated at 75,000 tons. The average crop of Ecuador is about 22,000 tons.

Materials for dynamo and motor manufacture have risen in a year all the way from eleven per cent. for cast steel to forty per cent. for field copper and forty-seven per cent. for brass.

A physician has decided that the habit women have of holding their skirts up to escape the dust of the street results in the enlargement of the wrist used in this process.

The shipment of two wives by express from Issaquah, Wash., to their husbands at Dawson City by the Nugget Express company is something of a novelty in the express business.

Although there are in Iceland 70,927 people they are so free from crime that only one policeman is kept and such a thing as a jail is unknown. Equal suffrage prevails in the island.

The gravestone over the burial place of John Foster, Almanac maker, in the old burying ground at Dorchester, Mass., bears the inscription which was dictated by himself: "Skill Was His Cash."

On a marble slab in the parish church of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, is inscribed: "In a vault underneath lie several of the Saunderses, late of this parish. Particulars the last day will disclose. Amen."

Many physicians nowadays refuse to believe there is such a thing as hydrophobia, and those who do believe in it assert that not in one case in a thousand is a person bitten by a dog in any danger of it.

After some improvements had been made in North Capitol street, Washington, D. C., it was discovered that the workmen had thoughtlessly made away with a historic stone set in place by George Washington.

It is a curious property of the compounds of tellurium that they have a putrid and unbearable odor. London physicians have taken advantage of this fact in prescribing it for feminine patients whom they wish to temporarily isolate from society.

When the Dominion liner Labrador went to pieces on the coast of Scotland a large part of her cargo, which consisted of apples, drifted ashore on the islands of Mull and Iona. From these thousands of sprouts have sprung up and the thrifty islanders are busy transplanting them.

Fingers are valued at a high price in Australia. A Melbourne boy of eight had his fingers crushed in a gate at a level crossing and one had to be amputated. An action on his behalf was brought against the State railway department. The jury awarded the full amount claimed, \$5,000.

A bridge composed wholly of telegraph wire was built over the Jhelum river at Kohala, in the Punjab, in the place of a bridge which was swept by the floods in 1892. A similar bridge was constructed during the first Sudan campaign over the Kokora river for military purposes.

Miss Jane L. Buchanan, a young woman of Southern Pines, N. C., has discovered a new field of industry for women in grape-packing. As the grape season lasts only a few weeks, in order to make it pay, she contracts with various vineyards and has a corps of expert girl workers trained by herself.

The society of total abstainers just formed in Vienna is the first ever established in Austria. Everybody drinks in Austria. An Austrian Wally begins to sip beer at the age of three months, and, as it grows up, learns to consume the liquor, in ever-increasing quantity until, when a full-grown man, he can drink it by the gallon.

A steel bird's nest was recently acquired by the museum of Soleure, in Switzerland. Soleure has an extensive watch and clock factory, and thin metal filings are continually being swept into the roads with the waste from the workshops. Of these two vagabonds built a nest, which was secured after their brood had flown.

A Houston (Mo.) man recently took a very good photograph with a simple pasteboard box and a dry plate. An aperture was cut in the box, over which was pasted a piece of black paper in which a small hole was made with the point of a pin. The box was then taken to a dark room and the plate securely fastened inside.

A wise woman never takes the world into her confidence about her troubles or her family affairs.

When you are tempted to complain of your lot in life, visit a hospital full of crippled children.

Imagination is that faculty which enables us to believe that the things we want and can't have are a great deal better off without.

THIS AND THAT.

"Electricity is a funny force," said the observant motorman. "Last night nearly all the current was suddenly off from the wires in the barn, and after a minute, came on again. Soon an order like that of an over cooked dinner filled the power house. On examination, two chickens were found roasting to death on the main wire. For hours the feathered pair had rested in safety on separate wires. The minute the chicken reached across to give a good night kiss to his dear Biddy, an opposite wire, a deadly current was forced through their bodies."—Philadelphia Record.

The recent death of a member of a Sedalia, Mo., firm disclosed the fact that for thirty years the firm had kept no account books. It did a strictly cash business, and divided the day's receipts each night, share and share alike. When a bill of goods was purchased, each member of the firm paid one-half of the money, carried in his pocket.

In Newton, Mass., the other day, a man's \$5 bill was blown out of his hand, and he could find it nowhere. A friend cut a piece of paper just the size of the bill and liberated it in the place where the man had lost his money. The paper blew down the street and around into an alley, and there the man found the \$5 bill.

A collapsible fly proof dish cover has been designed, which has a central vertical hoop, with pivoted hoops on either side, which swing into a horizontal position to pull the netting which covers the frames down into place around the dish, folding against the central hoop when not in use.

On its great Siberian railroad Russia sells fourth-class tickets from any point in Russia to any of 114 stations in Siberia for two rubles or a little more than 50 cents. Transportation is given, practically, to encourage emigration to Siberia.

Florence Nightingale, who is now over 80 years old, wrote the other day to the nurses of the Cape of Good Hope Red Cross society expressing a regret that she was chained to her room by sickness and could not go to nurse the sick.

The Hindoo system is remarkably complex. Every act of life is a religious act, controlled by the laws of Hindooism. Their very lives depend upon keeping up the system, and they will fight to the death to do it.

In a New Jersey town a man has declined a nomination for alderman because all the other members of the Common Council are Germans and German is the language spoken at the meetings.

Viennese telephone girls are required to change their clothing and wear a uniform when on duty, in order that the dust which they bring in with them will not interfere with the instruments.

Statistics of the Massachusetts hospitals for the insane for twenty years show that permanent recoveries cannot be expected in more than 18 per cent of those committed for the first time.

By a complicated process a carbide of gold has been prepared recently by two American chemists. It is made as a yellow flocculent precipitate, which when dry explodes violently.

One hundred years ago it was considered a wonderful achievement for ten men to manufacture 48,000 pins in a day. Now three men make 7,500,000 pins in the same time.

In his state clothes, including the crown, the sultan of Johore wears diamonds worth \$12,000,000. His collar, his epaulettes, his girdle, his cuffs, sparkle with precious stones.

In Germany 1,057,938 acres were seeded to sugar beets last year. The yield was about eleven and a quarter tons to the acre, and the sugar results 12.7 per cent.

The government owns many thousand acres of land in New Mexico that have never been taken up. It is the finest country in the world for stock-raising.

"Gnat fever" is the new scientific name for malaria, since it has been shown that it is through mosquitoes that the disease is conveyed to human beings.

There has been found a whale with a harpoon in its body which, by its mark, showed that it must have been buried at the whale at least 36 years ago.

Delagoa Bay is the finest natural harbor in South Africa. It has a length of nearly 70 miles from north to south, and a width varying from 16 to 25 miles.

Among the 153,000 inhabitants which the last census gave to New Mexico, there were 26,000 Indians and 50,000 Mexicans.

Minnesota's schools cost about \$5,000,000 annually, and this is one-third of the money raised by taxes in that State.

A return shows that during 1898, 232 natives emigrated from Ireland, nearly 9,000 more than in the preceding year.

Scandinavians are numerous in New Zealand, and Germans in South Australia.

WHAT A WOMAN THINKS

The man who thinks he knows everything has the most to learn in life. One of the hardest things to forgive in this world is the success of your equal.

One of the most refreshing sights is the husband and wife who are still lovers.

To more than one young couple matrimonial ties become a very knotty problem.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The crack of a whip is a narrow aperture. Dogs are not dentists, but they sometimes insert teeth.

A domestic broil is not a very satisfactory thing for dinner. Quick may be pronounced quicker by adding two letters to it.

The prettiest bathing suits are always found above the sea level.

Many a train of thought should partake in a head and collision.

As a rule patients do more for doctors than doctors do for patients.

If you don't like a book you can shut it up. Women do not resemble books.

An architect says the largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

The silver lining of some mines, like that of the clouds, is beyond the reach of men.

The individual who walks fastest when going to dinner usually walks slowest when going back to work.

"Babies taken and finished in ten minutes," reads the advertisement of an enterprising St. Louis photographer. Pretty rough on the babies, though.—Chicago News.

Merited praise is both agreeable and wholesome.

The man who loved and lost didn't get his presents back. If a man is wealthy enough he doesn't have to trust to luck.

A cook says that anything rubbed against a grater becomes less. Your effort to please others will invariably afford you pleasure.

It is always well to remember that foolish fear may double the danger. The height of sweetness depends on the size of the girl a fellow is in love with.

If the average woman hasn't anything else to talk about she talks about all the time. A philosopher says that every failure is a step toward success. This explains why some men become richer every time they fail.

Take the baby talk a woman uses in conversing with an infant, give it a high pitch, and you will have a first-class college yell.

A little bird on a hat is worth two that tottles.

Lower rents—those in the knees of the small boy's trousers. If it wasn't for some people's vivid imaginations lots of physicians would never be able to make both ends meet.—Chicago News.

Somehow the marriage of a grass widow with a rake seems to favor of the eternal fitness of things. A fool praises himself, but a wise man turns the job over to a friend.

It is easier to take things as they come than it is to part with them as they go. Some men are so full of human nature that they have no room for principle.

CURRENT PHILOSOPHY

A reasonable woman is one who isn't unreasonable all the time. Every time a woman talks back to her husband she gets a new wrinkle.

After a girl has once changed a man's heart, she never gets any fun out of having the man chase her.

The night of a married woman with any other man but her husband always makes an old maid nervous.

After you have talked with a woman ten minutes you can tell every opinion her husband has except his opinion of her.

It is better to wear large shoes than a pained expression. They say talk is cheap, but insurance companies have to pay the largest salaries to their hardest talkers.

People who have tried to say "I require a good deal of horse sense to properly handle an automobile."—Chicago Times-Herald.

We have a horror of being old and living in an old-fashioned neighborhood where we would be referred to as "Uncle Billy."

The men are so indifferent in attending dances nowadays that the women are putting in more than half the time when the calendar calls for fun.

When we see the way a girl spells her name these days we find at good a riddle as one would desire in trying to guess what her parents christened her.

An Atchison woman who has received considerable attention from her family on account of being delicate, went within twenty-four hours to a mourning service party, an afternoon waist party, and an evening dance.—Atchison Globe.

HOUSEKEEPING

Stitches on knives are very unhygienic, and can be taken out by taking a piece of raw potato, dipping it into brick dust, and then scouring the spots.

To take mud stains off silk, wipe carefully with a little ammoniac and water. If the silk is of a bright color use chloroform to erase the mud stains.

To remove stains from velvet, wet a piece of rag with a little benzine and lightly touch the spots with it, then wipe with a clean rag. Hold the back of the velvet over boiling water, then over an iron to raise the pile again.

Brush—Should the eye, forehead or any part of the body be bruised or blackened by a fall or blow, immediately apply to the injured part a piece of wet cloth, and then wash with cold water.

It is a good idea to keep a small box of ointment in the house, which has been brought from the East, and is very useful.

OFF IN THE CITY

Oh, in the city night, the slumberers' chains are bound, and memory brings the light of other days around me.

The smile is there, Of boyhood's years, The eyes that shone, Now dimmed and gone.

The cheerful hearts now broken, Thus in the still night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Sad memory brings the light of other days around me.

When I remember all The friends, so linked together, I've seen around me fall, Like leaves in wintry weather.

I feel like one Who treads alone Some banquet hall deserted, Whose lights are dead, Whose garlands faded.

And all but he departed, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Sad memory brings the light of other days around me.

Actress Who Was Not Active

For two weeks we had been playing to crowded houses. The fame of Miss Howard, our star, had preceded us to the Pacific coast.

I was about to close the office when a voice from the crowd attracted my attention. A tall, strange-looking man was making his way toward me.

"Beg a favor of you," said he, "I want to enter the theatre for a moment. I care nothing for the play, but I must see Miss Una Howard."

"I have no money, but I must see Una. Will you give me a ticket? I have walked 800 miles to see her and I must."

He waited for my answer, but I could only disappoint him. "I cannot blame you," said he, "but I must see Una. Will you be so kind as to wait one hour?"

He returned sooner than he promised. All breathless with haste, he had gone and the empty theatre for many a week had been a half-empty one.

Wondering what this strange man could know or want of the "sweetest Una Howard," I closed the office and entered the theatre.

When I entered, Una had just upon the stage, and the applause greeted her was still echoing in the hall.

She raised her eyes, and I saw that she was looking at me. Her face was pale, and her hands were clasped in front of her.

"Come over here," she said, "and I will tell you all the story of my life. I am a poor girl, but I have a heart that is true."

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