

VALENTINES.

A HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE.
I was not the moonlight and the rose,
The days of June in old lang syne,

These soberer days the blossoms blow
As faint as in old lang syne,

A WIFE TO HER HUSBAND.
Billie be the once sang in early bowers
Songs that are now all done;

Each season has its own delights,
The varying suns and winds;

We breathe our brows with memories
Unmingled with regret,

Archibald Ross, at Oxford, Conn.
The North and South in the War.

And just here I had some intention
To introduce a comparison between the military

attributes of your North and South,
as displayed in the civil war now so happily

almost a dim memory of the past.
But when I remember that pleasant time

at Charleston among the warm-hearted
Southerners, in which you Northern men

of Connecticut participated, and of
which I was a delighted witness, I refrain;

and I believe you will agree
with me, that I do right to refrain. Then it

seemed to me feasible that I might at
least institute some comparison between the

American man as a fighting animal,
and the men composing the old world

armies of which I have been an exact
man, adventuring opinions only on matters,

wherever, by reason of actual personal
knowledge, I had some title to be an

authority. Now, here is my present
difficulty. I have seen the German fight,

the Russian fight, the Frenchman fight,
the Englishman fight; and the men fight

of some half score of nationalities. But
I have not seen the American fight. I

have seen the American man perform a
difficult and delicate duty—in a position

virtually that of an ambassador—with
rare tact, genuine good feeling and instinc-

tive good taste, in the person of
Governor Bigelow. And I have seen an

American regiment drill like clockwork
and behave with most admirable self-

restraint and decorum in the face of al-
most unique temptation to license, in the

shape of the First Connecticut militia.
But I have never seen an American man

in battle—except in fierce and successful
combat with a lynch; and what is more,

I hope the day will never come to me to
see the American man in battle.

The full data for comparison, then, be-
tween him and his compeers of the Old

World, are not in my possession. But,
although I have never seen the American

man on the battlefield, I have studied
the story of the battlefields all

steward the Republic from the Atlantic
to the Mississippi, on which he has

fought, bled, conquered or been beaten;
but when beaten, beaten by no alien, but

by an American man like himself. I
have been a little with the American

man in peace time. In physique, in
endurance, in manliness, as in patriotism,

intelligence and resource, he will com-
pare with any nation of the Old World.

I have seen him, cool, clear-headed, and
not afraid of his skin, in danger not less

appalling than any danger of the battle-
field. I have seen him drilled by Col.

Barbour, and never saw an Old World
officer know his duty better; never saw

Old World soldiers prompter, more pre-
cise, more painstaking. Well, all these

attributes of the peace-time—do they not
entitle me, even were the tongue of the

A Catechism.

Who is this man? It is a reporter.
Has he been to a funeral? No; he has
not been to a funeral; he has been to
church. What has he been doing at

church? He has been thinking of some
new lie to tell about the music. Why
does he look so sad? He is not sad; he
is only thinking. Of what is he think-

ing? He is wondering what to do with
his money. Has he much money? Oh,
yes; a great deal—for a reporter; he has

fifteen cents which he found. Are all
reporters so rich? Well, no not all; this
one is an exceptional case. Do the re-

porters receive Christmas gifts? D. S. B.
but they give a great many things away;
every reporter has a liberal heart in this
respect. Where is the reporter going

now? He is going into a saloon. What
is he going to do in there? He is going
to deliver a temperance lecture. Is the

reporter a good man? Yes my child—
asleep. Does the reporter know any-
thing? Everything. Does he print all

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