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PASSENGER TRAIN.

GOING NORTH.		
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" Woodland	6 15	"
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" Hillsborough	6 45	"
" Ridgely	6 55	"
" Greensborough	7 10	"
" Goldsborough	7 20	"
" Henderson	7 30	"
" Marydell	7 40	"
" Slaughter's	7 50	"
" Kenton	8 05	"
Arrive Clayton	8 15	"
" Wilmington	10 15	"
" Philadelphia	11 45	"
" Baltimore	1 05	P. M.
" New York	4 54	"

GOING SOUTH.		
Leave New York	12 30	P. M.
" Baltimore	2 40	"
" Philadelphia	5 00	"
" Wilmington	6 25	"
" Clayton	8 15	"
" Kenton	8 25	"
" Slaughter's	8 45	"
" Marydell	9 00	"
" Henderson	9 10	"
" Goldsborough	9 20	"
" Greensborough	9 35	"
" Ridgely	9 55	"
" Hillsborough	10 10	"
" Queen Annes	10 10	"
" Cordova	10 25	"
" Woodland	10 35	"
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" Hillsborough	11 25	"
" Ridgely	11 40	"
" Greensborough	12 00	"
" Goldsborough	12 20	P. M.
" Henderson	12 30	"
" Marydell	12 45	"
" Slaughter's	1 05	"
" Kenton	1 25	"
Arrive Clayton	1 45	"
" Wilmington	3 55	"
" Philadelphia	5 25	"
" Baltimore	8 10	"
" New York	10 30	"

GOING SOUTH.		
Leave New York	12 00	A. M.
" Baltimore	7 25	"
" Philadelphia	8 50	"
" Wilmington	10 10	"
" Clayton	12 05	P. M.
" Kenton	12 15	"
" Slaughter's	12 30	"
" Marydell	12 45	"
" Henderson	1 00	"
" Goldsborough	1 15	"
" Greensborough	1 35	"
" Ridgely	1 45	"
" Hillsborough	1 50	"
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" Woodland	2 25	"
Arrive Easton	2 45	"

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Select Poetry.

MY BIRTHDAY.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

Beneath the moonlight and the snow
Lies dead my latest year,
The winter winds are wailing low
Its dirges in my ear.

I grieve not with the morning wind
As if a loss befell,
Before me, even as behind,
God is, and all is well.

His light shines on me from above,
His low voice speaks within,—
The impotence of immortal love
Outwearying mortal sin.

Not mindless of the growing years
Of care and loss and pain,
My eyes are wet with thankful tears
For blessings which remain.

If dim the gold of life has grown,
I will not count its dross,
Nor turn from treasures still my own
To sigh for lack and loss.

The years no charm from Nature take,
As sweet her voices call,
As beautiful her mornings break,
As fair her evenings fall.

Love watches o'er my quiet ways,
Kind voices speak my name,
And lips that find it hard to praise
Are slow at least to blame.

How softly ebb the tides of will!
How fields once lost or won,
Now lie beneath me green and still
Beneath a level sun.

How hushed the hiss of party hate,
The clamor of the throng,
How old, harsh voices of debate,
Flow into rythmic song!

Methinks the spirit's temper grows
Too soft in this still air,
Somewhat the restful heart foregoes
Of needed watch and prayer.

The bark by tempest vainly tossed
May founder in the calm,
And he who braved the polar frost
Faint by the isles of balm.

Better than self-indulgent years
The outling heart of youth,
Than pleasant songs in idle ears
The tumult of the truth.

Rest for the weary hands is good.
And love for hearts that pine,
But let the manly habitude
Of upright souls be mine.

Let winds that blow from heaven refresh,
Dear Lord, the languid air,
And let the weakness of the flesh
Thy strength of spirit share.

And if the eye must fail of light,
The ear forget to hear,
Make clearer still the spirit's sight,
More fine the inward ear.

Be nearer me in mine hours of need
To soothe, or cheer, or warn.
And down their stops of sunset lead
As up the hills of morn.

Select Story.

MAKING LOVE BY PROXY.

Soon after his accession to the throne of England, the young king, Edgar, began to look about for a partner to share his heart and throne. There was, of course, no little excitement and rivalry among the high-born ladies who thronged the court, and every art was brought into requisition to captivate the eye and win the heart of the youthful sovereign. In vain, however, did these lovely and ambitious aspirants "set their caps," as we say now-a-days. The monarch seemed to bear a charmed heart, and one by one they had abandoned the pursuit and leveled the batteries of their charms against more vulnerable breasts. A few of those who possessed superior attractions, both of beauty and rank, deeming a crown worth any amount of perseverance and labor, and scorning meaner alliance, did not yet despair of success; but they, too, were doomed to realize the bitter experience of love's labor lost.

Reports of the matchless beauty of Elfrida began now to be circulated about the court, and ere long reached the ears of the king. This lady was the daughter of the powerful and wealthy Earl of Devonshire, and in addition to her high rank and great wealth, as the sole offspring of the potent earl, she had gained by her wondrous beauty the *sobriquet* of the "Star of Devonshire."

The castle of the great earl was constantly thronged with young nobles, each striving to ingratiate himself with the beautiful heiress. Elfrida, however, was as proud and ambitious as she was lovely, and not deeming the rank of her suitors sufficiently exalted to warrant them in aspiring to her hand, had firmly but courteously rejected any and every proposal of marriage. As soon as the king heard of the wonderful beauty of this proud and peerless maid, he summoned his friend and favorite, Ethelwald, and ordered him at once to set about preparations for a journey to the castle of Devonshire.

"When you are ready to set out," continued the king, "return here, and I will then acquaint you with the nature of the business which I wish you to transact for me."

Ethelwald left Edgar's presence, his curiosity greatly excited as to the service that he would be required to perform.—Ordering his squire to have his troop ready for immediate departure from London, he soon returned to the palace and announced that he was prepared to set off at once.

"Ethelwald," said the monarch, "you have doubtless heard the reports in circulation about the lovely Elfrida, for her praises are in every one's mouth. Now, I wish to find out if she is in reality the paragon of loveliness she is represented to be. I know of no one on whose judgment I would sooner rely in such matters than yourself, and hence I have determined to send you on this delicate mission."

Ethelwald did not much relish the idea of absenting himself from the gay circles of the court, particularly on what he considered a fool's errand, so he answered: "I doubt not, my liege, but that the charms of the lady Elfrida have been much exaggerated by that lying jade, rumor, and besides this woodland belle has been reared in the seclusion of her father's castle, and must, needs lack that polish and refinement which would fit her to be the partner of your throne. Surely among the noble and lovely ladies who adorn your majesty's court, one can be found more worthy of your regard."

"When your advice is sought, it will be time enough to give it," harshly replied the king. "I am disgusted with the flattering company and artificial graces of the court ladies. You will therefore proceed without delay to Devonshire, and let me know the truth about this woodland belle, for you are well versed in reading ladies' hearts. Stay, one moment ere you leave the castle, to gain some insight into the character and disposition of the lady Elfrida, that you may be the better able to report to me."

"The king, observing the pallor which had suddenly spread itself over the face of his favorite, seized his hand and raising him from his kneeling posture, begged him to forgive his rudeness and impatience. "And as for this wood nymph," he said, "we will speak no more of her. But go now and take such refreshment and repose as you may require." Ethelwald, rejoicing that he had got thus safely over the interview, at once retired and did not come into the presence of the king again for several days, by which time he had recovered his wonted composure, and by his lively sallies and sprightly conversation managed to draw the mind of Edgar from its recent disappointment. After a lapse of time, which to Ethelwald seemed interminable, happening to be in conversation with the king, he adroitly introduced the subject of his late visit to Devonshire. As he observed that Edgar's interest in the lady had ceased, he remarked, that though the wealth of the lady could be an object of no consideration to a king, yet to a needy subject it was a matter of great interest, and that, though the lady was by no means attractive, the broad lands of the earl were particularly so. "And if," he continued, "I can obtain your majesty's consent I will myself propose to the earl for the hand of his heiress."

"While I should regret the loss of your society," said the king, "I will not suffer selfish considerations to stand in the way of your good fortune. You have my full consent to woo and win, if you can, the great earl's daughter."

Delighted at the ready acquiescence of his injured sovereign, and rejoicing in the success of his treachery, Ethelwald craved permission to wait on the earl without delay. Leave of absence was at once granted, the king urging him to lose no time, lest some of the "landless lords" should be too quick for him. As might be expected, Ethelwald lost no time in returning to his lovely bride, and the marriage was soon publicly celebrated with great pomp and rejoicing. Ethelwald now felt secure in his triumph, and his happiness was complete. He little dreamed of the vengeance that was slowly but surely following him. As soon as the marriage of the king's favorite became known at court, reports of the marvelous beauty of his bride were once more circulated and again reached the ears of the monarch. He inquired of persons who had seen the lady, and found that all agreed in representing her as a paragon of loveliness. Suspicions as to the honesty of Ethelwald began to form in his mind, and he at last felt assured that he had been deceived and duped by his trusted but faithless friend. Keeping the suspicions to himself, however, when Ethelwald returned he received him with apparent cordiality and congratulated him on his good fortune. Being determined to satisfy himself by ocular demonstration of the treachery of his old favorite, he one day ordered Ethelwald to accompany him on a hunting expedition, and arriving in the vicinity of Devonshire Castle, expressed a desire to see his friend's bride. The guilty husband was requested to introduce him under an assumed name, as a mere acquaintance.

Ethelwald dared not refuse compliance with a request so reasonable, and in great agitation obtained the king's permission to ride forward and prepare the family for his reception. On reaching the castle, the unfortunate nobleman sought the apartment of his wife, and, falling on his knees, confessed his treachery to the king and his injustice to herself, palliating his offence by pleading his overmastering passion. He told her that the king evidently suspected his fidelity, was on his way to the castle to judge for himself of her charms, and implored her to conceal her beauty as much as possible from the monarch's eyes, else he was lost. She promised compliance, but prompted either by vanity or revenge, she entered the room in which the king was seated, soon after his arrival, looking more beautiful than usual.

The king no sooner saw her than he became aware of the imposition that had been practiced on him. Concealing as much as possible his excessive admiration of the lady, and his anger at the base perfidy of Ethelwald, he in a short time took his leave. Soon after his return to London, he sent for the Earl of Devonshire, and exposed the villainy of his late favorite. The ambitious earl was naturally incensed at the gross injustice that had been done his house, and returned to his castle vowing vengeance against the author of the wrong. Ethelwald was soon afterwards found murdered on the road between London and the castle, but whether the act was done by order of the king or the earl, this chronicle said not. Be that as it may, the Lady Elfrida was soon invited to court, and her marriage with Edgar was celebrated with the utmost splendor.

POLITICAL CATECHISM FOR THE "STRONG MINDED."—In view of the demand for female suffrage, (says the Boston *Commercial Bulletin*) it is proposed that the following political catechism for ladies desiring to enter the arena of politics be propounded, for answers, to all candidates:

What is the best seasoning for ballot-box stuffing?

Do you consider the election swing the jewelry of the campaign?

Would you measure the canvass of a ward by the yard?

Is it "measure not men" that you desire?

Would you stand up to vote a measure down?

Would you propose musk or cologne when the scents of the meeting were called for?

Are you too modest to press the question?

Are you familiar with the master of political hacks?

How old must a woman be to be entitled to the right to suffer age?

Do you believe in the doctrine, "To the victor belong the spoils," and if so, do you consider a man spoils in political life?

Would you sit on a standing committee?

Would you insist on having your weight when the vote was declared to be a light one?

A Missionary tells the following story: "One day a trader-chief came to join my church with his two wives—one old and ugly, the other a handsome young negress.

"That will never do," I cried; "my religion allows a man but one wife. Choose one for the partner of your joys and sorrows, and make suitable provision for the other."

"Very ill went away, looking very crestfallen; week or two afterward the old chief came back, leading the young and pretty one, both looking very happy.

"The echo back," he said, "we all ready both!" [illegible]

"Dat is right," said [illegible] "you have you choice, and [illegible]

"All right," he said, "dat's not his [illegible]

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Woman's Work.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, in an article in the *Independent*, entitled "Rights and Relatives," says:

"I think a little reflection will convince us that many, if not most, of the directions in which women now expend themselves demand as much actual strength as many, if not most, of the departments of what is called 'manual labor,' though theoretically the light 'afternoon work' of the world falls to them." She says:

"Take a single instance of a conversation I stumbled upon the other day. He that hath ears to hear let him hear its counterpart any day. The speakers were both women.

"'I'm trying to get along without my girl. I had engaged her, but it seems like murder to take her away from Mrs. B——. I haven't the heart to send for her. She's all the help that poor creature can get; and, she has twenty boarders in her house to-day, and four little children of her own besides. One's a baby born last May. She never was a strong woman. She looks like death this summer. I believe she is dying, myself. It's enough to kill any woman. I'm sure I don't wonder. You never saw such a face. It's like a ghost. She isn't fit to have a boarder across her door-step; but she's anxious to do and ambitious to get along, and they're poor, you see.'

"'But where is her husband?'

"'Oh! he keeps the tin-shop down town.'

"'Why doesn't he support his family?'

"'Well, you see, he's just beginning; and he doesn't make it very fast, and it's a growing family. She feels as if she must help, anyhow.'

"'Help?' It seems to be *he* that only "helps." *She* supports the family. Why don't they change work, if she is killing herself with hers?'

"'What?'

"'Why, doesn't she learn the tinsmith's trade, and he learn how to keep twenty boarders, and take care of four children, with one ignorant assistant? If he is a strong man he could probably bear it awhile. At any rate, it might save her life, if it is not too late.'

"'Oh! well,' with a puzzled laugh, hardly sure whether the speaker expected some recognition of an original joke, 'women can't do much unless its house-work, you know—especially mothers; *they're not strong enough* I think?'"

A Novel Pair of Stockings.

"I believe a woman will do a good deal for a dance," said an old M. D., "they are immeasurely fond of sport. I remember once in my life, I used to flirt with one who was a great favorite in a provincial town where I lived, and confided to me that she had no stockings to appear in, and without them her presence at a ball was out of the question."

"That was a hint for you to buy the stockings," said a friend.

"No, you're out," said the Doctor. "She knew that I was as poor as herself; but though she could not rely on my purse, she had every confidence in my taste and judgment, and consulted me on a plan she formed for going to the ball in proper twig.—Now, what do you think it was?"

"To go in cotton, I suppose," returned the friend.

"Out again, sir—you'd never guess it; and only a woman could have hit upon the expedient. It was the fashion in those days for ladies in full dress to wear pink stockings, and she proposed painting her legs!"

"Painting her legs!" exclaimed his friend.

"Fact, sir," said the doctor, "and she relied upon me for telling her if the chest was successful."

"And was it?" asked his friend.

"Don't be in a hurry, friend. I complied on one condition, namely—that I should be the painter."

"Oh, you old rascal," said his friend.

"Don't interrupt me gentleman," said the doctor. "I got some pink accordingly, and I defy all the hosiers in Nottingham to make a tighter fit than I did on little Jennie; and a prettier pair of stockings I never saw."

"And she went to the ball."

"She did."

"And the trick succeeded?"

"So completely," said the doctor, "that several ladies asked her to recommend her dyer to them. So you see what a woman will do to go to a dance. Poor Jennie! she was a merry minx; by the by, she boxed my ears that night for a joke I had made about the stockings. "Jennie," said I, "for fear your stockings should fall down while you are dancing hadn't you better let me paint a pair of garters on them?"

"A Scotish widow in the time of King George was one day, in spring, seen by the clerk of her parish crossing the churchyard with a watering-pot and a bundle.

"'Ah! Mistress Maclavich,' said the clerk, 'what's yer business wi' sic like gear as that y'are carryin'?'

"'Ah! weel, Mr. Maclachlan,' replied the widow, 'I'm just goin' to my goodman's grave. I've got some hay twal in my bundle the which I'm goin' to sow upon it, and the water in the can is just to gie 'em a spring like.'

"'The seed winna want the water,' rejoined the clerk. 'They'll spring finely o' themselves.'

"'That may well be,' rejoined the widow; 'but you dinna ken that my goodman, as he lay a-dying, just got me to make promise that I'd never marry agin till the grass had growed upon his grave; and as I've had off