

WHICH LAND IS THE BEST?

BY W. H. M'ELROY.

When all the battles are lost and are won,
The last word spoken, the argument done,
Which, which is the best land under the sun?

The question is pondered by you and me,
As our barks are sailing life's mystic sea,
But as to the answer, we disagree.

"Oh, the very best land," says the German, "is mine!"
And his heart beats quick and his moist eyes shine,
As he fondly sings "Die Wacht am Rhein."

But the Frenchman jeers at the German's praise,
While a tribute to France you hear him raise
In the fervent strains of the "Marseillaise."

At the Frenchman's boasting the Scotchman cries:

"What land so bonny beneath the skies
As the land where the great Sir Walter lies?"

Then a Muscovite voice is heard to declare:
"Were my fellow-creatures but wise and fair,
They'd dote to a man on the Russian bear."

The Irishman answers, with scornful smile:
"Go over the universe, mile by mile,
And you'll find no land like the Emerald Isle."

The Englishman comments, in accents bland,
"I'm thinking there's only one civilized land,
And Britain's its name, you must understand."

The Yankee rising, with deep emotion,
Exclaims: "I'm firmly set in the notion
My Eagle's the gem of the land or ocean."

So, after the battles are lost and won,
The last word spoken, the argument done,
Which, which is the best land under the sun?

The question is pondered by you and me,
As our barks are sailing life's mystic sea,
And, on second thinking, we all agree!

We are not divided, saving in name:
In essence, each choice is really the same,
It springs from a common, ineffable flame.

Whatever our race, wherever we roam,
The spot that is dearest to each is home,
The toast drank deepest is, "Home, Sweet Home."

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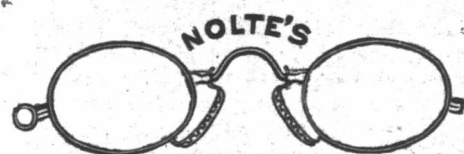
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