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Spring's Bellflow.

Spring went about the woods today,
The soft, last Winter wind,
And found where bits thereon lay
Between the flower and leaf.

She looked on bits and found him fair
For all she had been built;
She knelt down beside him there
And sang of days of old.

His eyes eyes beheld her naught,
Yet yon his lips do move;
His life and deeds were in her thought
And he sang of her, too.

So sang they till their eyes did meet,
And faded fear and shame;
Now bold he grew and she more sweet
Until they sang the same—

Pan, ear the: who knew the thing.
Their very lips did kiss;
And morrow, lost alert with Spring,
Began an earthly bliss.

—William Morris.

Philadelphia to New York in 10 Minutes.—All sorts of attempts to produce flying machines that would fly have been made, but it has remained for an ingenious Philadelphian to apply the trolley system of electricity to the problem. H. Gawthrop, a well known business man, gives this preliminary description of the apparatus:

This flying machine is to be driven by an electric motor, the power being conveyed by the now well known trolley system to drive a large fan. The body of the machine is a large flat surface, shaped like the deck of a vessel, the stern part hinged and controlled to enter the machine up or down. There is also a rudder to change the direction to right or left, and a hanging weight to keep from tilting.

Like a bicycle, it will require much skill and alertness on the part of the operator, and will be attended with some dangers to beginners. It should be kept about 100 feet from the ground to give leeway, and the trolley firmly secured to the wire and the wire to the poles.

Mr. Gawthrop is under the impression that this system, if properly perfected, would enable the distance from Philadelphia to New York to be covered in ten minutes.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Tremendous Water Power.—A paper company at Niagara Falls finds it no easy task to decide how the terrific power from the 150 feet head of water which is to be at their disposal shall be utilized. At a recent conference of the officers of the company about twenty wheels and methods of developing power were submitted to them, and all but three were immediately passed over as being wholly inadequate to the occasion. Most of the water wheels made would crush like eggshells beneath the force of a column of water falling 150 feet down a penstock.

The wheels selected for further tests are to receive it at Holyoke, and when a decision is reached the company's architect will prepare plans for several ways of using the power. The contract for building a coffer dam for the company has been let, and also for the tunnel and shaft. The tunnel will be 500 feet long and probably 10 by 15 feet in size. The shaft will have a depth of 140 feet, and will be 14 by 40 or 45 feet in size.—Springfield Paper World.

Protection by Smoke from Frost.—Experiments in the making of artificial clouds for the preservation of plants from the effects of frost took place yesterday in the Jardin d'Acclimatation, under the auspices of the Agricultural society. Masses of resinous matter in lieu of pinewood were set alight, and soon gave off dense volumes of smoke. This was expected to produce the required unhealthy, but it failed to rise to the level of the situation, and was blown away in the direction of the seal pond. Experiments of a similar kind have been tried with more success in the Gironde vineyards. The proceedings in the Jardin d'Acclimatation were watched by several staff officers, who wished to see if the new invention could be utilized for military purposes, such as the masking of exposed troops or batteries in time of war.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

A Battered Old War Eagle.—Thursday T. W. Landers shot and wounded a gray eagle near the Dresback bridge on Big Pine, and after considerable trouble he succeeded in capturing and carrying it to R. Dresback's store. A strip of sheet brass was discovered coiled around the bird's neck and made fast by a brass wire. The strip of brass measured 2½ inches in width by 12 in length, with letters stamped on which said: "Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 15, 1864. Samuel C. Bells, Co. G, 57th O. V. I." The bird is a savage looking monster. One wing measured over three feet. A portion of the other being shot away they could not get the exact dimensions. He is now confined in a cage.—Ohio Democrat.

Foolhardy Feat of Waiting.—Great excitement was caused in Sackville street, Dublin, recently, by a foolhardy feat performed at the top of Nelson's pillar by a watch manufacturer from Cork. The man and a friend mounted to the top of the pillar, and then the former climbed over the railings at the summit and commenced waltzing round the parapet. A false step and he would have been dashed to pieces. A large crowd assembled, and two constables ascended the pillar and arrested the man. They were taken before the magistrates, who discharged them on their assuring them that their conduct was nothing but a freak.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Her Sacrifice.—Seated at the dinner table were the father, mother and their two young hopefuls, the youngest a five-year-old and very averse to going to school. The mother said to the child: "Ethel, I lost in love. What are you going to give up?" She could not make up her mind, but Ethel, quick as a flash, said, "Mamma, I know what I will give up; I will give up school."—New York Tribune.

Opium Smuggled Within a Dead Body.—A remarkable smuggling story is related by a reliable resident of National City, Cal. According to the story a corpse was brought across the line from Mexico, ostensibly to be shipped to relatives in San Francisco. It was not examined very closely, as the officers would have resented too close an inspection of the dead body, but the information happened to be there and the curiosity was aroused. He therefore investigated.

No sooner was the solemn procession well away from the line than it changed its course, and instead of going toward San Diego went rapidly toward the east, climbed the hills until it reached Otay mesa, and stopped at a house where the coffin was taken in. It was by this time growing dark, and the person who was following it was puzzled how to continue his investigations. He rode boldly up to the corral and put up his horse. The occupants of the house were too busy to notice his arrival. He then walked to the house and looked through the window cautiously. He saw the whole crowd of mourners busily engaged in taking out of the coffin the form of the cadaver and piling them on the table. The observer, feeling that he already knew too much for his own good, and fearful of detection, went quietly to the corral, saddled his broncho and departed.

He knows the names of the parties, but will not disclose them. He said, however, that the procession was composed of Mexicans, but the house where the supposed corpse was taken belonged to an American.—Cor. Portland Oregonian.

A Parcelbear Nest Full.—The passengers on the 7:30 western bound passenger train of the Pennsylvania railroad Friday evening had their hearts moved by a most touching sight. Huddled together in two of the train seats, facing one another, were eight little children, the eldest not yet in her teens and the youngest a tiny babe which opened its eyes to the light on Christmas day. These poor little ones were all brothers and sisters, but fatherless and motherless, left adrift this early in their lives without a single relative, save one in far off India, whither they were bound.

The birth of the little babe Christmas morn had proven the death of its mother. The anguish stricken father, a poor mechanic named Robert Graham, turned from the sad bedside a heartbroken man. His sense of the overwhelming responsibility thus imposed upon him combined with his great grief to prostrate him, and from the severe fever which ensued he never recovered. New Year's day his silent remains were borne to the graveyard and laid to rest beside those of his wife.

But for the charity of a kind hearted neighbor the eight little orphans must have fared very ill in their lonely state. This neighbor learned of the whereabouts of the relatives in India, corresponded with him and left with the little ones last Friday.—Philadelphia Record.

Built His Own Church.—The new Hovey Avenue Baptist church building is a handsome one, for which its pastor, J. C. Jacob, is entirely responsible. A year ago he began to agitate the building of the structure, but meeting only with rebuffs he decided to go ahead with the construction.

Accordingly he begged the lumber from prominent firms of the city, and with his own hands laid the foundations and erected the superstructure. Six days out of seven for nearly six months past he has toiled early and late on the structure. With his own hands he has painted the entire building, and his own ingenuity is responsible for the beautiful interior finish of butternut, sycamore and black ash. Though the property as it stands is worth nearly $2,000, the cash outlay by the church has been less than $1,000.—Muskegon (Mich.) Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Brave Pilot.—Captain John Stout, a Mississippi pilot, died recently in New Orleans. His life was distinguished by several acts of bravery. He was at the wheel of the steamer Robert E. Lee when she was burned at Yucatan plantation, in 1862. On that occasion he saved a score of lives by remaining at the wheel and holding fast to the bank. He remained on the blazing vessel until the very last moment, and only escaped by sliding down the big chain. Captain Stout was on board the steamboat J. W. White when she was burned above Bayou Sara in 1886, and jumped overboard to escape the flames. He was picked up almost lifeless.—Philadelphia Ledger.

When the New Were Saved.—A small Victoria trading sloop was water logged, her mast having fallen through her bottom, in a recent blow off Cape Flattery, Wash. Some Indians went off to the boat, but refused to take the men off until they agreed to give the Indians all the contents of the sloop, which they did, and the tug soon then towed her into Cape Beal. The Los Angeles Tribune calls the Indians along that coast regular freebooter sharks.

A Seven-Year-Old Hero.—Des Moines has a veritable hero seven years old, named John Green. The four-year-old daughter of Senator Lewis was playing in a neighboring yard, and while crossing a cistern the boards broke and dropped her into seven feet of water, ten feet from the top. Green was near and plunged in after her and held himself and child above water until help came, which was not for fifteen minutes.—Exchange.

The Interest on Twenty Dollars.—The first book issued by the institution for Savings in Newport, Mass., on the first day the bank was opened, April 1, 1816, and still in the possession of the family of the depositor, was received at the banking rooms recently to have the interest added. The original deposit was twenty dollars, and no more deposits were made. The interest to date amounted to $96.—New York Press.

Fox with a Wild Wolf.—A party of fox hunters around Cleveland, doubting that "reynard" was too brave to follow hounds longer, liberated a wild mountain wolf from Kansas. By the time the fleet-footed animal had bitten off a finger of one hunter, torn holes in the boots of three or four more, killed two dogs and severely wounded several others, the fox hunters, after killing him, decided they had enough of that kind of sport.—Exchange.

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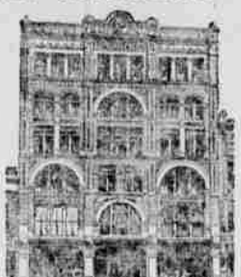

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