

The Good Time Coming.

There's a good time coming, girls,
A good time coming,
There's a good time coming, girls,
Wait a little longer.
We hope to live to see the day,
For we can hear it on the way,
This good time coming;
Cannon balls are not for us,
But votes are weapons stronger;
We'll win our battle by their aid;
Wait a little longer.

There's a good time coming, girls,
A good time coming,
There's a good time coming, girls,
Wait a little longer.
When we beside our brothers stand,
Then right, not might, shall rule the land,
In the good time coming.
The law shall innocence defend,
And make the helpless stronger;
We'll vote for every noble cause;
Wait a little longer.

There's a good time coming, girls,
There's a good time coming,
There's a good time coming, girls,
Wait a little longer.
Then let us aid it all we can,—
Yes, every woman, every man,—
This good time coming.
For every prayer and every tear
Will make the impulse stronger;
'Tis surely coming, never fear,
Wait a little longer.

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Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor.

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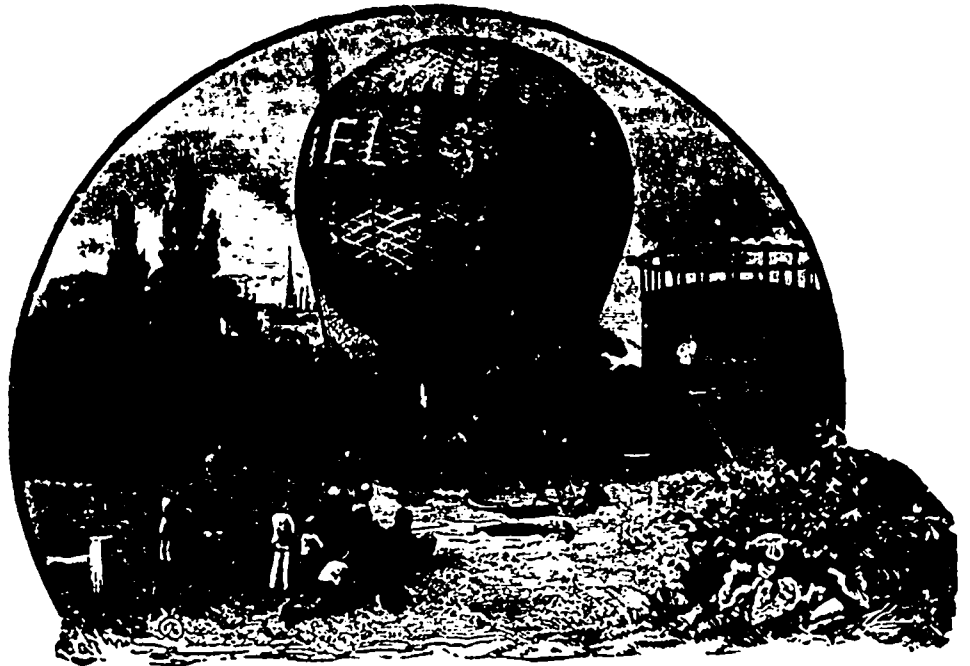
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BALLOONS AND BALLOONING.

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