

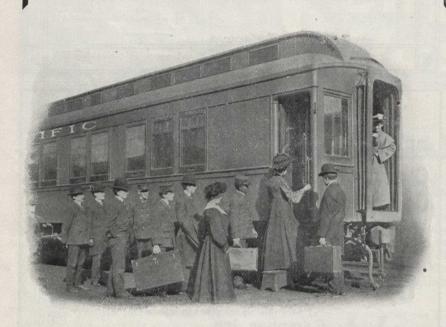
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POEMS WORTH WHILE

Seed Corn

BY CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY

It's but for a year or two, sweetheart! A year—at the utmost, twain, And then, rich with the gold of our get-ting, we'll sail back home again. six days over the ocean, and six

over mountain and plain,
And who that had courage to venture,
ever yet ventured in vain?
The May will be sweet in the meadows,
and welcoming hands will wait
To cling to our hands, my darling, when
we drive to the old white gate;
It is only a twelve days' journey: it's It is only a twelve days' journey; it's only a twelve months' play—
It's May and the Hope time, Mary!—
It will surely be always May.

The waves sang them "Westward to Fortune," but somewhere a seamew cried:

—Closer she clung to his side—
Through gloom of forests gigantic, by the wan grey waves of the lake,
She answered their "Never, Never" with "Only a year for his sake."

Through gloom of forests gigantic, by the wan grey waves of the lake, She answered their "Never, Never" with By a castle tall and a silver. "Farewell to ye seed corn of England"

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With a laugh at the first she labored, making pretence to play

At the "chores" that withered her beauty, and wore her young heart away. Until Hope crept into the forest, and one who lurked at the door

Heard a wife to a husband whisper—
"Only a year or two more."

The years stole by whilst they labored, The years stole by whilst they labored, unnoticed on mocassined feet, And, one by one, to the Silence passed the comrades they longed to meet—Till the lad and lass, who started with a cheer from the old white gate, Had they come home crowned as victors, would have won their crowns too late.

The lines came into his forehead, and

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the spring went out of his stride, The blue was washed from a woman's eyes; the laugh of a young heart

If you fix your eyes on the sky-line, you see not the road you roam—
These saw but the fields of England; they heard but the songs of home.

There's a farm where the buffaloes pastured; a patch from the forest torn, Where the flag of his mother-country waves over the rip'ning corn—
There's a piece in the world's mosaic; a thought in a new world's brain, A haunting presence of England in city, and forest, and plain.

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Men have built success on his failures—
where she lies under the sod,—
The love that she bore for her motherland; her faith in that land's God
Still linger. The seed corn sees not the

wealth of the waving field,
The Sower alone at His harvest shall
measure the cost and yield.

The Poke Bonnet

She drew it from its resting-place, Amid old lavender and lace,
And laughed to merry scorn—
The faded bow and sprays of blue
Forget-me-nots the border knew— The feather crushed and torn.

The bonnet on her brow she drew, And tucked a wilful curl or two That truant played, within; Then with a shy, coquettish pout She smoothed the crumpled ribbons out And tied them 'neath her chin.

His eyes her mirrors were, and hers Were soft as rippling water stirs In dreamland's garden closes. Forgetful of my presence there, He kissed her cheeks, her brow, her

Her lips, twin scarlet roses.

thought of how her mother wore That bonnet, long, long years before—
A veil hung coyly on it.
I thought of how I tore the mist f lace aside, and boldly kissed The face within the bonnet.

How history repeats! For me
The poke a halo used to be,
Her mother's brow entwining;
And now, I see, he in his dreams
Has wrought the same ideal; it seems,
On her, an aureole shining.

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Everywhere

Where have you been, Miss Goldenhair? And she silverly answers: "Everywhere!"

Everywhere is the place, you know, Where ever so many children go, When over the hills and the dales they skip

On twilight shores of the dreamland trip.

Everywhere is a place to bide
By the moony foam of the rolling tide,
A place far over the sea to sail
When tired of mountain and tired of

Everywhere is a child's own land By a castle tall and a silver strand Where princes live and a palfrey white

Comes down with a princess on at night To travel with her on journeys far Beyond the moon and sun and star.

Everywhere is the place you see Whenever you climb upon my knee And we sing and sway to the little

tune Of roses red in the lanes of June, And just as you think you are there, instead,

It's mother and me and the trundle bed!

—Baltimore Sun.

For Every Day

BY MARY DICKINSON

We should fill the hours with sweetest

things
If we had but a day;
We should drink alone at the purest springs

We should love with a lifetime's love in an hour,

If our hours were few;
We should rest, not for dreams, but

for fresher power
To be and to do.

We should bind our weary and wanton wills
To clearest light;

We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills

If they lay in sight;
We should trample the pride and the

discontent Beneath our feet; We should take whatever a good God

With a trust complete.

We should waste no moments in weak regret
If the day were but one;
If what we remember and what we for-

get

Went out with the sun; We should be from our clamorous selves set free
To work or pray,
And to be what our Father would have

us be,
If we had but a day.

0 A Song

Good-bye: nay, do not grieve that it is

The perfect hour-That the winged joy, sweet, honey-loving rover, Flits from the flower.

Grieve not. It is the law. Love will be flying-

Yea, love and all! Glad was the living, blessed be the dying, Let the leaves fall!

-Century Magazine.