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POETRY.

Six Little Feet on the Fender.

In my heart there liveth a picture

That crowded against the pane,

Where the fire-light tripped o'er the

carpet.

And gleamed the roof's brown mould,

Gilding the steam from the kettle,

That hummed on the foot worn hearth,

And with the red glow of evening,

Its measure of drowsy mirth.

Because of the three light shadows,

That frested that rule old room—

Because of the voices e'er

That crowded against the pane,

Because of the feet on the fender,

Six restless, white little feet—

The thoughts of that dear old kitchen,

Are to me so fresh and sweet.

When, then, the first dawn on the window,

Told of the coming rain—

Oh! where are the fair young faces

That crowded against the pane?

What bits of freight stealing

Their dimpled cheeks between,

Went struggling to get down

In shreds of sleep.

Two of the first grow weary

One dreary dismal day.

And when the sun's rays

And when the sun's rays

There is a glow in the way

That weary, weary night.

For it is there, that I tracked it,

From his grave on the bright hill's

height.

Oh why on this darksome evening,

This evening of rain and sleet,

Reminds me not all alone on the hearth-

stone?

Where are those other feet?

That once were so glad and true,

That will bring us together above?

Or have they made steps that will

Over a sister's timeless love?

Oh, sister's timeless love!

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The respective Postoffices shall, by mutual consent, make detailed regulations for carrying the articles of this convention into execution; and such regulations, from time to time, as the exigencies of the service may require.

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This convention shall take effect from and on the 1st day of July, 1873. It shall be revised, from time to time, by the Governments of the respective countries which have given their assent thereto, and the ratifications are to be exchanged as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate original at the city of Washington, this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

JNO. A. CRESWELL, [SEAL.] U. S. GRANT.

By the President, HAMILTON FISHER, Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1873.

[SEAL.] [Translation.]

We, Oscar, by the grace of God King of Sweden, and the King of Norway, and the King of the Danes, make known that whereas, We and the United States of America have entered into negotiations having for their object the conclusion of a postal convention, and our Ministers, duly authorized for that purpose, having, on the 15th day of March, in the present year, with the President of the United States, concluded, signed, and with his seal provided a convention, word for word as follows:—

(See Convention above.)

Therefore we have desired to ratify, approve, and accept the convention so concluded, with all its articles, paragraphs, and clauses. We do by these presents, in the most express terms, approve, accept, and ratify the same; and we sincerely and honestly uphold and fulfill the foregoing convention and all its articles, paragraphs, and clauses.

In witness whereof We have, with our own hand, signed, and caused the same to be confirmed by our royal seal, at the City of Stockholm, on the sixteenth day of the month of May, in the year after the birth of our Lord and Saviour, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

O. M. BJORNSTERNA, [SEAL.] U. S. GRANT.

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