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### Gems In Verse

#### INTELLECT.

HERE ites A talisman in intellect which yields Celestial music when the master Touches it cunningly, and when the

Faiters in its idolatry this spell Will hold its strength unbroken and go Stealing anew the affections.

OH, EVER'THING'S A-GOIN'. THEN ever'thing's a-goln' like

The maple sap a-drippin', and the buds on ever bough A-sort o' reachin' up'ards all a-trimblin', ever one, e'bout a million brownie fists a-shak-in' at the sun. in' at the sun.

In at the sun.

The children want their shoes off 'fore their breakfast, and the spring Is here so good and plenty that the old hen has to sing'

When things is goin' this a-way, w'y, that's the sign, you know. That ever'thing's a-goln' like we like to

Oh, ever'thing's a-goin' like we like to see her go!
winter's up and dusted, with his
dratted frost and snow,
toe is out o' the crick ag'in, the freeze

is out the ground,
And you'll see faces thawin', too, ef you'll
jes' look around—
The bluebird landin' home ag'in, and

glad to git the chance,

'Cause here's where he belongs at; that's
a settled circumstance,
And him and Mr. Robin now's a chunin'

Ch, ever'thing's a-goin' like we like to

The sun ain't jes' p'tendin' now-the ba'm is in the breeze— The trees 'll soon be green as grass, and grass as green as trees. The buds is all jes' eechin', and the dog-

wood down the run.
Is bound to bust out laughin' 'fore another week is done. bees is wakin', gapy-like, and fum-blin' for their buzz, A-thinkin', ever wakefuler, of other days

that wuzWhen all the land was orchard blooms
and clover, don't you know,
Oh, ever'thing's a-goin' like we like to see

-James Whitcomb Riley.

#### CREDULITY.

WHEN to a man a woman is In matrimony mated, A dozen men or more declare She should for them have waited.

BUT if she had on them relied and for their offers tarried The chances are she never would In all her life been married.

YET she believes these fakirs who Made no attempt to get her And tells her husband that she could Have married so much better

A ND he believes it's true that A She many men rejected, Because it flatters him to think He was the one selected.
-Henry Waldorf Prancis.

### THE BLUEBIRD.

KNOW the song that the bluebird is

Out in the apple tree where he Brave little fellow! The skies may be Nothing cares he while his heart is so

Hark! How the music leaps out from his Hark! Was there ever so merry a note?

Listen awhile, and you'll hear what he's Up in the apple tree, swinging and sway-

"Dear little blossoms down under the snow, You must be weary of winter, 1 know. Hark while I sing you a message of cheer. Summer is coming and springtime is here!

"Little white snowdrop, I pray you arise Bright yellow crocus, come, open your Sweet little violets hid from the cold,

Daffodils, daffodils! Say, do you hear? Summer is coming and springtime is -Emily Huntington Miller.

I NEVER knew the joy of getting home, I never knew how fast a heart could

I never tasted joy

here!"

Till the day my little boy Came running up to meet me on

NEVER knew the pleasure of a smile, I never knew the music of a voice Till I heard my baby greet me

On the day he ran to meet me a way that made my weary heart re-

NEVER knew a welcome half so true Till I heard his "Hello, daddy!" down

the street. And, though weary as could be,

When he scampered up to me There was comfort in the patter of his

NEVER knew the charm of laughing

eyes, I never knew how happy I could be, I never knew the cheer That makes worry disappear

#### Till the day my baby first ran up to me -Detroit Free Press.

MY AIN WIFE. WADNA gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see; wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see; bonnier yet I've never seen,

A better canna be-

wadna gl'e my ain wife For ony wife I see! Oh, southle is my ingle cheek, An' cheerie is my Jean; I never see her angry look

Nor hear her word on ane. She's gude wi' a' the neeburs round An' aye gude wi' me-I wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see!

An', oh, her looks so kindlie, They melt my heart sutright, When o'er the baby at her breast She hangs wi' fond delight;

She looks intill its bonnie face An' syne looks to me-I wadna gi'e my ain wife For ony wife I see!

-Alexander Laing

#### FROM "DARING." THE rose that with the fondest care we

May grace a bush whose briers but cause

Give sorrow in return for our careas -George Lansing Raymo

DELICIOUS SUMMER SALADS.

How to Make Attractive Dishes With Vegetables and Fruits.

How to prepare a pretty summer salad is thus told by Caroline French Benton in the June Delineator: Select some green peppers and open them at the top and take out the seeds. Make each one stand on a lettuce leaf, cutting a tiny bit off the bottoms if necessary. Then prepare some small cooked green string beans, the smaller the better, by mixing them with French dressing. Fill the peppers with these and on top of each one put a little ball of cream cheese. The combination is quite unusual in flavor and very good. Fruit salads are the daintiest and most refreshing of all we have in summer. and they are almost no trouble to make. Several kinds of fruit should not be put together as a usual thing. however, for that is apt to make a messy dish. One or two kinds mixed. or one alone, is quite enough. Then, too, it should be remembered that mayonnaise rarely combines with fruits. There is one exception at least. for pineapple is particularly good with it, but with most other fruits French dressing should be used, and this should have little vinegar in it. Lemon juice is much better.

Strawberry salad is made by arranging for each person six or more very large, fine berries in a cup shaped lettuce leaf. These are laid on a platter. and French dressing is put on last. Like all salads, to be good this must be

Cherry salad is made with either California cherries or the large ox hearts, and both red and white ones are used, or the two are prettily mixed. The cherries are stoned without breaking them, and in place of each pit a bit of nut is pressed in, or a small hazelnut is put in entire. They are laid on lettuce, and French dressing is poured over. This is rather an elaborate dish when finished, but simple enough to make if one has time and is willing to take the trouble to put it together.

How to Rid Furniture of Moths.

A sort of trude secret among uphel sterers, it is said, is this recipe for ridding furniture of moths, says the Kansas City Star. A set of furniture that seemed to be alive with larvae and from which hundreds of these pests had been picked and brushed was set in a room by itself. Three gallons of benzine were purchased. Using a small watering pot with a fine rose sprinkler, the whole upholstery was saturated through and through with the benzine. Result, every moth, igrva and egg was killed. The benzine dried out in a few hours, and its entire odor disappeared in three or four days. Not the slightest harm happened to the varnish or wood or fabrics or hair stuffing. The carnets were also well sprinkled all around the sides of the room with equally good effect. For furs, flannels-indeed, all woolen articles containing moths-benzine is most valwith benzine, close the box tightly, and in a day or two the pests will be exterminated, and the benzine will all evap orate on opening. In using benzine great care should be taken that no fire is near by, as the stuff in fluid or vapor form is very inflammable.

How to Improve a Narrow Hall.

To improve the appearance of a very narrow hall place large mirrors on both sides. This gives a very good effect. A large mirror, one the length of the wall, if placed opposite the landing of a half curved staircase will add wonderfully to the appearance of the narrow hall and make a wide one more handsome. Avoid striped paper in the narrow hall. Use a plain paper and also plain carpets without figures or a geometrical design in very small broken lines. Terra cotta is a good hall color; also a good grade of olive green can be used. A cream paper, toned to oak, is handsome in a new house. though a color scheme is usually needed. A light paper is preferable in a narrow, unlighted hall. Green paper fades very easily and red soon loses its original color.

How to Keep White Silk White. There is nothing more distressing to

the owner of a white silk or satin gown than to see it yellowing while it is still wearable. The women who do not cut their wedding dresses up the next winter, but keep them with reverent sentiment to the end of their lives, are always on the lookout for something to prevent them turning a deep tawny yellow. The best preventive of this is to pack the gown away in muslin sheets that have been rinsed through deep blue water until a deep indigo. Ordinary blue musiin can be substituted if preferred. Stuff all the folds with blue instead of white tissue paper, and keep in a box with a close fitting lid, that is also wrapped with heavy paper to keep out the dust.

How to Freshen the Air In a Room. Lavender saits are useful for freshening the air of the living room where smoking is occasionally indulged in. Select a large mouthed bottle-a stick candy jar which will hold a quart is just the thing-and in this place one pint of pure (not household) ammonia. add two ounces of oil of lavender and then fill the bottle with carbonated ammonia blocks. When using, shake the bottle, remove the stopper and leave for half an hour. The odor is peculiar ly invigorating and not at all overpowering if not too close a sniff of the jar be taken.

How to Tighten Sewing Machine Belts. When you are sewing in a great hurry and the machine beit becomes loose to not stop to remove it in order to tighten it. Simply put a drop of ma chine off on it, turn the wheel a few seconds and proceed with a tightoneo

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