

POETRY.

The Spelling Match.

Ten little children standing in a line,
"F-u-l-l-y," then there were nine.
Nine puzzled faces, fearful of their fate,
"C-i-l-l-y, silly," then there were eight.
Eight pairs of blue eyes, bright as stars of heaven,
"B-u-s-s-y, busy," then there were seven.
Seven grave heads, shaking in an awful fix,
"L-a-s-d-y, lady," then there were six.
Six eager darlings, determined each to strive,
"D-u-t-y, duty," then there were five.
Five hearts so anxious, beating more and more,
"S-c-o-l-l-a-r, scholar," then there were four.
Four mouths like roses on a red rose tree,
"M-e-r-r-y, merry," then there were three.
Three pairs of pink ears, listening keen and true,
"O-n-l-y, only," then there were two.
Two sturdy laddies, ready both to run,
"T-u-r-k-y, turkey," then there was one.
One head of yellow hair, bright in the sun,
"H-e-r-o, hero," the spelling match was won.

The Immortality That Is Now.

"He said that memory is life,
And that, though dead, men are alive;
Removed from sorrow, care, and strife,
They live because their works survive.
And some find sweetness in the thought
That immortality is now,
That though our earthly parts are brought
To reunite with all below,
The spirit and the life yet live
In future lives of all our kind,
And, acting still in them, can give
Eternal life to every mind.

The web of things on every side
Is joined by lines we may not see;
And, great or narrow, small or wide,
What has been governs what shall be.
No change in childhood's early day,
No storm that raged, no thought that ran,
But leaves a track upon the clay
Which slowly hardens into man;
And so, amid the race of men,
And of the earth no denizen
Shall be as though he had not been.

The Bull Team.

The sturdy bull, with stately tread,
Submissive, silent, bows his head
And feels the yoke; the creaking wain
Rolls leisurely across the plain;
Across the trackless, treeless land,
An undulating sea of sand,
Where mocking, sapless rivers run,
With swollen tongue and bloodshot eye,
Still on to where the shadows lie,
And onward toward the setting sun.
With tearful eyes he looks away
To where his free-born brothers play
Upon the prairie wild and wide;
He turns his head from side to side;
He feels the bull whip's cruel stroke;
Again he leans against the yoke.
At last his weary walk is done,
He pauses at the river's brink,
And drinks the while his drivers drink,
Almost beside the setting sun.

A Summer Sunset.

Behind you fortress of the west,
Slow sinks the sun to rest;
Tinging with his crimson eye,
The fleece on Hesperia's vaulted sky,
And out the Lost of tossed flakes
Fashioned mirrored, castled lakes,
In a landscape bright with hues—
Unassisted by the muse.
Lo! Ere his fiery glance was spent,
One long scarlet shaft was sent
O'er the valleys and the hills,
O'er the summer-robed hills,
Bathing in a dazzling fire
The cross on yonder lofty spire,
And glistening from whose luster bright
Broke in screams of lurid light,
Ere' the symbol's crest
With the nimbus of the best.
'Twas but the passing of a thought
By my vision's fancy caught;
Then the twilight rolled between
Shouting out the gilded scene.

A Bouquet of Flowers.

The present you send,
My dear loving friend—
A beautiful bouquet of flowers—
Is precious to me,
As coming from thee,
With perfume of bright sunny bowers.
It reminds me of home,
Where once we did roam;
'Mid flowers in the garden at play;
As swift passed the hours
In floral's sweet bowers,
And short seem'd the summer's long day.
But life, like the flowers,
Hath changeable hours,
And sunshine and shower intervene;
Yer love in the heart
Can beauty impart,
And help to make life "evergreen."
Let friendship and truth
Encompass our youth,
From sorrow and trouble 'twill save;
In sweetest content
Our lives shall be spent,
And flow'rs strew our path to the grave!
Toronto. JOHN IMRIE.

Neutrality in War.

During the progress of the war in Eastern Asia, with Russia and England so closely interested, and yet carefully remaining neutrals, reports of violations of the neutrality laws may be expected. By declaring war, China and Japan are not cut off from purchasing arms and munitions from neutrals. They can still buy cannon, rifles, and cartridges in any quantity, for which they can pay, subject to the risk of delivery. But under the neutrality laws of civilized nations and international law as laid down at Geneva, each country is bound to use "due diligence" in preventing any armed expedition or armed ship-of-war from leaving its soil. The belligerents can buy torpedoes, but not a torpedo-boat. They can buy heavy guns and a steamer separately, but they cannot buy them united in a man-of-war, and if the ship is plainly a fighting craft though it have not a gun on board, it cannot be allowed to leave a neutral port. As this is the case with all modern war vessels, the two warring powers cannot make good the ships they lose, though they can replace the guns, rifles, and ammunition they use up or lose.

A GLASGOW MIRACLE.

A SCOTCH LASSIE RESCUED BY A CANADIAN.

Her Life Was Despaired Of—Subject to Fainting Spells and Heart Trouble—Doctors Said Recovery Was Impossible—A Wonderful Story.

From the Glasgow Echo.

The case of "Little Nell," whose miraculous cure was reported in the newspapers, with a subsequent letter from the Rev. Samuel Harding, is but one in a series of similar cases in Glasgow. The latest is that of Miss Lizzie Duncan, a young woman who has been snatched back to life. She was in what is termed a "decline"—wasting away by inches before the eyes of her parents, and her sad condition seems to have been known to a number of people. Consequently when she was found to have escaped the threatened death, and to be, apparently, as well as anyone in Glasgow, a tremendous impetus was given to the prevalent talk, and an Echo reporter was directed to make a searching investigation, with the result that this strange story was entirely confirmed.

Arriving at 208 Stirling Road, the reporter was conducted into the presence of Mrs. Duncan by a rosy-cheeked young woman, who proved to be Miss Duncan, who looked in no way like an invalid.

"This is the lassie," said the mother. "Heaven knows that a miracle has been wrought upon her. Eighteen months ago Lizzie went to pine away. The color left her entirely, and she appeared to be as weak as water. One Sunday morning she said, 'Oh, mother, I canna rise today,' and before she had got out the words her whiteness became like that of a corpse, and she fell away into a faint. I sent for the doctor who said she had heart disease. When he saw her again she had grown worse and the doctor said, 'The poor lassie is very far through.' We expected that poor Lizzie would not live long. There was no color in her face. She was waisting away, her cheek bones sticking through as if they would break the skin. Her arms and legs were just bones. The doctor said, 'Lizzie may stand the winter, but if she does, that will be all.' One day, however, I chanced to read of several cases in which dying persons had been restored to life by a new scientific method—some pills, not like other medicine, but altogether of extraordinary virtue, called Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I said to my husband, 'In the name of God let's try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.' Well, before the first box was empty there was a marked improvement. She persevered and when she had finished her fifth box she was perfectly well, and there is not now a stronger young woman in the townhead of Glasgow though at one time she was a living skeleton. You can ask any of the neighbors," said Mrs. Duncan in conclusion, "or any person in the street and they will confirm my story."

"I am stronger than ever I was in my life," added the daughter, "yet I can hardly describe how ill I was. I was certainly dying. I could neither go up nor down stairs; I was afraid to walk on account of the fluttering sensation at my heart. I took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as my mother has described, and feel that they saved my life."
Miss Wood, the lady who drew the reporter's attention to the case, said that the parents had their daughter's photograph taken, for they thought that she would soon be sleeping in her grave. Lizzie once visited her, and was so weak that she had to carry her back to her house. "The change," said Miss Wood in conclusion, "has been wonderful. She is now a sensible lass, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been an instrument in God's own hands."

One View.

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Second Tramp—"It gets up a elegant thirst."

Papa's Sarcasm.

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An Inning for Each.

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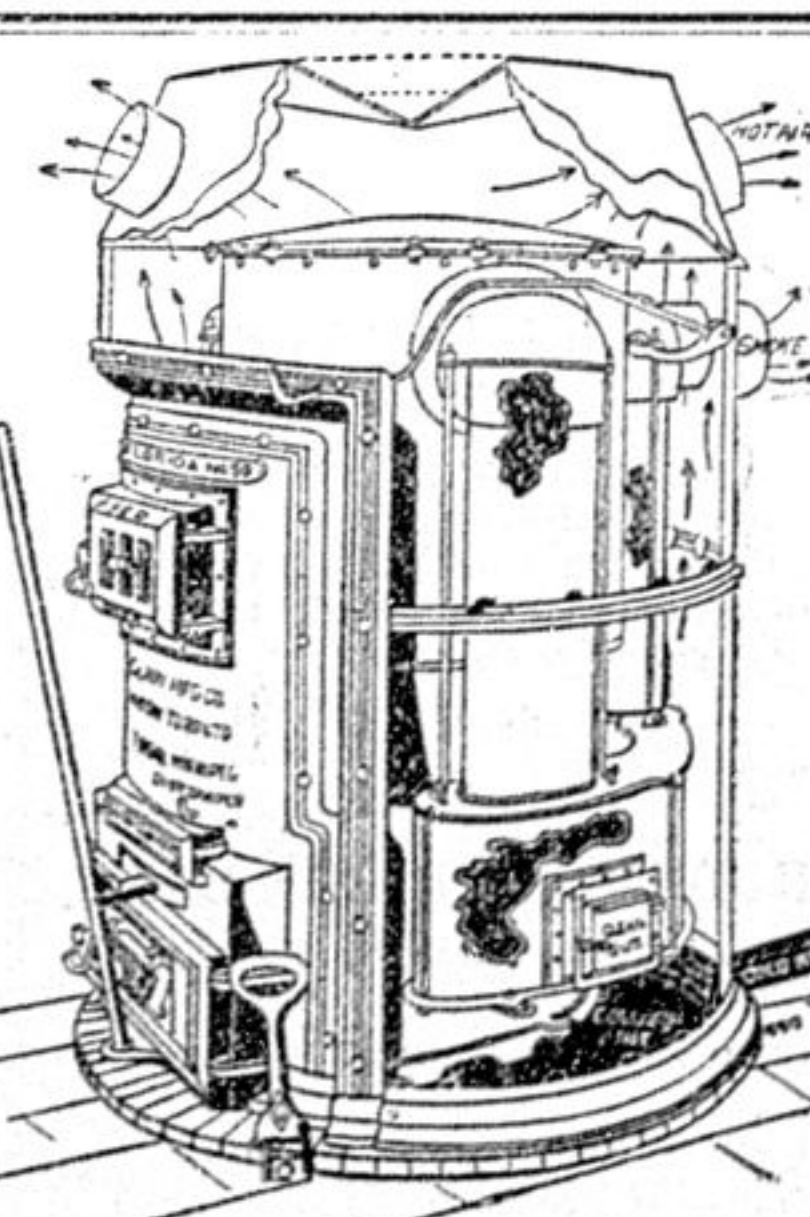
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