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A LOVE SONG. Love came one day to my lattice stealing, His inmost heart to my own revealing— Came and pleaded he might stay: But I only asked that he cease his kneeling.

Odds and Ends. The villain's censure is extorted praise. Hot lemonade is a popular cure for colds.

He who runs may read, but he may not be called upon to read an inaugural address. We talk of horizons, but we mean only what can be seen from the back of our hobby.

Men will skin one another alive in trade who would starve rather than go into housebreaking as a business. It is one of the attributes of a good teacher that he knows how to say things in a way to make them remembered.

The millionaires or the pauper are not necessarily selfish or idle or vicious because their pockets are full or empty. Foxes are so plentiful near East Georgetown, Me., that the stove horses are frightened by their barking.

Mr. Cleveland Looking for the Man Who Doesn't Drink

Exchange. A prominent New York Democrat is reported as follows in the Hartford Courant: "Those who constantly see him, and who have been consulted frequently as to the forthcoming changes in all the departments of the public service, say that the first question which Mr. Cleveland now asks as to any person proposed to him for public place is—does he drink? Mr. Cleveland, I can tell you, has discovered that it is becoming a fashion not to drink; that the men who do not drink are the men who do the greatest things in this world's affairs."

THE SOUTH. HER PROSPERITY. RICHARD H. EDMONDS.

The solid basis of southern development evidenced by the enormous expense of its agricultural, and coal, and manufacturing industries since the war, enabled it to pass through the Baring failure and the consequent universal stagnation in finances, and low prices for cotton and iron, better than any other section of the country, when it was confronted by a new danger.

The solid basis on which the agricultural, the coal, and the iron interests now rests, and the promising outlook before them are duplicated in all other branches of business in the South. Everything is on a good foundation.

Ten years ago the south's agricultural, manufacturing, and mining products aggregated in value about \$1,200,000,000; now they are about \$2,100,000,000. The increase in population during that period was only 18 to 20 per cent.

With abiding faith in the truth of the statement, which the writer has so often made, that the south taken as a whole, is the best country in the world, with the greatest possibilities of wealth, I have never doubted that the time would come when that section would be the centre of the most active industrial movements of this or any other country.

Perfuming Dresses.

New York Tribune. Strange to say, there are very few women who understand the difficult art of using perfumes. It is a great mistake to change in this respect, according to the dictates of fashion, and a thoroughly refined and elegant woman never commits this error.

TEN HOURS WORK. WHAT ONE MAN HANDED IN THAT TIME.

J. E. Emerson in Scientific American. I was past 22 years of age when I hired with a Mr. Grimes, the boss of the Manchester Machine Company. I was to work in the yard as laborer until a better opportunity offered, which did come when I went into the machine shop.

Mr. Banting drove one of his teams. They hauled about one ton at a load. Every time he came in he would laugh at me, supposing that I could pile it all up as it came in, and said: "Young man we'll make you weaken before night."

I was so used up that I could scarcely walk to my boarding house. I retired early and had a good night's sleep, and was so stiff that I could scarcely get down stairs. I hobbled down to the yard office, when Mr. Grimes looked at me and said: "Emerson, what possessed you to pile up all that pig iron yesterday, you foolish fellow? Now you go home and rest, and your wages will go right on for two days, for you did more than three good days' work."

SWORD CUTS.

Ram's Horn. The recording angel never strikes a balance on his books by what is said of a man on his grave stones.

Household Hints.

If a new clothes line is boiled it will not "kink." Half a lemon dipped in salt will clean copper and brass articles and make them look like new. To remove hard grease spots from a stove put a few drops of kerosene oil on a cloth and rub them with this.

MR. GLADSTONE AT HOME

Harper's Young people. When relieved from the affairs of state, Mr. Gladstone finds no pleasure so great as his home life at Hawarden.

There his family are gathered together, and the great man romps and plays with his grand-children as though he never knew what it was to be blamed for everything that went wrong in all great Britain and her colonies. Mr. Gladstone is a wonderful scholar, a busy writer and speaker, but the little Gladstone children know him best as a good, kind grandfather who is fond of fun.

THOUGHT HE HAD 'EM.

L. B. Dyke of Colorado is a new kind of temperance reformer, says the Chicago News-Record. Being the owner of mines, he is enabled to travel and yesterday he arrived in Chicago on his way home from Florida.

Yesterday afternoon the owner walked up to the hotel bar to take a drink with a travelling man who had been "lying over" in Chicago three days, raising his expense account and other things.

NEED OF GOOD AIR.

Ladies' Home Journal. Some of us keep our houses much too warm, and what is worse, sit in rooms in which there is no arrangement for admitting fresh air.

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