



**The English Rose.**

Among the fairest flowers that Dame Nature grows,  
Nearest to our hearts we place the English Rose.  
For is it not the emblem of a nation's worth?  
A nation which is great among the sons of earth.  
The history of England would not be complete,  
Without its floral emblem the rose so sweet.  
For the names of mighty heroes as the whole world knows  
Are engraved upon each leaflet of the English Rose.

**CHORUS—**  
The English Rose, the English Rose  
Type of our nation where'er it grows.  
Bringing comfort to friends, confusion to foes  
The red, red rose of Old England.

The rose recalls the memories of bygone days,  
Of stirring deed of arms that earned a nation's praise.  
The victors who at Agincourt were brave and true,  
And descendants just as valorous at Waterloo,  
And of triumphs on the ocean that will live for aye,  
There's the ever famous action at Tra'algar's Bay,  
What nation boasts of victories to equal those  
That were fought beneath the ensign of the English Rose!

Right gallantly the honor of the Rose to save,  
Canada and the Colonies their assistance would give,  
So bearing this in mind, what can we think of those  
Who would separate the maple leaf from her sister Rose,  
But surely better counsels will prevail at length,  
For it cannot be denied that "unity is strength,"  
And we can look with scorn upon our foreign foes,  
While Canada and the Colonies stand by Eng-land's Rose.

**THE LONGEST REIGN.**

An interesting incident in the reign of Queen Victoria occurs this year, in the fact that if she survives hers will become the longest reign of any Sovereign. Hitherto the longest reign has been that of George III., who ascended the throne on the 25th October, 1760, and reigned till the 29th January, 1820. He thus occupied the throne for 59 years and 69 days. Queen Victoria began to reign on the 20th June, 1837. In her case 59 years and 69 days will expire on the 24th September, 1896. At that date her reign will, if she be still with us, equal that of George III., and after that hers will be the actual longest reign.

**LOST MORE THAN HE GAINED**

A lady was riding in an omnibus along Oxford street, London, recently, when a person in clerical attire followed her into the vehicle and sat by her side. Shortly afterwards he got out of the bus, and the lady, feeling for her purse, found it had been stolen. A "clergyman" led to the belief that he was the thief. On reaching home the lady found in her pocket a large diamond ring. The purse contained but a few shillings, and the lady sold the ring left by the pick-pocket for £40.

**THE OLDEST TREE.**

The oldest tree in England is the yew-tree at Braburn, in Kent, which is said to be 3,000 years old; while at Fortingal, in Perthshire, is one nearly as old. At Ankerwyke House, near Staines, is a Yew tree which was famous at the date of the signing of the Magna Charta, 1215, and later was the resting place of Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn. The three yews at Fountain Abbey are at least 1,200 years old, and beneath them the founders of the abbey sat in 1132. There are no famous oaks that rival any yew in age, 2,000 years being the greatest age attained. Damorey's oak, in Devonshire, which was blown down in 1703, had this distinction. Cowthorpe Oak, near Wetherby, Yorkshire, is said to be 1,600 years old.

**A BRITISH GUNNER'S GOOD WORK.**

Petty Officer Rowd of the British flagship Royal Arthur has again distinguished himself by quick and accurate firing, this time establishing a new world's record for the six-inch rapid-firing guns, with which his vessel is equipped. On the flagship's recent cruise to Comox, B. C., while steaming at twelve knots an hour, Rowd succeeded in putting eleven out of thirteen shots through a floating target twelve feet square, at 1,600 yards distance, having his fourteenth shot ready for firing, when time was called on the trial, for which but two minutes were allowed. Rowd, by this performance, has not only established an enviable notoriety with ordnance much prized in the navy, but will have the satisfaction of being reported to the Admiralty for superior efficiency and of obtaining a considerable pension in addition to his wages.

**BRITISH VIEW OF CANADIAN AFFAIRS.**  
The St. James Gazette of April 13, referring to the importance of the Canadian elections, says it apprehends that if the principles of Federal control and justice for the Catholics of Manitoba are re-asserted, the difficulty will be ended. If, however, the verdict is partial and obscure, the Conservatives will not have a strong majority. Chaos will follow, the constitution will be unworkable, and Canada will be divided by the sword of sectarian strife.

**THE CURSE OF CASTE.**

The Englishman of Chicago, in discussing the position of Englishmen, says, "The curse of caste seems to pervade the ranks of our people, that class distinction which had its place only in the days that are gone. It is not that the well-to-do Englishmen will not help along the good work; but experience had demonstrated that whenever they have shown a disposition to put

**TEACH PATRIOTISM.**

Lord Wolsey in a public address recently, said that he could not help thinking it was a good thing for school children of the United States to be brought up in the conviction that



**HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.**

Born 1819.

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**ENGLAND WILL DO HER DUTY.**

So in Europe there are once more two rival hostile armies, with France and Russia in one, and the rest in the other. Russia has strengthened herself by gathering into her train Turkey, Bulgaria and Servia. On the other hand, this is at once England's closer identification with the central allies by her drawing Belgium under her wing, which does not sound as much, but may prove a considerable importance during the year. England will continue to assist her stay in Egypt as temporary, if her neighbors think it important that one should do so, but she is not coming out, at the same, and she's not coming out the way in force through the Sudan and equatorial Africa, making roads and permanent British posts as she progresses,

their shoulder to the wheel, their efforts have been disparaged and themselves spat upon by a class of small fry, who appear to despise them as well for their natural talents as for their financial ability. This is what has driven the best of our men out of the English-American activities and is what has made our efforts in public affairs back number imitations of prosperous organizations.

"Let Englishmen unite loyally, and, casting aside selfishness, support enthusiastically the efforts yet to be made showing to the world that they can be a unit in favor of charity and beneficence and in the interests of peace between the mother country and their adopted land."

A sleep without dreams, after a rough day of toil, is what we covet most; and yet how clay shrinks back from mere quiescent clay.—Byron.

they belonged to the greatest nation in the world, and must be ready to fight for it, and he added that he would like to see every child in the English schools taught to admire and love his country and the constitution under which he lived, so that he would be prepared to maintain that constitution against all comers.

**A BRITON'S PRIVILEGE.**

A Briton can go round the world and touch on British territory all the way, viz.—From England to Halifax, N.S., across Canada to Vancouver, across the Pacific to Hong Kong, thence to Singapore, Penang, Cape Town, St. Helena, and England; or from Penang to Ceylon, Bombay, Aden, Perim, Malta Gibraltar and home.

Another song, which is destined to be a success, is—A Maid Who was Flirting with Me—words by Frank Lawson, music by Belle McArthur. Price 25 cts. Henry J. Jones & Co., publishers, London, Ont.

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