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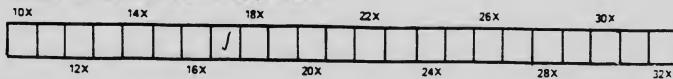
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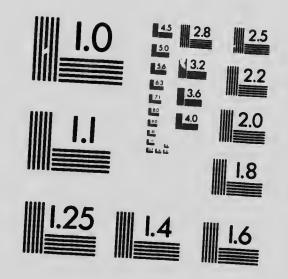
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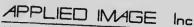
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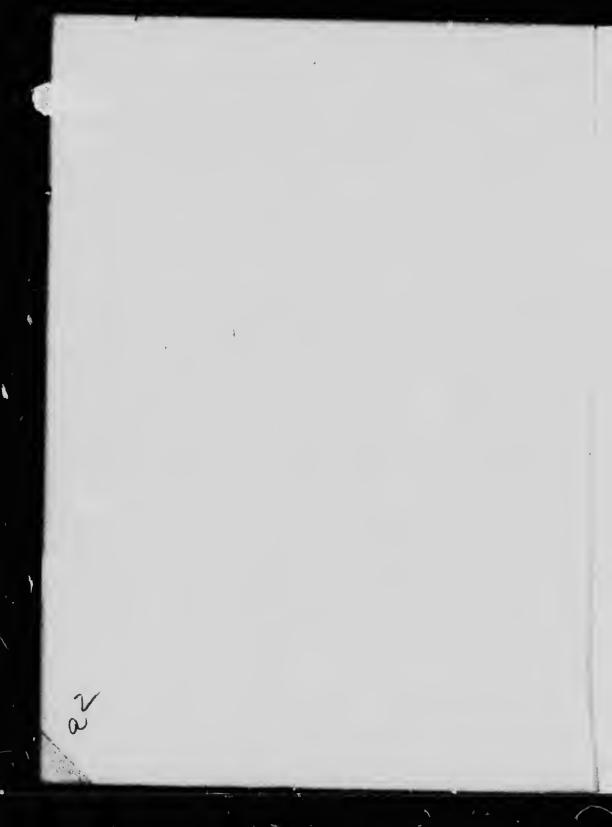






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# Palm Room Ballads

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# Coy Coquette

Sweet brunette, coy coquette, Shun me, dear, 'l get you yet; Charming eyes, billowy sighs, Man can't resist—however wise.

# Rosy Lips

Rosy lips, deepest sighs, Chestnut hair, laughing eyes, Dimpled cheeks, Venus chin, Quite enough to take man in.

# Her Loves are Many

The maid who has never loved one No doubt has loved a score, And, if as many came each day, She still could love one more.

### · Popularity

Dearie, you are far above
Gay women of hilarity;
Sweet piety, refinement, love,
Have won your popularity.

# He Listened Lovingly

He listened to her girlish voice, He looked into her eyes; She drank in every word he said, Then answered "All are lies."

"But, dearie, well I know I'm not What I would wish to be, But no man living would forego Fresh fruit from off the tree.

#### A Lover's Kiss

He pressed her soft, warm, ruby lips
In a most ardent lover's kiss;
He lingered there, he would not dare
One moment of such bliss to miss.
It thrilled his inmost being,
As with delicious wine;
'Twas of the earth, most earthy,
And yet it was divine.

### His Wife's Praises

There's many a charming married man Who ever sings his dear wife's praises, But, if he told the Gospel truth, He'd wish his sweet wife were in ——

# Your Charming Ways

Your mouth is like a rosebud, Your hair bright threads of gold; But, dear, it is your charming ways That make me brave—if bold.

#### Beneath Her Mask

Yes, dearest, I will ever own
'Tis not on Hallowe'en alone
You wear a mask.
I see beneath your winning smile,
While we full many hours beguile,
What I would ask?

# Love's Young Dream

Love's young dream,
'Tis not as good as later on,
When the bliss of maiden's kiss
Has simmered down to—
Glad she's gone.

#### What Time I've Wasted

"Dearie, what time I've wasted In making love to you, But—this is how it happened, Just then I'd nothing new.

# If Men Meant Only One Half

If men meant only one half they said,
If they proved but true even after they
wed,

We never would know them, if such life they led,

We never would see them, for—they would be dead.

#### Woman's Curse

'Tis ever said that wine, women and song Appeal to weak men, as well as the strong;

But—flattery, love, and an open purse.

Prove to all women a bigger curse.

# Our Afternoon Tea

My life has been brighter
Since I met thee;
Thy love, thy sweet beauty,
Our afternoon tea,
Have made me just question
My own mode of life,
If 'twould not be cheaper
To make you my wife.

# My Lassie Went

Before my love had grown quite cold, She squandered time, my youth, my gold; When all were spent, my lassie went To where her fickle heart gave vent.

# Men May Laugh at Women

Men may laugh at women,
And their modern style,
Had they the same latitude,
Then—the world might smile.

# When I Am Far Away

Dear, when I am far away
I shall see your smiling face,
Knowing well, my darling girl,
Any man may take my place.

# Beautiful Girls

Beautiful girls, why do you fetter Poor, feeble man, nor make him better? He is but putty in your hands; You hold him with Eve's ivy bands.

### Does Not Care For Any Girl

The man who says he does not care
A whit for any girl,
When left alone with some fair maid
Soon finds his manhood in a whirl.

# It Matters Not What Nation

It matters not what tongue or nation, Where there's pure love—there is sure salvation,

Where nought but passion—sure damnation.

#### Man's But a Man

Travel o'er this earth full wide,

You you'll find, can't be denied

His heart's desire;

'Tis like a fire

That must burn out e'er it expire.

### Her Touch Was Tender

She sat beneath the waving palm,
Her smile diffused a soothing balm;
He took her hand, her touch was tender,
Her palm was soft, her fingers slender;
He pressed it, gently, to his heart,
Then—dropped it with a sudden start.

#### Man's Subtle Power

Man, you have a subtle power,
And exert it every hour,
At woman's cost,
Till all is lost,
Then you spurn the broken flower.

### Dearie, I Love You

"Dearie, I love you," he tenderly said,
"Love you better than life."
She blushed, and sighed, and stammered
forth,
"And, what about your wife?"

# Their Little Palm Room Game

They sat and patiently waited

For men who never came,

They were too well known, and all was
through
Their little palm room game.

### A Treacherous Cat

As far as I can see,
A wildcat ne'er could be
A trusted household pet,
Howe'er she purr, and frisk, and fawn,
She'd scratch your eyes out e'er the dawn,

So, don't fret,

You may have met
The terror of the wild woods,
And watched her skip, and frisk, and play,
And when you thought you had her love,
She purred, and ran away.

### Love Ofttimes Our Doom

Love is all there is of life, Love,—yes, love—in maid or wife; Love, alone, dispels our gloom, Yet, ofttimes, love is our doom.

### When Thou Art With Me

I'm lonely, dearest,
When thou art away;
Thy smile—thy cheerfulness
Brighten each day;
But, when I am with you,
Dear joy of my heart,
I find, sweetest treasure,
All my gold must depart.

#### I Loved a Maid

I loved a maid, so sweet and fair, I met her every night;

I kissed, caressed, and sighed, and pressed,

She said it was not right.

I kissed, caressed, and sighed, and pressed,

You know how I did feel;

Again I kissed, again caressed, Till—I thought my head would reel.

Why is it so? Why is it so?
That men are made that way;
It matters not what we are taught,
Nor what the preachers say;
We're made that way—we're made that

made that way—we're made that way,

And—when we meet a girl With sweet, shy ways, and rosy lips, It puts us in a whirl.

But, we cannot change the world, boys; It's all right as it is;

We have the best—be sure of that, There's nothing that we miss.

So, when you meet a fair, sweet maid Beneath the starlight sky,

Don't wait to ask your burning heart That awful question, why?

But, softly, tenderly, caress
Your sweet girl to your breast;
Enjoy the blissful moments,
Just—put her to the test.

#### The Doctor at the Ball

That night I often shall recall,
When, at the most exclusive ball,
I saw your manly form glide by,
As of some gladiator;
You proved yourself at once to be
A fatal fascinator,
For every charming, sweet, young girl
Fell underneath your spell;
You played your cards, you know you played
Exceptionally well.

'Twas not the profile of the girls
That riveted your gaze,
It was the charms that they revealed
That held you in a maze.

## She Looked Too Dainty

She looked too dainty
In ermine and lace,
With her sweet, winning smile,
And her baby-like face;
It was all I could do
To beep my hands still,
For heart would dictate
'Gainst my judgment and will.

### At His Best

A married man is at his best
When dancing on an utter stranger,
'Tis then that he may just forget
Beneath her smiles lurks awful danger.

# Ecstatic Thrills

He never saw her before
She entered the palm room door,
All ribbons, and laces, and frills,
That gave him ecstatic thrills;
As his pulse it beat faster,
He continued to cast her
Mute words through his eyes,
To send her deep sighs,
If, perchance, it might bring her,
And forever pin her
Close to his side.

# Man and the World

Man and the world—there's nothing more,

If you travel this earth from shore to shore;

Woman may think she has a say,

But—she has to obey her lord's nay, nay.

# A Frail Flower

She sought a friend, a loving friend, Even but for one brief hour; But he, the tempter, soon destroyed The frail, wee, beauteous flower.

# Did Not Care for Ginger Ale

I asked her would she have a drink; Blushed, and confused, she stopped to think,

Then turned a startling, creamy pale; "I never take just ginger ale."

### She Had Me in a Vise

As her head she bowed,
She laughed aloud,
And turned one eye on me,
Then smiled so merrily;
She had me then as in a vise,
Whate'er her charms, whate'er her price.

### Your Charm Has Gone

The charm that once you swayed Has gone forever;
Do what you will, look e'er so fair,

Do what you will, look e'er so fair, 'T vill come back never.

You thought I could not change,
My love would be the same;
So you played fast and loose with me,

And—lost the final game.

# Man's Passion for a Maid

When man has a passion For a pretty maid, Till he wins his priceless prize All his powers are swayed How best he can win her, As a saint—or sinner. Nothing can deter him, While the tempest rages; By his artful wiles and ways He makes easy stages. Roses strew her pathway, Jewels rich and rare Adorn her snowy fingers, Gifts beyond compare ce lavished on his idol, Who has feet of clay; This her lover knows full well And awaits his day.

He swears love eternal,
Love that knows no change;
Vows man's deepest constancy,
Nothing can estrange.
Then his love, his costly gifts
Win the beauteous maid,
Whose charms, whose youth, whose innocence
His manly passions swayed.
When the priceless prize is won,
'Tis rudely cast aside,
Possession robs it of its charm,
Resistance would have glorified.

# Pretty Eyes

When pretty eyes look up at me I'm blind—I nothing more can see; They chain my soul with some weird spell, I know not if 'tis heaven or hell.

### What is Love?

What is love? Now, who can tell? Is it heaven—or is it hell? Love is both. How can that be? Lover, what's it been for thee? Has thy dear one thee accepted; Or, has she thy love rejected? What is love, man, can you tell? 'Tis either heaven, or else 'tis hell.

#### The Girl I Adore

I know she loves but one alone, That she is true as steel;

I, at the altar of her love, In adoration kneel.

And yet, sometimes, I seem to think That others have been there,

And then I kick myself to doubt A girl so sweet and fair.

### The Stars Are Not In It

The stars are not in it
With her pretty eyes,
There's no constellation
In mid twilight skies
That glitters and sparkles
So radiantly
As thine eyes, dear, thine eyes,
That lure me to thee.

# Cannot Control Love

Love is exquisite,
Indefinable, beautiful,
And reaches a depth of soul;
Why is it given,
If 'tis not from heaven?
Its power no heart can control.

# You Left a Void

Just one week ago, my dear,
You went away, and left me here;
The time has seemed more like a year,
The void—is but your absence, dear.
But, darling, I have had a time,
It could not quite be called sublime,
Nor could I put it into rhyme,
But don't forget—I'm in my prime.

## The Face I Long For

As I walk down the crowded street, And look at the faces that I meet, The one I long for is not there—
That face so sweet, so kind, so fair.
Yet, darling, I must ever own
It is not good to be alone;
No bird e'er seeks an empty nest,
No nightingale could there find rest.

# Love's Blissful Dream

In summer, at break of day,
It is charming to steal way,
And in a boat
To dreamily float
Down the sunlit, silvery stream,
In a happy, blissful dream.

At twilight I often feel
For the moment I'd like to steal
Off to some lonely spot
Where mortal man is not,
And airy, fairy garlands weave
O'er my beauteous, modest Eve.

# The Music of the Waves

As it breaks upon the shore,
Bringing voices that I loved,
Voices I shall hear no more.
And it gently speaks to me
Of the happy days gone by,
Now I live them o'er again
Though my heart gives many a sigh.

I love the music of her voice
As it breaks upon my ear,
And I drink in every sound,
Yet my heart is filled with fear
Lest I lose the winsome maid,
Who has often sung before,
Who has thrilled poor mortal man,
Thrilled a thousand to the core.

# Thou Hast Chained My Heart

Thou hast chained my heart
With thy golden spell,
Yet I know full well, dear,
'Tis the road to hell.

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# His Mistake

The one mistake in life I've made
Is that I ever with you played,
Even for a minute;
Your heart was never in it,
For I will evermore stand by it,
You had more lovers on the quiet.

# Come Back Soon

Dearie, my heart is, oh, so lonely
For your sweet self—your dear self only.
All the sunshine went away
On that day—that lonely day
When you left your happy home,
In far lands a while to roam.
Come back soon, or birds will fly
To summer climes—now, don't ask why?

# Wear It for Me, Dear

Wear this charm of pink and green
On your white arm, where 'tis seen;
It will bring your heart's desire,
It will set your soul on fire
For that heart—that heart alone,
That lives to ca'l you, dear, his own.

#### Give a Smile

Give a smile.

Your smile may comfort one you find, In this big world—so do be kind And give a smile.

Smile often.

A smile is sunshine to the soul, A power that radiates the whole Of life—so give a smile.

Give a smile.

A smile is the light of thine own life, A power that calms much inward strife; Be kind—and smile.

#### What is Fate?

Fate, boys, if you will only care to own, Is that you reap alone what you have sown;

That you have sown, not caring what you reap;

That you have plunged down pathways tempting, hard and steep.

# You'll Have Another

Your sweet voice will e'er be near me When no other sound I hear, Yet I feel you'll have another, That thought haunts my soul with fear.

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# Sweet Eyes of Blue

I love thy gentle eyes of blue
When they smile at me,
Giving messages of love
So conjuettishly.
When they glance into my eyes,
In their depths I see
Love shining in those soft, blue eyes,
When they yield at me.

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