IN THE OLD BARN LOFT.

Tis thirty years or thereabouts
Since I psed to roll and play
And turn all kinds of somersaults
On the fresh and fragrant hay;
A-jumping and a-tumbling
On the hay so sweet and soft,
At my home away back yender,
In the old barn loft.

How the pigeons used to flutter,
And strut about and coo!
And make love to one another,
Like the sweethearts used to do,
While I walked the risky crossbeam
Or clambered high aloft.
With half intent of failing,
In the old barn loft.

How I used to frighten sister,
Who was looking for the eggs,
As I dangled there head downward,
Holding by my little legs;
And, giving them a swing or two,
I'd strike the hay so soft, At my home away back yender, In the old barn loft.

The twittering of the swallows, While making homes of mud:
The gleeful game of hido-aud-seek,
The slip, the sudden thud;
The pattering of the raindrops
Above the hay su soft,
Are momories still clinging Of the old barn loft.

—S. A. Harrison, in the Inter Ocean.

HUMOROUS.

Taking perrous-Policemen. A fast gait-One that is bolted. The lay of the land-"Hail Colum-

Always out of countenance-The 2066.

A water-course-A series of temperance lectures.

Misses don't count-except in the treasury department. No veteran smoker would enjoy

smoking in the dark, because to smoke properly one must have a light.

She-What is that dreadful noise owerhead? He-Oh, that's Sprocket in the flat upstairs learning to ride the silent steed!

"How do you stand on this irrepressible financial question, Chumpley?" 'Sorry, old man, but I can't spare you a cent today."

An exchange has found out when Adam was married. Of course it was on his wedding Eve; most everybody knew it before.

Mrs. Newrocks-I like our new butler very much. Mr. Newrocks-So do I; but, sometimes, I'm afraid he has a poor opinion of us.

Father-This likeness of my son is very much like him. Has he paid for it? Photographer—Not yet. Father—That is still more like him.

Hobson-I've seen a drop of water run an electric light plant. Dobson-Where did you see a drop of water do that? Hobson—At Niagara Falls.

Thompson says you may talk about your water cures, your movement cures and your blue-glass cures; but there is nothing like the sinecure, after all.

It was a delicate piece of sarcasm in the boarder who sent his landlady a razor neatly inclosed in a handsome silk-lined case and labeled "butter-

What was the peculiarity of Melived to be very old without ever learning to ride a bike," answered the

smart boy. Visitor (shivering)-Do you always have this kind of weather here in April? Resident—Not at all, sir. Sometimes we have this kind of weath-

er here in July. The Colonel—So poor old Mike has committed suicide, has he? Well, I should have thought that would have been the last thing he would have done. Tenant—Which it were, sor.

"Edith, I noticed last night that Mr. De Rich paid you considerable attention. I hope you showed him a proper amount of civility." Ingenuous Debutante—Oh, yes, mamma, I did! I'm sure he knows he can have me for the asking.

A raw Scotch lad joined the volunteers, and on the first parade day his sister came with his mother to see the regiment. On the march past Jock was out of step. "Look, mither," said his sister, "they're a' oot of step but oor Jock!"

"I don't see why you consider your political career a failure," said the man. "My friend, "said the citizen, with an earnest sigh, "I have been in politics for fifteen years and have never yet attained the prominence of being called a Judas by the newspapers.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Tympany," said the leader of the brass band to the big drummer, "but we shall have to dispense with your services." "Why?" Why? You ask me why! A man who has got so fat that he can no longer hit the middle of the drum asks me why!"

Animals Live Without Water. There are many different kinds of animals in the world that never, in all their lives, sip as much as a drop of water. Among these are the liamss of Patagonia and the gazelles of the far East. A parrot lived for fifty-two years in the London Zoo without drinking a drop of water; and many naturalists believe the only moisture imbibed by wild rabbits is derived from green herbage laden with dew.

The railways of the world carry over 40,000,000 passengers weekly.



The Courting. Once there was a maiden fair. A many years ago.

With laughing eyes and misty hair.

A many years ago.

And when the golden sun had fied Beyond the hills and day was dead, Unto her door a brave youth sped, A many years ago.

Adown the winding lanes they strayed, A many years ago.

While Cupid on their heart strings played, A many years ago.

And moonit were the summer skies,
And lovelight glistened in their eyes,
And earth to thom was a paradise, A many years ago.

He told the story new yet old. A many years ago. The sweetest story over told, A many years ago. He kissed her on her downy cheek, Her blushes warm played hide and seek, For love of him she could not speak,

A many years ugo. The maiden fair and gallant swain, A many years ago. Husband and wife at last became, A many years ago. But not each other did they wed She wodded a man whose wife was dead, He wedded another maid instead, A many years ago.

—Boston Globe.

Little Pest.

Two little feet, so small that both may

nestie
In one caressing hand;
tender feet upon the untried border
Of life's mysterious land;
ross-white feet along the doubtful

Must bear a woman's load;
Since woman has the heaviest burden
And walks the hardest road.

Love, for a while, will make the path be-fore them

All dainty, smooth and fair; Will cut away the brambles, letting only
The roses blossom there;
But whon the mother's watchful eyes are
shrouded

Away from sight of men, And these dear little feet are left without her guiding.
Who shall direct them then?

Will they go stumbling blindly in the dark-Of sorrow's tearful shades?
Or find the upland slopes of peace and

beanty,
Whose sunlight never fades?
who may read the future? For this sweetheart small
We want all blessings aweet,
pray that he who feeds the crying

ravens
Will guide the baby's feet.

War Song of the Greeks. Sons of the Greeks, arise! The glorious hour's gone forth, And, worthy of such ties, Display who gave us birth.

CHORUS. Sons of Greeks! let us go In arms against the foe, Till their hated blood shall flow

In a river past our feet.

Then manfully despising
The Turkish tyrant's yoke, Let your country see you rising, And all her chains are broke. Brave shades of chiefs and sages Behold the coming strife! Behold the coming strate
Hellenes of past ages,
Oh, start again to life!
At the sound of my trampet, breaking
Your sleep, oh, join with me!
And the seven-hill'd city seeking,
Fight, conquer, till we're free.
Sons of Greeks, etc.

Sparta, Sporta, why in slumbers
Lethargle dost thou lie?
Awake, and join thy numbers
With Athens, old ally!
Leonidas recalling,
That chief of ancient song,
Who saved ye once from falling,
The terrible! the strong?
Who made that bold diversion
In old Thermopylae. In old Thermopylae.
And warring with the Persian
To keep his country free;
With his three bundred waging The battle, long he stood, And like a lion raging, Expired in seas of blood. Sons of Greeks, etc.

In Blossom Time. It's O my heart, my heart.
To be out in the sun and sing!
To sing and shout in the fields about,
In the balm and the plossoming.

+ -Byron.

Sing loud, O bird in the tree;
O bird, sing loud in the sky;
And honey bees, blacken the clover seas;
There are none of you glad as I.

The leaves laugh low in the wind;
Laugh low with the wind at play;
And the odorous call of the flowers all, Entices my soul away!

For oh, but the world is fair, is fair;
And oh, but the world is sweet!
I will out in the gold of the blossoming mold, And sit at the Master's feet.

And the love my heart would speak,
I will fold in the lily's rim.
That the lips of the blossom, more pure and May offer it up to Him. "

Then sing in the hedgerow green, O thrush, O skylark, sing in the blue; Sing loud, sing clear, that the King may hear, And my soul shall sing with you.

—Ins Donna Coolbrith.

Austrian Life Insurance.

In Austria the man who loses both his hands in an accident can claim the whole of his life insurance money, on the ground that he has lost the means of maintaining himself. Loss of the right hand reduces the claim from seventy to eighty per cent. of the total.

### WOUNDED IN THE WAR.

SHOT IN THE ABDOMEN AT CUMBER-LAND GAP.

Blind, Rheumatic and Dropsical—A Union Colonel is Given Over to Die-How the Old Soldier Gave Alrael the Slip.

From the News, Barboursville, Ky.

In the year 1863, while in command of a Union regiment at Cumberland Gap, Colonel Messer, now of Flat Licks, Kentucky, received a severe gunshot wound in his abdomen. In a few months he was again in the saddle, but soon was obliged to undergo further medical treatment, and his condition became so serious that in the winter of 1968 he returned to his home, and was never again fit for active service. During the years that have since passed, Colonel Mosser has been a confirmed invalid from the effect

years that have since passed, Colonel Messer has been a confirmed invalid from the effect of his wound, and has been under the constant care of the local physicans, not improving, but growing worse as the years relied on. His condition eventually became deplorable. Almost blind, legs swellen, so that he was unable to walk, the doctors who could do nothing to arrest the progress of the disease, diagnosed it as dropsy, and said recovery was impossible.

The old soldier did not half believe his physicians, but said that since they could do nothing for him, he would, upon an old friend's strong recommendation, try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The first box was taken by Col. Messer according to directions, and by the time that was gone, he felt so much easier and more comfortable, that several other boxes were procured, and he continued to take them faithfully. Soon the swelling in his legs disappeared, and with it the florue rheumatic pains with which he had long suffered. Strangest of all, his eyesight, which for so many years had been useless, was restored. In all, Colonel Messer took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills six months, and then was theroughly cured. He now is a healthy looking man, rides on horseback, and stands as much fatigue as any man of his age.

The Colonel, since his recovery, is never tired of descanting on the virtues of these pills, and every advertisement that he finds he carefully clips, and sends to some sick friend or neighbor, with the assurance that they will cure him.

The high standing of Colonel Messer, and

friend or neighbor, with the assurance that they will care him.

The high standing of Colonel Masser, and his remarkable recovery, makes this report more than usually interesting, and when it was received at the office of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., it was referred to Messrs. Phipps & Horndon, the well-known druggists, of Barboursville, Ky., for verification. We append the reply:

Barboursville, Ky., Aug. 18, 1896.

Dr. Williams' Med. Co.,

Behenectady, N. Y.

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The Spanish Censor.

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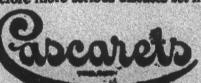
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