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OUR VERSE-MAKERS.

I saw my sweetheart as she passed,
A shapely armful of fresh clover,
Clad diversely in the vapor hued
Fairer than flowers, in amount, no doubt, more fair
Each right hand held its mouse-trap
Some wreathed with myrtle, some with bays
And those that answered to my gaze
Blushed to see my memories so they passed.

Once a twilight-starlit eve
Their blurred love faded out of view
Toward meadsides o'ersin to the sea
But, standing each one like a star,
The mouse wheels I saw you
Glanced backward through the dust to me.

—Edward Lucas White in New York Sun.

BOB GORMAN'S LETTERS.

Mr. Barlow was in a reminiscent mood that evening.

"Poor Bob Gorman!" he said musingly. "I have often said, Mr. Whoman, that in this day and age of the world there was no excuse for a person growing to man's estate without being able to read at least fairly, and write well enough for his everyday business or social requirements. But my experience with Bob Gorman slightly modified that opinion.

"Bob had been born and reared in the very wildest of the Montana mining and grazing districts. He absolutely had never had the opportunity to acquire the slightest knowledge from textbooks or by oral instruction, and when I saw him, some two years ago, he was a strapping fellow, wanderstood as a woman, but illiterate to the last degree.

"He came here from Montana with a herd of bronco ponies to dispose of to the settlers around Skytown. We were known together many times in a business way, and I came to admire Bob Gorman for his manly qualities and strict attention to the interests of his employer. He seemed to like me, also, and would come to the store and talk for hours at a time about life in the mines and ranches west of the Missouri.

"One day he came to me with a letter.

"'Mr. Barlow,' he said, in a half bewildering way, 'will you please read this to me?'

"'Why, can't you read?' I exclaimed in surprise without pausing to think a second time.

"Gorman flushed painfully. I would have given almost anything to unsay the words.

"'Y' see, I ain't never had no chance'——

"'I understand, Bob. Yes, I'll read it for you.'

"'It's from Nance—my wife,' Gorman explained, and an expression of great happiness beamed from his eyes. 'Nance, she lives at Mingersville, an' she's the finest girl in Montanny, you can bet on that. I'm goin' to own a ranch of my own once' these days, an' then I'll be fixed so I can stay at home with Nance an' not have to go knockin' roun' the country, w'ich' purpose. Please read the letter, sir.'

"The writing was almost illegible, and the third person was used all through the letter, so it was evidently from another's hand. It told how 'Nance was sick of a fever, but was a-gettin' 'long' and 'sends her love to Bob, wishin' he'd git home soon as possible.'

"The happiness faded out of Gorman's face the moment he heard of his wife's illness, and when I finished the letter his voice trembled as he asked:

"'Is that all, Mr. Barlow? Don't it say how she is, nor nothin' more 'bout what ails her?'

"'No,' I answered, with deep sympathy.

"'I wouldn't worry,' I said; 'it can't be very serious.'

"He shook his head forebodingly.

"'She'd never a let 'em write to me that way if it wa'n't. 'Tain't like her. I'll fix up my things here an' go back, quick as I can,' he said, and walked hurriedly away.

"In a short time he returned with a postal card.

"'Just say for me, Mr. Barlow, that I'm comin' home. Begin it "Dear Nance—but you know how. She's sick, an' I want it to be kinder lovin'. Tell her I'll be there just as soon as I can get things fixed here. Send it to Nance Gorman, Mingersville, Dawson county, Montanny. Be sure an' put on the county, 'cause it's a small place, an' I want her to get that, sure.'

"I complied with his request and he left the store.

"In a couple of days he came back to me again. He had an old satchel in his hand, and his face was fairly aglow with pleasure.

"'Where are you bound for, Bob?'

"'Montanny,' he said, slapping his satchel brusquely. 'I'll be with Nance inside of twenty-four hours. I feel like a boy, Mr. Barlow—been away three months, y' know. I only hope she's better. I'll leave Ole Rumney in charge o' the herd. Give him anythin' he wants on credit—it's all right.'

"He fumbled in his pocket and finally drew out a letter.

"'Got a letter here. Guess it's from Newt Trembler; he runs the Ten Strike ranch—the one I work for, y' know. 'Least I think it's from him; it looks like his handwritin. If you'll just read it to me now'——

"'Certainly,' I answered, with a smile. His happiness was infectious.

"I opened the letter and a glance at its contents startled me. Here is the way it read:

[illegible] CLAPPER.

"'What does it say, Mr. Barlow?' asked Bob anxiously, seeing my changing countenance.

"'How could I tell him? Here he was, all ready to start for home, anticipating a joyful meeting with his wife, and it was reserved for me to dash his happiness—nay, break his heart.

"'Bob,' I answered huskily, 'this isn't from your employer.'

"'Ain't it from Newt? Who is it from, then?'

"'Do you know any one by the name of Clapper?'

"'Clapper? Oh, you—he's a foreman of Newt's. What does he say?'

"'I did not reply.

"'Anythin' wrong at the ranch?'

"'Unmeasurably a vast must have come to my eye, for Bob Gorman caught my arm as in a vise.

"'Read that letter! he commanded in a harsh voice.

"I read it to him, slowly, solemnly, sympathetically. He stood like a stone for some minutes after I had finished. I tell you, Whoman, that silence was awful. I could do absolutely nothing to console the man who stood before me filled with a grief that was wrecking his life.

"'Great God!' he finally exclaimed, tossing his arms above his head and staggering like a drunken man. I tried to catch his hand, but he shook me off and fled.

"I never saw him after that, but one day old Rumney came to me.

"'Got a letter from the ranch,' he said, in a trembling voice, 'and what do you think has become of Bob?'

"'Where?' I asked eagerly.

"'Dead,' said Rumney sadly. 'Some of the boys found him on the prairy with a bullet hole in his heart. You can bet there was foul play somewhere—why, Bob didn't have no enemy in the world.'

"'Ah, but he had one enemy, and that was—his fate!

"'That is why I excuse ignorance.'—William Cooke in Chicago Figaro.

Not Exactly a Chaser.

At Chamberlin's the other night a party of distinguished comedies were entertaining guests. Somebody began to tell of Eugene Field, of his various tricks and quips and witticisms. There was a story about his admiring watch. It seems he went to the trouble of procuring an enormous silver watch, the size of a rutabaga turnip. Somewhere within the vast interior of this instrument he had placed a contrivance of such a nature that when one turned the stem as though to wind it up it gave forth a loud and raging noise like into that of ten locusts sawing their resounding legs at once. It was a startling and an awful racket, calculated to shock a nervous person and to irritate the most phlegmatic.

Armed with this engine of torture, Field used to repair to places where dreadful and heartrending pars were in process of evolution, and then, at happening points, when the villain was unfolding his selfish plot, or the virtuous maiden defying a ruthless persecutor, and everybody was hanging in suspense upon the same, Field would unobtrusive his watch and turn the crank with industry. He always broke up the tragedy.—Washington Critic-Record.

Rubber and Rubber Goods.

How much pure rubber is contained in the manufactured articles? About 70 per cent. The best Para gum costs ninety-five cents a pound, so you see rubber boots and shoes cannot be made for nothing. In the smallest rubber shoe sole there are about four ounces of pure rubber, and from that to probably four pounds in a pair of rubber boots.

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The work is nearly all done by hand, and in the factories are employed young children, men and women. A bootmaker gets twenty cents a pair for making them, and a good man can turn out from ten to twelve pairs a day.

There are between fifteen and twenty rubber boot and shoe factories in the country, with a total capacity of over 150,000 pairs of boots and shoes a day.

There are four factories having a capacity of over 25,000 pairs each, and one which has a capacity of 40,000 pairs. It is a mystery where they all go to.—Denver News.

Bald Heads Are Sensitive.

A man without a hair on his head came into the barber's shop and sat down on a chair.

"Shave or hair cut, sir?" said the attendant.

"A shave, please," was the answer.

When the shave was finished and the baldheaded man left the customer who was getting his hair cut in the next chair said to the barber:

"Why did you ask that man if he would have his hair cut? Did you mean to insult him?"

"Not at all," was the answer. "You see, it's like this: A baldheaded man is rather sensitiveon that point. I treat this gentleman just as I do every customer who comes and sits down on the chair. He knows that he has no hair to be cut, and I know that he has no hair to be cut, and he knows that I know he has no hair to be cut. Nevertheless he likes to be treated as if he had a head of hair, and he comes regularly."—Detroit Free Press.

The Man from Romulus.

"I left Romulus at 10 o'clock this morning," he began to say to the policeman on the corner.

"Where's Remus?" interrupted the facetious cop, who was also somewhat of a classic.

"Remus! There ain't no Remus," he said, with a puzzled look.

"Yes, there is, too. Didn't you ever hear of Romulus and Remus?"

"Never heard of Remus. No."

"What never heard of the twins the she wolf suckled?"

"Twins nothin'," he exclaimed. "You don't know what you are talking about. There ain't no Remus, and Romulus is the town out here on the railroad where I live. You'd better study up your geography, before you try to learn strangers anything," and he left the policeman paralyzed.—Detroit Free Press.

The chimney has the effect of heightening the light of a lamp because it increases the supply of oxygen to the flame by producing a draft, and concentrates and reflects the heat of the flame, in consequence of which the combustion of carbon is more perfect, and very little escapes unconsumed.

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