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Poetry.

Hope. I watched a bubble broad and bright, That on the streamlet played, And a gay world of life and light, In painted pictures met my sight, A round its disk arrayed.

SELECTED STORY.

Mabel Belcom.

BY W. DEXTER SMITH, JR.

"MABEL, dear, do you see that beautiful green valley, floored with white cottages, while beyond, the river, like a stream of molten silver, flows rapidly on towards the falls?"

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"Why do you say 'up a tree?' It has no meaning as you used it." "I can't see it. You are too mincing. Talk English, I say; go the whole hog."

"Do you want me to put a stopper on my jaw, for a whole team? If you mean so, sail in and say so," she replied, evidently with the intention of letting the matter drop, and her husband, who seemed to think it a hopeless case, was also silent, and the subject was not alluded to again during their journey.

"keeping mum," as she elegantly expressed it, in whispered accents. A few months after, Mr. Belcom was startled and pleased to hear his wife conversing in rather loud and cheerful tones, and by her animated accents he judged that something had at last induced his wife to resume her former tones, and at the same time he noticed that her language was free from all 'slang phrases,' and was quite befitting a lady.

"I'm Almost Home." The traveller, weary and worn, covered with dust and suffering many privations, sees in the distance the curling smoke ascending from his old home, and choked with feelings almost too big for utterance, exclaims, while tears of joy roll down his cheek—"I'm almost home!"

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A Detroit negro prisoner, on his way to the penitentiary for larceny, was asked what he thought of his trial.—He said, "When dat lawyer dat 'fended me made his speech I thought shuah I was going to take my ole hat and walk right out of dat cot room; but when de other lawyer got up and commenced talking, I knew I was de biggest rascal on top of de earf."

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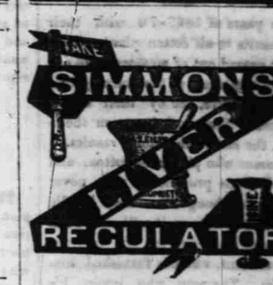
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