

PARADISE FOR THE POETS FOR CONTROL OF BUSINESS

LAND INNOCENT OF BATHTUBS

MAY BE GOLD'S REAL RIVAL

Propinquity's Part

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"Oh, yes, I shall be brave," Her tone was light. Her heart held tears. "I shall wait for you—always," she said, a smile as gay and brilliant as if it played about happy lips.

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Doctor Buchanan watched the wonderful color flood her face at the compliment he had paid her. He was thirty-five and had been so absorbed in his profession that he had never taken time to get married.

June worked more earnestly than ever after that word of praise from so clever a surgeon as Doctor Buchanan.

"Did you ever realize what a dangerous thing propinquity is?" she asked Doctor Buchanan one night when they were leaving the grounds of the big base hospital for a couple of hours of rest from duty.

"I don't know, though? You're just a little bit of a philosopher, aren't you?" June stopped him. "This is my story, not yours," she reminded him.

"But—of course you will, girl. You're that kind of stuff. And I'll be longed to tell her what a wonder come back to you with a chest full of medals and arms full of love."

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World Surely Would Be Pleasant Dwelling Place If All Sweet Singers Were Endowed.

A contemporary suggests that poets and poetry—be endowed. Should such a great and holy reform be established the stream of poetry will at last be undammed.

Nor is this all. The poet will become a sort of public utility like the fire department. His job will be to kindle fire, not extinguish it.

NEW ENGLAND BLAGUE SPOT

"Merrymount," a Resort for the World's Ruffians, Until Wiped Out by Captain Standish.

An interesting chapter on "The Tares in the New England Cannon in Roland G. Sher's book, 'The Pilgrims and Their History' draws special attention to Merrymount which other writers on New England have always noticed at length.

Curious. You would perhaps not notice this cowlike face and fur collar unless you should use a pocket lens.

Great Poet's Pretty Idea. Among other delightful little glimpses of Longfellow, Mrs. James T. Fields in her book, 'Authors and Friends,' gives this bit from a letter of his:

"I have been kept home this evening by a little dancing party. I write this arrayed in my dress coat with a rose in my buttonhole, a circumstance I think worth mentioning.

Pa's Subterfuge. "Say, pa," called the well known and oft-heard voice. "What can I do for you, my son?" asked pa.

Science Should Be Capable of Remedying or Preventing Defects, Either Physical or Mental.

Why is it that one member of a family is ugly or imperfectly developed, while all the others are practically perfect in form and features?

There are good and sufficient causes for all physical and moral ugliness and there is no reason why these causes may not be discovered and controlled.

BOHEMIA LAND OF PATRIOTS

Popular Idea Concerning the Country and Its People Has Been Far From the Truth.

When Shakespeare wrote of "the peasant of Bohemia" he showed no cheerfulness or regard of fact that the richly started country as a land of gypsies forever bent upon any or wholesale adventure.

Bohemia was the home of the Czechs for hundreds of years before Germanic invaders broke in upon its happy freedom.

Birch Bark. The bark of the yellow birch can be compared with nothing else. The tree is unique among trees. The yellow birch, often better called, the silver birch has a bark more tinsel-like than that of any other tree.

Canton a City of Canals.

At Canton, the oldest city in southern China, the river is, in effect, canalized and the shipping is heavy and varied. The water is deep enough for ships of 1,000 tons burden as far as the city, but foreign boats come up only as far as Whampoa, nine miles to the southeast.

Most Costly Gown.

What is the most valuable costume in the world? The New York Outlook asks, and says in answer: "An inventory of the dresses of queens, of the wives of the maharajahs of India, and of the princesses of fashion in every land would no doubt include costumes of fabulous value, but could any of them match two gowns mentioned in Theophile Gautier's 'Italy'?"

In Turkey the Stationary Tub, So Familiar in Western Lands, is Absolutely Unknown.

The Turk in spite of his constant bathing (bathing being enjoined by the Mohammedan religion) has no stationary tubs nor wash bowls—indeed, Turkish houses are quite innocent of plumbing, says Edith Gilfillan, in an article on the colorful ancient capital of the Ottoman empire.

They do not sit around a table as we do, but sit on cushions round foot-high table trays. All over the breakfast they have but two meals. Breakfast is a sort of movable feast up to eleven o'clock.

Dinner, which is consumed in the evening, is the only meal the Turk takes in the bosom of his family. It often is an elaborate affair of twelve courses. Tomatoes and squash and eggplant and other vegetables stuffed with rice or minced meat or cheese, fish swimming in oil, mutton steaks, goat fritasses, roasted chickens, rich pastries and candies, preserves of plums and quince and fig and peach, and always coffee and the night-waterpipe.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE PASSES

World Soon to Have Little Use for Picturesque Character Whose Fortune Was His Sword.

If it shall now come to pass, as it well may, that there shall be an end put to the old-time soldier of fortune will become an extinct species.

The world of course, can get along very well without him, and yet he will be missed. For he is a very ancient institution, indeed. He was with Alexander and Caesar, Napoleon, the emperors and the kings of every nation under the sun wherever there was a knife to stick or a bullet to shoot.

He had a good time, though, while it lasted, and it did last a long time, at that. For there was always, somewhere, a job waiting for him—if things went stale on the Spanish Main, he could cross over to the other side of the world and find another banner under which to fight.

To Get Cash From Bank Vaults.

An ambitious young yeggman once approached a famous safe cracker in the penitentiary where both were sojourning. The young man was about to leave prison and wanted to know a sure method of getting money from a bank's vault.

"Go," said the famous safeblower, "to your home town. Get a job. Visit the bank every Saturday evening and deposit a small amount of your week's wages. Thus you will gain the confidence of the bank officials and people in general. Get a better job as soon as you can. Continue your weekly visits. In time you'll find yourself universally trusted."

System Brings Results.

It's not necessary to become a recluse to gain fitness. The very fact that you go makes present tasks easier. That gives additional time that can be applied in still greater attainments. Self-mastery begets self-confidence that reacts again in greater self-mastery. And that leads to the mastery of other things.

Glazing Soles of Shoes.

Shoe soles that are occasionally glazed have exceptional wearing qualities, and it was by this process that our grandparents made a single pair of shoes last an entire season, with out resoling. A thin varnish should be used, two coats, of it being applied the first time and only a single coat after that. Once a fortnight is often enough to glaze the soles, and it can be done either on new or old shoes.

Molybdenite, Used for Hardening Cannon Rifling, Now Being Mined in Colorado Mountains.

With the melting of the snow from the high peaks along the main range in Summit county, between Climax and Keokomp, Colo., a mining boom, which promises to rival the excitement which prevailed in Leadville and other Colorado camps in early days, will start probably 4,000 or 5,000 miners into the hills in search of molybdenite, the metal used in the hardening of cannon rifling.

Preparations are now being made for the rush into the hills as quickly as the 15 feet of snow which now covers the molybdenite fields is melted. The excitement in the district followed the news that the American Metals company, which installed a plant at Climax at a cost of \$500,000, has recently shipped two cars of the ore from the district, which brought in the neighborhood of \$160,000.

The high peaks in Summit county are said to be literally covered with molybdenite, which is bringing between \$1.50 and \$3 a pound, according to well-informed mining men. Reports indicate that when the weather permits there will be between 75 and 100 cabins built on the mountain peaks, and the men who are going into the hills are preparing to remain there until the first snows of winter drive them out.

Deposits of molybdenite, which vary from 50 to 100 feet in width, are said to have been discovered, and when the prospectors get into the hills it is believed that greater deposits of the ore will be found.



"What did your wife say when you let that poker game keep you out so late?"

"Said that words failed her."

"You were in luck. Words never fail mine."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HATS VS. HOHENZOLLERN.

"It is difficult to see what the shape of a man's hat has to do with freight cars," says William G. Shepherd in Everybody's. "And yet under the conservation department of the war industries board, hat makers are being encouraged to pack as many hats as possible in one box, instead of following the old custom of putting three hats in a box. The saving in space that was made by one firm alone in this way in six months, was 349 freight cars, enough to load two of the ten-minute ships. If the time comes when American men are asked to wear peaked derbies of the Mother Goose type, so that they can be packed one inside another, ten or twenty in a box, they will do it gladly, realizing how they are helping the speeding freight trains to answer the call of the hungry ten-minute ships."

DEFERENCE TRANSFERRED.

"Do you think prohibition has improved the town?"

"Yes," replied Three Finger Sam. "Crimson Gulch is some uplifted. People now show the mayor and the superintendent of schools as much profound deference as they used to show the bartender that did a credit business."

ANOTHER EGG ONE.

Her—I see the federal government is considering drafting all the food resources.

A GREAT ADVANTAGE.

"I see where Mr. Glass is secretary of the treasury."

"He ought to be able to reflect public opinion."