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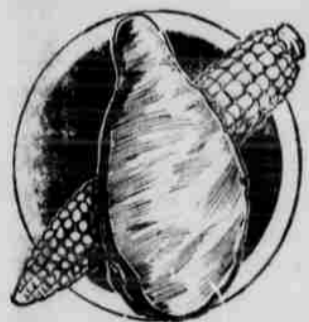
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SEVEN SLEEPERS.

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The quotation from Dickens' Christmas Carol, about the "other six" sleepers, is a playful reference to the legend of "The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus." The legend goes back to the time of the persecution of the Christians during the reign of the Roman emperor Decius. According to the story seven Christians fled from Ephesus in Asia Minor in the year 250 or 251, and hid in a cave. There they were discovered, and their persecutors walked up the entrance in order to starve them to death. The seven fell into a sleep in which they lay for nearly 200 years, for it was not until the reign of Emperor Theodosius I (447) that they awoke, believing that they had slept but a single night.

One of the seven went into the city to buy provisions, and he was amazed to see crosses on the churches and other buildings, for while they had been asleep Christianity had made great progress.

Offering a coin of the time of the Emperor Decius in a baker's shop, he was arrested, his startling story not being believed until he guided the citizens to the cavern where he had left his comrades. The emperor heard from their lips enough to convince him of the life beyond the grave, whereupon they sank again to sleep till the resurrection. This legend is of Syrian origin—it is widely current in the East, and was adopted by Mohammed, who even admits the Seven Sleepers' dog Kutter, into paradise. In some parts of the world the festival of the Seven Sleepers is held on June 27. The names usually given to the Seven Sleepers are: Maximianus, Malchus, Marcellinus, Dionysius, Joannes, Serapion, and Canstans.

OH, HEAVENS, NO!

She had accepted his embraces without reserve but every time she seemed to be on the verge of going to sleep. It was most exasperating. Finally he remonstrated. "See here," he demanded peevishly. "Why do you always appear asleep when I kiss you?" "Why, Harry," she retorted indignantly. "You don't for a minute think I'm the sort of a girl who would do such things with my eyes open!"

HAPPINESS.

Boys and girls. You may not have thought about it—did you ever think how much your father and mother think of you, how much they love you? No one in the world loves you as do your parents. You will come to know this more and more as you grow older. As the years pass, you will look back to the home of your childhood as the sweetest and dearest place of all. Did you ever think how much you can do now to help your home even more pleasant and happy than it now is? Happiness is not something that is far away from you. It is something that is in you and in the dear ones about you.—EX.

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Tomorrow—what matters the storm of to-day
We shall find the Island of peace at last.
To-day is stormy but by and bye
The tempest and rain will all be past.

The yesterday was a mocking dream
That left us sorrowful, full of pain;
But the fair to-morrow waits for us.
We shall build up the broken hopes again.

Time touches our eyes with tears that burn,
And plant the gray 'mid the locks of gold;
And robs the cheeks of the tint of youth,
And we say, "To-morrow we shall be old."

And think of the fair land further on,
Where life shall never know blight or frost,
Where love dies not at the touch or change,
And we find again in the youth we have lost.

Nothing is done, from birth to death;
Our hope, our love, and life's sad day
Is only a sample at the best
Of all that will come in the far away.

Then why do our tears so steadily fall
When the perfect life shall soon have sway,
When the bright to-morrows and yesterdays
Shall merge themselves in glad to-day?

PARTED.

When the sun in its glory is swiftly descending
To rest in the bosom of ocean's dark wave,
Or night's radiant stars, their sweet influence blending
Illumine the gloom of some cold lonely grave,
To the splendor of sunset, or the stars as they roll
Can dispel the thick darkness which broods o'er my soul
When parted from thee.

When reposing alone in the stillness of night,
I hear the rich swell of the sweet serenade,
While the moon sheds around me a calm, holy light
As she gloriously peers above night's gloomy shade—
But no moonlight can charm, no music can soothe me,
Though floating in strains of the heavenliest minstrelsy
When parted from thee.

Lovely and pure, as the stream from the mountain,
Which hates to conceal its sweet waves in the sea,
Is friendship, which springing from heaven's pure fountain
Descends to our bosoms, unmingled and free!
It's sweet, soothing influence steals o'er my soul
While the long "days of absence" so tediously roll
As I think of thee.

When the world darkly frown and my soul in its sadness,
Of think of the joys which forever are past,
When I dreamed, fondly dreamed in my innocent gladness,
That those bright, joyous scenes forever would last—
No emotion of sorrow nor sad recollection
Can banish thine image or chill the affection
Which will bind us last.

While nature o'er man sways the scepter of power,
And on speeds the wheels of the chariot of time,
While the mountains to heaven's glittering firmament tower,
And ocean rolls onward, eternal, sublime—
While fruit unsullied, immortal, divine,
Let the subject forever, let the stars cease to shine,
If ever I forget thee.

BEST INTENTIONS.

"Willie, what are you doing with that oil can?" "I'm oiling baby's tongue so he can talk."

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