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## POETRY.

### In the Twilight.

As we grow old our yesterday  
Seen very dim and distant;  
We grope, as those in darkness,  
Through all that is existent;  
Yet far-off days shine bright and clear  
With suns that long have faded,  
And faces dead seem strangely near  
To those that life has shaded.  
As we grow old our tears are few  
For friends most lately taken,  
But fall—as falls the summer dew  
From roses lightly shaken—  
When some chance word or idle strain  
The chords of memory sweep,  
Unlock the flood-gates of our pain  
For those who taught us weeping.  
As we grow old our smiles are rare  
To those who greet us daily,  
Or, if some living face we wear  
The looks that beamed so gaily  
From eyes long closed,—and we should smile  
In answer to their weeping.  
'Tis but the past that shines the while  
Our power to smile renewing.  
As we grow old our dreams at night  
Are never of the morrow;  
They come with vanished pleasures bright,  
Or dark with olden sorrow.  
And when we wake the names we say  
Are not of any mortals,  
But those that in some long-dead day  
Passed through life's sunset portals.  
—W. E. Carron.

### The Sky.

Of all the mighty volumes filled with rare,  
Deep, guiding knowledge, and to us unspread,  
None is so rich, so varied, or so fair  
As that above—unheeded and unread  
Of all the marvels that about us lie  
No wonder is so wondrous as the sky.  
It is a field where patient Wisdom gleams  
Full many a precious truth for thought-  
ful heart;  
A panoramic curtain bright with scenes  
Of nature's own inimitable art;  
Earth's frescoes done of ever-varying hue,  
Oft as creation, and as moving new.  
Forever o'er us, like God's pitying love;  
So near, and yet so far, as our mourned  
dead;  
Spotless and fair, as must be all above,  
Soothing as gentle hand on sufferer laid;  
O'er-reaching all the world in wide embrace;  
As doth the Father's full, unbounded grace.  
Man portions out the earth; he lays his lines  
And bounds upon it,—calls it his, As  
slave  
It silent works fulfilling his designs,  
Giving the more, the more he learns to  
crave.  
With despotic power he rules it,—but the sky—  
God's glorious gift of beauty to each eye  
That sees, each soul that feels—the sky is  
free.  
To all, the Lord of ages hath no more  
Inheritance in that grand dome than he  
Whom mortalism as poorest of the poor,  
Upon that broad domain,—that arch of blue  
He lays no hand—his crimes foul not it hue.  
We need but for a moment lift our eyes—  
So fixed and bent upon our dwelling-  
place—  
And lo!—upon the canvass of the skies  
Pictures no artist hand hath skill to trace,  
No spirit can from fancy's realm entice,  
Come without bidding, without toil, or price.  
The clouds and mists that on our sphere  
have birth  
And hide the blue, as doth a veil the face;  
The storms that wreck and devastate the  
earth  
Leave on the fairer sky no sign or trace.  
Above the raging storms it smiles untriven,  
Serenely as some whose gaze is fixed on heaven.  
The night that earth in sombre darkness  
clouds  
As in the short, sweet death of sleep it lies,  
And all its living, radiant beauty shrouds,  
Reveals the grander glory of the skies.  
So poverty hath drawn out gifts divine  
And fortune's frowns made friendships  
brighter shine.

### Greenbackers' Ticket.

Gen. B. Weaver Nominated for President,  
and E. J. Chambers for Vice President.  
CHICAGO, ILL., June 11.—In the Green-  
back convention at 3:35 this morning it  
was moved that the convention proceed to ballot  
for a nominee for President of the United  
States. An informal ballot was first taken,  
the result of which was announced at 4:10  
this morning, just as daylight was breaking.  
It stood: Weaver, 224; Wright, 126; Al-  
lie, 41; Campbell, 21. Before the announce-  
ment of the first ballot it became evident  
that Weaver had a clear majority and all  
the delegates hastened to change their votes  
to that candidate. Motions sprang from  
every portion of the convention to make the  
nomination unanimous, and just as the sun  
shone through the eastern windows the re-  
sult was announced as 718 for Gen. B. Wea-  
ver—the total vote—and without any mo-  
tion his nomination was made unanimous.  
E. J. Chambers, of Texas, was nominated  
for Vice-President.  
At 6 o'clock this morning Gen. Weaver  
came into the hall, apparently fresh, after a  
good night's sleep, and accepted the nomi-  
nation tendered him by a sleepless conven-  
tion. After passing the usual votes of thanks,  
the convention adjourned sine die.

The Northern Republican papers are  
now advertising on the purchasable  
character of the Southern delegates to  
Chicago. Certainly all the delegates are  
not included in such a sweeping statement.  
But the Sherman men are claiming that  
the Grant delegates have been bought,  
and the Grant men are repeating the  
charge as to the Sherman supporters.  
At any rate, both sides agree that the  
article is purchasable and in the market.  
The country, then, has now something  
before it which readily explains the con-  
dition of that party at the South. There  
is no need to go further. The reason why  
the Republican party has fallen into dis-  
repute and is odious at the South must  
now be fairly appreciated by the most stal-  
wart Radical at the North. We here  
know its record so well that the Chicago  
episode may be without eliciting a comment,  
but the North has never before been able  
to realize why the South has so singularly  
repudiated these men, who are the lead-  
ers of the Republican party at the South.  
They see it now, and henceforth we hope  
they will not forget the picture presented  
at Chicago, which illustrates in a striking  
way the history of the Republican party  
in the Southern States. A party to live  
must command the respect of the voting  
class. The difference between the two  
parties at the South has been so pronoun-  
ced in this regard that in the course of  
time what was the great majority party,  
has been reduced to a lean minority.  
This phenomenon which has so irritated  
the North and which has been inexplic-  
able to the comprehension of the average  
Northern Republican is no longer a mys-  
tery. The cause is now apparent even  
to them. And this picture we may ex-  
pect no great stress to be laid on the  
bloody shirt, but that it will be accepted  
all over the Union that the decay and  
overthrow of Radicalism at the South was  
only a necessary, but a very natural out-  
come from the facts of the case.—*Raleigh  
Observer.*

### Easy Lesson in American History.

George Washington first to the White  
House came;  
And next on the list is John Adams  
name;  
Tom Jefferson then filled the honored  
place;  
The name of James Madison next we  
trace;  
The fifth in succession was James Mon-  
roe;  
And John Quincy Adams the next below.  
Then Andrew Jackson was placed in the  
chair;  
And next we had Martin Van Buren  
there;  
Then William H. Harrison's name we  
meet,  
Whose death gave John Tyler the covet-  
seat.  
Then James K. Polk was the nation's  
choice;  
Next for Zachary Taylor she gave her  
voice;  
Whose premature death brought in Mil-  
lard Fillmore;  
And next Franklin Pierce the distinction  
wore.  
The fifth was James Buchanan, they say,  
Who for Abraham Lincoln prepared the  
way.  
Whose martyrdom gave Andrew Johnson  
a chance.  
The eighteenth name was Ulysses S.  
Grant's.  
By means of various and sundry ways  
The nineteenth name is R. B. Hayes.

## POLITICAL.

This is what Belknap said when asked  
his opinion of Garfield, and it must be taken  
as expert testimony: "He is the most  
corrupt man in America. He would steal  
the devil's liver to serve the devil in."

Grant had somewhere in the neighbor-  
hood of 270 votes in the Chicago Con-  
vention from the States of the South none of  
which could assure him a single electoral  
vote. This fact did not seem to meet  
with very general favor from the northern  
Radicals, and had no doubt much to do  
with his defeat.—*Examiner.*

One friend of the Charlotte Democrat  
generally takes correct views. This habit  
is not broken when he calls attention to  
the "nice time the Republican speakers  
and newspapers will have this summer  
and fall in quoting from the very nume-  
rous Democratic newspapers in this State  
what they have said, before the nomi-  
nations, against Democratic candidates.  
If party organization is to be much pro-  
moted by the manner in which editorial  
sprouts manage affairs."

PURGENT PARAGRAPHS.—The following  
choice extracts from late letters from Presi-  
dent Hayes to Gen. Chester A. Arthur, the  
Republican nominee for the Vice-Presidency  
will be read with interest.  
You have made the custom-house a cen-  
tre of partisan political management.—R. B.  
Hayes to Collector Arthur, January 31,  
1879.

"With a deep sense of my obligations un-  
der the constitution, I regard it as my plain  
duty to suspend you in order that the office  
may be honestly administered.—R. B. Hayes  
to Collector Arthur, Jan. 31st, 1879.  
"Gross abuses of administration have con-  
tinued and increased during your adminis-  
tration."—John Sherman to Collector Arthur,  
Jan. 31st 1879.

"Persons have been regularly paid by you  
who have rendered little or no service; the  
expenses of your office have increased, while  
its receipts have diminished. Bribes, of  
gratitudes in the shape of bribes have been  
received, by your subordinates in several  
branches of the custom-house, and you have  
in no case supported the effort to correct  
these abuses."—Secretary Sherman to Col-  
lector Arthur, Jan. 31st, 1879.

### The Ticket.

Looking at the Chicago nomi-  
nation in a practical way, we do not see  
that it can give much comfort to the  
Republicans. Gen. Garfield was an  
actor in the matters that led to Hayes'  
inauguration, and this will make that  
fraud a prominent issue in the cam-  
paign. The people of the country will  
be called on to sustain the votes  
Garfield then gave and all of the re-  
turning board inequities, or to con-  
demn them by their votes at the polls.  
They cannot support Garfield with-  
out endorsing his course on those oc-  
casions. Nor is this the only source  
of weakness which attaches to his  
name. He was, we believe, mixed  
up in the Credit Mobilier fraud, and  
the Republicans of the North will  
have to swallow that piece of rascality  
when they range themselves be-  
neath his banner. Under these cir-  
cumstances we think it extremely  
doubtful whether he can carry Ohio.  
But if he shall, he will have no pecu-  
liar strength in New York. It was  
doubtless expected that that State  
would be carried by putting Gen.  
Arthur on the ticket. Arthur him-  
self has no following. He is a mere  
cypher. His strength is Cornell's—  
neither more nor less. In the late  
election in New York, the combined  
Democratic vote was 453,356, and  
Cornell's vote was 418,567. Unless  
we shall throw away New York by  
an untimely nomination, we will car-  
ry that State over Garfield and Ar-  
thur by 40,000 majority. It is inevi-  
table. There can be no question of  
it. We carried it in 1876 by 28,000,  
and that State is certain to vote  
against the present Republican ticket.  
Nor will Garfield have any accession  
in any other State where the Demo-  
crats have a majority. It is likely  
that he will be able to unify his party  
in Massachusetts and in Illinois.  
But these States are so thoroughly  
Republican that we did not hope to  
gain them unless Grant should be the  
opposing candidate. The ticket has  
no peculiar strength, but on the other  
hand, we consider that it has about  
it elements of weakness that will in-  
evitably lead to its defeat if we shall  
make acceptable nominations.—*Ral-  
ph Observer.*

### What the Thumb Does.

Have you noticed that when you want to  
take hold of anything—a bit of bread,  
we will say—that it is always the  
thumb who puts himself forward,  
and that he is always on the one side  
by himself, while the rest of the fin-  
gers are on the other. If the thumb is  
not helping, nothing stops in your  
hand, and you don't know what to  
do with it. Try, by way of experi-  
ment, to carry four spoons to your  
mouth without putting your thumb  
to it, and you will see how long it  
will take you to get through a poor  
little plate of broth. The thumb is  
placed in such a manner on your  
hand that it can face each of the other  
fingers, one after another, or all to-  
gether, as you please, and by this we  
are enabled to grasp, as if with a pair  
of pinchers, all objects, whether large  
or small. The hands owe their per-  
fection of usefulness to this happy ar-  
rangement, which has been bestowed  
on no other, animal except the mon-  
key—man's nearest neighbor.

The *Review* says the census enu-  
merators of Wilmington, seem to be  
strangely agreed that the population  
of that city will not fall under 20,  
000, and possibly may reach 23,000.  
"This farm for sale, subject to  
mortgages and encumbrances," is the way  
they hang out signs in the South-  
west.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### Errors in Marriage.

Many of the errors of life admit of  
remedy. A loss of business may be  
repaired by a gain in another; a mis-  
calculation this year may be retriev-  
ed by special care the next; a bad  
partnership may be dissolved, an in-  
jury repaired, a wrong step retracted.  
But an error in marriage goes to  
the very root and foundation of life.  
It has been said no man is utterly  
ruined until he has married a worthless  
wife; and so every woman has a fu-  
ture before her until she is obtained,  
in a waltz which is a padlock, to a  
wretched and unworthy man. The  
deed once done, cannot be recalled.  
The wine of life is wasted and the  
goblet is broken, and no tears of toil  
can bring back the precious draught.  
Let your young think of this, and let  
them walk carefully in a world of  
snares, and take heed to their steps  
lest in the most crucial event of life  
they go fatally astray.

But here we must guard against  
another error. Many people think  
they have made a mistake in mar-  
riage, when the mistake is only in  
their own behaviour since they were  
married. Good husbands make good  
wives; and good wives make good  
husbands; and the scolding or intem-  
perate, or slatternly partner often has  
but himself or herself to blame for the  
misery that clouds the life and deso-

### Feminine Superstitions.

White specks on the nails are indi-  
cations of good fortune. When a woman  
enters a room she should be obliged to  
sit down, if only for a minute, as she  
otherwise takes away the children's  
sleep with her. To rock the cradle  
when empty is injurious to child. To  
eat while a bell is tolling for a fune-  
ral causes toothache. The crowing of  
a hen indicates approaching disaster.  
Drawing on a stocking inside out,  
causes matters to go wrong during  
the day. By bending the head to the  
hollow of the arm the initial letter of  
one's future spouse is represented.  
When children play soldier on the  
roadside it forebodes the approach of  
war. A child grows proud if suffer-  
ed to look into the mirror while less  
than twelve months old. Before mov-  
ing into a new house first send in  
bread and a new broom. Whoever  
sneezes at an early hour either hears  
some good news or receives some  
present the same day.

### Spanish Women.

I may here say that poets have pic-  
tured Seville belles as "dark-eyed angels."  
Like the proverb I quote above, there is  
more poetry than truth in this gushing ex-  
pression. I never yet saw a dark-eyed  
angel portrayed by a painter, tho' there  
may be many of them ready to pose for  
that enviable position; and I have seen  
more beautiful women here with blue  
rather than black eyes. A sort of deep  
violet blue, with black fringes of lashes,  
are terribly fascinating eyes in Seville.  
You see the same type in parts of Ireland,  
and, by my troth, "beware, take care,  
there's danger there"—in those eyes. In  
the narrow streets here, you can look out  
the window and shake hands with your  
neighbor without any undue physical ef-  
fort, you see such eyes of unholly hue—  
deep, dark, and revengeful—that the poet  
prates about and calls the "carbon orbes"  
fire fellows! But the big streets, where  
you may jump across the trottoirs and get  
into the drawing-room, stables and kitchen,  
all at one time and in one place, there  
are the violet-eyed belles with "virgin  
smiles and sweetened souls"—whatever  
Byron means by that! Irregular, long,  
complicated, crooked and eel like streets  
here have eyes that the less said about  
the better. I mention these points in or-  
der to dispell the panegyrics of any poet  
who may have "on the stocks a gleaming,  
gushing brochure on Seville's silvery  
stream, creamy streets, or dark-eyed  
belles." At Cadiz you are at once im-  
pressed with the smallness of the Cadiz  
ladies' feet, yet they are by no means as  
pretty or as expressive of grace and ac-  
tivity as those of the Baltimore belle.  
But the Cadiz charmer can beat us all  
in howling in smoking! How gracefully she  
handles and makes the cigarette, and how  
seductively she smokes it! The most rad-  
ical antisnokers would be converted here  
in less than an hour. The art and graces  
of fanning are here charmingly studied.  
"You smoke frequently?" I say to a  
"weenus." "Oh, yes; always!" she archly  
replies, and puffs all the while. I find  
that before and after doing anything they  
resort to the balmy cigarette. It matters  
not whether it be pills or prayers, bap-  
tism or balms, the smoke precedes or  
follows the ordeal.—*Cor. Baltimore Sun.*

### SUCKERING TOBACCO.

It has been said that the man who causes two stalks to  
grow where before grew only one, is a  
benefactor to the human race. If this be  
so then the man who saves labor in its  
cultivation equally deserves the name.  
Mr. M. K. Aerna of this place claims that  
he has discovered a process by which  
tobacco will need no suckering after the  
first suckers are pulled off. The process  
is simple. Pull off all the suckers  
when they make their appearance  
except the one at the bottom, next  
to the sun. Let this sucker bear  
seed, which sow, and only one crop of  
suckers will follow plants from this seed.  
Let farmers give it a trial.—*Webster's  
Dollar Weekly.*

Mr. Frank Brown has just received a  
letter from Senator Ramsey stating that  
\$20,000 additional has been secured to  
the Yankin River Navigation Scheme. A  
sum has also been obtained to pay dam-  
age for the destruction of dam obstruc-  
tions (the dam referred to is mill-dam.)  
Mr. Brown has been laboring with uti-  
lizing energy for the success of this en-  
terprise, which must be acknowledged at  
once to be the surest work of public in-  
terest now on foot. Mr. B. deserves much  
credit for his zeal in this cause, more es-  
pecially as he has been laboring alone—  
has had a good many encouragers, but  
few helpers. The completion of this  
scheme and the Salisbury & Cheraw R. R.,  
will set Rowan and the adjoining  
Western counties on something like a  
solid business basis.

## THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION.

Col. Louis Hanes, of the Statesville  
*American*, is discussing the so-called 20th  
of May Declaration of Independence which  
is erroneously supposed by some to have  
been adopted and signed by certain citi-  
zens of said county in convention assem-  
bled on the aforesaid day and year of our  
Lord, 1775. We thought this matter had  
been settled long ago in the minds of all  
intelligent and impartial persons who  
have taken the pains to carefully examine  
the facts bearing on it. But it seems that  
the people of Mecklenburg still insists on  
the 20th as the day, and the Declaration  
as a reality, while they find it necessary  
to bolster up their credulity by making  
annual contributions to allay skepticism  
of their pretensions. This fact of itself  
shows that even they have doubts with  
respect to the genuineness of the docu-  
ment.

There is one thing certain, North Car-  
olina was ahead of all her sisters on the  
subject of Independence, but none of all  
the able writers who have discussed the  
matter have settled, without doubt, the  
fact that the so-called Mecklenburg Decla-  
ration was adopted and signed by cer-  
tain citizens of that county on the 20th  
of May, 1775. That there was a meeting of  
citizens on that day and in that county is  
probable; that the subject of Independ-  
ence was discussed is also probable; that  
the aforesaid Declaration was there pre-  
sented and read by some brave spirit is  
improbable; but that it was adopted  
and signed by the persons who are alleged  
to have done so, has never yet been set-  
tled as a fact, and it would brand some  
of them as perjured knaves and scoundrels,  
if it were established. This we do not  
believe; for they were men of sterling  
character, of education, of moral tone,  
and patriotism. They were incapable of  
duplicity and knavery. Several of the  
alleged signers took the oath of allegance  
to George III, and held office under the  
crown after this paper is said to have been  
proclaimed. Is it to be believed that a single  
man who is said to have signed that Decla-  
ration would have cowardly recanted and  
done this base thing? We would not  
feel like celebrating a Declaration adopt-  
ed and signed by men of such character.

### A Very Smart Girl.

Toledo has a smart girl. Her father and  
mother were living pleasantly together, and  
she suspected nothing wrong in their rela-  
tions till one day, on receiving a bundle  
wrapped in an obscure Indiana paper, she dis-  
covered an advertisement of an application  
for divorce signed with her father's name.  
She promptly started on a visit to a friend  
in Indianapolis, from which point she made  
an excursion into the county in which the  
notice was published. Here she found that  
her father had been divorced. Coming  
straight home, she informed him of her dis-  
covery, when the "old man" confessed, said  
he was ashamed of himself, and anxious to  
make it all right with her mother. "You  
must not go to mamma yet," said the girl.  
"I do not want her to know the painful  
truth." Fortunately the twenty-fifth anni-  
versary of their marriage was close at hand,  
and the girl arranged a silver wedding, to  
which the minister who first married the  
couple was invited, and he pronounced the  
ceremony that made them again man and  
wife. The mother's rival was present by the  
very urgent request of the daughter, and  
when it was all over the latter took the fair  
offender into a corner and whispered to her,  
"papa and mamma are married again as fast  
as the law can make it. Whether the truth  
is ever known depends on you. Papa will  
never tell it, and I am sure I never shall.  
But if does seem to me, dear, that some other  
climate would suit your constitution bet-  
ter than this." If the man who marries that  
girl ever gets a divorce, he won't want to  
come stumbling around much afterwards.

### Spanish Women.

I may here say that poets have pic-  
tured Seville belles as "dark-eyed angels."  
Like the proverb I quote above, there is  
more poetry than truth in this gushing ex-  
pression. I never yet saw a dark-eyed  
angel portrayed by a painter, tho' there  
may be many of them ready to pose for  
that enviable position; and I have seen  
more beautiful women here with blue  
rather than black eyes. A sort of deep  
violet blue, with black fringes of lashes,  
are terribly fascinating eyes in Seville.  
You see the same type in parts of Ireland,  
and, by my troth, "beware, take care,  
there's danger there"—in those eyes. In  
the narrow streets here, you can look out  
the window and shake hands with your  
neighbor without any undue physical ef-  
fort, you see such eyes of unholly hue—  
deep, dark, and revengeful—that the poet  
prates about and calls the "carbon orbes"  
fire fellows! But the big streets, where  
you may jump across the trottoirs and get  
into the drawing-room, stables and kitchen,  
all at one time and in one place, there  
are the violet-eyed belles with "virgin  
smiles and sweetened souls"—whatever  
Byron means by that! Irregular, long,  
complicated, crooked and eel like streets  
here have eyes that the less said about  
the better. I mention these points in or-  
der to dispell the panegyrics of any poet  
who may have "on the stocks a gleaming,  
gushing brochure on Seville's silvery  
stream, creamy streets, or dark-eyed  
belles." At Cadiz you are at once im-  
pressed with the smallness of the Cadiz  
ladies' feet, yet they are by no means as  
pretty or as expressive of grace and ac-  
tivity as those of the Baltimore belle.  
But the Cadiz charmer can beat us all  
in howling in smoking! How gracefully she  
handles and makes the cigarette, and how  
seductively she smokes it! The most rad-  
ical antisnokers would be converted here  
in less than an hour. The art and graces  
of fanning are here charmingly studied.  
"You smoke frequently?" I say to a  
"weenus." "Oh, yes; always!" she archly  
replies, and puffs all the while. I find  
that before and after doing anything they  
resort to the balmy cigarette. It matters  
not whether it be pills or prayers, bap-  
tism or balms, the smoke precedes or  
follows the ordeal.—*Cor. Baltimore Sun.*

### SUCKERING TOBACCO.

It has been said that the man who causes two  
stalks to grow where before grew only one,  
is a benefactor to the human race. If this be  
so then the man who saves labor in its  
cultivation equally deserves the name.  
Mr. M. K. Aerna of this place claims that  
he has discovered a process by which  
tobacco will need no suckering after the  
first suckers are pulled off. The process  
is simple. Pull off all the suckers  
when they make their appearance  
except the one at the bottom, next  
to the sun. Let this sucker bear  
seed, which sow, and only one crop of  
suckers will follow plants from this seed.  
Let farmers give it a trial.—*Webster's  
Dollar Weekly.*

Mr. Frank Brown has just received a  
letter from Senator Ramsey stating that  
\$20,000 additional has been secured to  
the Yankin River Navigation Scheme. A  
sum has also been obtained to pay dam-  
age for the destruction of dam obstruc-  
tions (the dam referred to is mill-dam.)  
Mr. Brown has been laboring with uti-  
lizing energy for the success of this en-  
terprise, which must be acknowledged at  
once to be the surest work of public in-  
terest now on foot. Mr. B. deserves much  
credit for his zeal in this cause, more es-  
pecially as he has been laboring alone—  
has had a good many encouragers, but  
few helpers. The completion of this  
scheme and the Salisbury & Cheraw R. R.,  
will set Rowan and the adjoining  
Western counties on something like a  
solid business basis.