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I like the Anglo-Saxon speech
With its direct revealings;
It takes a hold and seems to reach
Far down into your feelings;
That some folk deem it rude. I know,
And therefore they abuse it;
But I have never found it so,
Before all else I choose it.
I don't object that men should air Before all else I choose it.
I don't object that men should sir
The Gallic they have paid for,
With "an revoir," "adien, ma chere,"
For that's what French was made for,
But when a crony takes your hand
At parting to address you,
He drops all foreign lings and
He says: "Good-by, God bless you"

This seems to me a sacred phrase
With reverence impassioned;
A thing come down from righteous days,
Quaintly, but nobly fashioned.
It well becomes an honest face,
A voice that's round and cheerful;
It stays the sturdy in his place
And soothes the weak and fearful.
Into the porches of the ears
It steals with subte unction,
And in your heart of hearts appears
To work its gracious function;
And all day long with pleasing song
It lingers to caress you;
I'm sure no human heart goes wrong
That's told "Good-by, God bless you!"

That's told "Good-by, God bless you "

I love the words, perhaps, because,
When I was ' ving mother,
Standing at lar solemn pause
We looked at one another,
And I, I saw in mother's eyes
The love she could not tell me,
A love eternal as the skies,
Whatever fate befel me
She put her arms about my neck
And sothed the pain of leaving,
And, though her heart was like to break,
She spoke no word of grieving;
She let no fear bedim her eye.
For fear that might distress me,
But, kissing me, she said good-by,
And asked our God to bless me.

—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

LETTERS TO COUSIN CARYL.

Dear Cousin Caryl,-Have you read what the Countess Raoul de Kersaint, of Paris, has been doing to set all the masculine world by the ears? You know there have been "mutterings both loud and deep" for a long time on account of the lack of individuality in the conventional black evening dress for men. Well, this clever young hostess gave a grand ball at her residence in the Boulevard de la Tour—Maubourg, the other night, and stipulated that every man should wear a coat of color! History will never tell what the matrons and buds were upon that occasion. The chroniclers devoted themselves to the costumes of the lords of creation, and very gorgeous they were too, what with knee breeches, silk hose, low shoes with diamond buckles, and coats of every imaginable color. Just to think of the Duc do Luynes in a pale mauve coat with pearl gray revers, the Baron de Villmil in a magnificent old-gold coat with most wonderful shades and reflections, the Duc de Mouchy in a blue coat with gold buttons, and so ou! Can it be that there are to be Reginald McFlimseys as well as Flora McFlim seys in the world after this, do you suppose?

We have just been learning how to make some nice summer drinks. Shall I tell you about one or two? Well, first there is English ginger beer. We are very fond of everything English here, you must know. Pour four quarts of boiling water on one ounce and a half of the best ground ginger, one ounce cream tertar, one pound brown sugar, and two lemons sliced thin. Add two gills of thin yeast, let it ferment 24 hours, strain and bottle it. Set it in a cool, dark place. Unless it is very hot weather, keeping it two or three weeks before opening improves it. This you will find to be a delicicus beverage. Another very nice ginger beer that is not fermented with yeast, and has a peculiar mellow flavor, is made with one pound and a quarter of white sugar, four tablespoonsful of lemon juice, one ounce of clear honey, a little more than an ounce of bruised ginger, and a gallon and a pint of water. Boil the ginger in a quart of the water for half an hour, then add the sugar, lemon juice and honey, and the rest of the water. Strain through a cloth, and when cold add the veriest bit of the white of an egg, and a salt-spoonfull of good essence of lemon. Let it all stand for four days in a cool place, and then bottle it. This will keep an entire season. Then there are oatmeal drinks that are most refreshing and strengthening. Into a dish put a quarter of a pound of fine fresh catmesl, 6 ounces of white sugar, and half a lemon cut into small pieces. Mix all together with a little warm water, and then add four quarts of boiling water, stirring it all together thoroughly. Use when cold. If preferred, raspberry vinegar, citric acid, or any other flavoring extracts may be used in place of the lemon, and more catmeal may be used if preferred.

Along with something nice to drink one thinks of something to eat, and I am reminded of the last thing we learned about fruit, and that is not to slice pine apples. It appears that in their native country no one ever thinks of doing so, but we are just learning here. Peel the fruit as you would an apple, and then carefully break it from the core in small pieces with a silver fork. The fine flavor is not injured by this method, and you can have no

idea until you try it how much more toothsome this at-all-times delicious