"O WIND THAT BLOWS OUT OF THE WEST."

O wind that blows out of the West,
Thou hast swept o'er mountain and sea;
Dost thou bear on thy swift, glad wings
The breath of my love to me?
Hast thou kissed her warm, sweet lips?
Or tangled her soft, brown hair?
Or fluttered the fragrant heart
Of the rose she loves to wear?

O sun that glows in the West,
Hast thou seen my love to-day,
As she sits in her beautiful prime
Under skies so far away?
Hast thou gilded a path for her feet,
Or designed the glow on her cheek?
Or bent from the skies to hear
The low, sweet words she speaks?

O stars that, with the bright in the West
When the hush of the night is deep,
Do ye see my love as she lies
Like a chaste, white flower asleep?
Does she smile as she walks with me
In the light of a happy dream,
While the night winds rustle the leaves,
While the night stars wave ripple and gleam?

O birds that fly out of the West,
Do ye bring me a message from her,
As sweet as your love notes are,
When the warm spring breezes stir?
Did she whisper a word of me
As your tremulous wings swept by
Or utter my name, mayhap,
In a sing-song, nasal cadence?

O voices out of the West,
Ye are silent ever and ever,
And never an answer come
From wind, or stars, or sun;
And the lightest birds cannot go
Through the boundless fields of space,
A reckoning of distance to know,
As if earth were a chart in place.

Judge's Bench Book.

WHICH OF THE TWO?

All West Row was sorry when Dr. Carew died.

He had received so many wailing little patients in his arms, he had soothed so many an hour of pain, he had come through all sorts of wind and weather to take his patient post at sick beds, and his silver hair and kindly forehead had been the last object upon which so many a closing eye had gazed, that Dr. Carew's going from our midst seemed almost incredible.

But he died, and was buried, and almost before they had piled the green sod over the grave, two new shingles of "Esculapius came to West Row and hung out their glittering signs.

There was Dr. Garnet, a spruce handsome man, who had a moustache, and wore kid gloves.

And there was Dr. Silcox, who died his hair both awry, and invariably forgot to put on his gloves.

And of course they were both anxious to succeed.

"I only told them are some very wealthy families here," said Dr. Garnet, when, according to the dictates of medical etiquette, he called at the unprecedentedly little office of Dr. Silcox.

"Yes?"

Doctor Silcox was evidently bending an every paper cutter in sight, and forthwith.

"And a deal of sickness among the factory hands, and no adequate drainage to those marshes back of the railroad.

"There should be a free hospital here, too; the population warrants it."

"Oh, hang your free hospital!" said Dr. Garnet impatiently.

"People want a doctor's bill to recall him to mind and pay for him, that is my theory."

Dr. Silcox lifted his large gray eyes to the other's face.

"Don't suppose they can't afford it?" said he.

"Then they've no business to be sick," said Dr. Garnet.

"He has no more heart than a paving stone," was Dr. Silcox's verdict in regard to his medical brother.

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And he chuckled at his own wit.

Miss Chrystan herself, did he but know it, was a little curious in regard to the two new doctors who were competing for poor Dr. Carew's practice.

She was a slight small creature, of the humming-bird order of women, with hair of the genuine buttercup gold, dreamy blue eyes, and the least perceptible lisp in her voice.

"How is one to know what to do?" said she.

"Because, I mean, of sudden sickness?"

"Oh, I wish dear old Dr. Carew could have lived forever!"

"Ah," said Miss Jewett, her cousin, "send for Doctor Garnet of course.

"He's such a love, and the other young fellow stumbles when he walks and always has his hands in his pockets."

Miss Chrystan laughed, and forgot all about it the next minute, until one day one of her favorite old women fell ill, and Miss Chrystan resolved that something ought to be done about it.

"She has sent to Dr. Garnet twice," said the heiress to Miss Jewett, "and he has taken no sort of notice of the call.

"Doctor Carew always attended Janet gratis, and this other young doctor must be made to understand how it is."

"Ellie, I've a great mind to go myself and see him."

"Oh, do," said Miss Jewett clapping her hands.

"Go to Doctor Garnet's, and if he's real alive, ask him to dinner."

"Nonsense," said Miss Chrystan.

But she smiled, and did not look altogether displeased at the idea.

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Old Mrs. Drudgett insisted on wrapping her own tartan shawl around her young visitor at the door.

"Just little silk jacket won't keep the deadly cold from your bonnie bones, Miss Lulu," said she; "and we cannot spare any body like you just yet, my dearie dear."

Doctor Garnet's office door, in the High street, stood wide open, and Miss Chrystan could see the red glow of a comfortable coal fire in the grate.

There was no light, no attendant.

Miss Chrystan knocked twice, and then she enter'd and sat down.

"He will be here soon," she said to herself; "and I am not sorry for the opportunity of a little."

As she sat there dreamily gazing into the fire, a heavy step sounded in the back room.

"Hallo, Tom, you lazy dog, why aren't you here to take my horse?" cried out a clear bass tone.

"Bless me, sure me," cried a drowsy voice, simultaneously with a scuffling sound, as if some one was scrambling up from the floor.

"I have gone off quite to sleep."

"Have you seen young Dr. Silcox go by just now, with old widow Keppel in the carriage?"

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Tom chuckled.

"As sure as I live," said he, "old widow Keppel, in her ridiculous dress, with her white hair flying every way.

"Law, says the folks, 'why didn't you let her walk back. She's as crazy as possible.'

"And what do you suppose Dr. Silcox says?

"He says, D'ye suppose,' he says, 'I'd let a poor old woman like that walk this bitter cold night when there's room in my carriage.'

"I had a mother myself," said she had white hair too."

"He's a fanatic," said Dr. Garnet, brusting out into a loud laugh.

"That's what I think myself," said Tom, who had not the least idea what fanatic meant.

He hurried out to take the doctor's horse, which had been driven up to the back door, and Dr. Garnet came slowly into the office.

"Eh?" said he.

"What?"

"Who's here?"

"Oh—mother Drudgett again," as he recognized the pattern of the old tartan shawl in the uncertain firelight, "Come, clear out of this."

Miss Chrystan had risen to her feet, and stood prepared to speak, but this strange greeting put all utterance out of her mind.

"I told you the last time you were here, you hag," said Dr. Garnet, flinging his cap and gloves down upon the table, "that I was not going to be overwhelmed by a swarm of poor people.

"If you want advice and medicine you must pay for them; and if you can't pay for them, as you have the audacity to tell me, why, there are other things you can do besides, and be out of the way.

"Now, be off, and let this be the last time."

"Eh?"

"What?"

"Be off."

For Miss Chrystan, who began to in this time to comprehend the situation of affairs, had now advanced into the full glare of the firelight, and flung aside the tartan shawl which covered her black silk dress, edged with jet beads.

"I beg your pardon, Doctor Garnet, said she, that you have mistaken mistaken—entirely."

"I am not Mrs. Drudgett, but Miss Chrystan, of the Hall.

I had intended to consult with you about some of my poor people, but on your views regarding the poor seem to differ so widely from my own perhaps it is scarcely worth while."

And Miss Chrystan, assuming the regal air which she well knew how to wear, walked out of the office, with Dame Drudgett's shawl on her arm.

She went straight to Dr. Silcox's, and then and there entered upon an alliance, offensive and defensive, with the best loved people, and finished up by inviting him to Chrystan Hall for dinner the next week.

"Why," said Miss Jewett, when her cousin returned in the snowy dusk.

"I've seen the two new doctors," said Miss Chrystan, seating herself before the fire.

"Both of them?" said Ellie.

"Both of them," nodded Miss Chrystan.

"And which is now another," asked Miss Jewett.

Doctor Garnet was a middle-aged sedate man, who wears patchouli upon his handkerchief, and an armor of ice around his heart," said Miss Chrystan.

"And Dr. Silcox?"

"But he's round shouldered and near sighted."

"Pshaw!" said the heiress.

"And he's always losing gloves."

"For all that, I still said Miss Chrystan, he's a gentleman."

And this little decision settled the fate, socially speaking, of the two doctors.

Miss Chrystan and her friends led public opinion in West Row, and Doctor Garnet was unable to fight against the waves of popular objection.

At the end of a year he took down his sign, and left the practice clear for Dr. Silcox, round-shoulders and all.

And it was old Mrs. Drudgett's tartan shawl that was at the bottom of his failure.

Strange, is it not, how men's trifles influence our fate in this world.

In a Furnishing Store

Nort! An educated and intelligent public will readily infer the store-keeper—Sah! a boor.

Customer—I want a pair of suspenders.

Dealer

—No, I don't want a shirt today. I have some shirts at home.

D.—

C.—True, I suppose they are very cheap. But, as I said, I have enough shirts for the present at home.

D.—

C.—Yes, I suppose they are very well made and carefully stitched.

D.—

C.—I don't want any gloves.

D.—

C.—No neckties.

D.—

C.—No, no socks at present.

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C.—Well, these socks would be too expensive for me, even with the reduction you make. No, I don't want to-day, and always has his hands in his pockets."

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THE FRECKLED-FACE GIRL.

How She Entertained a Visitor While Her Ma Was Dressing.

Boston Globe.

"Ma's upstairs changing her dress," said the freckled-faced little girl, tying her doll's bonnet strings and casting her eye about for a tidy large enough to serve as a shawl for that double-jointed young person.

"Oh, your mother needn't dress up for me," replied the female agent of the missionary society, taking a self-satisfied view of herself in the mirror, as she up and tell her to come down just as she is in her every day clothes, and not stand on ceremony."

"Oh, but she hasn't got on her every day clothes. Ma was all dressed up in her new brown silk dress, 'cause she expected Miss Bimbleford and Mrs. Dimmond always comes over here to show off her nice things, and ma doesn't mean to get left."

"Then ma saw you coming and said, 'the Lord knows she was mad about something. Ma said if you saw her new dress she'd have to hear all about it, and as you're one who don't have silk, and you'd ask her for more money to buy hymn books to send em. Say, do the nigger babies use hymn book leaves instead of rags?" Miss Dimmond always comes over here to show off her nice things, and ma doesn't mean to get left."

"Why, you wicked little girl, what do you want of a heathen doll? inquired the missionary agent, running over her mental inventory of the new things in the parlor to get material for a homily on worldly extravagance.

"So folks have to send her lots of nice things to wear, and feel sorry to have her going about naked. Then she'd have hair to frizz, and I want a doll with frizzy hair, and you don't look like Demon Sidebrack's when he says amen on Sunday. Ain't a wicked girl, is you?" asked Uncle Dick, looking up.

Uncle Dick, he's been out west and swears awful and smokes in the house, so says I'm a holy terror, and he hopes I'll be an angel pretty soon. He'll be down in a minute, so you needn't take your cloak off." she said she'd box my ears if I asked you to. Ma's putting on that old dress she had last year, 'cause she said she didn't want you to think she was able to give much this time, and she needed a new outfit more than the queen of the cannon ball islands needed religion. Uncle Dick says you oughter go to the islands, 'cause you'd be safe there, and the hatified be sure they were such sinners anybody would send you to 'em. He says he never seen such awful wicked people as them