

Her Sweetheart

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My sweetheart has a red-brown beard,
And bonnie eyes of blue,
Of no ten men is he afraid,
To one we maid he's true;
For I stand lowly by his side,
A lily by a yew.

He took a bullock by the head,
And bore the bullock down;
He threw John Plumber's lump of lead
From Gallow's hill to town,
And yet his arm around my waist
Is soft as satin gown.

You may have brighter eyes than mine,
And better colored hair,
Your hands may be more white and fine,
Your tightened waist more spare,
You charm all other men—I him,
I want no charm you bear.

—*Tinsley's Magazine.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The hen is a revengeful bird, always
"laying" for somebody.

The injury done by insects in the
United States is estimated at \$300,000,
000.

Did you ever observe that when a
blackberry is green it is red?—*Kokomo*
Tribune.

The Boston *Transcript* thinks the baby
is musical because it has arrived at the
bandage.

Japan has now a large nail factory.

man uses his cane
it becomes a hurr

Meriden Recorder.
The total value of the tobacco crop of the United States is about \$22,000,000—that is what the farmers realize.
The emigration of Chinese from San Francisco is now greater than that from China through the Golden Gate.
In the South there are 144 blast furnaces, thirty-nine rolling mills and steel works, and forty-eight forges and bloomeries.
The Russian army comprises 908 generals, 31,414 officers and 886,445 men. The reserves number 742,144 men, and the Cossack troops 1,973 officers and 1,359 men, with 105,946 men on furlough.
An experienced physician says when you wake in the morning rise and dress at once. "Never lie and 'drowse.' There is no refreshment to be derived

The latest race among young ladies is to possess an old-fashioned spinning wheel, a relic of the 18th century. The desire to possess an old-fashioned washboard and tub as a kitchen ornament doesn't race much among young ladies either. They are about as handsome as their spinning wheel, and they are not fashionable.—*Norristown Herald.*

duction 775,000 tons are credited to England, more than 400,000 to Germany, 275,000 to France, 250,000 to Austria-Hungary, 150,000 to Belgium and 150,000 to Sweden and Russia.

Lead Pencils.

Probably there is nothing so universally familiar in use and also so utterly unknown to the users in its nature and origin as the common lead pencil, the consumption of it in America alone being estimated by the most competent authority at 78,000,000 per year. It is very name, perpetuating the old lead plummet familiar among the treasure of the boy's first pocket, is a misnomer and mistake, "black lead" having no more resemblance to lead than chalk has to cheese. Most people suppose the lead is melted and poured into the holder.

in an impalpable powder, mixed with a paste with water, made into a long coil like wire by being forced through a small hole, just as water issues from a syringe, straightened, and cut to lengths and baked like pottery. This hardness is due to an admixture of clay. The pencil is made in two halves by machinery at a cheap and rapid rate, and the processes are among the most interesting in American manufactures. The material called graphite or black lead is as marvelous as India rubber, although less protean. It is simply carbon, and is an enigma and a bundle of inconsistencies. It is unlike anything lead is suggested by its name, and it weighs only one-fourth that of lead, and that while lead fuses at a low temperature, graphite is not friable at any temperature known; on the con-

trary, no substance known surpasses
in resisting heat.

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