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In a boat drifting idly, idly,  
Sat a youth and a maiden fair;  
The sunbeams played at hide and seek  
In the tangles of her hair;  
Before her he sat enchanted,  
Charmed by her magic spell,  
His dark eyes mulely pleading  
The love he longed to tell.

"Beatrice, dear," he whispered,  
"Would it not be a beautiful dream  
To drift on thus forever  
Along Life's placid stream?"  
Beatrice played with the tiller ropes;  
"I shouldn't mind it, Ned,  
Drifting with you down the stream of Life,  
If I might steer," she said.

—Harvard Lampoon.

### HE COULD WRITE.

This is the way he told it at police headquarters the other day:

"Vhell, I vhas in mine place, you know, and a feller comes in und says: 'Mister Blank I make a bet about you shust now.'"

"'Vhas dot so'?"

"'Yes; I make a bet dot you can write your name.'"

"'Of course I can write my name! Does somedy take me for a fool?'"

"'Vhell, you put him down on dis piece of paper und I make fife dollar.'"

"'Vhell, I write my name on his paper und he goes off und I doan' see him any more. Yesterday I get some notice from a bank dot a note for feefly dollar vhas due. I come down town und finds a note mit my name on der back. It vhas der paper on which I wrote my name.'"

"'Well?'"

"'Vhell, dot vhas all, except dot I vhas a fool, und if you catch him I gif one honnered dollar to keep my name out of der papers.'"

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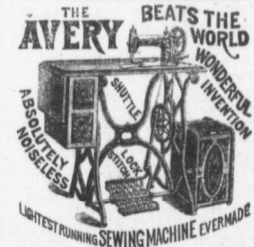
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