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THE LESSON OF THE SEA.

I stood upon the shore one day,
Feeling glad to see the sea,
Casting pebbles, out on play,
Into the ocean broad and deep.

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH.

"Isn't it lovely?"
"Purity as a picture." There ain't no-
thing that lays over an October sunrise
on these mountains.

THE WEATHER PROPHETS.

THE UNITED STATES SIGNAL SER-
VICE AND ITS WORK.
Where Storms are Brewed and How
Their Track—Why Wind Whirls
and Rain Falls.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Corsetry jackets for young girls are
popular.
No less than 18,671 young women are
at college in this country.

CURIOS THINGS IN RIO.

Spanish, and Portuguese performances,
and usually an Italian opera two or three
times in the week during the winter
season, which is liberally patronized by
the nobility.

MY JOHN.

We loved the birds and habiting brooks,
John and I, my John.
In meadows and in shady woods,
O'er lake and farm with wondrous looks.

HUNDO OF THE DAY.

A swell affair—the soap bubble.
Is cor-popping an agricultural re-
port?
An open question—Are you going to
let me in?—Boston Courier.

THE BEST OF US.

Every man has a robe in life,
And his robe has many times the length
But after all the robe's life
Is the best for a hungry man.

A Fruitful Five-Dollar Bill.

A little money sometimes goes a great
way. As an illustration of this we re-
cord the following, founded upon an incident
which is said to have really occurred.

THE BEAR BIDDEN LIKE A HORSE.

People living in the neighborhood of
New Chatham witnessed a novel sight
yesterday, when a Chinaman went gal-
loping along the streets on the back of a
monster bear, which was going, at a
pretty lively rate. Old Bruin waddled
and shuffled in regular fashion, and his
slant-eyed rider wore a heavy pair of
spurs. The rider and his steed halted
in the main street of the Chinese quar-
ters, and the bear led through one
of its stores back into a little shed.

THE DUTY OF GOOD LIVING.

"The average individual in this coun-
try lives better than the average individ-
ual elsewhere," says a New Yorker who
will do. "Take it in England. The
well-to-do man is great on chops, but
the poor man makes his needs cheap. Yet
he gets his meat at the price the poor
man pay, for they keep out American
cattle in order to keep up the prices of
the English beef. For myself, I live
generously," he concludes, "I do not be-
lieve that a man can continue long
under the strain of complicated business
affairs and do good work unless he keep
his physical system in good working or-
der. I am shy of stimulants, but I be-
lieve in taking, and do take a plenty of
the best food I can get. I have a regard
for regularity, but do not believe that a
man should endeavor himself even to a
good habit."

THE THEATRES OF RIO.

The theatres of Rio are numerous and
well attended, but are neither handsomely
nor well arranged. There are French,

WITTED AND WITTED SAVAGES.

A missionary stationed at one of the
South Sea islands determined to give
his residence a coat of whitewash. To
obtain this, in the absence of lime, coral
was used. The natives watched the process of
burning with interest, believing that the
coral was being cooked for them to eat.

THE BROTHERS.

There are 1,900 white people in South-
eastern Alaska. Vegetation is abundant
and luxurious, the cattle sleek and fat,
and the mining industry assuming a large
importance. These facts appear in an
official report to Washington.

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