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THE HOUSE'S FAVORITE.

JOHN JAMES HART.
O sweet, thy girl, with roses in her hair,
And love-light in her face, like thine up-
grown,
Full of still dreams and thoughts that
drowse-like start
From fits of rapture when not alone!
Gay dancer over thresholds of bright days,
Tears quick to her eyes as laughter tips,
A game of hide and seek with Time she
plays.
Time hiding his eyes from hers in bright
scapes,
O gentle soul! how dear and good she is,
Blessed by soft dews of happiness and
love
Cradled in tenderest arms! Her mother's
kiss
Seals all her good night prayers. Her
father's smile
Shines through the earth
small move
Her child-sweet soul, not far from heaven
the while!

TENDERNESS OF MR. CORLISS.

Mr. Corliiss, the famous engine build-
er, of Providence, not very long before
his death, had occasion to build an ad-
dition to his big manufactory, a big "L,"
for additional machinery. To prepare
the foundation for this L it was neces-
sary to remove a ledge of rock by blast-
ing. The men to do the work on the
addition had been employed and put on
the pay roll; the material had been pur-
chased and brought to the building, and
the work of blasting had begun. The
next morning Mr. Corliiss passed by the
place where the work was proceeding,
when the foreman in charge, knowing his
interest in pretty things, called him.
"See here, Mr. Corliiss," said he,
"these birds nest that we've found,
and that's got to go."
He showed the manufacturer a robin
sitting upon a nest that had been built,
fast and snug, in a crevice of the rock,
among some bushes that grew there.
The bird flew off her nest as the men
came near, and showed five blue eggs
that looked as if they had just been laid.
"Can we move that nest somewhere
else?" asked Mr. Corliiss.
"We afraid not, sir. We'd tear it to
pieces getting it out, and it isn't at all
likely that you could get the bird to go
to sitting anywhere else. We've got
to go on, so we may as well rip it out
and throw the eggs away."
"No," said Corliiss, "we won't disturb
her. Let her bring her brood right
there."
"But we'll have to stop the work on
the building."
"Let it stop, then."
And so orders were given that opera-
tions on the addition should be suspend-
ed. They were suspended; and the hands
stood still, drawing their pay for
doing nothing, or next to nothing, while
the robin sat on her nest with an air of
great consequence and anxious attention
to business, and had her food brought
by her mate; and at last hatched her
brood. And then there were three
weeks more to go by, at the least, before
the young ones could fly. Corliiss visit-
ed the nest frequently, not with any un-
easiness or impatience to have the robin
and young ones out of the way, but with
a genuine interest in their growth. The
old birds had all the time they wanted;
and when at last they had sternly help-
ed the clumsy, reluctant youngsters
over the edge of the nest, and they show-
ed themselves able to get about on their
own hook orders were given to resume
the building operations; and the dull
boom of the gunpowder tearing the rocks
apart was heard where the birds had
peeped.—Boston Transcript.

**PHILADELPHIA MOURNING
PERIODS.**

The usual mourning periods for near
relatives observed in Philadelphia (and
they are very rigidly observed here) are:
For a mother, father, grandparents, wife
or husband, twelve months, six months
black with crape, four months black
without crape and two months half
mourning; for a sister, brother, aunt or
uncle, six months, black with crape three
months, black without crape two months,
and half mourning one month.—Phila-
delphia Times.

A washerwoman is a cruel creature.
She daily wrings men's bosoms.

**NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRA-
CY.**

**PLATFORM OF PARTY ADOPTED IN
STATE CONVENTION AT
RICH, MAY, 1888.**

We again congratulate the people of
North Carolina on the continued enjoy-
ment of peace, good government and
general prosperity under Democratic
administration of the State which has
not been unbroken for so many years;
upon the just and impartial adminis-
tration of the law, upon the increasing
of our common school system, and
the progress made in popular educa-
tion, upon the improvement and affirma-
tion manifested in all parts of the State.
We again challenge a comparison between
the state of things and the outrages,
crimes and scandals which attended Rep-
ublican ascendancy in our borders. We
pledge ourselves to exert in the future
as in the past our best efforts to pro-
mote the best interests of the people of
all sections of the State. Affirming our
adherence to Democratic principles as
heretofore enunciated in the platforms of
the party, it is hereby

Resolved, That no government has
the right to burden its people with the
necessary expenses and gradually exting-
uish its public debt, and that when-
ever the revenues, however derived, ex-
ceed this amount, they should be reduced,
so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury.
That any system of taxation which
necessitates the payment of a premium
of \$270 by the government on each \$1-
000 of its bonds, taken up with the mil-
lions that would otherwise be idle in its
vaults, and paid to its bondholders who
respectfully recommend that the
taxes be reduced, is undemocratic, oppres-
sive and should be refunded.
The course of our Democratic Representa-
tives in Congress, in their efforts to
give relief to the people from burden-
some internal revenue and tariff taxa-
tion, meets with the approval of the
Democratic party of this State, and we
respectfully recommend that it be
impossible to give to the people all the
relief they demanded, they support any
just and practical measure presented in
Congress that will afford a practical
relief from such existing burdens.

Resolved, That while the people of
this State are entitled to the protection
of their property, they are equally en-
titled to the protection of their person,
and that any system of taxation which
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of \$270 by the government on each \$1-
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PUNGENT SNUFF.

A SIGHT TO SEE.

A curious sight was to see during the
rain a wet umbrella leaning against the
wall outside a railroad office on Wash-
ington street. A country visitor did
not wish to carry the dripping head
protector within the precincts of the office
and there it remained for fully a half
hour without molestation. Hundreds
were the wistful glances cast at the
tempting article, and occasionally some
pedestrians unheeding with both
hands would advance a step or two to-
ward it, but would then draw back and
go his way, evidently thinking it was a
trap. Had the countryman left it in
place the door in any less prominent
place it would undoubtedly have dis-
appeared almost immediately upon leav-
ing his hand, but there it was secure,
and has probably settled the vexed
question as to the safest place to leave
an umbrella.—Boston Budget.

A HUNTER AND HIS DOG.

author of "Summer and Winter" in
experience with a favorite hound, which
exhibited feelings that would honor hu-
manity.
"You have no idea," said he, "how
they get used to you if you are alone
with them for weeks together; the worst
of it is that it creates so awful hard an
a fellow to lose a creature of that kind."
"I bought a fine Scotch deerhound in
Baltimore in '66. I had him nearly 8
years, and I tell you, sir, I felt like
shooting myself when I lost him. The
Mexicans poisoned him because he
wouldn't let them come near my smoke
house at night."
"No square, straightforward poison,
either, for it took him a whole week to
die. It just went through me like a
knife to hear him whine, and perhaps I
ought to have put him out of his misery,
but I was thinking of all the scrapes we
had helped each other out of, we had
been and starved together all over Tex-
as and Arkansas, and I couldn't kill
him while there was a ghost of a chance
of his pulling through."

The voice of the old rough became in-
articulate at the recollection. He had
spread the dog's couch at the side of his
own bed, and patted his shaggy coat till
he lay silent and motionless.

But late in the evening, when the
logs in the fireplace had flickered al-
most their last, the hound raised his
head and placed it upon his master's
knee.

He looked into his eyes and sank back
dead, like the last pressure of a human
hand, a farewell mutely spoken, but not
easy to forget.—Ex.

TOO LIBERAL.

Tourist—What are your terms Mr.
Browne?
Landlord Browne—Twenty dollars a
week, sir.

Tourist—And what am I expected to
do?
Tourist—Why, you surely don't in-
tend paying me twenty dollars a week
just for staying here, do you? It's too
high. Fifteen dollars would be enough.
—Harpers Bazar

ABSENTMINDEDNESS.

"I'll never give up my seat in a street
car to a woman again as long as I live!"
he said emphatically.
"Didn't she thank you for it?" asked
his wife.
"She not only didn't thank for it,
but two minutes afterward she shoved
a nickel at me and said: 'Conductor
stop the car at Forty second street.—N.
Y. Sun.

**A SUCCESSFUL WAY TO PUT
IT.**

"No, Mr. Smith, she said, gently but
firmly. 'I can never be your wife.'
Then he struggled to his feet, and
said in broken tones: "Are all of my
hopes to be dashed to pieces? Am I over-
to be known as the husband of the
beautiful Mrs. Smith?"
"This was too much for the girl; and
she succumbed.—Harpers Weekly Ba-
zard.

A GOOD REMEDY.

Citizen (carelessly): Oh, by the
way, doctor, what do you give in the
case of a cold on the lungs?
Doctor: Advice.—Life.

PICKINGS
From the Wilmington Star.

It is now said that 30,000 men will
be in the Blaine reception procession
in New York.

Bell Boy, two years old, time in
trotting 5.26, sold at auction on 31st
ult. at Lexington for \$50,000.

Cleveland carried New York in 18-
84 by 1,047 majority and 1,274 plu-
rality. He will carry it in 1888, in
all probability, by from 20,000 to 40-
000 majority.

A man to attain to one hundred
years old is scarce in the North that
when a real one is found it is telegraph-
ed over the country, and the big pa-
pers have long accounts of it. Mr.
Geo. L. Perkins of Fall River, Mass.,
was 100 years old on the 4th inst. In
the South, according to the various
newspapers, 100 years is attained by
scores of people, and even 150 or 160
is reached. Whew!

QUITE A DIFFERENCE.

Miss (severely)—Marie, didn't I
hear you make use of the expression
"you little brat" in the nursery just
now?
Marie (a French bonne)—Yes, mad-
am; but Meez Flossie do vexes me
so!

Miss (less severely)—Oh, I
thought you were speaking to Fidot
Send Flossie to me at once.—Epoch.

THE LAST STRAW.

He had been walking up and down
the room with the baby for two hours.
"John, said his wife, from among
the pillows, "you don't look very well
of late. I'm afraid you don't get ex-
ercise enough."
John laid the baby in the Crib, with
his feet on the pillow, and went to sleep.
—Harpers Bazar

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES.

"Now, John," said a wife who was
going on a journey, "when you bid me
good-bye on the train, you mustn't lift
your hat or kiss me."
"Why not?"
"Because people will think that you
are not my husband."

LOOKING FOR THE BOUNCER.

Friend (who is entertaining Mr. Ham,
the eminent tragedian at dinner)—Ham
old boy, why do you cast such furtive
glances over your shoulder?
Mr. Ham—S'd'ead, m' were it not
so I would not tell ye. It comes from
eating free lunches.—N. Y. Sun.

SETTLING.

"I think an egg would make that
coffee settle, Mr. Soudgers," said the
impetuous boarder, heedlessly.
"If the recipe is a good one, pray let
me offer you an egg, Mr. Slop," said
the landlady severely, and then the con-
versation languished.

A WARM PROCEEDING.

Brown—What's the matter, Dum-
ley; you look hot about something?
Dumley (angrily)—Hot! I ah-ah
say so. I was around at the Eagle
just now, and that fool Featherly drop-
ped a chunk of ice down my back.
Enough to make any man hot.—N.
Y. Sun.

EARLY TOBACCO CURING.

Yesterday morning Mr. Bagwell,
son of the late W. S. Bagwell, residing
at Garners, this county, finished curing
his first barn of tobacco from the present
growing crop. He reports a fine
success in this curing and a fair prospect
for a good crop.—Raleigh News and
Observer.

The five stones erected to mark "Mar-
son and Dixon's line" between Mary-
land and Pennsylvania, have had their
annual visitation by commissioners, who
report one in good condition, one lost,
one broken, one dislodged by mining
operations, and the fifth, which bears on
one side the arms of Pennsylvania, on
the other those of Lord Baltimore, bad-
ly damaged by vandal relic hunters.—
Ex.

PRESERVING BUTTER.

A Cottontail farmer writes: I have
learned by long experience about mak-
ing what I call good butter and pres-
erving it nice and sweet after it is
made. To keep butter good that is
made in the fall is one thing, but to keep
that good that is made in the summer is
quite another. Our best and richest
butter is made in May, June and July,
when the cows milk strong. The best
of butter may easily be kept good till
April of the following year, and here is
the way I do it: First it must be good
butter when made. All the butter milk
must be worked out. My practice for
years has been to thoroughly wash the
butter before it is taken out of the
churn, and I am confident that the plan
is a good one. Suit to suit the taste of
those who are to eat it; half an ounce
of salt to a pound of butter is about
right. Keep out all your salt, pepper, su-
gar, or other ingredients. It will keep
better without them, and, perhaps, too,
without salt, but would not be so palat-
able. Do up the butter each week, on
churning, in neat, round rolls of two
or three pounds each, just what you have
to put down; cover each roll with a clean
muslin cloth, large enough to go round it
twice or more, that it will be completely
enveloped, and sink it in a strong brine,
as strong as the best salt will make it.
Stano vessels are the best. When the
rolls are in they may be kept down by
means of clean flat stones. When the
vessel is full enough and the butter
completely covered with the brine add
more salt to insure the strength of the
brine. Keep it in your cellar or in your
spring house, and see if it is not worth
a winter and spring 100 per cent, more
than any winter made butter. In this
way I have kept my winter supply of
butter for many years, and have never
yet failed. But mark, the butter must
be good, well worked, and should, by
all means, be wrapped up and sunk
under the brine the same day it is
churned, not kept lying about for two
or three days after churning.—Chicago
Times.

NOT IN.

Dudley (who is not as big a fool as he
looks)—Did you, ah, give my card to
Miss Bondclipper?
Sorrant—Yes, sir.
Dudley—What did she say?
Sorrant—She told me to tell you, sir,
that she was very sorry that she was not
in.

Dudley—Ah, indeed! Please tell
mistress that I said I was glad I did not
call.

APPRECIATED.

"And you saw cordwood for a liv-
ing?"
"Yes, sir, and it is an honorable em-
ployment."
"No doubt, no doubt."
"Yes, sir, so honorable that my la-
bors are universal y applauded."
"Appreciated!"
"Yes. My work is always on er'd."
—Boston Courier.

PROCEEDING GRADUALLY.

"Well, Edith, did Mr. Lambregain
make you an offer of his hand last
night?"
"No, mamma, he's so shy, you know
—he never got any further than of-
fering me his arm, so far."—Exchange.