



## POEMS EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW.

Following are two sonnets from the pen of Loyd Mifflin who has won recognition as one of the most polished of contemporary sonneteers in the language. Of the American singers of the day Mr. Mifflin alone has won an undisputed place in England, readily given him without protest or reservation; accorded to him indeed, with the generous acclaim which is bestowed upon the best alone.

## SEPTEMBER.

Within the wood September sunlight lay  
Dappled the golden soil: there was no sound  
Save the acorns dropping to the ground.  
Or now and then the bugle of the jay.  
At times, a squirrel from the bending spray,  
Leapt to the chestnut limb with venturous bound;  
Or on some wounded crest the lonely hound  
Woke the reverberations far away.  
The corn was rank in many a tasseled tent.  
And bluest haze slept on the peaceful hills  
Where once the Sagamores had fought and slain.  
Acan, the plodding farmer slowly bent  
Across the umber stretches, while the drill  
Scattered the blessings of the future grain.

Among the nobles of Mr. Mifflin's sonnets will ever remain,

## DELAY, O LIGHT.

Delay awhile, delay, O sinking light!  
Linger, a solace in the fading sky:  
Spread not those golden pinions as to fly.  
But stay for me, who watch upon the height,  
Remain! for soon—too soon—will come the night.  
When from the crags around me here on high  
Shall fade the sunset colors; all shall die.  
And shadow spread her universal blight.  
  
Eternal Darkness, fold thy fateful wings!  
And let the twilight we call Life—that spark—  
A brief time longer last; that he who sings  
May strive, with bleeding plumes, to touch his mark;  
Delay! for he has high imaginings  
Imperative to utter ere the dark.

## NOTES.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward has evidently had much difficulty in naming her new novel, whose serial publication is to begin in the November number of the "Century." In the September issue of that magazine it was announced that the story would be called "Fenwick's Ambitions"; now a cable message from Fenwick's Carrera: "Send me a change to 'Fenwick's Carrera.'

The story is that of an artist who leaves his young wife and child in the country and goes up to London, on borrowed money, to seek his fortune.

The final volume from the pen of the late Lafcadio Hearn will be published this fall by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It is called "The Romance of the Milky Way and Other Studies and Stories." The author's name in the collection deals with the Japanese mythology of the heavens, another is based on Herbert Spencer's "Ultimate Questions," and gives Hearn's own views about the mysterious problems which occupied Spencer during the closing years of his life; a third deals with Japanese goblin and ghost poetry, and there are more Japanese stories and discussions of Japanese topics. Mr. Yone Noguchi says of this last work that "There is nothing foreign about the book"; Hearn's art is nothing from the flower.

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A statue of Tennyson by G. F. Watts was recently unveiled on the Minister Green in the city of Lincoln. The donor, Atheneum, complains that the

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ys' eyes once an you won't as dat foolish quishin' no mo!"  
"Well, if it's a boy, Kate, what is his name?"  
"Well, well, young marse," said Kate, stammering and expectant, "he looks so much like you did, young Marse Charles, when you was a baby, Ah jes' named him Cholly."

And a bright silver dollar fell into Kate's palm as a reward for her ready diplomacy.

Mr. Crewdson is ready to give Mr. Ade a testimonial "from actual experience" as to the accuracy of his theory of the drawing of "Sasfras," who names his latest baby after all the men in the town who are able to give material appreciation of the honor thus conferred.

McClure-Phillips have placed an edition of Booth Tarkington's latest book, "The Beautiful Lady" in England.

McClure-Phillips announce for publication on September 18th a new book by Charles Wagener, "Justice." Mr. Wagener points out in this little volume that it is not only necessary to live the simple life, but also to live the upright life; and that one must consider justice not only in regard to the fellow-man, but also in regard to ourselves, not only in regard to our acts but also in regard to our thoughts.

McClure-Phillips are publishing a fifth edition of Stewart Edward White's "The Cabin Jumper," a third edition of Guy Westmore Carry's "Far from the Maddening Girls," a third edition of Hugo Grotberg's "The Americans," second edition of Peter Kropotkin's "Russian Letters," a new edition of Ida M. Tarbell's "Madame Roland," and a fifth edition of Miss Tarbell's "Napoleon and Josephine."

Among the many new and interesting things recently issued by Robert Grier Cooke, much attention has been attracted by the very artistic brochure designed by Mr. Cooke for the Peary Arctic club. This contains a portrait of Commander Peary, and a picture of "The Roosevelt," which stained craft Peary expects will bring him back to the North Pole. This little booklet was distributed by Commander Peary to the many guests who came to bid him God-speed, and elsewhere. It has done much in forwarding an interest in the expedition. Another noteworthy work which Robert Grier Cooke has in hand is a beautiful volume of the proceedings at the Nineteenth Annual Lincoln Dinner of the Republican club of New York, which will be issued privately by the club in limited numbers. This volume contains President Roosevelt's notable address, and the splendid and inspiring speech Senator Dolphus made on that occasion, which fired to patriotism every one of his enthusiastic listeners, and also Senator Knight's address in response to the toast, "The Republican Party."

Mary Hamilton O'Connor's fascinating story of the Oregon woods, "The Vanishing Swede," which Robert Grier Cooke is issuing during the opening months of the Lewis and Clark exhibition fair at Portland, continues to delight its readers, and is also one of the handsomest works of fiction, typographically, issued this year. Oregonians take an especial pride in it, inasmuch as it gives so true a description of life in the great timber region of their state.

It is interesting to note that what is probably the most perfect example of the "Porter" or "Munro" type, "Bernard," drawn from life by Gordon Ross, will be copied in full size in the new and enlarged edition of "Porter's" which will be published in October.

This remarkable work, which bears the title "Chillicothe Porcelain," was strictly limited to 250 copies for private presentation by Mr. Morgan to his friends and to art institutions, and contains over 70 plates in many colors.

Robert Grier Cooke is also issuing a most attractive print in a limited edition on Japanese paper, in colors, "Porter of Memphis," Bernard," drawn from life by Gordon Ross, which will prove of unusual interest in anticipation of Miss Bernhard's forthcoming American tour. Each copy is numbered and signed by the artist.

"Casual Essays of the Sun" which was brought out a few weeks ago, by Robert Grier Cooke, is being taken up in educational circles as an auxiliary volume in many courses in English. The interest, terseness in expression, and good English for which this famous collection of the best writings of the New York Sun is noted, forms a valuable adjunct to the student of literary expression, and promises soon to be found in many class rooms. Prominent after-dinner speakers hail the book as a source of inspiration, its brilliant humor being a stimulus to thought. Legislators, newspaper men and readers generally have showered congratulations upon the publisher for bringing forth so welcome a volume.

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An interesting coincidence is found in the fact that the authors of two of the most popular and widely discussed of the new books stand in the relation to each other, a few years since, of teacher and pupil. And, strangely enough, the books have at least two points of similarity; they both deal with the methods of modern commercial life and they were published simultaneously in the columns of the Saturday Evening Post.

The teacher-author referred to is Prof. Royce Herkirk, of the English department of the University of Chicago, whose "Meniere's and American Citizen" is rated as his greatest novel. Charles N. Crewdson in 1899 took the English course under Prof. Herkirk. It is said that the teacher failed to discover any particular literary genius in this pupil, who had "come in off the road" long enough to learn something about the English language. If the teacher thought that his "Jimmie" pupil would score a brighter success as an author than himself, he was greatly mistaken. His old friend attributed it to the close bond between both Mr. Crewdson's teacher and his classmate, who surprised when his "Tales of the Road" made their appearance in the Saturday Evening Post side by side with "The Memoirs of an American Citizen"—and when the great American public welcomed them with equal eagerness. In these days, and especially in America, it is not safe to conclude that because a man is a brilliant success as a salesman he is too commercial in his tastes to make a hit in literature.

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Special Correspondence, OXFORD, Sept. 20.—It seems that further novels from the pen of "Jan Maclaren"—or the Rev. John Watson, as he is in private life—may be expected by his American readers before a great while. I saw the author of "Beside the Bonfire Bush" at his home in Liverpool yesterday, when Dr. Watson declared that his recent action in resigning his pastorate in that city was due entirely to a wish to give himself up to literary work.

"Jan Maclaren" has occupied the pulpit of the Sefton Park Presbyterian

church, in Liverpool, since 1880. His decision to resign created dismay among his parishioners, not even effort having been made to persuade him to continue his ecclesiastical work, but the author is firm, for he says he has found it true that no man can serve two masters. And being a Scotchman, within a kindly one, it is not likely that he will change his mind.

Dr. Watson has published nothing since 1881, when his "Life of the Master" appeared. Before getting into the literary harness again, however, he is undecided whether to go to the United States or to Egypt, which he has never yet visited.

Dr. Watson is a popular lecturer, and



MISS KATHERINE A. CARL.

Miss Katherine A. Carl is the American artist who lived eleven months in China's imperial palaces while at work on portraits of the Empress Dowager. In the October Century begins Miss Carl's story of her unique experiences—she is the first person from the western world in history who has been received into the intimacy of the imperial palaces.

flexible suede with crushed title panel, | that all economy shall be at the home end, insist upon laundering his shirts yourself."

"Use your best conversational powers occasionally at your own dinner tables."

"Elevate your husband's sports by participating in them."

P— is the general Public.

And the Public generally knows About everything it shouldn't Except where to keep its nose.

The woman who charmed you with her bright vivacious wit may not be able to keep it up three hundred and sixty-five days in every year. Yet she is a stimulant, but you've become a steady diet."

X— is the Ten you lost when The coal in the bin was low; Or it may be the tail that went to fill Her sourbottom after the show; Or possibly, now, it played that cow Called the favorite on the track; Or it may be caught where Horatio fought.

At the bridge, against the whole pack."

"There are nagging women and profligate men; it is to be hoped they will all marry each other."

— may stand for zero;

In spite of the axiom taught That in marriage two are one, The husband and wife right, Compound your interest daily, Subtract all fast and doubt, Multiply your joys, add more love; The sum's worth figuring out."

FOLLOWING we quote some of the Ent-

grams:

"When you are married, be a good comrad, if it breaks every canon of your church and ancestry."

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