IN MEMORIAM.

Let the shrill fife the still air waken,
Arouse the drum beats martial sound;
To-day we honor fallen heroes,
Who quietly sleep in hallowed ground.

No more the bugle sounds reveille,
For them no more the call to arms,
No more they hear the sentry's challenge,
For them no more war's rude alarms.

Erstwhile, when hydra-headed treason
Boldly assailed the nation's life,
Outraged, but sorrowing Columbia
Called forth her sons to mortal strife.

Men of all stations heard the summons
And quickly hastened to her side;
Simply they came, in troops, in legions,
Bravely they fought and nobly died.

Victory settled on their banners,
Peace has resumed her gentle sway,
Yearly, with loving hearts we gather,
A nation's grateful tribute pay.

Let bard and poet sing the story,
Let history record their fame,
And generations of the future
Repeat with reverence each name.

Rest ye in peace, ye loyal heroes,
The nation that you died to save
Will treasure you in loving memory,
With reverent care will guard each grave.

Come, sire and dame, come youth and maiden,
Shrine in your hearts these bravers of ours,
Tell o'er their deeds, raise your fervor
And deck their sacred graves with flowers

—A. L. L.

SAMANTHA ALLEN ON THE CORNERS. VISITS BIRMINGHAM.

The following account, of a recent visit by an illustrious neighbor was read at the carnival last week and as we consider Samantha's local hits are all "hulls eyes" we reproduce it here:

We live to the Corners, Josiah and I do, and we live in all the quietness and sweet repose of nature. The summer sun basks peacfully down and the Corners almost asleep under his rays seemed the abode of repose. But where was there ever an Eden fenced in but what Ambition let down the bars or climbed over the fence? But this was a noble ambition, a ambition I was proud to see climbing over the fence. It was a ambition that leaped over into my dooryard the very day I heard of the way they was a goin on up to Birmingham village, and Ira Slade the president of that air corporation.

All last summer we kept a hearing strange rumors down to the Corners, how that the people up there was mad, stark mad, on the question of waterworks. They had had a meeting to Library Hall and there was women to it. Josiah he argued they wouldn't get it, cause he said the most there as had lived on a farm, and most of 'em had, knew a dollar when they seen it. But just as soon as I heard that there was women to that meeting I said to Josiah, "Josiah" says I "they'll get it, sure as fate. If them womens set to have the water they'll get it." Then when I heard how they was going to bond down that town, how all the pole people was a goin to be trod down, how Luther was a lifting up his voice day and night and a crying out like one in the wilderness and no one would listen to him. I riz up in my might and sez, I must go to that town and talk to 'ira about such goins on. But then Josiah he took the grip and Thomas Jefferson he had to have hot dinners, so I put it off like, but my principles was a goarin me all the time, and I kept on hearing about their moovin b'g, grown up trees, and then about their moving the monument, and then I riz right up and sez to Josiah, "Josiah, be you willing that I should go up to Birmingham village on a tower? I want to talk to Ira and his conjubers about restoring things back to quiet and order again before it is too late." Says he, "Samantha, what under the sun do you want at your age to go and start up and go a capering around the country for?" I thought a moment and then I thought I'd use a little policy with Josiah, so I sez, "I want to go and see those rampageous highborisified women as live in that town and want to run it. I want to tell 'em what I think of their going on, of their Library society, their village Improvement society and their Seminary association. It's my dooty, and Samanthy always walks in the path of dooty." When I soared up to that pitch Josiah he kinder quailed and says he, "That's right" says he "Samanthy you can go. Them women should be kept in their proper spear and you shall go and look after them."

I worked over three pounds of butter and counted out two dozen eggs to trade out to Peabody's, because you know, he never ain't in a hurry. He'll take time to weigh 'em careful and then, too, Ira man is one of the cosjutors as has been led along kinder slow like, but yet led into all this useless. All the while I was working that butter and a counting them eggs I was a saying to myself, "Samanthy do your dooty."

Next morning we started and as we rode onto the Hill (we called it the Hill because it seemed more friendly like) and Josiah he lectured agin womans having a right, he knowing how sot I was for 'em. But I let him lecture known it pleased him and I'd have plenty of time to settle that when the tower was done. By and by we got to the town. We had heard as how they had a new depot, and we stopped the old mare and sot and looked at it. It was real purty with its frames of glass that ain't full grown and its nothing fenced in. Josiah said he must get old Nance shod, and then he'd wait round for me. So I told him to leave me to the postoffice.

So I looked round and done my trading, that is part of it I didn't see Lyman, they said he'd gone to the (reservoir) reserved war. So I kinder thought I'd go over to Whitehead & Mitchell's and get some camphire as it's good for Josiah's rheumatism.

Now as I said, we'd heard down to the Corners that the men up there were going mad, and I thought I'd seen some sorter caged up over to the postoffice and just the minute I slipped in here I see they'd had to cage 'em for there in a big wire cage sot a poor fellow looking kinder harmless like, and every once in a while he'd turn round say "hello" to a little box he was a playing with. Poor fellow, but Mitchell said it took up his time and made him quieter. I didn't like to look at him, so I sez to the other one "have you as much as 4 ounces of camphire gum?" "You bet," says he. I looked him as cold a look as a grindstone in January and sez I, "young man, Samanthy Allen whose first name was Smith, never bets." But I was sorry I'd whispered out so loud to Josiah to speak up, so sez I soothin like, "I like your paper, (George), especially the poetry and sometime I'll write some sping or obituary poetry for it if you'll let me know when anybody wants obiting."

Then I went right over to Blakesley's and had a talk with Frank's father-in-law. His uncle Jedediah and I used to go to the same singing school down in York state. He inquired so touchin like for Betsy Bobbitt and said how she was sorry she got married so sooh.

But I'd near forgot that dozen of clothes pins I was to get for Tizzy Ann, so I hurried out and I asked a young man who was standing around where I could go for clothes pins. "You can go to the bakery," sez he, "but I guess you won't find 'em." I gave him one of my lofty looks and he quailed and his manners came to him and he said, "you might go to the Bazaar." "Young man," sez I, "I'm old enough to know fish and I don't want to know anything about the bay mare, it's clothes pins I want" and I just walked over to Hagerman's, for I knew he was one of the cosjutors and I knew he'd agree with me in my principles, and I will own I was sorter ruffled up.

The young man there was very pert. He said something about his boss being to the reserved war (reservoir), "but then," sez he, "I'm used to waiting on country folks and guess I'll do." I just put on a majestic air and I said, "young man, I have always taken note that when a youth like you leaves the farm and comes to this town, he don't want to get the hay seed out of his hair before he begins to talk about country folks" Sez I "I know you didn't have any close pins and if you did I could do better to Pop's" and I majestically strode out. Then I went over to Irving's for Hugh and I was friends and I wanted to coodle with him about some recent goings on and we did coodole. And he says to me "Samantha," sez he, "this people as has come around us has no patriotism, no sense, and there is nothing but water works. They'll move heaven and earth for them." And I cheered him up and I sez some day there'll be a Sodom for them. Just wait till the taxes comes in 'em.

I told him I was real sory I couldn't take his clothes pins but I felt I could do better to Pop's and he was real generous like. "That's right," sez he, Samantha, always do the best you can."

Then I hurried over to Pop's for I was getting worried about Josiah and when I got there, sure enough, there was the same lot of clothes pins as was there when I got them last once, when Thomas Jefferson was a baby. I was real glad to get such good ones, and then I went to look after Josiah and I looked everywhere and no Josiah. When I had been to four blacksmith shops and was all but tuckered out, I thought may be some one had said that word to him that sounded to me like bay mare. I looked behind and there it was spelled out like on the window. So I stepped in and there was Josiah, my Josiah, the partner of my heart, he as who never thought a woman had any rights in the law except to be tried and hanged by it and she shouldn't even help to make the law as hanged her. Well, there he was with about a dozen womens around him, just taken up for a womans having a right, but then he said he "supposed women was ignorant." Then I burst forth and says, "I have seen voters, with a cottin hook at him, that didn't know as much as their wives." Josiah quailed and I continued on, "and I've seen Irish voters whose intelligence wasn't tiresome to carry round, and whose knowledge of public affairs was it as good as it was about rum, and who would sell their votes any day," got sez I "Josiah I didn't come here to talk to women about a right and I think it will be mikkin time afore we get home now," and I took him right off.

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