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There's a power to make each hour
As sweet as heaven design'd it;
Nor need we roam to bring it home,
Though few there be that find it.
We seek too high for things close by,
And lose what nature found us;
For life hath here no charms so dear
As home and friends around us.

We'll destroy the present joy
For future hopes—and praise them;
Whilst flowers as sweet bloom at our feet,
If we'd but stoop to raise them.
For things afar still sweetest are,
When youth's bright spell hath bound us;
But soon we're taught the earth hath naught
Like home and friends around us.

The friends that speed in time of need,
When hope's last reed is shaken,
Prove us still, that come what will,
We are not quite forsaken.
Though all were night, if but the light
Of friendship's altar crowned us,
Would prove the bliss of earth was this—
Our home and friends around us.

(From the Chicago InterOcean, July 27.)

Chicago Amazons.

Women first came to the front as rioters yesterday. The taste of blood which the men had had in the early part of the day seemed to have inflamed the women. The night before last there were a few, half crazed with liquor and smarting under their real or fancied wrongs, who had yelled enough to yell for pillage. Yesterday there was a ripening of this sentiment, and the result was

AN AMAZONIAN OUTBREAK.

In the afternoon. The place selected [illegible] was at once favorable to the disturbers of the peace and dangerous to the manufacturers and property owners of that part of the city. The scene was several squares west of the main field of the day's action. In the neighborhood of West Twenty-second and Fisk streets there are a number of plain lumber mills, sash, door and blind factories and lumber yards. These are in the neighborhood of where the lumbershovers' lots were a few years ago. Just northeast of this are the houses of many of the most restive of the rioters. These men run down in a few minutes to Halstead street through alleys, open back yards, &c., and disappear suddenly in the event of an attack from the police. The women were glutted with their encounters of the afternoon. When many returned to their homes, small cottages or tenements they carried with them a "proof" carefully revised and corrected, of the "daily" of some stalwart officer. Others were howling with rage at the ill success of their plans for plunder. The disorderly elements, now far more dangerous because of their defeat and the breaking up of all their arrangements, were like whipped curs, growling, showing their teeth, but for a time comparatively powerless. The men, many of them, were thoroughly demoralized. Now was the women's opportunity, and they at once began to improve it. Hundreds of these amazons congregated in the vicinity of Twentieth and Fisk streets. The nearest factory from that corner was the Goss & Phillips' place. The crowd rapidly increased. Women with babies in arms joined the enraged female rioters. The streets were fluttering with calico of all shades and shapes. Hundreds were bareheaded, their dishevelled locks streaming in the wind. Many were shoeless. Some were young, scarcely women in age and not at all in appearance. Dresses were tucked up around the waists, revealing large understandings. Open busts were as common as a barber's chair. Brawny, sunburnt arms brandished clubs. Knotty hands held rocks and sticks and wooden blocks. Female yells, shrill as a curlew's cry, filled the air. The swarthy features of the Bohemian women were more horrible to look on in that scene than their men in the Halstead street riots. The maddened mob of female incendiaries rushed to the fence and yard of Goss & Phillips' Manufacturing Company. The consternation which this attack created extended to Twenty-second street, at that hour very quiet. A crowd of men gathered in Fisk street to witness this curious repetition of the scenes of the Parisian Commune. The fence surrounding the yard gave way and was carried off by the pettticoated plunderers in their unbridled raga. There was fear for a little while that the Amazonian army would continue their depredations. Word was despatched to the Hinman street station, and a force of officers under Lieutenant Veney pushed down to the corner of the contest. The women hissed as they saw the blue coats march along. Some of the valorous took to their heels incontinently. Some developed into wonderful athletes, and ditches were danced over as though they were the floor of some popular ballroom. Others stood their ground. A shower of missiles greeted the boys as they came smiling along left front into line. One woman pitched a couple of bricks at the head of the officers and then waddled on to attend to her family duties. The men were weak in the strength and fearfulness of their language, compared with these wretches. Profanity the most foul rolled easily off their tongues with a vile glibness, expressions were made use of that brought the blood mantling to the cheek of the worst-hardened men in the crowds of spectators. It was awful. Several shots were fired, by whom was not known. The police soon restored order, and drove the women back and finally scattered them. The most disgusting of occurrences is the most disgusting revelation that has yet deepened the shades of the already too black record of riot and villainy which for nearly a week has disgraced the fair fame of Chicago.

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