A Confession of Faith.

Wind and rain have vexed the earth with weeping,
Clouds hang heavily on the darkening isle,
Everywhere his sullen vigil keeping,
Winter watches over land and sea.

All day long the raindrops faintly falling
Mix their measured music with the wind
Uncertain voices of the east wind calling
Through the distance like a fretful child.

And the mingled echoes seem to fill me
With a strange mysterious sense of pain
Like some ghostly whisper come to thrill me
In the secret chambers of my brain.

That deep pulse of Nature beating through me
Brings my being into tune with hers;
These dark shadows are her henchmen gloomy,
Those sad winds her mournful messengers.

Is there not a charm to break her magic,
Some bright spell more potent than her own?
Through the storm-wind a thousand voices tragic
Breathe them not a sweeter, tenderer tone?

Ah, dear love! forgive that foolish question,
Can the heart that holds you e'er despair?
Can the soul that knows love's sweet suggestion
Sink beneath the Powers of the Air?

Look! the shadows melt around me; o'er me
Clouds and tempests pass on either hand,
In your maiden grace you gleam before me
As Miranda unto Ferdinand.

There are singers, darling, who have told us
That the heart is false and Nature true,
That her arms alone can safely hold us—
But I turn from Nature unto You.

Turn, and build upon your truth my tower,
Turn with Love's immortal perfect faith;
Mine! My own! through Life's supremest hour;
Mine when Life shall broaden into Death.

—Barton Grey.

Phil Sheridan.

I saw the general of the army, P. H. Sheridan, come into the Ebbitt house the other evening, to make a call, writes the Washington correspondent of the New York *World*. He stopped a moment in the rotunda to talk to some friends. A group of military officers immediately gathered around him. A stranger would never have selected him as their commander-in-chief. A more unmilitary-looking man never lived, in civilian's dress. He needs his uniform. Most of the officers about him were in civilian's dress also, but there was hardly one of them who did not wear some outward sign of his military character. Sheridan's very short and each year seems to add to the rotundity of his podgy figure. When I saw him in the lobby he wore upon the back of his round, bullet head a very slim, high, old-fashioned silk hat of a style that was very popular about the time of the close of the war. It was about two sizes too small. His short, iron-gray hair stood out from under the rim of his hat at nearly right angles with it. His red, weather-beaten face does not show any new lines of advancing age, but his grizzly, iron-gray mustache and imperial are whitening very fast. He wore a short, light, yellow-gray overcoat which had only five buttons, and they were nearly ready to fly off from the undue strain of Sheridan's round figure. The coat, like the hat, appeared to have been long outgrown. The trousers were a gray plaid and fitted very snugly to the General's fat legs. His boots were thick-soled and unblacked. He wore no gloves. The side and rear views of the General suggested a low-comedy man who had walked off the stage all made up for a funny part, but when you come to look at the General square in the face, its stern, solemn, composed lines were enough to make one forget his grotesque figure and careless dress. He is very popular in Washington, but he is not as popular as was Gen. Sherman with the ladies. He is fonder of staying at home than he is of going about in society. He takes more pleasure in paying attention to his own wife than to other men's wives. Until he reforms in this particular he will never acquire what might be called great popularity in society. It will be ten years before Sheridan can be retired. As the time is so far ahead, it is not worth while to speculate as to his successor. When he goes out, the rank of lieutenant-general will go with him. The highest rank after this will be that of major general.

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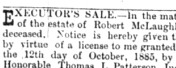

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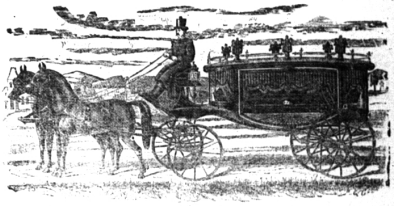

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