

The Poet's Corner.

This is All. Just a saunter in the twilight, Just a whisper in the hall, Just a sail on sea or river, Just a dance at rout or ball, Just a glance that hearts enthral— This is all—and this is all.

St. Valentine's Day.

The celebration of St. Valentine's Day, like many other time honored customs, seems to have originated from a commemorating of the early Christian, and the more ancient Pagan ceremonies perpetuated in Roman countries.

St. Valentine, whose name still honors the fourteenth day of February, was without doubt one of the most worthy fathers of the Christian Church. His life, as authentically recorded, was a "living epistle" of love and charity; and it was only natural that tokens of good will and gifts of affection should be exchanged by friends and lovers in the name of this admirable saint, upon his festival day, which occurred on the 14th of February.

But at this time, the heathen feast of the Lupercalia, whose origin dates back to the age of fable, was also celebrated; and at this festival it had been, for generations, customary to place the names of a certain number of Roman maidens in a box, designed for the purpose, whence they were drawn by chance by an equal number of young men.

The names by which these old Roman youths and maidens were designated when thus associated together, does not appear; but the founders of the Christian Church, finding that they could not eradicate the fondness for this custom from the minds of the young people, very wisely incorporated it with their own authorized usages; and the Christian young men and women became for the time another's "Valentines."

There was also a very pretty belief current in those old times that the birds chose their mates upon St. Valentine's Day, and sang their sweetest carols at his shrine.

The custom of choosing one's valentine by lot and bestowing and receiving some simple or valuable gift, as the case might be, was long practiced in England and continental Europe.

Among the folk customs in vogue among sentimental young ladies, was that of eating a hard-boiled egg, shell and all—sure indeed the yoke for which a ball of salt was substituted. The maiden, thus inspired by thirst and indignation failed not to dream wonderful dreams which being interpreted, doubtless meant any thing she pleased.

The famous "Journal" of Mr Pepsys of London, written in the 17th century, contains a description of the custom of drawing valentines by lot as then practised in England. Among the girls mentioned on such festivals is that of five pounds to one person, a valuable jewel to another, and a basket of kittens to a third; thus showing that the standard St. Valentine favors was easily adapted to the individual tastes or purse.

There has however been a time, within the memory of the present generation, when poor St. Valentine, becoming entirely antiquated, has not been permitted to rest in obscure if not ignominious repose.

The young ladies of the house suddenly scorned to look for a declaration of affection imbedded upon lace-bordered note paper; and the pretty servant girls no longer blushed over the gilt cups and lacerated hearts which once caused their bosoms to flutter with delight.

Until quite a recent date the children and especially the juvenile school-boys—the latter with his comic sheet—have monopolized the day.

But times are very changeable; and just now the manufacturers of the countless cards and booklets which ask only the faintest reason 'd' etra, have seized upon the memory of good St. Valentine to help them in the circulation of their dainty wares.

Of one thing we may be sure however; the patron saint of February, 1887, will have no cause to blush for the gilt-edged, lace-bordered, tinsel-laden effusions, which many of our older readers will remember, are happily extinct; and their tawdry sentiment is replaced by quotations from the standard poets which give to the mission of St. Valentine somewhat more of dignity and sincerity than did the die-away strains of thirty or forty years ago.

But of all valentines, old and new, we find none to compare with that penned by the immortal "bard of Avon"; and we wonder if pretty Anne Hathaway appreciated the rare merit of the dainty lines which was sent to her in the name of St. Valentine, centuries ago.

For the girls of today we give the verses written on one eventful February

14th, to the maiden of his choice, by that poet of poets and lover of lovers, William Shakespeare.

With modernized spelling this famous old valentine runs as follows:— "Is there in heaven aught more rare Than thou, sweet nymph of Avon fair, Is there on earth a man more true Than Willy Shakespeare is to you?"

Though fickle fortune prove unkind, Still doth she leave her wealth behind; She never the heart can form anew, Nor make thy Willy's love untrue.

Though age with withered hand do strike, The form most fair, the face most bright, Still doth she leave untouched and true, Thy Willy's love and friendship too.

Though death with never falling blow Doth man and babe alike bring low, Yet doth he take naught but his due, And strikes not Willy's heart still true.

Since then not fortune, death nor age Can faithful Willy's love assuage, Then do I live and die for you, Thy Willy sincere and most true.

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At a mass meeting held at Decho, N. W. T., on Monday, the affidavits that recently appeared in the Conservative papers were fiercely denied by the French Halfbreeds present. They said they were obtained by fraud by the Government officials. At a convention held afterwards delegates from all sections were present. Mr Laird and Mr McDowall were put in nomination, and of 39 delegates present 38 declared for Mr Laird (Liberal).

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine for every one in the spring. Emigrants and travellers will find it an effectual cure for the eruptions, boils, pimples, eczemas, etc., that break out on the skin—the effects of disorders in the blood, caused by sea diet and life on board ship.

The Best Fountain Pen in the World. The "Wirt" fountain pen is the best thing yet invented in the way of a self-feeding pen. It has a gold nib, shades just as a dipping pen does, and never fails. It is a writing wonder. A sample can be seen at this office. Every lawyer, doctor, clergyman, school-teacher and business man should have one. Thea. McGillivuddy is the local agent.

Stanley's expedition for the relief of Emin Bey will comprise twelve hundred men, including eighty blacks.

Prohibition and Pellets. The anti-liquor question is a strong plank in the political platform, and one safe to lay hold of. All intoxicating beverages are safest when left alone, even in medicine. Burdock Blood Bitters is not a bar beverage, but strictly pure medicine, reliable for diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and blood, and will not aid in making drunkards.

The czar has received from Emperor William a declaration that Germany has no intention of attacking France.

If anything clogs the waste pipes in the house, we become alarmed, for sewer gas is apt to generate disease. The children, then, are removed to their grand-parents', or kept out-of doors as much as possible, until the defect is remedied. But the waste pipes of the human system are often allowed to clog, and the sufferer, who cannot get away from the poison, becomes unfit for work or pleasure. In such cases, Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" will gently remove the cause, and the effect will vanish of itself. By druggists.

An aesthetic Boston paper says the toboggan suit is "not becoming." O, yes it is. It is becoming fashionable.

Salt Rheum Cured. McGregor & Parke's Carbolic Cerate has been tried and found to be the only positive cure for Salt Rheum, Pimples, Birtches on the face or hand, Catarrh, Burns, Bruises, or any Sore that nothing else will heal. Try McGregor & Parke's Carbolic Cerate. 25c per box at Geo Rhynas' drug store.

It is difficult to organize a telegraph company in Russia. The Government is rigidly opposed to the elevation of the Poles.

High living is unquestionably bad for the liver, but whether from that or other causes, the liver becomes deranged, the best cure for liver complaint or biliousness, is that standard medicine for sale by all druggists, Burdock Blood Bitters. Remember B. B. B. is the special trade mark of this medicine.

A dispatch from Miles City reports the cattle scattering on the ranges or crowding to the rivers for water.

Important News Item. Cookstown, N. Y.—Mrs Campbell has been troubled for a number of years with indigestion and Constipation, and was induced to try McGregor's Speedy Cure and found it all that was needed, and would recommend its use to any person similarly troubled. This invaluable remedy is sold in every part of Canada at 50c. and 21 per bottle. Sold at George Rhynas' drug store.

It is reported that the street-car system of Minneapolis has been sold to a Boston syndicate for \$3,000,000.

Removable but Instantaneous. All pains or aches will instantly be removed by drops of Fluid Lightning applied over the affected parts. No time lost in purchasing or using greasy liniments. It will not blister or discolor the skin. Sold at 25c per bottle by Geo. Rhynas, druggist. Sufferers from Neuralgia assure us that they never fear it when their house contains a bottle of Fluid Lightning.

There is room for everybody in this big world. Friction comes from the fact that too many want the front room.

We Feared no Fear. Nero fiddled when Rome was burning. Many now-a-days seem equally indifferent to danger by the manner in which they neglect ill-health. If taken in time, there is scarcely a chronic disease which Burdock Blood Bitters will not eradicate by its purifying, regulating powers.

In the Delaware river near Shawnee, Pennsylvania, ice is piled fifty feet high and the lowlands are overflowed.

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Spanish republican emigrants residing in France have decided to form a volunteer force of 2,000 men to assist France in the event of war with Germany.

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The commissioner of agriculture sent Professor Webster, of Purdue university, to the swamps of Mississippi and Louisiana to study the habits of the buffalo gnat.

Don't speculate. Run no risk in buying medicine, but try the great Kidney and Liver regulator, made by Dr Chase, author of Chase's receipts. Try Chase's Liver Cure for all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, Bowels. Sold by James Wilson, druggist.

GET THE BEST. For Coughs, Colds, Sorethroat and Weak Lungs, Dr. Jugs medicine is the best. It is the children's medicine, simple and easy to take. The best known remedy for Headache, Biliousness, Stomach and Constipation. Dr. Jugs Pills (the little gems).

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Women. For "worn-out" "run-down" debilitated school teachers, milliners, dress-makers, bookkeepers, and overworked women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the best of all restorative tonics. It makes "run-down" but admirably furnishes a single dose of pure, being a most potent specific for all those Chronic Weaknesses and Diseases peculiar to women. The treatment may be extended to such cases, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute has afforded a large number of cases in adapting tonics for their use, and the result of this vast experience.

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XAVIER BAERCHLER, Falls Reserve Mills, June 2d, 1886.

Joyful News. It is certainly glad tidings to the poor invalid to be informed of a remedy that will give prompt and sure relief in case of painful suffering. Such a remedy is Hagyard's Yellow Oil, adapted for internal and external use in all aches, pains, lameness and soreness. It cures rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup and all inflammatory pains.

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Be on Your Guard. Don't allow a cold in the head to slowly and surely run into Catarrh, when you can be cured for 25c. by using Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. A few applications cure incipient catarrh; 1 to 2 boxes cure ordinary catarrh; 2 to 5 boxes is guaranteed to cure chronic catarrh. Try it. Only 25c and sure cure. Sold by Jas Wilson, druggist.

Get your sale bills, etc., done at THE SIGNAL office. They are always done promptly and at low rates. Notice is drawn to sales through THE SIGNAL free of charge, which is read by thousands.

How a Dude Caught Cold. A slim young man in the height of fashion was violently sneezing in a street car, when a companion remarked, "Aw, Chawles, deah boy, how d'ye catch that deawful cold." "Aw, deah fellah, left my cane in the lower hall t'other day, and in sucking the ivory handle, so deawful cold, it chilled me almost to death." If Charles had used Dr. Harvey's Red Pine Gum his cold would not have hit him very much. For sale at J. Wilson's prescription drug store.

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The Chinese. ad a movable f not begin on; though usually week in Febru week. This ye The part of celebrated in t some Chinese which to visit themselves gene vegetable men-truck pedlars h Chinamen—ou day of the new comers with litt eady, or with C

The liies are whitened, and Chinatown, and New Year's fest noting the time (the Chinese have flowers so that about the first d pp) is the moon-on New Year's; for then he is su with him all the Lu Chinatown the fronts of all with banners and curious design, ing the black dra All about are China candy, su pork, and other of "John." We saking the can rather "pleasur patent medicine novelty, anyway were selling any Chinese process on payment of f this luxury was t

All the stores decorated with ri spun-gold work, china-ware was w The richest stu drug store. Fer that the China l they do, and leg look now more li use fancy good Here are compou from dragon's blo deers, and mavel snakes, rattles an These stores do appeared to be ch indeed is the Chi ford a New Year's they are when the their holiday get These queer l Year custom that the boys of the E of burning fire cr window of the he pole, from which forty or fifty bu are all set c there will be twen bombardments go noise that ought nity of young A We visited a d worship, and afte of daisy stairs, c where there were were enjoying th rice. On asking f sacred precincts, small room was covered with flag silver, white abu stries. In the ceu throne, sat the Jo of wood, and rob fabrics.

While we were t ered, accompan can the ceremony large gong; then, with little stick— written in Chinese he dropped on dr and shook the vase fell out. This he from the stick to All this time the one side looking at in the matter, and by it.

After a few ol Chinaman was cal sign the book, pai a small sum of m away, evidently harm could come year.

The Chinese also would appear stru merchants. If a O to pay a bill when I Year, and can a harm could come year.

The streets of Ch Year are crowd a more orderly c nated, would be our trips among I never seen one of one who appeared at all. Taken all be far "whiter" th and are, as a gene orderly people. I may tell you of t Chinese theatre.

Take the hours o tion after business. If you must fee ly, without agitat and fall in you

From In a letter from Creek, Manitoba, I last summer with my back. By using yard's Yellow O cured." Yellow O rheumatism and al ral pains.

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