

SNOWDRIFTS.

Listen to the plaintive wails,
Sung by mourning doves today!
Dirge that o'er our land has glories,
Love and hope have flown away,
Where are the summer's airy minstrels,
Whom our warblers delectate?
Can they sing our strain prophetic,
Can they consolation bear?

I am caught in crystal showers,
Feathery darts and airy blooms,
Winter things her countless flowers,
You see dark, unlovely things!
Alyt whippersnapper around me,
"Treat his love and perfect love,
Though his love and perfect love,
Lo! He knows snow like wool!"

MONEY MADE IN LAW.

There are a few who make fortunes
Every year, but there are others who
are obliged to work hard for very
small wages—some big fees.

UCANDA'S KING IS A BABY.

Only Two Years Old, but His Country Is
Well Governed.

SUPLANTING THE COW.

MAKING BUTTER DIRECT FROM THE
FOOD FED TO CATTLE.

POLITENESS IN TATTERS.

Not Easy to Judge a Man by the Condition
of His Clothes, He Says.

RUTH'S LEGACY.

When Rodney Dore came home from the war without his strong right arm, Ruth, Trevor's friend, wondered if she would marry him.

"Of course you will," said the friend who knew her best. "Way shouldn't she? He's the same Rodney Dore now that he was when he promised to marry you, isn't he?"

"Yes, but there's a difference," was the reply. "Then he had another arm to fight the battle of life with. Now—well, I suppose it won't make any difference with Ruth. She always was peculiar."

"Thank God for such peculiarity," said her friend. "She wouldn't be the same if she were always built as he is. He is the best of men because he is refused to marry him because he is refused to marry him. She will take his place to him. I know Ruth Trevor too well to believe that she has ever occurred to her that this loss is a mark of the slightest difference in their friends was right. When, one day, Rodney Dore said to Ruth: 'I have come to tell you that, of course, I do not expect to hold you to your promise to me, unless existing circumstances, if you care to withdraw it,' she rose up before him with something akin to anger in her face and looked him in the eyes.

"If I ever give you any reason to think I cared to withdraw it," she asked.

"No," was the reply. "But when you gave it I was mad. Now I am but part of one."

"I'll take that part of the man that's left," she said. "It's the part that the Rodney Dore I love lives in. Never speak of this to me again," she added. And he never did.

But he would not talk of marriage until he had obtained a diploma of a court scribe, and for this he began to fit himself. It was almost like beginning life over in learning to make one arm do the work of two, but he had a brave heart and a strong will, and lived stoutly ready to hold his in the times when he felt inclined to become discouraged.

One day Ruth said to him:

"I'm going away for a month or two. I've had a letter from Aunt Martha, who lives in the prettiest little country village you ever saw, and she wants me to visit her. I shall enjoy a breath of pure air so much! Only, I wish you were going with me. Rodney, I shall think of you back here in the city and feel half ashamed of myself for having such a good time that you cannot share."

"I shall since it is thinking how much good it is doing you," he said. "One does not always have to be benefited by them. There's a sort of relief influence, you know."

"That sounds just as satisfactory," he said. "But I think I understand what you mean, and I promise to enjoy myself to the utmost in order that you may feel that 'reflex influence' that you may feel that 'reflex influence' to the fullest extent."

Before Ruth had been at Aunt Martha's two days she found that she had been invited there for a purpose.

"You exist in Ruth is coming next week," said Aunt Martha. "I wanted you to meet him. I know you'll like him—at least, I hope you will, and the better you like him the better suited he'll be."

Ruth looked at her questioning.

"You had that sort of a plan I have in my head, I suppose," said her aunt. "I'm not going to say anything more about it now, but Hugh knows."

"I infer that it is a sort of matrimonial plan," said Ruth. "If it is, put it aside at once! I may like my cousin very much—I hope I shall—but I could not marry him."

"Why?" asked Aunt Martha.

"Because I am to marry Rodney Dore," answered Ruth.

"And who is Rodney Dore?" cried Aunt Martha.

"Then Ruth told her about her lover."

"A man with one arm!" cried Aunt Martha. "And a poor man, too! You're foolish, Ruth!"

"He is poor," said Ruth, quietly, but with a brave steadfastness in her voice. "But, foolish or not, I love him. I have promised to marry him, and I shall keep my word."

"You've got the obstinacy of the Trevors in you," said Aunt Martha gravely. "But this obstinacy of yours may make a great difference with your future prospects, as well as my plans. I have considerable property that must go to the children of my two brothers. You represent one of them, Hugh the other. I wanted you to marry each other and keep the property together. If you persist in your determination to marry this Rodney Dore, Hugh may get it all."

"Let him have it," said Ruth. "All the wealth in the world wouldn't influence me in the least in this matter."

TRAFFIC ON THE RAILROAD.

Traffic on the railroad between Tientsin and Pekin has increased so much that a double track must be laid at once.

QUANT AND CURIOUS.

The largest room in the world under one roof and unbroken by pillars is at St. Petersburg. It is 629 feet long by 120 feet in breadth.

THE BRITISH STEAMER ALCOA.

The British steamer Alcoa, loaded for Europe at Tacoma, a few weeks ago, 377,000 bushels of wheat, when at sixty pounds to the bushel, given a total of 11,310 short tons.

AN ORDINANCE IN CHESHIRE.

An ordinance in Cheshire permits a highway to observe the Sabbath on Sunday by keeping his hand saloon open on Sunday, but that the Gentiles who may play billiards therein.

THE LATEST CURE FOR A RATTLESNAKE BITE.

The latest cure for a rattlesnake bite is to fill a glass with water and oil, and the poison will come out and rise to the surface of the liquid.

THE GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT.

The governor of Connecticut does not have the power of pardon or to commute the sentence of criminals, the state board of pardons, of five members, having sole jurisdiction in such cases.

THE REV. THOMAS LOTHAN.

The Rev. Thomas Lothan, who for forty-seven years has been pastor of a church in Bolton, England, has given \$20,000 to a part of his parish for the erection of a church and school.

THE LAW WHICH AT PRESENT GOVERNS THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN FRANCE.

The law which at present governs the practice of law in France forbids the simultaneous exercise of another profession, even by a person who may be in possession of diplomas in both subjects.

A SHORT TIME, SAID ANTON PARKIS.

A short time, said Anton Parkis of Hartford, Me., left a pious son in a hospital. After an examination he concluded to give a son a double dose of medicine. He doesn't remember when he swallowed it.

A SENSATION HAS BEEN CREATED IN MADRID.

A sensation has been created in Madrid by the appearance of a carriage in the streets of Antananarivo. It is the first one that has ever been seen in the country, and belongs to the favor of the city, Captain Deslaur.

LIVE BEES ARE SOMETIMES SHIPPED ON ICE.

Live bees are sometimes shipped on ice so as to keep them from dying before they reach their destination. This is the case with the bees which have been shipped to New Zealand, where they are used in fertilizing the soil.

IF YOU WISH TO GET AN IDEA OF THE LONG TIME THAT HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE QUEEN VISITED IRELAND YOU CANNOT GET A BETTER NOTION OF IT THAN BY LOOKING AT THE ONE WHICH THE QUEEN PLANTED AT MICKROSK DENNIS, KILBARRA.

Admiral Makarov of the Russian navy, in ascending to the shore of the ice, invented a species of ice shoe capable of breaking through ice from twelve to even twenty inches thick. The experiments have proved so satisfactory that the government has given orders for the immediate construction of two vessels of 10,000 horse-power each, armed with these shoes, by means of which it is expected to break up the ice in the Arctic, but also the various Moscovite ports open to navigation throughout the winter. The majority of Russia's ports and naval arsenals are ice-bound during more than four months of the year.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT.

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THE ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF A BALTIC INVENTOR.

The alleged discovery of a Baltic inventor—Elmer A. Sperry—has been the subject of much discussion in the United States.

THE SECRET IN THIS PART OF THE PROCESS.

The secret in this part of the process is that the inventor has discovered a way to make butter directly from the food fed to cattle.

WHILE EVERY ONE ADMITS THE NECESSITY.

While every one admits the necessity of a law, especially when there is a simple remedy, from heat to cold, there are very few persons who take the necessary precautions in the proper way.

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