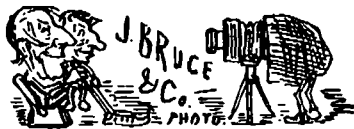




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'Twill do most good—bedew that desert wide
Before our garden gate—
That small Sahara with its stifling air;—
(Turn on the water, KATZ!)
And the sweltering pedestrian shall lift his hat in passing
and bow gratefully, as if to say "Thank you,
Miss—
Heaven bless you for this!"

"And with the brazen nozzle in my hand,
Like some cool water nymph, beneath whose touch
Lawn, shrubs and street grow brighter, I shall stand—
(Do hurry stupid tease!)—
And dream of one whose coming I love much—
(A little stronger please!)—
Till certain hurried footsteps on the pavement, and the
slamming of the garden gate, shall tell me 'tis he,
and laughing he shall say "Good evening, Miss—
Ah, that I dare salute you with a kiss!"

Thus LOVE stood toying with the garden hose,
And youth and age stole by with stolen glances;
When lo, upon the pave whose steps are those?
Who up the avenue no proudly prances?—
'Tis CHARLES in all his evening glory, and being rather
short sighted, and engaged in pondering over a cer-
tain perplexing financial question, he seeth not the
deceitful nozzle and walketh right into the small
deluge which issueth from its brazen throat, while
LOVE is lost in a reverie and warmeth him not;
neither averteeth the catastrophe, and the victim
gaspeth: "What in the—fizz—ger—ouch!—is the
—ugh, oh lawd!—meaning of this!—
The—(blank bland)—take you, Miss!"

L'ENVOY.

And he adjourneth home rather hastily; and next day he
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