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Transitory.

The spring-time comes, the wild bee hums,
And birde make music everywhere;
From windy March to tranquil May
Fresh flowers expand from day to day,
And heaven and earth become more fair.
Oh, hours of childhood and delight,
When pleasures bloom-like wayside flow
How soon, how far, ye wing your flight!
How storms oft bare your fragile bowers How storms oft bare your fragile bowers! How childish joys, like visions, fly! How childhood and how spring go by!

The summer comes with thunder-drums And with the lighting falchion keen;
And with the lighting 's falchion keen;
The rose's breath perfumes the air,
And love cheers many a wedded pair
Of birds amid the branches green.
Oh, hours of summer and of love—
Elysian hours for human hearts, How transitory, too, ye prove! How soon the rose's tint departs! How youth's bright dreams, like visions, fly

How summer and how love go by ! The autumn comes, the cricket strums
His death march 'mong the withering les
The golden grain has long been reaped;
With golden fruit the bins are heaped;
But fade the flowers, the west-wind gri Oh, hours of autumn and decay—
Commingled hours of trust and fear, Ye, also, quickly glide away!
We know the end is drawing near.

How hopes mature, like visions, fly How manhood and how fall go by! The winter comes, the frost benumbs
All tribes that walk or creep or fly; From the chill north fell tempests blow; The streams are froze, and fast the snow Is sifted from the cloudy sky.

Oh, hours of winter and of gloom,

When no bird in the woodland sings,

Ye, too, are fleeting !- such the door Of man and all sublunar things.

How pain and dread, like visions, fly! How win er and how age go by!

- W. L. Shoemaker, in Home Jon

A Wild Western Adventure.

Sam S. Hall, "Buckskin Sam," and old Rip Ford were trapping in the Ar-kan a river region. They were men of desperate courage, who had taken their lives in their hands too often to care for the danger they were exposed to. Old Rip was a man who stood five feet eleven in his moccasins—a man whom you would hardly care to meet in the close tug of a desperate battle. His hard brown face was seamed with scars from bullet, knife and claws of wild beasts, and his muscu lar body showed the marks of many desperate struggle. "Buckskin Sam" was the beau ideal of a mountaineer and plains man; the Western hunter that the of and wishes some day to be, Although not so powerful as old Rip, he was a man of great personal strength and desperate courage. For many years these two had roamed the trapping grounds together, fighting Indians, grizzlies and wolves, chased by night over the burning prai-ries, defending their camp against the sudden attacks of red fiends, or spending recklessly at the monte board the ney they had earned so hardly on the trapping ground.

They had been out all winter, and, as covered and the trappers now began to think of returning home. The camp was built up near the river, a tributary of the Canadian, which flowed through the dismal canons in which the light of day never shows, under the shadow of gigan-tic cliffs upon which human beings never yet set foot, and only spreading out at places where the cunning beaver had built his dam. The river was broken by great rapids, and abounded in rare fish, upon which they had feasted royally for many a day. They had a canoe, and had been discussing the chance of going down the stream in that in order to save

"I am ready to take the chances, if

you are, Rip," said Sam.
"I don't like to give myself away," said Rip. "What do you know about the river after we get down to the big eanon, and whoever passed through it?"
"That's the fun of the thing, Rip.
We do what no one else dare do," said

"I don't like it," replied Ford, who was by far the more prudent of the two.
"I—ha! what in Jehu is that?" They seized their weapons and ran to the door of the hut, just in time to see a dozen Indians running down through the grass, blocking up the only way of

the double sights and the rifle cracked. The Indian sprung suddenly to his feet, spun sharp around upon his heel and fell dead in his tracks.

The next moment the cance shot from the bank and headed down through the

boiling flood, plunging in the canon below so rapidly that the Indians had scarcely time to recover from their amazement at the sudden exodus before the trappers were out of sight. One of the trappers never knew, for when they the Indians bounded to his feet and uttered a low signal-whoop, and two large canoes, containing in all about fifteen men, rounded a point in the river above the canon and came flying down under the strokes of the paddlers. The Indians river. Two days after they reached on the shore simply pointed down the Fort Sill in safety. stream, and the canoes dashed by at a furious speed; the wild yell of the paddlers announcing to the white men that they were pursued. The first rapid passed, they entered a long stretch of vater where the current was only four or of the ruler of the latter country to per five miles an hour, and where the propelling force in the other canoes began

to tell, and the Indians gained rapidly. the trappers could only put all their strength in the paddles and dash on as fast as they could. Two miles further his shoulder, when suddenly his canoe was seized by a mighty force and hurled downward, like a bullet from a rifle. They had struck another rapid more powerful than the first, and the rocks

"I should say we did, old boy," re-

plied Rip. "I am only afraid we are moving too fast." "Don't you believe it; those fellows

eem to be standing still," said Sam.
"They will get in the current in noment," gasped Rip. "Look at that." The headmost canoe of the Indians ppeared upon the crest of the rapid and ame flying down after the trappers at a came nying down after the trappers at a furious speed. The Indians no longer used their paddles with the exception of the man who sat at the stern, and by a touch on the water, now on one side, now on the other, regulated the course of the canoe. The second canoe followed in a moment, a little further in shore. As they gazed, the bow of the last canoe was suddenly lifted into the air as it struck a brown rock in the channel, which the occupants tried in vain to avoid. The flerce current caught the stern, and in an instant there was nothby the resistless tide. "That ends them," said Rip Ford. "Be careful, Sam, for your life !"

On, on, borne by the power which they could not resist, the two canoes were hurried. There was a sense of wild exultation in the hearts of the white men, for they could see that their enemies would have gladly escaped if they could from the perils that surrounded them.

Their mad desire for scalps and plunder had led them into a trap, and they no longer thought of the cance in advance They knew, as the whites did not, the terrible danger before them, for they had explored the banks of the stream on foot many times. The river suddenly narrowed, and the trappers rushed into a canon barely twenty feet wide and nearly roofed over by the cliff on each side. The current was not quite so rapid here, and they guided the canoe

"This gets interesting, Rip," said Sam, as they went on through the nar-row pass. "We are going"—"To our death," interrupted Rip Ford, in a solemn voice. "Do you hear the falls?"

Through the splash of water and the dip of the paddles they heard a low,

eyes of the trapper had looked through below the falls. Far below them the canoe floated, and as the current swept them down the two men looked back in time to see the Indians' canoe come over the fall sideways without an occupant. It was hurled far out and fell lightly on the water, only to be arrested by the strong hand of Buckskin Sam.

The Indians, appalled by their danger, had upset the cance in their frantic efforts to escape. What became of them the falls, and righted the cance, they made no pause, but hurried down the stream, and before night were safely floating in the waters of the Canadian

England and Afghanistan.

The trouble between England and mit a British mission to pass through his territory, leads a New York paper to give some facts relative to an earlier On each side of the canoe the canon difficulty between the two countries, was like a wall, 200 feet in height, and The paper says: The smallness of the force employed in, it has given to Eng-land's Afghan campaign of 1841-2 a less prominent place in history than it de-who wished to make his dress harmonize and the pursuing canoes were scarcely a hundred yards behind, the Indians yelling like demons as they saw the white arms in Asia, and quite as disastrous, in ing like demons as they saw the white men almost within their grasp. Rip Ford shook his head as he looked over Moscow; the destruction barely stopping The short of absolute annihilation. evils of irresolution have seldom been more fatally exemplified. When the revolt first broke out in November, 1841, the city of Cabul itself was held by 16,000 absolutely seemed to fly past them.
"This is something like it," cried the laring Buckskin Sam. "How we do one vigorous blow, or have maintained themselves in the impregnable citadel of the town till the arrival of reinforce ments. But Gen. Elphinstone, a sickly old man, lingered inactive day after day, till at length the capture of his comm sariat by the insurgents, leaving him almost destitute of supplies, opened his eyes to the necessity of retreat, when retreat was already too late. The scene which followed has no parallel in military history. Half starved, and already running short of ammunition, the ill-fated army, in the depth of a winter whose intolerable cold swept down the Hindoo soldiers like leaves, dragged itself wearily through a gloomy gorge many miles in length, shut in by un-scalable precipices, which were all one blaze and crackle of hostile musketry, every bullet telling fatally upon the helpless mass below. "The froze upon our mustaches," said one of the few officers who survived that fatal day, "and the fingers of the men were so benumbed that many of them let fall ing left of the craft save broken frag. so benumbed that many of them let fall ments, while the occupants, with loud their muskets." A regimental surgeon shrieks of terror, were borne swiftly on named Brydon was the only man who reached Jellalabad, and but few of the captured officers escaped the treacherous cruelty of Akbar Khan. The heroic defense of Candahar by Gen. Nott, and of Jellalabad by Sir Robert Sale, did, indeed, retrieve the lost prestige of England; and Cabul was again occupied in the ensuing autumn; but with the tragedy of the Khoord-Cabul Pass ended all thoughts of conquering Afghanistan.

A Ballad of Ice Cream.

Tell us not in mournful numbers that this life is but a dream, when a girl that weighs one hundred gets outside a quart of cream, and then wants more. — Elmira Gazette. Life is real, life is earnest, and the girls know what they need, but on cream they are the blamedest set to show their grit and greed. No encore.

No. Y. News. Let us, then, be up and doing, with a heart for any fate; but never let us go a-wooing girls who want a second plate. How's that?-Newshoy. Lives of such girls all remind us, as we float adown the stream, that the boys who come behind us, have to pay for lots of cream. N-e-x-t!—

Yonkers Gazette. Be not like the dumb dip of the paddles they heard a low, deep, tremulous roar, which was the sound of falling water. For a moment the bronzed face of Sam blanched, and the bronzed face of Sam blanched, and became professor. He says.

**As though we had come fresh from the common school, we were put back into our grammar, geography, and the common learning, and kept in them a grass, blocking up the only way of escape. The moment the repeating rifles began to play upon them they went out of sight among the rocks and began their gradual approach, which could only end in one way—the white trappers would be overwhelmed!

"There's only one chance, Rip,"cried Sam,
"I am your man," cried the giant trapper. "You push the canoe into the water and throw in the weapons while keep those fellows at bay. Oh, would you? Take take."

An Indian had raised his tuffed head to get a better shot at the trappers, but before he could get back the unfailing in the season into the before he could get back the unfailing in the season into the season into the legists of the season into the before he could get back the unfailing in the season into the season into the before he could get back the unfailing in the repeating rifles began to play upon them they went of stake, old friend. As the Frenchman says, 'Vive la mort!' Long live that she might her share obtain. Give her some too.—High Private. Art is long, and time is fleeting, and our tents, though stout and brave, can't is long, and time is fleeting, and our tents, though stout and brave, can't hearts, though stout and brave, can't hearts, though stout and brave, can't solve there is one of core and tisse of the sax in long. And time is fleeting, and our tents, though stout and brave, can't solve there is one cream esting; we shall have to quit and save. March on.—

First Corporal. Not enjoyment, and one they were, compared with such as are now them and save. Still achieving, them have it every day. Pass it along.

"The swift current caught them, and the canoe into the water and throw in the weapons while I keep thous fellows at bay. Oh, would you? Take take."

The swift current caught them, and one of the giant the first two years, se that is long, and time is fleeting, and our tents of som ton the layer on.—

Sam, "The canoe."

The swift current caught them, and one or the swift current caught them, and one or the first two years, set the long, and our

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

News and Notes for Women. The British medical association still eclines to admit women to its ranks. Nevada ladies run "egg races," each ontestant being required to carry an incooked egg in a tablespoon.

A Chinese exhibitor at the French exposition has imported 30,000 Chinese peaked hats, and it is said that the

French grandmammas are said to be the best dressed in the world. They wear quantities of lace and gauze near their faces, gray silk gowns, and loves, of caps.

The Memphis Avalanche says that

although parents deserted their children, and children their parents, and husbands their wives, in Memphis, not one wife deserted a husband. Rosina Stolz, the singer, is going to

with the Prince of Peace, a descendant of Godoy. She has published a volume of "Thoughts," ostensibly dictated to her by Joan of Arc. It is asserted that the yellow-clay colored suits, fashionable in Boston this

ne for the annulment of her marriage

with the surroundings when standing on at reasonable hours, keeps plenty of wood split, buys his wife four hats per The imperial decree, requiring the wives of all Japanese office-holders to dress in the European fashions, has flooded the French market with Japan-

ese dresses, and the French ladies are wearing them for dressing gowns. Ladies buying perfumes of any kind. whether French or American, should beware of those which are put up in showy bottles with gay labels. Square

or octagonal crystal bottles with glass stoppers, and with the name of a good firm on the label, are to be preferred to any amount of gilt and colored paper and green glass.

Fashien Notes.
Old gold color and pink is a favorite aixture for bows. Black velvet dresses are to be trimmed

Plain black velvet slippers are most

desirable for house wear.

Silver bangles at some of the jewelers are thickly studded with diamonds.

The latest novelty in veils is black dotted net, lined with white illusion. It is said that moire antique silk will be used for trimming hats and bonnets.

Among novelties for trimming are plaid foulards. Plaids will be worn early this winter.

Two, three and four kinds of material will be used in the fabrication of fall and winter dresses.

Satin and brocade are the most popu lar materials in the imported dresses for fall and winter wear.

A gold cord passed around the crown and knotted on the top, is the sole trim-ming of some black velvet bonnets. Toile de sanglier is the name of a new

rough, loosely-woven fabric of worsted that comes in all colors for winter suits. Flat fur collars, with long narrow fronts finished with fur tassels, will be nore stylish but less common than boas this year.

Stephanotis is the newest sachet powder. Its scent is like that of the extract of pond lily, but is a little more pun-

What they Studied.

One of the first proofs that "the world moves" is seen, of course, in the changes of the world's text-books—the different kind of lessons deemed neces-sary for young students to learn.

The change in educational methods

Natural History in Small Chunks.

"What is this?"

country?

"This is a lion, called by some folks the king of the beasts. Take a sharp look at him so you may hereafter tell a lion from a mule."
"What is the color of a lion?"

"Their natural color is tawny. Where you see one fixed off with red, white and blue you may be sure that some circus man has been painting him."

"Lions must be very strong?" "So they are. It is a pity that their strength cannot be used in drawing

"Are there any wild lions in this

"Not very many; but then we'd advise you to get into the house as soon as night comes. Africa is the home of the lion. He has every chance to spread himself there; the nights are so warm that he doesn't have to draw his tail into his den for fear of frost."

"Can a lion carry off an ox?"
"It is said that he can, but it would be far better for the ox to carry himself off before the lion got hold of him. There isn't much doubt that a lion could

trot off quite easily with a rabbit."
"Does a lion ever attack a white

"Very rarely. When a man is hom year and votes our ticket, he is not often disturbed by lions. They walk right past him to grab one o' those fellows who will never lend his wheelbarrow or snow-shovel, and whose sidewalk is always in need of repairs."

nail in the dead of night." "Why do they roar?" "Naturalists differ about that, Some say that he roars to let other denizens of the forest understand that he is on deck and ready to argue matters, and others assert that he roars when he has nothing

else to do—just as Congressional speech-es are made. The roar won't hurt you, no matter how they decide it.' "Can'a lion catch a horse?"

'Yes, unless he stubs his toe or stops to pick up a tender and juicy child for "Can a man look a lion out of counte

"That depends. Some of these modern defaulters could look a lion out of countenance with one eye shut. In ordinary cases it is better for the man

who tries the experiment to be up a tree. "Can the lion vanquish the elephant?"

"If the elephant had sore eyes, and dispatched from convenient places thad been spreeing around all night, and the agues was kind o' hovering up and down his spinal column, a lion would be from the land as will prevent all pos

'Can a lion ever be tamed?' "Never. After one has been jolted

around the country with different circuses for twenty years, sold at bankrupt sale a dozen times, fed on shin-bones and shavings, and poked up with hot crowbars, he no sooner gets out of his cage than he eats ten or fifteen people and half kills as many more. You will always see an account of it in the papers just before the menagerie comes ar -Detroit Free Press.

Wonders of America.

The greatest cataract in the world is the falls of Niagara, where the water from the great upper lakes forms a river of three-fourths of a mile in width, and then being suddenly contracted plunges over the rocks in two columns to the depth of 165 feet. The greatest cave in the world is the Mammoth cave of Kentucky, where any one can make a voyage on the waters of a subterranean river and catch fish without eyes. The greatest river in the known world is the Misissippi, 4,000 miles long. The largest valley in the world is the valley of the Mississippi. It contains 5,000,000 square miles, and is one of the most fertile regions of the globe. The largest city ed on Count Ankerstrom, the assassin park in the world is in Philadelphia. Superior, which is truly an inland sea, with a penknife. Ankerstrom (being 430 miles long and 1,000 feet deep. Superior, which is truly an initial sea, being 430 miles long and 1,000 feet deep.

The longest railroad at present is the Pacific railroad; over 3,000 miles in with iron chains for three such that the season of length. The greatest mass of solid iron in the world is the Pilot Knob of Missouri. It is 350 feet high and two miles in circuit. The best specimen of Grecian architecture in the world is the Girard college for orphans, Philadel-phia. The largest aqueduct in the world is the Croton aqueduct, New York; is is the Croton aqueduct, New York; its lead and boiling oil, pitch and supparted in the supparted coal in the world are in Pennsylvania, the mines of which supply the market with millions of tons annually and appear to be inexhaustible.

Time is money—there's semething in For silver dollars are coined in a min't.

Items of Interest. A staving fellow-A cooper. Watches were first made in 1476. A taking person—The policeman, Postoffices were established in 1464. Watered stock-Cows from the brook

Never stroke a mustache when it is The German and Austrian law forbids

Paper money-A newsboy's receipts.

There are sixty thousand commutavelers in the United States.

A medical report gives a case of poisoning from wearing a green shade over

Horses are different from men in this, that when they get on their last quarte they are glad of it.

Nature very properly located the nasal organ midway of the head—simply besause it is the head-center

Two pieces of ice may be rubbed to gether until sufficient warmth is de

eloped to melt them both. What is the difference between fixed stars and shooting stars? The first are "suns," the second "darters."

Nothing betrays the innocen men's natures more than to see one feeling all over his coat-tails to find a pocket which is in his coat at home.

Near Fort Osborne, Manitoba, is a dwelling-house sheeted and roofed with tin obtained from old oyster and tin-cans. All the joints are perfect and the

ways in need of repairs."

"Do lions roar very loudly?"

"They do, The sound is almost as loud as that of a dish-pan falling off its skin." Another, more recently, says, "Certainly; out in Colorado, Pikes

There is a touching beauty in the pale wild-rose that grows by the dusty way-side, half choked with thistle-down; but it is all lost upon the man who breaks both his back suspenders when he st

to pluck it. Flowers are so universally loved, and accepted everywhere as the necessities of the moral life, that whatever can be

done to render their cultivation easy, and to bring them to perfection in the vi-cinity of, or within the household, must be regarded as a benefaction. A suggestion is made by the corre pondent of a French paper that bodies might with advantage be buried in the sea, which he considers to be the natural cemetery for the dead. He pro-poses that funeral boats, large enough contain several bodies, be per dispatched from convenient places

A WESTERN IDYL

The setting sun slants o'er the western hi The murky mists rise slowly in its wake The evening air is full of gnats and chills And I am left to darkness and to shake

Can storied urn or animated bust Avail the man who chills alternate day Or can he bless the quinine got on trust? Or hymn the Cologogue's costatic praise?

Full many a gem of purest cheek serene The dark and dreary heights of sanct bear,
Full many a poet's born to eat quining
And shake with ague while the p

Some Nice Executions.

Mr. Sala says in the London Ill trated News: Hoedel, the would-regicide, has had his head duly out of regione, has had his need this case of at Berlin; and, assuming that we are entitled under any circumstances to it flict capital punishment, the cowardl and conceited assailant of the aged so ereign of Germany certainly des his fate. Civilization, nevertheless score a good many points when we of trast the comparatively merciful exe tion undergone by this wretched in Hoedel with the dreadful torments wre park in the world is in Philadelphia.
It contains over 2,700 acres. The greatest grain port in the world is Chicago.
The largest lake in the world is Lake

The largest lake in the world is Lake
Louis XV., of France, very slight days preceding his execution, u arly flayed alive. As for the n

erable Damiens, we have all read a shuddered at the account of the "bed steel" to which he was strapped; t "question ordinaire et extraordinair to which he was subjected; the me lead and boiling oil, pitch and sulp which were poured into the wou which the pincers had made in limbs; and his final ecartelement, the pulling of him to recent

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