

The Reapers.

The reapers bend their lusty backs,
Their sounding sickles sway;
At every stroke the golden sea
Recedes to give them way;

So careless of fatigue they go,
So true, so steadily,
The admiring traveler on the road
Leans o'er the gate to see;

Ere the great sun that burns above
Shall crimson in the West,
And the children's poppy nose-gays fade,
And they lie down to rest,

Ply, bonny men, your sickles bright,
And give the people bread!
At every conquering stride you take,
On want and woe you tread.

Go! bless the hands all hard and brown,
That guide the cleaving plow,
That cast abroad the shining seed,
And build the wealthy mow;

English and American Lawyers.

America is the lawyer's paradise as
nowhere else does he get such enormous
fees as are paid here. Even the great-
est lawyers of England, writes M. D.
Conway, do not receive such fees as are
frequent in America. Mr. Sergeant Par-
ry relates that the fees he heard of in
America were such as almost took an
English barrister's breath away. The
English litigant has to pay two firms in
each case—the solicitors who prepare,
and the barristers who conduct his case,
and the payments are, therefore, divided.
There is not a barrister in England
who gets more than \$75,000 a year—
which is about Mr. Hawkin's income—
and there are only three, that make over
fifty thousand dollars a year. A thou-
sand dollars is considered a fancy fee.
Probably the low average of fees paid for
the every-day legal work done in Lon-
don is due in large part to the survival of
the old theory that the lawyer is a learn-
ed friend of humanity in its difficulties
whose advice is given solely for the re-
ward of virtue. Theoretically they are
supported by honoraria as the Pope re-
ceives Peter's pence. They are not sup-
posed to receive fees, that being too gross
a form in which to reward learning and
benevolence. Mr. Judah P. Benjamin,
ex-United States Senator and ex-Confed-
erate Minister, is regarded as the most fa-
mous advocate at the English bar at the
present moment. Having heard Mr.
Benjamin speak in the Senate in old
times, Mr. Conway can bear witness that,
vigorous as he then was, he has greatly
improved since his residence abroad, in
manner as well as power. He is very
eagerly sought for in all great cases, es-
pecially those which involve questions
of foreign and international law.

DID NOT DO IT.—The death of a woman
in Louisville, really caused by heart dis-
ease, was attributed for a while to poison,
as she died immediately after drinking
ale that her husband bought, and he had
habitually ill treated her. An inquest
made the truth clear, and her husband
then said: "I ain't no jarned fool. A
doctor told me she had the heart disease,
and couldn't live more than a year, so I
wouldn't run my neck into a noose by pi-
sning her when the year was most up,
would I?"

A Maryland woman has a tortoise for
a pet.

The Next Century.

Where, where will be the birds that sing
A hundred years to come?
The flowers that now in beauty spring,
A hundred years to come!

Who'll press for gold this crowded street
A hundred years to come?
Who'll tread yon church with willing feet
A hundred years to come?

We all within our graves shall sleep,
A hundred years to come;
No living soul for us will weep,
A hundred years to come!

A Retrospect of Centuries.

One hundred years ago: American In-
dependence.

200 years ago: King Philip (the In-
dian) defeated and slain; habeas corpus
in England.

300 years ago: massacre of St. Bar-
tholomew; Spanish Armada preparing.

400 years ago: printing invented; Isa-
bella the coming Queen.

500 years ago; the days of Tamerlane
the Turk, and Chaucer the English poet.

600 years ago: Baliol and Bruce; St.
Thomas Aquinas; Richard Bacon; Haps-
burg House founded.

700 years ago; Richard Cœur de Lion
and Saladin, sultan of Egypt measuring
swords in Palestine.

800 years ago; William the Conquer-
or.

900 years ago; Hugh Capet the French-
man.

1000 years ago: Alfred the Great.

1100 years ago: Charlemagne and
Haroun Al Raschid.

1200 years ago: Mohammedanism
making lively work in Constantinople
and other places.

1300 years ago: old Chosroes, the
Persian, lives by murder, and the Pope
is made a secular judge among kings.

1400 years ago: the Saxons lively in
Britain; Clovis establishes the French
monarchy, and the Visigoths conquer
Spain.

1500 years ago: the Roman Empire
having legislated many years in favor of
capital against labor, begins to fall to
pieces.

1600 years ago: the world has noth-
ing better to do than to broach and de-
nounce heretics and get up religious per-
secutions.

1700 years ago: Marcus Aurelius,
Tacitus and Plutarch.

1800 years ago: Jerusalem destroyed
and Herod's palace and Pompeii buried.

1876 years ago: all the world at peace
and Christ was born.

6000 years ago: Adam rose to the dig-
nity of a large real estate owner, but
by poor management was driven into in-
voluntary bankruptcy.—Chicago Journal
of Commerce.

There are a number of Masonic Lodges
now at work in Valparaiso, Chili—two
of them working under the Grand Lodge
of Massachusetts, one under the Grand
Lodge of England, and one under that of
Scotland. All meet in the same building,
and the most fraternal relations exist
between them.

Where the gongsounds loudest the
supper is the smallest.

Inducements to Emigrate South.

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and England in manufacturing cotton,
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terials, fuel, food and labor, exemption
from strikes and direct reclamation. It
would furnish pleasant remunerative em-
ployment to her indigent women and
children (unwilling to enter the field in
competition with the negro,) and assem-
bling them in villages around factories
which would afford much greater facili-
ties for physical, mental and moral train-
ing of children, creating a market for
edibles, and an incentive to farmers
around to diversify their products.

Dio Lewis says that a young lady will
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