DRESS PARADE.

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Sharp shifting lines of loyal light,
The long coats flash fires fine and free,
O'er hearts whose patriot fires burn bright,
That matter near a thousand strong,
With hands untrained to martial deals—
But quick to learn the soldier's trade,
Her champions when their country calls,
Stanch freemen stand at Dress Parade.

A shortened service, shrunken line,
On soil fertilized blood has drenched,
Flushed with the victor's gory wine,
With patriot ardor still unquenched;
Another dawn brings battle-storm!
Well knows each heart, all undismayed,
Thereafter many a manly form
No more shall stand at Dress Parade.

The final happy victory won,
Crowns garlanded with loyal thanks
Stand a blessed handful in the sun,
Remnant of three replenished ranks.
Tales of grief and home they exchange
Peculiar battle music, gayly
Where death well knew the gamest range—
Joyous Dress Parade!
Dress Parade.

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THE LAST OF THE FAIRIES.

FROM THE GERMAN OF JULIUS SAVOIAR.

I was [illegible] voices old whose [illegible]
[illegible] the first time. [illegible]
[illegible] "Dost it was as beautiful
[illegible] I had gone out of [illegible]
I was wandering aimlessly a[illegible]
[illegible] dreamy and restless [illegible]
wandering away why. I had been for
[illegible] time of this humor, and con-
stantly took a huge an solitude.

I saw the sun go down into a sea of
purple and gold, the shadows ascend
from the hills to the plains. The stars
[illegible] one by one in the sky.
[illegible] were creeping gently by the
[illegible] rills of the nightingale rang
[illegible] intervals. I heard the
[illegible] calling in the night wind,
and [illegible] grass blowing before the
breeze, so gentle and lovely amongst
the [illegible] white and radiant, slept
on the breast of a cloud bank, whence
[illegible] of silver through
the night. The warm air was
[illegible] sweet with glorious colors, and along
[illegible] hedges I could hear
the murmurs of the birds caressing,
caroling in her nests.

I was [illegible] on, my soul open to
all the [illegible] sounds and perfumes,
and [illegible] a troop of young girls
behind me [illegible] their way to the city.
They were singing in chorus of the
[illegible] love, their fresh voices
[illegible] through the silence of the
sleeping [illegible] like the distant sound of
a cascade. I hid behind a thicket of
[illegible] and watched them pass
like a group of those white, misty
shadows that gathered at night on the
lake, moving lightly together in dance,
and vanish before the
dawn. I could distinguish by
the starlight their brown or blonde
heads; I could hear the rustling of
their garments; I inhaled deeply the
mysterious emanations they left in
their passage, which seemed to waver
for an instant in the balmy scents of the evening.

When they had disappeared I felt
[illegible] a sudden sensation of
[illegible] myself on a mound on the
edge of the [illegible] which spread itself
before me [illegible] wealth of verdure. I
lied [illegible] and I felt a sweet
[illegible] of deep revery, listening,
[illegible] to understand the confused
[illegible] and utterings that troubled
[illegible] night.

I know not how to express what I
felt. My heart was oppressed and
[illegible] with a
[illegible] spirit which
[illegible] month which
[illegible] room for its course; I
[illegible] I know not
what [illegible] in my tears.

How much I enjoyed this! I cannot
[illegible] I saw before me a
[illegible] who looked at me
with [illegible] A tunic whiter than
lilies [illegible] graceful folds from her
[illegible] and revealed on the grass
[illegible] barely touched, two bare
[illegible] the marble of Paros.
[illegible] hair floated freely about
her [illegible] had the freshness
[illegible] color of the flowers that
[illegible] head; in the rosy alabaster
[illegible] her eyes shone like two
[illegible] blooming in the snow in
April's first kisses. Her arms were
[illegible] one of her hands lay on her
[illegible] other beckoned to
me in friendly invitation.

I stood [illegible] moment and motionless [illegible] long her. Doubtless she
[illegible] me, for her beauty had
[illegible] in it like that of earthly maidens, and I saw shining about her an
aureole which enwrapped her like a
[illegible]

"Who art you?" I cried at length,
holding out to her my eager arms.

"My friend," she answered in a
voice sweeter than that of the night
wind, "I am the fairy whom the King of
the Genii laid asleep in your bosom
at the hour of your birth; this morning
I was sleeping there still. I was
asleep in your heart's first tumult.
Mortale is made of yours; I am your sister
and shall be your companion till
the day when parted from you like the
fading flower from its stalk, I shall
leave you in the middle of the journey
of which we shall have made the first
half together. That day is not far distant, dear friend. The rose which
blooms in mornings is the image of my
destiny. To love me do not wait till
you have lost me, for neither your
tears nor your regrets will bring me to
life again. Love me while I am here. Make
haste! My lodge is furnished neither
with the magic wand or the enchanted
[illegible] I have no ornament but the
flowers woven in my hair but I will
[illegible] you with more treasures than ever
a [illegible] and prodigal fairy showered
on a [illegible] I will not a crown
on your brow that many a king would
count himself happy to be able to purchase with his [illegible] I will gather for
you a treasure such as is never seen
in palaces or courts. Invisible, yet
present, I will follow you wherever
you go; you shall feel in every place
my faithful influence. I will embalm
your couch at night; I will give my
soul to all nature that she may smile
on you each morning when you awake.
Only, my child, learn to recognize all
these blessings which I bring you;
seize them before they escape; learn
how to enjoy them while they are
offering them, how to enjoy them
without exhausting them; make profitable out of them for that latter half
of the journey which you must make
without me. My friend, I have told
you that I have little time to live, but
it rests with you to prolong my frail
and precious existence. I am like
those tender plants which must be
sheltered from the sun and the wind.
My feet are rooted to the earth and
with pursuing you. The brightness of
my cheeks is more delicate than the
freshness of the vine that creeps among
the hedges; if you would not see it tarnished in a day, do not expose me to
the heat, lead me only in the shade.
Watch, that no remorse may embitter the regret, already too deep, that
my loss will leave you; let my memory
be a bright one, and let me still cheer
your heart with sweet recollection,
long after I shall have ceased to warm
and light your life!"

Then, like a guardian angel hovering
over a cradle, she bent her fair head
over me, and I felt her lips on my forehead. fresher and sweeter than the wild
rose that grows by the spring. Topened my eyes, and she was gone, but the
vision had already vanished like a
dream.

Was it not a dream, in truth? I
went on across the country running
like a madman, and then throwing myself on the grass and tearing it with my
burning teeth. I did my utmost to the
stars—all spoke my love to them. I
talked to the flowers and trees. I felt
within me a torrent of life which could
spread on all sides and fashion Nature. The dew, which I drank in
steam had [illegible] the sky. I had
and wept. I was [illegible]
[illegible] the moon.

[illegible] winter I
seem [illegible] to
the remembrance of [illegible]
I [illegible] the air with joy. I [illegible]
for a moment [illegible] soul will
leave the body to [illegible]
through [illegible] the
top to [illegible] I felt
the [illegible] and
the [illegible] of
the [illegible] I felt
solitude without finding pleasure in
it.

The sky was towering, [illegible] clouds
in my wake [illegible] the
leaves from [illegible] The [illegible]
howling of a [illegible] storm
[illegible] in the
[illegible] through the [illegible]
[illegible] I felt re-
vealed to [illegible] A
few [illegible] rising
[illegible] the hands of
[illegible] slowly through the
gray [illegible]

I walked on [illegible] my soul the
[illegible] of some [illegible]
had been a year to that [illegible]
[illegible] with the [illegible] bright
days [illegible] of the sort of a
[illegible] I felt [illegible]
old woman, each bending under a bundle of [illegible] provision [illegible]
which they were carrying home
[illegible] I felt [illegible]
[illegible] I felt seen
[illegible] I felt [illegible]
[illegible] I felt [illegible]
[illegible] I felt [illegible]