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THE WOMAN AND THE BROOM.

(Written after seeing a farmer's wife cleaning house.)
Dowed by the cares of cleaning house, she lessens the dust.
Upon her broom and gazes through the dust.
A wilderness of wrinkles on her face
And on her head a knob of wispy hair
Who made her slave to sweeping
And to soap.
A thing that smiles not and that never rests,
Stanchioned in stall, a sister to the cow!
Who loosened and made shrill this angled jaw!
Who dowered this narrow chest for blowing up
Of sluggish men-folk and their morning fire!

Is this the thing you made a bride and brought
To have dominion over hearth and home?
To scour the stairs and search the bin for flour,
To bear the burden of maternity?
Is this the wife they wore who framed our law
And pillared a bright land on smiling homes?
Down all the stretch of street to the here,
There is no shape more angular than hers,
More tongued with gabble of her neighbors' dees,
More filled with nerve-ache and rheumatic twinge,
More fraught with menace of the frying-pan.

Oh, lords and masters in our happy land!
How with this woman will you make account?
How answer her shrill question in hour—
When whirlwinds of such women shake the polls,
Heedless of every precedent and creed,
Straight in hysteric haste, to right all wrongs?
How will it be with cant of politics,
With king of trade and legislative boss,
With cobwebs of hypocrisy and greed,
When she shall take the ballot for her room
And sweep away the dust of centuries?
—Edwin W. Sanborn, in N. Y. Sun.

RUSSIAN YOKE

FIRMLY FIXED

Absorption Of Manchuria Made Possible By Treaty Between Salsbury and Ozar's Government.

London, Jan. 4.—Bound by the terms of the convention which Lord Salisbury concluded with Russia last July England is said to have been powerless to object to the newly-announced Russian "protectorate" over Manchuria.

In London diplomatic circles it was generally conceded that the Ozar had finally challenged Great Britain and Germany to enforce the famous "independent action" clause of their recent China agreement.

Commenting on the situation a high Chinese official here said to a correspondent to-night:—"Months before the Anglo-German compact was sealed, Lord Salisbury visited Russia, came to Peking, and returned in return for an unimpaired sphere of influence in the Yangtze valley. It was agreed that all the territory lying north of the great Chinese wall, meaning Manchuria, indisputable should be Russia's stamping ground. Neither government made representations with respect to the wide strip of country lying between the great wall and the Yangtze region. Thus, so far as Great Britain is concerned the way is clear for Russia to knock at the very door of Peking at any time that the Ozar cares to push his railway through the wall into Peking province."

"Russian diplomacy will find a way of avoiding the charge of encroaching on Manchuria, an act of aggression provoked by the current complications in China. It may be pleaded that the great province is not an integral part of the Chinese Empire, but a dependency. One thing is certain—the yoke of Russian authority is around Manchuria, and all the chances are in favor of its staying there."

—The Times.

GLENDOWD.

Alfred Brown and wife, of Detroit, spent Christmas in the village, the guests of Mrs. D. Brown.

Miss Alice Estabrook attended the commencement exercises of the Leamington High school.

Archie DeClute and family spent Christmas at their former home at Rousesau.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucia and Robert McFarland, of Wheatley, spent Christmas at Andrew Gilbert's.

Mrs. J. Brethorn, of Merlin, visited recently with her sister, Mrs. A. Gilbert.

Miss May Cottingham, of Tilbury, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. McPherson.

Jean Gifford and wife, of Romney, spent Christmas at the home of the latter's father, E. Newham.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor, of Chatham, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McGee on Christmas day.

J. McPherson spent Christmas day at his father's home in Cottam.

Robert Hillman and family, of Leamington, spent Tuesday here, the guests of his brother, Geo. Hillman.

The S. S. entertainment, held on Xmas eve, was a complete success. Rev. J. Reid acted as chairman for the evening.

Mrs. Wm. Vipond is visiting relatives in Wheatley.

John Bennett, Sr., of Buxton, spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. P. J. McGee.

Miss Alice Dawson, of Ridgetown, is the guest of Miss Ada Ainslie.

Miss Belle Cameron, of Chatham, visited with Miss Aggie Shepley last week.

Ready—Why do you smoke continually from morning until night? Westley—it's the only time I get a sleep from night till morning.

THE TEXAS HORROR.

Since the appalling disaster at Johnsonville no one community in our land has suffered such sweeping destruction as that visited upon Galveston.—Philadelphia Times.

The terrible experience that has fallen upon the people of Galveston is one well calculated to arouse the sympathies of their fellow citizens in all parts of this country.—Boston Herald.

Galveston, still crushed under its ruin, is busily planning and even executing its rehabilitation into a greater and better city. This is typical of the dauntless hopefulness of the American people.—New York World.

It will be a long time before Galveston recovers from its fearful prostration, and meantime she will have to rely largely upon the generosity of the rest of the country, no matter how energetic, resourceful and courageous her citizens may be.—Chicago Post.

Practically the whole of the Gulf was blown in upon Galveston, and dikes or breakwaters could have kept it out. And against a recurrence of this disaster the only protection possible is the raising of the city far enough above the general level to be out of reach of a similar rise.—Chicago Record.

Possibly the full death list of the Texas tragedy will never be written, for bodies are being buried without identification and, according to some dispatches, without careful count, in order to prevent pestilence adding to the terrors of starvation and exposure. It is comforting in this emergency to know that in Governor Sayers Texas has an executive of energy, sagacity and rare common sense.—Washington Star.

It does not lessen the horror of this disaster that Galveston seemingly invites such a fate. Practically it is upon a level with the waters of the Gulf, and hurricanes are no strangers in that region. The only protection Galveston has lies in the fact that hurricanes of this magnitude do not often occur, probably only three or four in a century, and after one has visited them its people live in the hope that they may not be exposed to another for many years to come.—Chicago Tribune.

GLEANINGS.

Nearly all the shops in Manila are kept by Chinese merchants.

The 24 o'clock system is to be introduced throughout Spain on Jan. 1.

About 30,000,000 persons left Europe during the century just closing to seek to better their fortunes in other lands.

The ordinary beer glass is regulated by law in Bavaria and must hold exactly half a liter, or nearly nine-tenths of a pint.

The payment of from \$75 to \$100 a day for rooms, exclusive of meals, in New York hotels is by no means uncommon.

There are people living in one who pay \$100 a day for their rooms the year round.

China still has the old fashioned system of private letter carrying. If a Chinaman wishes a letter delivered, he goes to the proprietor of a letter shop and pays two-thirds of the cost, leaving the other third to be paid by the recipient of the missive.

The smallest revolver ever made is the property of Stephen M. Van Allen of Jamaica. It is only an inch long, but is perfect in every detail, and the bullet will penetrate a half inch pine board.

The Easthampton (Mass.) town clerk was called upon by a youngster of 5 summers for a marriage license, he having become enamored of a girl about his age.

The clerk finally advised the young man to consult his father before taking so serious a step.

A Florida man has purchased 200 acres of swamp land near Swan Bridges and will turn it into a breeding place for alligators.

These reptiles are becoming scarce owing to the activity of northern hunters, and as there is a steady demand for alligator skins the speculator hopes to do well.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

William Dean Howells, though not a rapid writer, uses up as many as a dozen pens at a sitting, stopping to adjust a fresh one about every 15 minutes.

Senkiewicz, the Polish novelist, is to have a present of his own invention on the occasion of his author's jubilee next November. The fund is now being collected by his many admirers.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox regards it as a significant coincidence that from her early childhood her favorite gem has been a topaz, which she found out only some years after this fondness began to be her birth stone.

The death has occurred at Ramsgate of William Turner Day, one of the most noted engravers of half a century ago, and a painter of no mean skill who gained fame also as an entomologist. He was 83 years old.

One of the greatest though not best known of British sculptors is Mr. Albert Bruce-Joy, who was born at Dublin Aug. 21, 1842. Mr. Bruce-Joy, however, is very modest, while notwithstanding his ruddy countenance he is a vegetarian of the strictest sort.

THE DEWEY ARCH.

The permanent Dewey arch promises to continue to be seen in the dim distance of vanishing perspective.—Boston-Globe.

The New York demand for the prompt removal of the Dewey arch has now reached the job type stage.—Boston Herald.

The \$1,000,000 fund for a permanent Dewey arch in New York has not been raised, and in the meantime the temporary arch is becoming dilapidated and as eyesore. In projecting this the Gophers are obviously hit-off more than they could chew.

THE PEDAGOGUE.

New York's new schools, built in the form of an H, are models for light and ventilation.

With the exception of the Vanderbilt university at Nashville, it is said that the white schools in the south have not received \$50,000 in gifts in 20 years.

Professor Gegenbaur, who has done more for the Darwinian theory of evolution than any other German excepting Professor Haeckel, has resigned his professorship of comparative anatomy at Heidelberg, where he has taught since 1872. He is 74 years old.



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"The tracker, who is always a native Mexican, mounts his tough little broncho, rides over to a row of hives, watches the bees as they emerge from the hive, and then he looks at his watch and he knows how many bees he has seen. He then goes to a large box and takes out a number of bees, and he knows exactly what he can depend on in the several flavors. The trackers are well paid; enough to let them loaf between seasons."

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