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THEN AND NOW.

In fables of the Golden Age
No more delight our poets seek,
For now the North has wrung so sage,
The truth is wiser than the Greek.

Before the sight of Lucretia's power,
The myths and wisdom of the East
Have perished like the autumn flower
Before the icy northern blast.

The sculpt and the microscope
Demand the laurel of the Muse.
Alas! what later hand can hope
To wake for them the ancient lyre?

Greater it is to chain our ears
To all that we have learn'd among,
And seek in dreams the wonny skies
And tells that saw the birth of song!

The time that held the Poet's name
As holy, and his native vale
Blest sweeter notes than ever came
From any Grecian nightingale.

Then every crack whose soil was moved
To pour from earth,
Was by the Muse only beloved
And sent in honor of his poem

And every mail with mind above
The level of the vulgar throng,
Was presence of the Queen of Love,
Or angel of the Lord of Song.
—J. T. Lowell in Chambers' Journal.

Smiles Better Than Sorpters.

It was just at the beginning of the busy hour in the evening and the car was crowded. People were packed like herrings inside and on the platform there was the usual crush and struggle for four square inches of space. It was just at the beginning of a rain and the gripman had no waterproof along. It seemed that at every second door some one had to get on. The car was constantly stopping. It was filled to the last limit long ago, but still people were waving their arms from the pavement and clambering up and in some way. Nobody knows how many persons can get into a Chicago street car. At one corner three women with babies in their arms stopped the car and got in.

The gripman swore a little at them.

At the next a man hailed at the clouds, signaled the gripman and got in out of the wet. The rain began to come down a little more decisively. The gripman started up and threw the lever far forward. He wanted to shoot straight to the stables without stopping. There was another man. The car had not run forty feet.

The gripman swore very roundly as he hoved the lever and pulled back on the brake.

Then he started, but the talons of the grip about the cable and plunged about again. There was another woman. The car had run just half a block. The passengers looked up as they saw the waving arms of the waiter. They expected to hear a very valley of oaths at this second stop. The gripman's face was a study. First it was black as night. Then he looked closely at the woman. He hated her and wanted to blast her with a frown. Then his brow softened. A twinkle came into his eyes. His lips parted and his great wooden face broke into a kindly laugh.

What had she done? Who was she? Did he know her? Nothing—nothing at all. He knew nothing about her. She was only a handsome girl, and she laughed a canoe right into his lips as he frowned at her. Smiles are better than sorpters any day.—Chicago Herald.

Whereis Bananas Surpass Wheat.

The banana belongs to the lily family, and is a developed tropical lily, from which by ages of cultivation the seeds have been eliminated and the fruit for which it was cultivated greatly expanded. In relation to the bearing qualities of this fruit Humboldt, who early saw the wonders of the plant, said that the ground that would grow ninety-nine pounds of potatoes would also grow thirty-three pounds of wheat, but that the same ground would grow 4,000 pounds of bananas, consequently to that of wheat is 133 to 1 and to that of potatoes 44 to 1.

The banana possesses all of the essentials to the sustenance of life. The savage of the sea isles and the jungle owes what he has of physical strength to this food.

Wheat alone, potatoes alone, will not do this. When taken as a steady diet it is cooked—baked dry in the green state, pulped and boiled in water as soup, or cut in slices and fried. I do not know whose beauty I admire the most, the majestic cocoa palm, with its heavy crown of great fringed leaves, or the graceful banana, with its great leaves, which are six feet long and two feet wide.—Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.

White Dresses No Longer Worn.

"Speaking retrospectively," said a fashionable widow, "than I was a girl in society the white dress was considered one of the sweetest things a young lady could wear. Now one never sees them except at a commencement or a wedding. Prints, prints, prints! Even the sweet girl graduate in a white dress is a rarity. As for Broadway, the sight of a white dress on anybody but an infant is a thing of general humorous comment.

"I know it is rather daring to venture an opinion in this era of colors, but I think now that a young and pretty woman in pure white is the loveliest vision in the world of beauty. She need not be so very young, either, if reasonably pretty. I've seen women who would be called without offense neither young nor pretty who looked better in white than anything they could have put on."

And what man of forty upward, pray, will not agree with her?

The man with a handpainted neckties or beard want out with the white dress.—New York Herald.

There is no doubt that millions of acres of farms will yet be opened to cultivation through irrigation. Irrigated lands, moreover, often prove the most fertile that can be cultivated. Crops are certain from them. In eastern New Mexico already 600,000 acres of arid ground have been turned into rich farms by means of storage reservoirs and irrigating ditches.

The English Theater as a Chinese Sees It.

When an actor first appears on the stage he must remove his cap and bellow himself toward the seated audience as a mark of courtesy. The audience then drum upon their heads to signify their approval. An actor who has quitted the stage must appear again, and by bowing toward the audience express his thanks.

Their plays, like ours, are divided into "acts" and "scenes"; the circle plays consist either of music solely—when the sound is of a tom-tom—or solely of scenery. The majority are taken from the history of the country. The scenery is marvelous. When one scene is finished the curtain is dropped and the scenery changed. Below the stage music is played during the interludes. In the case of those old romances several scenes are brought together to form a play, and if this play is acted today it will be acted again tomorrow, so as to give every one an opportunity of seeing it.

When no more visitors come to see, an office boy is substituted, or the troupe removes to another theater. Military plays are those in which acrobats are engaged; the theaters in this case are somewhat larger and are known as "camps" (circuses).—Temple Bar.

Famous Horses of the Greeks.

The Greeks were genuine lovers of horses. It was claimed that Poseidon struck the earth and produced the horse as a poetic way of saying that horses were first imported into Greece from beyond the sea. Homer's favorite application for the Greek heroes is "tamer of horses." And almost every page of the Iliad shows the Homer's admiration for the chieftains is almost matched by his enthusiasm for the fine bodied creatures, the fiery steeds, the horses fleeted in war. No common animals were those of the Greeks and Trojans.

The horses of Æneas were of the stock which Zeus the thunderer gave to Tros. The horses of Rhesus were as glorious as the sun; the snow was not so white, the wind not as swift as they. The horses of Diomed seemed to be in the air as they flew along, but of all the horses that proudly distinguished themselves in that famous war, the wooden horse took the lead for efficiency. It was the wooden horse that gave Troy to the Greeks.—Caroline K. Sherman in Chicago Herald.

A Tree That Furnishes Real Lace.

The department of agriculture has issued a very curious and interesting list of plants useful to man which are contained in its collection.

Among the most remarkable of these is the lace bark tree of Jamaica, the inner bark of which is composed of many layers of fibers that interlace it in all directions. Caps, ruffles, and even complete suits of lace are made from it. It bears washing with common soap, and when bleached in the sun acquires a degree of whiteness equal to the best artificial lace, with which this surprising natural product compares quite favorably as to beauty.—Washington Star

Clothes That Royalties Wear.

What funny people royalties are! If I were to visit a Prince in his home it would never occur to me to put on a flowing robe and a sheepskin hat and to expect the Prince to receive me in European garb. But royalties never seem able to meet without exchanging clothes. For instance, when the emperor arrived at Port Victoria his majesty made his appearance in the garb of an English admiral, and the Prince of Wales responded to this delicate attention by donning the dress of a Bluecher hussar, while his brothers and son masqueraded as German hussars and Uhlans.—London Truth.

Another Good Way.

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"Vell," said the Dutchman, "dat's a good way, too!"—Youth's Companion.

A gentleman narrowly escaped being drowned by a salmon in Scotland. He hooked a large fish and entered the water to free the line, which had caught to a bowlder, when the salmon swam round and round the world in raptur, fixing the line firmly round both his legs. But for the prompt assistance of a gillie, the gentleman might have been drowned.

Feminine Humor.

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