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## In the Dark.

(SUEY LARCOM)

O Thou who art my only light: These do I follow through the night: Though home and hope are out of sight, First trust in Thee my spirit hath; Thou knowest my path!

Although I cannot see Thy face, I feel the warmth of Thy embrace. Enfold me in the dangerous place Where sin lies waiting to betray; Thou knowest my way.

O Thou who seest me through and through, The thoughts I think, the deeds I do— Thou knowest I would to Thee be true: O draw me closer to Thy side, My Lord, my Guide!

Thou knowest me, lovest me in the past, Even when the tempest held me fast; Thy wanderer has come home at last, Never again from Thee to stray— From Thee, my Way!

I know not what may yet unfold Beyond the morning's gates of gold— This is my heaven—Thy hand to hold, Thy steps to follow through the night, My life, my Light!

## Small Farms.

(Greensboro Workman.)

A WORKMAN reporter called recently on a friend living in the county some distance from Greensboro on a place which he settled only a few years since. He had built him a good house in a grove, and had a few acres of ground around him. Previously he had owned and operated quite a large farm. His experience with the few acres had been almost a surprise, and led him to believe that he could support a considerable family on three or four acres of good land well cultivated.

Two acres of land in corn will feed a horse and bread a considerable family. Two acres in wheat will bread a considerable family and leave seed for the next crop. Two acres in clover or grass will make plenty of provender for a horse and a cow. One acre will be sufficient for a garden, besides room for peas, and potatoes. And this farm of five acres can be kept in good condition by applying to it the fertilizers made from pig, fowls, horse and cow, under ordinary skillful management. Extra management would give a surplus for profit.

When this five acre farm should become thoroughly rich, it would be good policy to add to the area, if convenient, for there would be no additional expense for a horse, one of the chief items in the original outfit. How strange that there are so few small farms, but so many small farmers on big farms.

## As You Make It.

(Free Lance.)

Are you like many people who pride or curse fate for their good or bad luck in this life. Your life is exactly what you make it. You can make it sunny or dark just as you will.

Frown at everything and everybody, distrust everything and everybody, believe there is nothing good, everybody bad. Look on the dark side of everything, after doing that examine yourself and see what it has made of you. It has made you a sour person, who believes there is no good in anything; makes you over-sensitive, suspicious; makes you believe and speak evil of everyone and in a word a miserable being.

Now take the other side. A sunny, jovial fellow who sees only the bright and good side of everything; who believes that there is good in everything and everybody; who looks only for the good; who looks for the silver lining to every cloud no matter how dark. Examine yourself and see the difference. Now a sunny, jovial happy fellow who enjoys life to the fullest extent.

What are you making life? Dark or sunny.

## Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cass; Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spicker, Catwba, O., had five large Fivet sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co's Drug store.

## TOWN-BUILDING.

### A GREAT OBJECT LESSON.

HOW MR. DANIELS VIEWED WINSTON.

At the late Press Convention in Winston, Mr. Joseph Daniels spoke to toast. "The Manufacturers, the Merchant, the builders of Cities and Promoters of General Prosperity." He said:

"Ten years ago, for the first time, my feet sank into mud that then made the streets of Winston the precursor of the real estate boom which has astonished the State. I carried away on my shoes enough of your dirt to give me the title in fee to Winston-Salem real estate, and from that day to this no man has had more confidence in the sticking qualities of your dirt. Whenever a man dabbles in it, he wants more of it and cannot be satisfied until he has invested his surplus here. I only regret that my foresight had not been as good as my hindsight, for if I had seen what a prosperous place your merchants and manufacturers would build here, I could, with the dirt that impeded my progress then, have established a Winston-Salem real estate boom that would have laid the Ziezenord in the shade.

Since that time the most striking progress has been seen in your streets. I do not believe that your excellent system of street improvements has been altogether inaugurated so much to add beauty to your city as to prevent depredations of your dirt which is getting as valuable as gold dust and passes current as readily as silver.

The education of to-day has evolved itself away from the painful progresses of the days of Solomon. We teach now in kindergarten school, and information is imparted by object lessons. Fifty years ago men theorized about city building and read descriptions of how ancient cities were builded into great use and magnificence. Called upon to-night to speak of the men who build cities, I do not need to turn to theories or histories. I cast my eyes upon the wonders which have been wrought here and say: "Circumspice!"

I give you in the 14,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco sold here within nine months, in the \$60 per head paid for tobacco for every man, woman and child of the 30,000 in Forsyth county; in the 36 plug tobacco and 75 other factories, extensive wagon works, woolen mill, cotton factories, etc., that pay out over one million dollars a year in wages, an average of 25 cents a day for every man, woman and child in the city; in the \$500,000 worth of buildings put up here last year; and the \$1,500,000 worth to be erected this year; in the street car lines, electric lights, telephone service, Belgian block and macadamized streets; famous schools that are known throughout the continent, an object lesson. I turn to these enterprising and progressive merchants and manufacturers and proclaim: "These are the men who have built this splendid city, and these are the city-builders of the age."

What has been already wrought here is but an evidence of what the decade closing in 1900 will witness. Since this association met last in your then aspiring village, 12,000 additional souls have been added to your population, and I hazard nothing in predicting that the increase as shown by the next census will at least double that of the ten years that has closed and you shall have added to your number many thousands more.

Not many days ago I heard a friend, a prominent speaker, deliver an address to a gathering of farmers. He described the burdens which the legislation of a quarter of a century had brought upon the farmers (and if it were not forbidden to touch upon the domain of politics I would say that he could not draw that picture too darkly) and after a detailed statement of the effects of the legislation, he turned and with fine effect said: "Where are now the palatial residences in which the farmers of this county resided twenty-five years ago? Where are the luxuries and comforts?"

I did not interrupt him but I wanted to say: "The farmers of this county never lived in palaces or enjoyed luxurious living, and they resided in better houses to-day and have more comforts than ever before in their lives."

Of all the fictions invented and transmitted, the most tiresome and absurd is that the Southern planters in ante-bellum days lived in palaces, dressed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. They did no such thing. A very few had large, roomy houses, but there were not in Old North Carolina five hundred palatial residences, and very few were the families that lived in luxury. This is true of the South as a whole. Go through it and count the fine residences of the olden time, and the fiction is dissolved. A mere handful of people comparatively were able to live without labor, but for the great mass of white people (not to speak of the negroes) the poverty was most abject and what we call necessities were regarded as luxurious comforts. Let us rid ourselves of the notion that the ante-bellum days were better for the average man than these. Opportunities were few, life was narrowed, and caste pervaded too largely to give to every man the even chance that the sun of this better and broader day has caused shine in the pathway of every honest and industrious son of the South. Farmers there, except large slave owners who were few in comparison to the whole population, lived in houses that were wanting in conveniences or comforts, and life was fast fold harder and more hopeless. Agriculture was relatively more prosperous, but it was the one occupation of the people, and men and women were compelled to make their own clothing and bread and meat at home. They lived most frugally; despite the roseate colors of the novelist and the tinted views of the old men who love to depict the glories and delights of the Old South. "All times are good when old" says Burns. Glory, honor and happiness there were, and I thank God for the true men and women who honored our Southland by their lofty characters and patriotism. But in this presence and everywhere I protest against the pessimism which will admit naught of the improvements and blessings which have come to us to-day. I refuse to be duped by the novelist's description of the South as a Paradise before the war.

## Men Cowards.

### IT SEEMS SO WHEN THEY COME BEFORE THE MINISTER HOW THEY ACT.

(Selected.)

Ministers declare that in nine cases out of ten brides are more self-possessed than are bridegrooms when the marriage ceremony is being performed.

A shy, modest-looking little creature robed in white will stand perfectly erect, looking the minister in eye without for an instant losing her self-poise, while the big, stout six-footer of a bridegroom by her side is pale and nervous and trembling. His fingers are likely to twitch nervously, and he may even hitch at his trousers legs or twist a corner of his coat skirt.

I was once "best man" to a stalwart, middle-aged bridegroom, noted for his courage and feats of daring, and when the time came for us to go down stairs to meet the bride and her attendants he nearly had a fit and he looked like a walking corpse all through the ceremony. I had to keep saying: "Brace up, old boy," and "come, come, you've got to go down," to get him started, and at the door he was idiotic enough to clutch at me and say:

"Say, Fred, how would it do to have Mary and the preacher slip in here and have it all over with before we go down at all? I can't go through it before all that crowd."

"Idiot," I said, pointedly enough to leave no doubt as to my meaning. "Mary won't come in here, and you will go down this instant."

He got through at last without doing or saying anything ridiculous, in which respect he was luckier than another stalwart bridegroom of my acquaintance, who was so dazed and overcome that he held out one of his own fingers for the ring when the minister said: "With this ring I thee wed."

Another bridegroom I know lost his head to such a degree that when it came time for him to say: "I, Horace, take thee, Annie, to be my lawful wedding wife," he said in an unnaturally loud tone: "I, Annie, take thee, Horace, to be my lawful wedded wife," and when the time came for him to introduce his bride to some of his friends who had not yet seen her, he did it by saying, awkwardly: "Anner—Miss Carter this is my wife, Miss Barton," calling her by her maiden name.

Few men say "my wife" easily and naturally the first time they use the words in public.

A funny case was that of a badly rattled bridegroom who started blankly at the minister until asked if he took "this woman to be his lawful wedded wife," when he started and said in the blindest manner: "Bez pardor; were you speaking to me?"

A village preacher said that he once married a rural couple at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of a large company of invited guests. The bridegroom was a big, bonny, red faced young fellow, who looked as though he could have felled an ox with his fist, but he slivered and turned pale at the beginning of the ceremony, and at its close fell down in a dead faint, to the manifest annoyance of his bride, who had been as cool as a cucumber.

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## Now Slow, Girls!

(N. Y. Herald)

Scarcely a day passes without its newspaper story of some young woman who met a man so interesting that she thought she could live without him, so she married him in haste and afterward learned that he was an ex-convict or a brute or already had a wife or two from whom he had separated without the formality of a legal divorce.

In such cases the blame is laid upon the man, who generally deserves more abuse than he gets. But, girls, look at the matter seriously a few minutes and see if the trouble might not have been avoided if you had not been in too much of a hurry.

Marriage means partnership for life; decrees of divorce are merely exceptions that prove the rule. Would any man enter into a business partnership with as little knowledge of the other party as you seem satisfied with? Well, no—unless he were a sweet souled lunatic.

Talk is cheap, girls; it can be made to order as fast as the tongue can run, especially when there is a pretty face to inspire it and two ears willing to receive it.

Don't fear that some other girl will get the fellow unless you secure him at once. A fish that any one can catch isn't worth throwing a line for. Play him to find out whether he amounts to anything. If he becomes impatient and dashes away, why, follow Dogberry—thank God that you're rid of a knave.

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