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An Old Played-out Song.

If the purloined thing is creation,
Whom I hear that old song,
It's they Miss Me Home! I'm so
tired.

My life seems as short as it's long,
For everything seems like adverbs,
I passed in the past just and gone,
I've started out spouting at twenty,
An' had my first neck-rehearsal.

Though I'm wrinkled, older and graver
Right now than my parents was then,
You strike up this song, "Is They
Miss Me?"

And I'm just then in the nerves
To stand back there in the corner,
A-wishing for nothing to come,
And a-whisperin' over and over,
Is They Miss Me? Is They Miss Me?

Years, Mother Killings sang it,
The first time I heard it, and so,
It was my very first sweetheart,
My mind me of her, don't you know,
Has her face made to look in the twi-

light?

I took her to spellin'; and she
Kept asking that song tell us when,
Pintin' back she ever missed me.

I can sing it now, as you sing it,
And hear her low answerin' words;
And then the chirp of the crickets
Is clear as the twit of birds;
And the west in the road is like velvet,
And the wings of fern and fennel and grass
Are sweet as the soul of the flies.

Is They Miss Me at home? Sing it
soo-

And softer—and sweeter as the brook
That wandered our path in the snowy
Valley bottom of the old forest trees,
Left the waters way over the hill,
On the mountain top out in the shadow
of stars, and our voices all still.

Is They Miss Me at home? In the west,
They're mornin' and their song is
soo-

Though I listen from midnight to
morning,

And down to the break of the day,
And I go to sleep in the dark, looking
awards.

And through the darkness come home,
With my bright wings and golden
Wings. Is They Miss Me at home?
James Whitcomb Riley.

MR. GLADSTONE WOUNDED.

A Woman Shows a Piece of Gun-
ner-Bread-and-Injurious-hid-
Left Eye.

While Mr. Hen. William Ewart Gladstone, the liberal leader, was walking through Chester, England, yesterday to attend a meeting of a liberal club, a woman threw a large piece of hard gingerbread and struck Mr. Gladstone in the nose just beneath the left eye, and then dashed upward, grizing the eye and causing the aged statesman no injury.

Mr. Gladstone suffered great difficulty throughout his drive to the place where the meeting was held. As the pain increased he began to fear that the organ was seriously injured and decided to seek medical assistance as soon as possible. When Mr. Gladstone arrived at the headquarters of the Liberal Club his doctors were immediately summoned. They made a careful examination and found that the injury was considerably inflamed and that the skin on the nose was grazed. The rapid-bleeding cutting agencies are succeeded by underlying the pain which the patient was suffering. After a glancing bath of the eye with water presented by the doctors, Mr. Gladstone felt somewhat relieved and decided to address the meeting in spite of the disturbing incident which marked his visit to Chester. Mr. Gladstone made a spirited speech, which, although interrupted, yet at its conclusion was spoken without even a pause.

The two days previous to the two days of the meeting the country may well expect an attack of thoughtless acts, as it is intended to be determined certain questions of policy on Monday, meeting every evening at the Bank. Not long ago Mr. Clark, then chairman of the Republican national committee, made the humiliating concession that the principles advocated by Gladstone were almost without intelligent newspaper support. He points out that many of the leading papers and magazines of the country were supporting the platform of the right, that the oligarchy presidents and senators of the country take the same view. Also, in view of the fact that the people of the South have been demanded by a majority of the white people of the country. The leading advocates of the race-protection theory are the negroes themselves—those who have been educated at the expense of the masses of the people—and it is safe to say that among the hundreds of thousands of men who vote the republican ticket a large proportion are negroes.

We deplore Republican protection as a fraud on the side of the great majority of the American people for the benefit of a few. We declare it to be a fundamental principle of the Democratic party that the Federal government has no constitutional power to impose and collect a tariff duty except for the purposes of revenue only. And we demand that the collection of such taxes shall be limited to the necessities of the government which honestly administered.

Trade intercourse on the basis of reciprocal advantages to the countries participating is the true honored doctrine of Democratic faith, but we denounce that sham reciprocity which juggles with the people's desire for enlarged foreign markets and free exchanges, in pretending to establish closer trade relations for the country whose articles of export are almost exclusively agricultural products, with other countries that are agricultural, while erecting a custom house barrier of prohibitory tariff taxes against the richest countries of the world that stand ready to take our entire surplus of products and to exchange therefor commodities which are necessary to the comforts of life among our own people.

3. We recognize in trusts and combines which are designed to enable capital to secure more than its just share of the joint product of capital and labor, the natural consequence of the prohibitive taxes which prevent free competition, which is the life of honest trade; but we believe that these evils can be abated by law, and we demand a rigid enforcement of the laws made to prevent and control them, together with such further legislation in restraint

of the power of monopoly.

Dr. Mary Walker Wants a Job.

Chicago, June 28.—Two of the standard columns which were at one time mounted on board Christopher Columbus' flagship were recently removed by the body of the vessel, but we were having trouble with our enemies again. The guns were torn to pieces and cost us much more than huge sums of money. The guns were round by a naval officer on one of the West India Islands.

The Cannon on Columbus' Flagship.

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Some of the best firms in Granville county prominent and influential members of the Farmers' Alliance, have within the past few days openly and strongly denounced the third party.

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Chicago, June 28.—Dr. Mary Walker has written to Director General Davis asking that a customs department be established at the World's Fair, and that she be placed in charge. Director Davis' private secretary says the application will receive due consideration

Platform of Democracy.

The main points of the platform adopted by the National Democratic party are given below. The principal sections are given entire, and only such parts as are of minor importance are abbreviated. It is as follows:

Section 1. The representatives of the Democratic party of the United States in National Convention assembled, do reaffirm their allegiance to the principles of the party as formulated by Jefferson and exemplified and illustrated by the line of successors in Democratic leadership from Madison to Cleveland. We believe that the public welfare demands that these principles be applied to the conduct of the Federal government through the accession to power of the party that advocates them and we solemnly declare that the need of a return to the fundamental principles of free, popular government, based on home rule and individual liberty, was never more urgent than now, when the tendency to centralize all power at the Federal capitol has become a menace to the reserved rights of the States that strike at the very roots of our government under the Constitution as framed by the fathers of the republic.

2. We warn the people of our common country, jealous for the preservation of their free institutions, that the policy of Federal control of elections to which the Republican party has committed itself, is fraught with great danger scarcely less monstrous than would result from a revolution, practically establishing a monarchy on the ruins of our government. It strikes at the North as well as at the South, and injures the colored citizens more than the whites. It makes a horde of deputy marshals at every poll, armed with Federal authority, the outrage of the Federal authority, the outrage of the electoral rights of the people in the several States, subjection of the colored people by the control of the party in power, and the reviving of race antagonism, now happily abated. It is of the utmost peril to the safety and happiness of all, a measure deliberately and justly described by a Republican Senator as "the most infamous bill that ever crossed the threshold of the Senate." Such a policy if sanctioned by law, would mean the dominance of a self-perpetuating oligarchy of office-holders and the party first entrusted with its machinery could be dislodged from power only by an appeal to the reserved rights of the people to resist oppression which is inherent in all self-governing communities. Two years ago this revolutionary policy was emphatically condemned by the people at the polls, but in contempt of that verdict the Republican party has defiantly declared in its latest authoritative utterance that its success in the coming election will mean the enactment of a force bill and usurpation, and a despotic control over the elections in all the States. Believing that the preservation of a republican government in the United States is dependent on the defense of this policy of legalized force and fraud we invite the support of all citizens who desire to see the Constitution maintained in its integrity with the laws pursuant thereto which have given our country a hundred years of unexampled prosperity and we pledge the Democratic party, if it is entrusted with power, not only to the defeat of the force bill, but also to a relentless opposition to the Republican policy of protection, expenditure which in the short space of two years has amounted to enormous surplus, an overflowing treasury, after piling new burdens of taxation on the over-taxed labor of the country.

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S. 14. Favors improvements of

irrigant waterways.

S. 15. Expresses sympathy for the Jew in Russia.

S. 16. Relates to the Civil Service.

S. 17. Advocates the reform of the Civil Service.

S. 18. Advocates the

abolition of New Mexico and Arizona.

S. 19. Advocates legislation

favorable to railroad employees.

S. 20. Is against contract convict system.

S. 21. Opposes all sumptuary laws.

S. 22. Upon this statement of

principles and practices the Democ-

ratic party takes the position

that it is a sensible arrangement

of things.

Incongruity of Things.

At the same time

we oppose

the

abolition of

slavery.

Oppose

the