







Poetry.

Summer Friends.

BY FREDERIC S. COZZENS.
When spring the fields in daisies dress'd,
And fluted the woods with maple buds,

In old gray grass inlaid with hair,
The summer sun has faded,
And autumn's acorns still were there,

What then? I heard a pilgrim hymn;
And half forgave the long neglect,
When perched upon the threshold rim

And straw by straw the walls he wrought,
And hair by hair the floor he spread;
And when his blue bird wife he brought,

Oh! how I loved my pranksome guest!
For him I loved his helpmate too;
With jealous care I fenced their nest,

So April passed, and gentle May
Went hurrying by with leaves and bees;
When two small blue winged chicks had seen

My very solitude had made
And often to the nest they came;
To watch the nestlings chirp and eat.

But when the palmed autumn came,
And shook the boughs, and bared the wood,
I scarce the feathered brood could blame,

For summer friends had come like these,
Like these the summer friends had flown;
When swifter water stripped the trees,

Miscellaneous.

The Great Empire of the North.
FIRST ARTICLE.
In the country all our tendencies

are southern, and when we consider
north of the Union though it corresponds
in latitude and climate to the great best of

the continent, we find it in two
to the north, to where the continent pillars its
head on the everlasting snow banks of the

North Pole, does its every acre belong.
It is a grand field for the people who
are to be the people of the future, and it is

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big as France, that has thirty-five millions
of people; more than four times as extensive

as Great Britain and Ireland, that has
thirty millions; five times as large as Spain
and more than twice as large as Prussia

They would make together twelve such
States as Ohio. The Red River is a lime-
stone formation—a fine country for wheat,

and has about the same climate as Central
Russia. Wheat does as well as high up as the
65th parallel from 55° to 59° on the east

of the Rocky mountains; but from the
winds of the Pacific that come through the
passes of the mountains, it shares the climate

of the west coast. It is a fine, rich,
well watered country, were Mackenzie
says he has seen trees in bloom as early as

the 10th of May. The district at the
source of the Columbia river is a delightful
country, without the extremes of heat or cold,

the snow disappearing as it falls. It
abounds in prairies and wood lands, has
mines of coal, and lead mixed with silver,

and will probably show plenty of gold.
There are over 20,000 square miles in Eng-
land or France any better for the habitation

of civilized man. The Fraser river coun-
try is the new gold region, and is as capable
of producing good crops as Virginia, though

it lies between latitude 49 and 55. Van-
couver's Island, has a warmer climate than
England, with milder winters, but few
suffice to support vegetation. It is as cap-
able of affording safe harbors, its mountains

abound in coal that is much needed on the
Pacific, its waters a supply of salmon and
other fishes, and its lands will yield the
fullest crops. These districts, with the fine

prairies, is the best of country extending
from the American continent, the Great
Britain is now peopling, and its progress,
and progress, will be the matter for another

article.
SECOND ARTICLE.
In the article of Tuesday, we attempted

to sketch the British Provinces as they
are, and to give a bird's eye view of their extent, importance,
and we may add, magnificence. The Pro-
vidence of God seems to have so vested this

continent from mankind that even its ex-
istence was not generally known till a late
period, because, as we may suppose, until

then a race of people had formed the dif-
ferent branches of the Caucasian family,
adapted to its settlements and improvement.

The Anglo-Saxons slowly growing through
the ages, came to rapid development and
outspreading greatness just when it was

necessary for them to take possession of
the northern half of the new world; and
evidently to them, from the north; and
the ocean almost like the lands in two at

Darien, to where the continent pillars its
head on the everlasting snow banks of the
north pole, does its every acre belong. It

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from the lap of the British nation. When
once the people are there though gold should
cease entirely, the population would still
advance, for there are the first good harbors

in nine hundred miles of coast from San
Francisco, and there would be an opening
for the whale and other fisheries, as well as

agriculture, manufactures and internal
trade with the natives; and there would
be the English trade upon the coast with

all the shores of the Pacific, the commerce
of which ocean is mostly in British hands.

Life Assurance.
We live in a progressive age; the world
is teeming with new discoveries. The arts

and sciences are advancing in rapid strides;
the march of improvement is onward toward
the goal of perfection; and men have sought

for many inventions to benefit his fellow
man. There probably has never been a period

in the history of the world in which so
much has been done to ameliorate the con-
dition of the human family, as is being done

at the present age. Every year gives birth
to new inventions, the objects of which are
the promotion of human happiness.

Aside from that divine organization, the
Church, there are innumerable benevolent
associations from nearly all classes, the

designs of which are to better protect man-
kind and extend the fostering care of
fraternity to the benighted objects of all free,

civil, and religious institutions, to elevate
all classes to a standard of equality, so far
as relates to opportunities for acquiring

knowledge, and the necessary competence
in this world's goods. A more potent of these benevolent
associations is that of Life Assurance,
which has saved from suffering and want

many thousands, who now bless the pro-
vident hand that, while living, made the
necessary preparation for the maintenance

of their families in old age. When this
shall become universal, there will be a
more general and equal distribution of

property, and we shall no more hear of
destitute widows & orphans being thrown
upon the cold charities of this world—

suffering and want, hunger, cold and
racking pain, and the agonies of death,
the body and mind, and it might add crim-
inally some of its most revolting forms (for

want leads to and is the parent of crime)
will be strangers when now they stalk
abroad, around us and in our very midst.

To mitigate the ill pertaining to our
earthly existence, it is the duty of every
individual to provide for the future, by a
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Enola Cottage for Sale.

THE Subscriber having made up his mind to quit
the Province, his beautiful residence is offered for sale
House, Coach House, Stable,

Ice House, &c., &c.
The property occupies 55,000 feet, or about two
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The property only twelve months since was put in
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FOR 1859.
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agement, with all the necessary information, &c., to-

gether with a
Halifax Business City Directory.
Prepared expressly for this work.

A few pages for Advertisements are yet dispen-
ded, and an early application to be made to the Proprietors
will be attended to.

Orders for the same may be sent to the same effect,
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