

ROTUNDA.

THE PASSING OF YOUTH.

Fair day, I'll welcome thee ;
The day when youthful ardor shall be o'er,
When ripened judgment and maturer thought
Shall reign in folly's stead for evermore.

And yet, fair coming day, [thought,
When strength of reason rule my every
Oh! take thou not away what dear I hold,
The visions bright that fancy oft hath caught.

Nay, take them not away.
Whate'er be sentiment of foolish youth,
Be that thy task to purge ; but leave me still
Whate'er I may have nurtured likest truth.

And bring me peace and calm,
Divine emotions of the chastened heart,
Still as the silent heavens after storm,
Sweet as the wildest joy youth can impart.

OUDEMIA.

VELUT ARBOR AEO.

Growing like a tree in age,
Lopping off the branches dead,
Growing broader, growing sage,
Watered by Truth's fountain head.

Shooting deeper at the root,
Panting on in days of drought,
Here, where owls are wont to hoot
Watch, lest vultures turn them out.

Growing stalwart, growing fair,
Thick the leaves that screen the sun,
'Lest that wisdom's noon-day glare
Still the song that patience won.

Grow me no exotic growth !—
Native, drinking native rain,
And I charge you, mould me both
The patriot's heart, the scholar's brain!

SMOKERS!

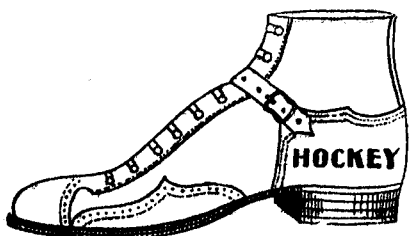
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Towering land-mark of our plain,
While the evening splendors rage,
Or the stars in dawning wane.
—F.E.B. '01

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A 'oo classical man received the following despatch from the seat of war last week.—"Boers in full retreat, though Captain D— still holds the *Bearded Kopf*, in spite of the expostulations of his colleagues. He will soon surrender and thus s(h)ave himself: if not a *brush* or two and some *cold steel* will precipitate matters." Later despatch:—"He is still holding out, and the *Kopf* is daily becoming more densely covered with undergrowth, making progress through it impossible."

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