

finest of diamonds, the pure white, to be displayed to the best advantage, while they are liable to catch a yellow reflection from a gold setting. A silver setting, of course, is easily tarnished. I have mentioned only some of the more important uses for which platinum is in such great request."

An electrician said that in all incandescent electric lights little bits of very fine platinum wire were used for the "contacts," or connections between the carbon film, in the glass bulb, and the feed wire. "Slight as the quantity of platinum is in each lamp," he said, "its value is now so high that there is a considerable trade in the old bulb; when the film has burned."

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A Wish for St. Patrick's Day.



Oh! to be walking to Mass by the white thorn hedges,
On St. Patrick's Day, in the land of his love and his labors,
To the olden gray church with the ivy and rose on its ledges;
Oh! to be walking to Mass with the dear Irish neighbours.

Pleasing and soft are the songs of the birds in the bushes;
But, music divine is the "God save you kindly"! that greeting—
Sweeter its sound than the notes of the wood-larks and thrushes;
Warm the welcoming clasp of each true hand in meeting.

Sweet is the breath of the Spring in the fair land of Erin;
Bright is the gold of the sun on gray hill and green valley;
Blue to the far smiling heaven the sky o'er Knock-ferriern;
Silv'ry the streams run thro' copses of hazel and sally.

When, in melodies sacred, the bells by the Shannon are chiming,
Would I were there, in the olden gray church, at Mass kneeling,
On St. Patrick's Day, while the ivy and briar rose are climbing,
And the mists of the morn like incense to heaven are stealing.

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