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## A Song in the Night.

The dry leaves dropped upon the way With constant sound, like falling rain; I would give much this weary day To hear that sound again.

Behind, with sharp and even rim, Black hills of clouds possessed the sky; The fields were dark, and pathways dim; A star was glimmering far and dim Through a faint light on high.

The woods were dark, and all abroad The fields were dark, and pathways dim; My soul yearned for the living God 'Thro' the thick clouds which folded Him.

When all at once up soared the moon, With sudden flood of tender light— A gracious flood; and lo! right soon Woods, fields and ways were bright.

The solemn trees stretched out their boughs And caught the light. With quiet mind, "Surely," I said, "that is God's house; And where men seek they find."

Tears filled mine eyes, but they were sweet; And, standing on the shining road, I knew what Spirit led my feet— By darksome ways to God.

## WAITING FOR THE END.

The Public Feeling in Regard to Gen. Grant.

The people of every section look regularly to the bulletins of General Grant's condition. Each day the reports are scanned eagerly and with intense interest and every morsel of information in regard thereto is devoured with avidity. With the rising and setting of the sun the popular pulse rises and lowers according to the nature of the last report. If the old soldier is pronounced easier and better, every eye lights up and every home in the land is happier for it. If it tells of his sufferings, of his loss of rest, endurance of pain, of symptoms more dangerous and threatening, a responsive chord is touched in every breast. If some new remedy is tried or proposed, curiosity rises like an emotional tide from one end of the land to the other and everything relating to the test is eagerly discussed.

With so much interest centered in the sick man's home it could hardly be surprising that the return of the daughter to her afflicted father's side should have been made a matter of national concern. It has long been known that Mrs. Sartoris, the only daughter, was the idol of her father's heart. When he was President Nellie Grant was quite young, but she was worshipped by society at the capital for her many virtues and winning ways. She was the light of the home until she left it for a foreign shore as a bride. Her coming a day or two ago was an event, for it brought joy to the lonely heart of the suffering father. It has been said that when she married the stern and usually grim soldier slipped quietly and unobserved to his room after the ceremony and was there found sobbing like a child—all his famous nerve being insufficient to resist the strength of his emotion.

Every parent knows or can estimate the pain of having an idolized child taken, and can measure the cost of the General's sacrifice. And so can well imagine the joy her return must have occasioned. That it should brighten him up and strengthen him is natural, and that the whole family which is taking such an interest in his case, should be gratified and touched over what would ordinarily be only a family event, is not surprising.

But the return of this daughter to his father, while it is so grateful to him and touching to the public, and pleases because it soothes and brightens him, has a pathetic significance. It is the gathering of the loved ones around the death-bed of the old chief. In that solemn atmosphere all animosities, prejudices, personal and political jealousies and antagonisms melt and vanish away; they are dissolved as by an emotional chemistry, which dissipates all passion save that of sympathy. His days may be prolonged in pain or may be shortened a little span, but death is inevitable and cannot be deferred. The nation joins the family within and without and waits with strained and sympathetic patience for the end. This is more than the visit of a favorite daughter to the sick man; it is the child, strongly doted father—it is the child, come home to brighten the beam in the dying eye, to pay the last sad offices to the life that has loved her with all a strong man's love.

Hope as we may, it is evident from the movements of the family, as well as from the significant utterances of his physicians, that Gen. Grant is dying, slowly it may be, but nevertheless dying. The nation is standing about his bed of death, and soon will be in mourning by his bier. It seems hard in such an hour that all our skill is vain, all our scientific achievements are naught, all our learning at fault. Slowly into every American throat comes an unbidden strain and every heart throbs sharper when it reads the dispatches—little notes that tell how he is passing away. A strong man is in the grip of death by struggle, and can only pity, but cannot help him now.

The end must soon come. He waits and suffers as death approaches. Like a brave man he blanches not,

## Future Wheat Prices.

In certain parts of the West, says the New York Herald, it is reported that the winter wheat has been killed by the cold weather, and while it is not possible to determine what extent of the wheat area has thus been affected, enough is known to warrant the belief that the deficiency in produce in the new crop, as compared with last year's crop, will be large. This may lead to important results, for it is only one of the causes, and not one of the most active, that are tending to a "short" wheat crop this year.

The great fall in our price of wheat cannot but be a factor in the situation, for it will discourage the breaking in of new wheat lands, and will also lead to the devoting of area hitherto under wheat to other crops. The season is not sufficiently far advanced to determine to how great an extent this movement has occurred. It is reasonable safe to say that its results will be very marked. For the world is always within one year of starvation, each year's produce being only a little more than is necessary to support the population. The United States has for fifteen years been very favorably situated. In no year since 1870 has the export of wheat been less than seventeen per cent of the total crop, and it once reached as high as forty per cent, though the conditions under which this occurred were peculiar. But in the period 1860-1880 the area under wheat increased in every year save one, 1877, and then the falling off was only about 650,000 acres, while the total yield was 75,000,000 bushels greater than that of 1876. In 1882, as compared with 1880, the wheat area had decreased by 900,000 acres, and the yield was about 5,000,000 bushels larger. Since 1882 the market price of wheat has fallen almost to the cost of production under the most favorable circumstances, so that it is very likely that this alone would cause an absolute decrease in the yield, apart from the damage arising from natural causes, like cold.

In the meantime the demand for wheat is continually increasing. England imports more than one-half of her needs; France, Germany and Austria have within recent years become importers and not exporters of wheat. These countries have largely looked to the United States for their wants, and in the event of a dearth here they would be forced to depend upon the already known fields of Russia and India and the possible granaries of South America. It is not probable that the United States would have to go into foreign markets for wheat. The crop of last year was large, and much of it is stored. A loss of one-third even of the new crop would not leave enough for our own wants. It is very likely that the price of wheat will rise, and this will not be a local movement. In that event the populations of France, Germany and Austria will have brought home to them the deluge of increased taxes on the necessities of life, and it would not be strange to have this result in renewed activity in socialistic movements. And in this country the folly of advising the farmer to go out of wheat because the price happens to be low may be demonstrated. There can never be too much food produced, for population keeps up with the supply.

## Not on the Fourth.

Few Americans ever entertain a doubt about the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence being July 4th, 1776; yet through the efforts and scholarship of Judge Miller Chamberlain, chief librarian of the Boston public library, it has been conclusively proved that it was not signed on that day. The true history of this memorable document Mr. Chamberlain has found to be that on the 2nd of July, 1776, the Continental Congress at Philadelphia passed a resolution declaring that the United Colonies were of right and ought to be free and independent States; and in a letter to his wife dated July 3rd, 1776, John Adams said: "This day will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

On July 4th the declaration was read and agreed to, but was not signed. According to tradition of Congress, it was ordered to be engraved and printed during the same afternoon and evening, and on the following day copies were sent throughout the colonies. On July 10th it was resolved that the declaration passed on parchment and signed by every member. On August 2nd the declaration was signed by nearly all the members. The Hon. Matthew I. Thornton, of New Hampshire, did not affix his name till November 4th of the same year, nor did the Hon. T. McKean until some time in 1781.

Moreover, the New York members who, according to the printed journal, signed on the Fourth of July, were not authorized to do so until the 9th, and the authorization was not laid before Congress until the 15th. Chase, of Maryland, and Carroll of Carrollton were not present on the Fourth of July, and Rush, Clymer, Taylor and Ross, of Pennsylvania, whose names appear in the journal, were not chosen as delegates until July 20th. Notwithstanding the great paper was not signed on the Fourth of July, that day still deserves to be commemorated above any of the others, for it was then that the sentiments and determination of the American people were proclaimed to the world.

## Secret Thoughts.

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

I hold it true that thoughts are things Endowed with being, breath and wings And that we send them forth to fill The world with good results or ill.

That which we call our secret thought Speeds to the earth's remotest spot, And leaves its blessing or its woes Like tracks behind it, as it goes.

It is God's law, remember it In your still chamber, as you sit With thoughts you would not dare have known, And yet make comrades when alone.

These thoughts have life, and they will fly And leave their impress, by and by, Like some marsh breeze, whose poisoned breath Breathes into homes its fevered death.

And after you have quitted thought Or all outgrown some vanished thought, Back to your mind to make its home, A dove or raven, it will come.

Then let your secret thoughts be fair; They have a vital part to share In shaping words and moulding fate— God's system is so intricate!

## Learning.

There is a difference between learning and wisdom. Learning is intellectual wealth; wisdom is intellectual power. Learned men are not always wise; wise men are not always learned. Learning tends to give wisdom, but wisdom is by no means always the accompaniment of learning. James I. of England is said to have been a learned man, but he certainly was not a wise man. F. W. Robertson states admirably this distinction: "Let us distinguish wisdom from two things; from information first. It is one thing to be well informed; it is another thing to be wise. Many books read, innumerable books lived up in a capacious memory—this does not constitute wisdom. Books give it not sometimes the bitterest experience gives it not. Many a heart-break may have come as the result of life errors and life mistakes; and yet men may be no wiser than before. Before the same temptations they fall again, in the same way they fell before. Where they erred in youth, they err still in age. A mournful truth!—'Ever learning, never wiser,' says St. Paul, 'and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.' Distinguish wisdom, again, from talent. Brilliance of powers is not the wisdom for which Solomon prayed. Wisdom is of the heart rather than of the intellect; it is the harvest of moral thoughtfulness reaped in through years, two things are required—earnestness and love. First, that rare thing, earnestness, which looks on life practically. Some of the wisest of the race have been men who have scarcely stirred beyond home, read little, and thought much. 'Give me,' said Solomon, 'a wise understanding heart—a heart which ponder upon life, not in order to talk about it like an orator, nor in order to theorize about it like a philosopher, but in order to know how to live and how to die.'

Learning comes by study; wisdom by thinking. Learning comes from without; wisdom from within. Learning is an acquisition; wisdom is a development. Learning may be forgotten, and so lost; wisdom is a part of the character, and so will abide forever. These two possessions are the greatest which any man can possess. These two gifts are the greatest which any bestow upon his children. And in our times and country they are, in some measure, within the reach of every child. The poorest parent can give to his children, the poorest child can make for himself, the choice of Solomon.—Lynn Abbott.

## Fashion Notes.

Long pleated draperies, quite straight or in curves that drop from the bell down and return, are in great favor for all kinds of materials.

A large cushion or pad bustle is again found in French dresses, and below this one, two or three steels are put across the back breathes to extend them.

When lace frills are not used, folds of silk muslin in three layers, or of canvas in one or two layers, quite plain or wrought with gilt, are put in the sleeves and collars of dresses.

The canvas stuffs are the novelties of the season, but it is not probable that they will take the place of the smoother wools known as mousseline de laine, nuns' veiling, albatross, etc.

There are silk, wool and linen canvas cloths, and all these are made in a single color for the whole or only a part of the dress.

—A Nebraska editor (one of the hardest persuasion, probably) placed the following inscription upon his wife's tombstone: "To the memory of Tabitha, wife of Moses Skinner, Esq., kindly mother and exemplary wife. Born, 22 a year, invariably in advance. Office over Coleman's grocery, up two flights. Knock hard. We shall miss thee, mother; we shall miss thee, mother. Job printing solicited."—Exchange.

—A good potato salad is worth eating. It can only be made of potatoes that are not mealy. After they are cooked and peeled, while still warm, cut them in round slices and mix with oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and a little finely-chopped onion, always using twice as much oil as vinegar. Garnish with capers and slices of pickled cucumbers and beets. A little finely-chopped celery is a pleasant addition.