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Poetry.

THE CHARGE OF THE COURT BRIGADE.

Half a yard—half a yard— Half a yard onward.

Through the first crush-room, Pressed the four Hundred.

On to the Throng, they said: On to the Presence Room.

Crushed the Four Hundred! Forward, the Fair Brigade!

Was there a girl dismayed? E'en though the chaperons knew

Some one had blundered. There's not to make complaint.

There's not to sink or faint, There's not words cannot pain.

Half the discomfure Of the Four Hundred.

Crowds on the right of them, Crowds on the left of them.

Crowds all in front of them, Stumbled and blundered.

Back through more courtier-lined Rooms—O, tremendous grind!

Delicately thirly pinned, Rooms—O, tremendous grind!

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MATCH MAKERS.

In his "Social Photographs" in the last number of Appleton's Journal...

Marriage, as at present managed, is so much the result of a blind chance...

How few there are who do, however! One would think, since marriage chiefly...

Certain minds, especially feminine ones, seem to have a constitutional belief...

Hardly had she observed Mr. Markwell and Miss Showmunch in conversation...

The masculine match maker is rare; yet he exists. He never has the tact...

There is Clara, for example. She is a charming creature, abounding in sweetness...

Kate is simply magnificent, a trifle forward, mayhap, because she has been so much flattered and petted...

In this sort of recommendation, however, the masculine match maker is not an adept...

The true and temperamental match maker, however, is her own match maker...

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How Figs are Dried in Smyrna.

At a meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of the Gulf States, Mr. Geo. A. Faunce gave a description of the mode of preparing figs at Smyrna...

Mr. Faunce describes the soil in the neighborhood of Smyrna as being of volcanic origin, the climate much colder than ours...

The crop ripens about the 28th of August, and they are about to be dried and thrown on the ground in the sun where they are allowed to remain...

When the fruit arrives at its destination, if it is dry and covered with grape sugar, it is considered in good order...

It is said by good authority that there is not the remotest corner or little inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body...

For this reason every good hearty laugh in which a person indulges tends to lengthen his life...

Our ancestors could not without any difficulty find a place to wet their whistles...

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The Struggle for Wealth.

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With the Revolutionary War, paper money flowed afresh, and in 1780 was worth two cents on the dollar...

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Measuring the Baby.

We measured the baby's head. Against the forehead. A little girl of the third year.

Without the blackish chisel. Held up in the window. The sun shone on the baby's face.

By a darkened chamber. With the sunshine that way. We measured the baby's head.

We measured the sleeping baby. With ribbon white as snow. The baby's head was round.

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Youths' Column.

The rifleman's creed—Creedmore. "Milwaukie is now known as Chicago's left boot."

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A marriage was broken up in Duluth by the young man making an unexpected call on his father's pool table.

When anything is forbidden to be done, what else leads to it, as at the same time, it is forbidden.

It is not easy to be a philosopher. We must get that we swallow down on the leaf, and show its food in every form.

Smart woman—"Doctor, what do you think of women for doctors?" Doctor—"They are invaluable, madam, to our profession. We derive two-thirds of our income from them."

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To our mind babies resemble wheat in many respects. Neither are good for much till they arrive at maturity. Both are bred in the field, and both are generally well thrashed before they are done with.

Deaths take place, the world over, at the rate of one every three seconds, and births at the rate of one every two seconds. There is a sense of profound relief in the thought that every time a man goes out of the world, a baby and a half are coming into it.

Cicero, who was born 106 years before Christ, wrote: "I consider this world as a place which nature never intended for my permanent abode; and I look on my departure from it not as being driven from my habitation, but simply as leaving an inn."

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The Burmese Ambassadors are called in Paris those unpleasant looking bundles of faded silk and foul linen, which hideous at open air concerts in the Bois, and make day still more so in the Bois, at races, reviews—everywhere. They should be in the interpreter that they are such. They are the most ill-favored and apparently eccentric of those that ever came from the tropics.

An instance of rare honesty, and showing how a dog may desire to be his board bill, is said to have recently occurred in Fitchburg. A lady saw a dog frequently about her house picking up odd bits which had been thrown out by the family. She called him in and fed him. The next day she came back, and as she opened the door, he walked in and placed an egg on the floor, when he was again fed. The following day he brought another egg to pay for the dinner, and on the fourth day he brought a third, and on the fourth, who, it seems, had failed to furnish the required egg.

The miserable selfishness of some fellows is enough to make a man ashamed of his sort. So much as they do expect when they are selecting a mate! Fool down in Florida, for instance! He practices the art of love, he lets the public know that he is to be none of your "common do's." Impudence, she must have a coin. Also a good feather bed with comfortable linen. Likewise \$500 in good, genuine greenbacks, and she must comprehend the whole art and mystery of teaching children. Small-boys she must have had, and also measles. Sincerely we hope that this Florida donkey will be swindled.

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THE GREAT CLOCK OF ETERNITY.

A Washington lecturer says that the earth's orbit has been widening out for 20,000 years past, and will continue to do so for 20,000 years to come.

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