



IN BLOSSOM TIME

Would you the waste of life abate?
Both brain and nerve recuperate?
Goodbye to books; lay down the pen;
Discard, for once, the haunts of men;
Take to the woods; spend several hours
Communing with the birds and flowers.

Whilst thus engaged, one summer's day,
I spied a boy and girl at play,
Besides the passing "bow-de-do!"
A wild bouquet to me they threw;
And chanted in a sort of rhyme,
"Excuse me, sir, 'tis blossom time."

When next I met this truant pair
The girl had grown a maiden fair;
Their earnest talk was heart to heart,
And each seemed hit by Cupid's dart.
Thought I, these two must think it fine
To lose their hearts in blossom time.

Some years elapsed, when by my gate,
A couple passed demure, sedate;
He wheeled a babe, she led a boy,
And often with his curls would toy,
At once I recognized the twain,
And it was blossom time again.

Enchanted by the hum of bees
Among purple heather to my knees;
The scent of pollen filled the air
And larks were singing everywhere,
I fain would on that heath recline,
Enjoying such a blossom time.

See! Moorlough sleeping at my feet,
Where tower and cupola repeat;
Ah! Spetkled trout, why cast that fling?
You've spoilt a castle fit for king;
Had I my fishing rod and line
You'd never more see blossom time.

Imagine—What I may not hope—
Transmission to Pacific's slope;
Where roses are but floral weeds
And herbs lick up wild clover seeds;
Where balmy breezes, genial climate
Ensure perpetual blossom time.

Creator of this noble sphere,
When nature's gems shall cease to cheer;
When sands of life are running low
And waiting spirit longs to go;
Submissive to Thy will, sublime,
Oh! Call me hence in blossom time.
—Jas. Cairns.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The Chicago papers of last Saturday had quite sensational accounts of the arrest and incarceration of Rev. Robertson U. Rabb, at one time the pastor of the Baptist church in this city, on the alleged ground of an attempt to kidnap his children. We do not believe a word of that charge. Mr. Rabb is devoted to his children and he knows they are and will be well cared for by their mother's friend. Hence to kidnap them would be folly in the extreme. But he did want to see them, that was natural. Perhaps he made a mistake this time in trying to see them, but he is not guilty of trying to steal his own children.

The papers say his wife has resided in South Dakota long enough and obtained a divorce on the ground of non-support. Now every intelligent Christian knows the Bible gives just one and only one ground for divorce. Hence to seek divorce on any other grounds forfeits confidence in the high Christian character of the one who does it. We care not how much zeal one may have in Christian work at home or abroad, it cannot make amends for such a violation of the fundamental law of God.

Hence, while we know but little of the domestic life of Mrs. Rabb, we do know him well enough and long

enough to reject with indignation the charge of stealing his children. He loves them as much as the mother, but just now cannot command as much money as she can for their support and education.

OPENING OF FT. SHERIDAN PARK.

Beautiful Ft. Sheridan Park was opened, Saturday evening. Fine music by a splendid orchestra, an excellent vaudeville performance and dancing in the pretty dancing pavilion.

The park is resplendent with new paint and everything that art and nature combined can do has been done to make this the most attractive spot for miles around.

The evening was delightfully warm and mild, flowers were blooming everywhere and the park with its myriad lights, its green trees and the happy throng gathered to take part in the opening festivities was an attractive and enjoyable place in which to spend an evening.

The vaudeville program was one of unusual excellence. Consisting of the wonderful Jansen, a magician of extraordinary cleverness. His feats are mystifying in the extreme. Frask and Rogers, black face comedians, do some remarkably clever dancing. The La Moines are fine musicians and their performance on various instruments was greatly enjoyed, especially the clever imitation of a Chinese theater in which they used Chinese instruments with beautiful electrical effects. Their imitation of Hagenbeck's menagerie is one of the best things of its kind in vaudeville. Baby La Moines is very sweet, winning and tiny and wins the heart of all who see her.

The sketch presented by Purcell and Brooks kept the audience in roars of laughter from start to finish as did also the quaint witticisms and funny songs of McDonald and Cody and each number was heartily enjoyed.

The people in the neighborhood of this delightful park can well be proud of it. Not only is it artistic and pretty, but it furnishes its patrons with high class amusements and its cool shady grove, its majestic trees and beautiful green sward make it an ideal spot for merry picnic parties. Tables are placed here and there over the grounds on which one can spread a dainty lunch. Refreshments are to served at the refreshments stands and every convenience is at hand to enable the pleasure seeker to spend a happy day and evening.

Vaudeville performance every evening with Sunday matinee. Dancing Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

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GOD BLESS OUR DAD.

We happened in a home the other night and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red: "What is home without mother?" Across the room was another brief, "God bless our home." Now what's the matter with "God bless our dad?" He gets up early, lights the fires, boils an egg, grabs his dinner pail and washes the dew of the dawn off with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly handout for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman, the baker and his little pile is gone before he has been home an hour. He stands off the bailiff and keeps the rent paid off. If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother darns the socks, in the first place dad pays for the needles and yarn. Mother does up the fruit, well dad bought it all and jars and sugar cost like mischief. Dad buys chickens for Sunday dinners, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after everyone else is served. "What is a home without a mother?" Yes, that is all right, but what is a home without a

father? Ten chances to one it is a boarding house, father is under a slab and the landlady is the widow. Dad here's to you! You've got your faults—many have lots of them, but you're all right and we will miss you when you're gone.—Todd County (Minn.) Independent.

SPECIAL ASSEEMMENT NOTICE NO. 85.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that Lincoln avenue in said city be graded, drained, paved with macadam and otherwise improved from its junction with the easterly line of Green Bay road (otherwise known as Green street) easterly to the intersection of said Lincoln avenue with the northerly line of Beach street excepting a certain street intersection and railroad tracks, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the sixteenth day of June, A. D. 1903, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten annual installments with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, on all installments except the first. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

JOHN C. DUFFY,
Officer appointed by County Court of Lake County, Illinois, to make said assessment.
Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, May 30th, A. D. 1903.

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