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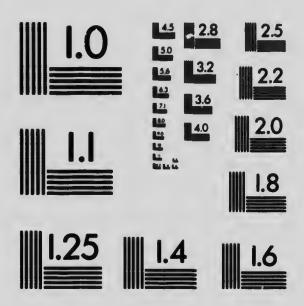
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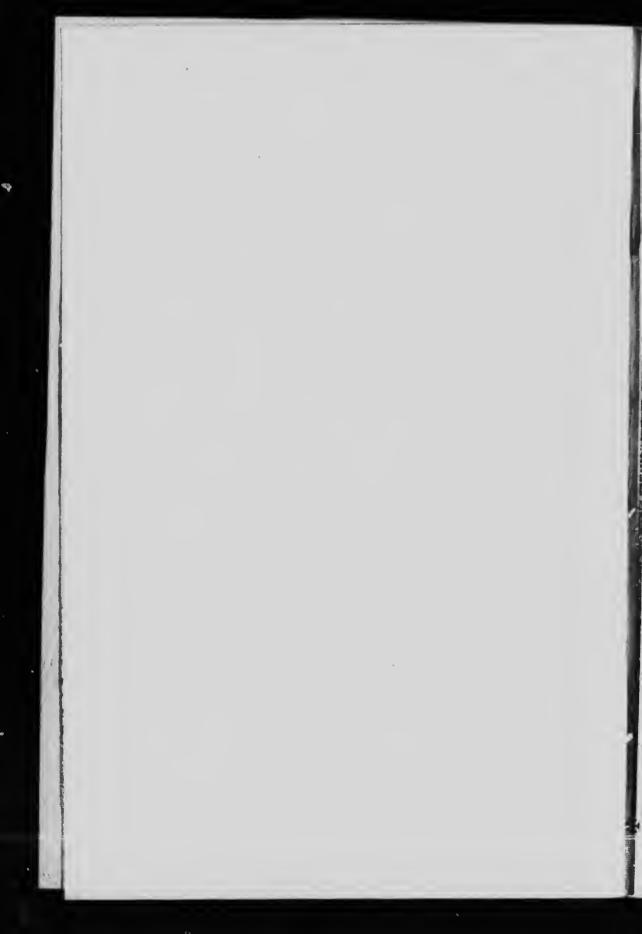




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UMHEN our Boys returned from battle,

in the bright Canadian fall,

A flag - apparelled people rose to meet them;

But the welcome of Dame Nature was the happiest of all,

For the maples took a khaki hue to greet them.

To....

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Said the Nations to the Nations,

"Lo, this mighty Beast of Babel
Slumbers, rotting in its thousand tongued pride!

Come, let us join as brothers, that the Beast we may disable,
That each to each, the spoil we may divide."

The Lion waked, and roared—The mighty echoes
In sullen chorus thundered round the sphere,
As the Lion's countless young with swift accord gave tongue
And the Nations quaked and quivered in their fear!

FROM KIPLING AND THE LION.
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An Artist's Sweetheart.

I love my madcap Molly dearly,
Though her cheeks—the minx—
Are a picture labelled clearly;—
"ROSES—

MOLLY-

PINX."

The Blooding

Of the Unhelps.

O'er mount and valley, wood and plain,
O'er rooted rock and rolling main,
"Far round the world and back again"
The Lion holds his sway.
Are riches found in field or mine,
Do pearls lie hid beneath the brine,
The great beast cries, "Behold, 'tis mine!"
And who shall say him nay?

Ah, who? But hark! What threatening snore Blends with his loud triumphant roar? What snorting challenge hurtles o'er Black Afric's southern waste? The wild, th' uncouth, the cunning Boer, His tusks yet red with Leo's gore, Licks his fierce chops and grunts for more. All drunken with the taste!

Forth from his loved but savage den.

Far hidden from the haunts of men.

Madiy he plunges through the fen
With eyebails fierce aglower.

His dogged courage fears no foes;

His mad despair can feel no blows;

His swinish ignorance little knows

The Lion's mighty power.

With proud disdain the Lion eyes His sturdy foe. in humbler guise, His whelps, observant, round him rise.

Threshing impatient manes.

As to the fight the rivals leap

One vicious tusk cuts clean and deep—

Down Nichol's Nek rea streamlets creep,

Fresh from the Lion's veins.

Roused at the sight to furious ire, Each cubiet springs to aid his sire; A glistening well of fervid fire

Each angry eyebail seems;

Swift from each adolescent paw

Bursts forth the unexpected claw;

Soft lips roll back, and io, each jaw

An ivory rampart gleams!

Fiercely they leap on flank and side.

Tearing to shreds that rugged hide;

No false disdain, no adult pride,

Impedes their hot attack;

On right—on left—in front—in rear—

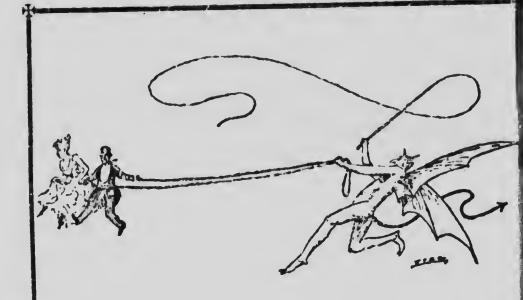
With sudden rush, now there, now here.

Now flying in fictitious fear—

Plunges the chary pack.

In vain the Boar, yet dauntless, spurns
A flying foe that swift returns;
In vain those massive jaws he churns,
With furious snorts and yelps.
Ha! Boar! Dost find these dangerous foes?
From victories past thy cunning knows
To dodge the Lion's ponderous blows—
But not the Lion's whelps!





Sportibus Puerisque.

Don'T sow wild oats, for it does not pay;
They will stick in your crop in an awkward way.
Your wild time sown, you will find—some day—
Man reaps but the crop he sows.
You may put on airs, but they will not waft
O'er Life's broad stream a used-up craft
You must raise the wind or you'll soon drop aft,
And there lives no man can raise a draft
On the bank where the wild thyme grows.



A Poet's Quandary.

As I sat at my table

And scribbled in haste,
I saw through the window

An arm and a waist!





AH, me! It was hard
In that moment to choose
'Twixt amusing embrace
And embracing a Muse!



Magon Hill.

An Incident of the Siege of Ladysmith.

Mauser bullets, zipping—zipping—
Through each bush and bomb-proof whipping;—
Leaves and twiglets dripping—dripping;—
Down, ye Dogs of War!

Down, down, in ditches dank,

Mute and mouldy, rank on rank,

Shrill shrapnel shrieking to the flank,

Snapping behind, before!

Like hooded cheetahs fierce they lie
Obedient to the leader's cry;
For he who lifts his head on high
May never lift it more:
One glance above that mound of mud—
A whistling whir—a click—a thud—
And Afric's soil drinks in his blood
With Afric's thirst for gore.

No flashing falchions, ringing steel,
Or clash of weapons fires their zeal;
No foaming steed, no crimson wheel,
The panoply of war.
Not theirs to taste the frightful glee
Of combat close-fought, knee to knee,
When lives were lost "right merrilie"
On battlefields of yore.

Obedience swift and courage stern,
Wild daring, caution, unconcern—
All these they need who fain would learn
The modern warrior's lore.
To skirt th' Eternal's trembling marge
Whilst unseen foes, afar, discharge
Swift darts that reck not mail nor targe,
Ah, truly, this is war!

"Up! up! and charge!" Loud rings the hest;—
Each Briton springs like hawk unjessed;—
A fearsome flood, o'er ramp and crest,
Sweeps with a mighty roar!
Sweeps with a roaring, thund'rous yell,
Deep as the boom of a monster bell,
Sounding the Transvaal's funeral knell!
Bay on, ye Dogs of War!

Their sinews strain, their eyeballs swell.

As on they rush with purpose fell—

Wild, powder-blackened imps of heil,

Hot on the Dutchmen's spoor!
Hurled by a ravenous lust to kiii
At the sight of the comrades, silent, stili,
Prone on that blistering, lead-swept hili,
Fuil many a bleeding score.

The fight is fought;—the foeman flies;—
The fuming fury faints and dies;—
Sweet Mercy's angel swiftly hies

To spread her pinions o'er
The horrid field; as, to and fro,
Soothing each stricken friend and foe,
Britannia's thousands softly go;
Buildogs in fight—St. Bernards now;
Honor them now the more.

Nay, honor the heipless, glorious dead; Honor the men who fought and bied For kin and country, hearth and bed—

The Briton and the Boer.

But a toast! a toast! a bumper toast

To the merciful men of a martial host—

The nation's pride, an empire's boast—

Britannia's Dogs of War!

Echoes from Egypt.



SAID the Great Pyramid to the Sphinx,
"I can beat you at tiddle-de-winks
Just as easy as pie.
It is horribly dry;
Come on, let us play for the drinks."

Said the Sphinx to the Great Pyramid,
"Your riches are jolly well hid;
But i'll race you to Cairo,
Or play you at Pharaoh,
For any old size of a bid."

Then the Pyramid answered, "My pile I entrust to the banks of the Nile.

Though they've watered their stocks I have plenty of rocks;

But i never play faro,—it's vile!

Said the Sphinx to the Pyramid, "Pard,
Whisht! Here's that Canadian bard—
Who will spring his old joke
That my nose is stone broke;—
Though I'm sand to the neck, I am sca'red!"



And so the Sphinx quietly doses,
Like Pharaoh, and Aaron, and Moses.
Her friend does the same,
And that no-limit game
is off, as the Sphinx' pretty nose is.



A Canadian

Winter's Dance.

O the tinkling—O the chinkling
Of the chattering, chiming bells!
O the twinkling—O the crinkling
Of the snow-fields in the dells,
All gaily aglow with a glittering glint
And a shimmering silver sheen,
As we merrily speed our steaming steed,—
I and my Love,—my Queen!

O the pleasing—O the freezing,
Nitid, nipping Northern night!
O the teasing! O the squeezing!
O the dulcet, douce delight!

'Mid the brilliance bright of a winter's night,
With its sparkling, snapping snow;

'Neath the halo white of the moonbeams' light And the Borealis' glow!

O the dances! O the chances— Privily pressing paws of pink!

O the glances—shy advances— O the wicked, winsome wink!

O the ecstacy mute as we hover and shoot, With a swallow-like swing and sweep, To the twiddle and toot of the fiddle and flute

And the piccolo's piercing peep!

Hang hereafter! Daft and dafter,
Leaping light from lip to lip,
Rings the rafter-shaking laughter,
Joyous joke and quizzing quip.
And morbid the mind with a bogie to borrow,—
The sparkling sport to spoil,—
Of a torpid to-morrow; a spectre of sorrow
And terrible tawdry toil!



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Here's a yaller pickanninny
who was full of fun and frolic,
But, alas, he's now
'lamented,' also 'late';
For he ate a watermelon,
which resulted in the colic;
Wirra! Wirra!
Whatermeloncholic fate!





THERE was a young singer named Cholmondely—
Quite terribly handsome and colmondely;
But he hadn't a tongue,
And was short of a longue,
So his songs were all songue very dolmondely.

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