

STANTON'S JUST FROM GEORGIA

The good time that's coming is not far away,
The weariest winter is dreaming of May;
Out o' the darkness the light o' day—
The morning! the morning! the morning!

II.
What of the sorrows of all the dark years—
What of the lost hopes, and what of the fears?
After the grief and the rain o' the tears
The morning! the morning! the morning!

III.
Fast past the storm clouds, unveiling the bright;
The ships hear the home-bells—the harbor's insight;
And we dream, and we drift evermore to the light—
The morning! the morning! the morning!

DIG THE BAIT!
A Georgia singer rhymes the delightful season as follows:
"Johnnie, quit yer swingin' on the rosy garden gate;
Jonnie, dig the bait, boy—Johnnie, dig the bait!
The blossoms—they they are backward, an' the fishin' season's late;
But Johnnie, dig the bait, boy—Johnnie, dig the bait!"
All of which goes to show that at least the fish must be nibbling.

A SONG OF IT.
What is spring in Georgia?
Red the roses throng,
Bees in all the blossoms—
Sunshine and song!
Rivers ripple must,
Sweeping swift along;
Velvet, violet valleys—
Sunshine and song!

Bret Harte says England is a great country for authors. An American author has to go there to get this country to appreciate him.

THE THOUGHT OF HER.

I.
The April ways
Are bright with blossoms, and the skies are blue;
There is a music in the world's glad days,
But evermore there comes the thought of you.

II.
The tender thought that brings
All grief—all glory in these hastening years.
The thought that tortures and the thought that clings,
With memories of melody and tears.

III.
The blooms are in the rain
And sunlight of the world: the heaven above
Hath but the shadow of a cloud to stain
A world of lilies and a world of love.

IV.
And yet, how weary all!—
For these sad, pleading, outstretched hands of mine
Should weave of all earth's flowers a coronal
To deck that beautiful, dear brow of thine.

V.
Like shadows still we pass—
Like light that flickers on a sea-swept stream.
And all Love's latest language is—
"Alas,
That life and love are dreams with in a dream!"

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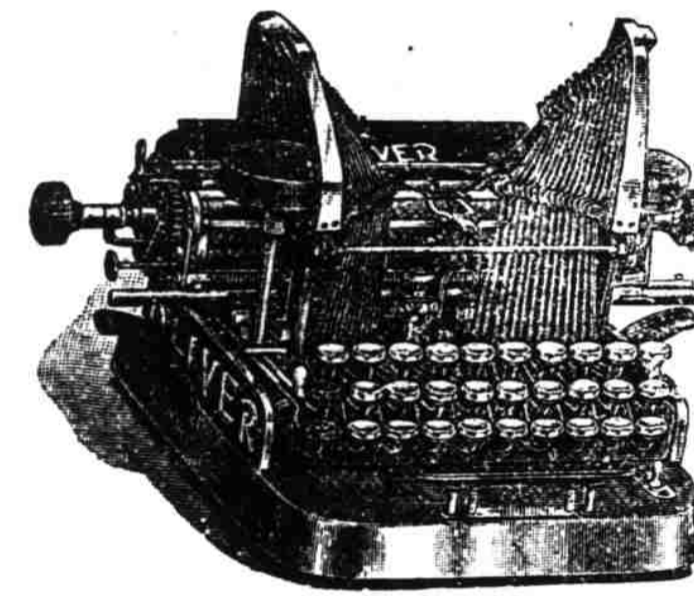
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