A TOWER OF STRENGTH.

Build thy soul a tower,
Fast a guard around;
Honor, Love, Truth, Power,
Let them keep the ground;
Bar the gates and portals fast,
Let no thought unchallenged past.

Question each with care
What the watchword be;
See that all shall bear
"Faith and Purity."
If forgetful we watch tower keep,
Take good care he must not sleep.

Though lodged safe within
Walls upreared by prayer,
Let no hosts of Sin
Near enough lurk there;
Then canst reach and battle wage;
Each invading foe engage.

If no traitor stay
Housed within thy gates;
Thou shalt win the day—
Vict'ry on thee waits;
Sin can never battle do
With the soul whose guards are true.

Aye, a builder be
Till thy tower shall stand
Like a cedar tree
In a desert land;
Sheltering from storm and heat,
Refuge for the pilgrim's feet.

—C. Lowater.

ONE DAY OF DUTY.

"No; no more railroading in mine," said the hungry reporter as he tilted his chair back and elevated his heels on the desk that the city editor called his when he was there. "There are some things in this world I'm not adapted for. That's one."

The rest of the "Lake Watch" gathered around with exclamations of amazement and surprise, and he continued:

"One see. I once applied to a division superintendent for a job and was assured that my application would be considered the very first vacancy that occurred. Then I waited. The suspense was not especially trying to me, but I could see it was wearing on the friends with whom I was boarding considerably.

"One day, however, the caller, the man that rounds up the trainmen when they are wanted to go out on a special, came around with a note requesting me to call at the superintendent's office. Of course I complied with the request, and was told that they wanted me to act as assistant agent for a day or two at a place called Copaiba or something like that.

I wanted to know if I would have time to go and pack my grip, but they seemed to think such a delay would materially prejudice the prospects of the road, so I grabbed the pass and made for the train, which I managed to catch after a brief but exciting chase. Then my 'grinch,' as the railroad men call it, began.

"This train don't stop at Copaiba, young feller," said the conductor as he pocketed my pass and proceeded calmly on his rounds. I would liked to have asked him what I was expected to do about it, but his countenance was so stern and forbidding I did not dare.

We were rapidly nearing my destination, and something had to be done, so I informed a brakeman of my predicament and he very kindly volunteered to ask 'Fatty Duff,' the engineer, to slow down a little at Copaiba and let me off. I presume he did so, yet if there was any reduction in the speed of the train it was too slight for my unpracticed eye to detect. The brakeman encouraged me, however, and as there appeared to be no other alternative when we were nearly abreast of the platform, I let go and dropped.

I did not light on it right away, but when I did land the concussion was something awful, and as I rolled over and over it seemed to me I must have gathered up about all the splinters there were in that platform in different portions of my anatomy. I was still gyrating when the last car whizzed by, but I heard the 'chief mate' timely warning:

"Look out, young man, you'll tear your clothes!"

It was a rickety old station, the walls frescoed with mashed tomatoes. Empty chicken coops, fruit boxes, berry chests and watermelon rinds scattered about the platform attained a faded and depressing color, and the only visible indication of life or death were the swarms of flies buzzing drowsily in the hot sunshine. I picked my way to the office and presented my credentials to the agent, a tall, lank man with a long neck, careworn features and a stiff hat that looked out of place in the midst of such rural surroundings. He was absorbed in a newspaper, and it was some time before he noticed me. At length, however, he threw down the paper, read my letter and invited me to make myself at home. Then he unbosomed himself.

"You're familiar with the interstate tariffs and the transcontinental classification, I suppose?" he said.

I was obliged to confess my ignorance.

"That's bad," he replied. "You better sit right down and familiarize yourself with them. You'll find 'em all in those files. Besides the tariffs there's 724 supplements and 1,917 amendments in addition to 2,786 circulars that you should post up on. Then there's the special commodity rates and the modified rulings—there's 489 of 'em—that have appeared since the last classification was issued. After you get all those down pat it would be well to devote a little time to the local classification and tariffs—learn the terminal points and get the routing instructions committed to memory. Hello! there's that freight coming at last. Tell 'em there's nothing for 'em. I've got to go across the street and collect some bills—you can charge any freight they've got." And he withdrew.

The conductor walked in and said: "Ask 'im if he's got anything for No. 23."

I put the question to the train dispatcher over the wire, and he answered: "No." very plainly and distinctly. After a while the train pulled out and I was looking for the 'soup ticket' to report them when the train dispatcher began calling the office.

I answered and he said: "Got No. 23."

"They're gone."

"Stop 'em!"

"I say they've gone."

"Fetch 'em back!"

"They're gone, I s——"

Shut that key and go and bring that train back for orders!"

I closed the key and wandered aimlessly out on the platform in the vague hope of seeing the agent or that something might happen. To my surprise I saw that the freight had stopped at the other end of the yard about three-quarters of a mile away. I could still hear the dispatcher calling me, and by the vicious sound of the instruments that he was mad. Thoughts of collisions and the possibility of being responsible for a terrible accident flashed across my mind, and I started for that train on a run. The distance was greater than I had imagined, and I was completely blown when I came up with it. The conductor was lying on his back under a car fixing something about the air brake. I managed to gasp out that the train dispatcher wanted him for orders.

"Tell him to go plumb to h—ll!" shouted the conductor and then calmly continued his labor. As there seemed nothing else to be done I started back to the station to deliver the message and had gone but a short distance when the engine passed me backing up to the office. It was going too fast for me to board it, so the engineer and engineer had been waiting ten minutes or more when I eventually reached the station.

"If it's all the same to your partner," said the conductor, with freezing politeness, "we'd just as soon get out of here. We've got families at the other end of the run and we like to get there before they get out of our remembrance.

I walked into the office and told the dispatcher I had stopped the train.

"Why don't you be all day about it?" he answered. "There's nothing for them—its too late to help 'em any now."

I was afraid for the conductor when I told him this. His jaw fell and for fully a minute he gazed at me in round-eyed horror, then rushed from the office and yelled to the engineer:

"Git a move on yerself! Git out here before he has another fit!"

After that it was comparatively quiet for a while. I made a feeble effort to understand something of the classifications, but soon gave up the attempt as hopeless. One or two lots of freight and express came in, and a couple of trains passed without accident. I was beginning to think I was getting on to the business, when the agent returned. He looked more careworn than ever and sank wearily into the one chair the office afforded.

"Well, how are you makin' it?" he asked, and I stated that so far the progress seemed satisfactory.

Next he looked at the way bills and wanted to know if I had unloaded that cow yet.

"No," I answered, "not yet."

"Not yet!" he shrieked. Great Scott, man, what do sections 4,386, 87 and 88 of the revised statutes of the United States and section 2, of chapter 3, of the act of April 3, 1878, say?"

"Don't waste any more precious time; get that critter unloaded before anyone sees her. She's been in the car over thirty-six hours and we're liable to a $500 fine."

The cow was unloaded immediately. When I returned to the office recalled my attention to a bill of 93 cents I had collected on a washing machine.

"You corrected that bill before you collected it, I hope."

"Corrected it? No. What's wrong?"

"Oh a mere trifle, that comes under the interstate commerce law, and by overcharging 13 cents you've laid us liable for a fine of $5,000 or two years in the penitentiary, or both; that's all. See what circular 2,201 says. Agents who violate any of the provisions of the interstate commerce law will themselves be personally liable to the penalties imposed thereby. Ignorance of the law is no excuse for its violation.' That's nothing, ain't it? And here's a case of brandy you have forwarded to Iowa, a prohibition state. That's another misdemeanor, but, think God, we can probably escape to the hills before the authorities get on to it."

"Those quails," he faltered, looking at me imploringly. "You examined each bird as the law directs to see that it had not been captured by a net, pound, weir or trap. You know rule 86 says agents must acquaint themselves with and be governed by the game laws of their state or territory."

I could not speak, but he read the answer in my desperate face. He extended his hand to me while a look of sublime exaltation transfigured his homely countenance.

"As the agent," he said, and his voice had the terrible calmness of despair, "I am responsible for your crimes—I am forever undone, but I bear you no malice. It was fate—whatever happens, remember, I forgive you—but," and he jammed his hat down over his ears and his eyes glared wildly, "they will never take me alive."

Then he strode out of the office and disappeared.

The sun sank below the western horizon and twilight and mosquitos invaded the melancholy landscape.

Presently a freight train came along and halted for water. It so happened that an empty box-car stopped right opposite the office, and, as I gazed into its hospitably open door, a great homesickness and yearning stole over me. For a moment I hesitated, but a scream of mortal anguish reached my ears from the direction of the saloon, and decided me.

Softly closing the office door, I crept into the untenanted car, and when the engineer had taken up the slack and pulled out of Copaiba my career as an assistant agent was at an end.—San Francisco Examiner.

ADVICE TO THIN PEOPLE.

Simple Rules On the Best Methods of Accumulating Flesh.

The rule is to be observed by those persons who feel that they ought to be a trifle stouter is simply this, says a very practical physician in the Ladies' Home Journal. Avoid excitement and keep your mind as much as possible in a state of repose and free from worry. People of a nervous temperament should control themselves. Learn to sit quietly for a long period, and don't rush about consuming muscular tissue by unnecessary movements. Eat all you can and as often as you can, avoid hot things such as hot bread and that which is made from the finer grades of flour.

Stale bread made of flour containing a portion of the chaff is far more nutritious than light freshly baked bread. The diet should consist of such articles of food as are largely composed of starch and sugar and oil. Meat in large quantities should be avoided. All things should be thoroughly cooked in order that the raw material can undergo the chemical change that otherwise would have to be done by the stomach. Lastly, sleep as long as your time allows. These rules are but suggestions as you will observe by watching yourself, you will soon add all the flesh to your frame you want.

An Unpoetic Expression.

"Will you trust me, Fanny?" he cried passionately, grasping her hand. "With all your heart, Augustus, will all my soul with all myself," she whispered, nestling on his manly bosom.

"Would that you were my tailor," he murmured to himself, and tenderly he took her in his arms.—London Tit-Bits.

Landed in Russet Shoes.

"An old painting now in Philadelphia shows it is claimed, that the first man to wear russet shoes in America was Christopher Columbus; that, in fact, he landed in them.

RED RUN RAMBLINGS.

Messrs Prindle and Schilling have purchased a corn-husker.

Mr. George McClelland and wife made a visit at Robert Geddes' last week.

School has commenced again in the Carey district after a vacation of one week.

Mr. James McClelland and wife made her father, Mr. Jule Ames, a visit last week.

Mrs. Hawthorn, Sen., is on the sick list.

Mr. James Geddes lost a valuable cow recently.

Did you ever get left, boys? Better know just where you are going before you start.

Mr. and Mrs. James Geddes and little son and Mr. George Geddes and wife spent New Years with John Robinson and family.

Miss Julia Sullivan was the lucky one as she was remembered with a nice piano on Christmas.

P. is about the size of the average schoolboy in district No. 4

Mr. David Cromie is under the doctor's care.

The Brace boys recently caught a coon which slipped the seam at 18 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cromie spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Walker, of Detroit.

WEST BLOOMFIELD BUZZINGS.

Mercury down to zero January 6

Mr. and Mrs. T. Coulter visited in Detroit during the holidays.

Miss Marguerite Coulter is spending a few weeks in Southfield.

Mr. R. Boyds, of Wisconsin, is very much interested in the sheep industry and is looking up some pure bred flocks in this locality. He expressed the opinion that R. C. Haskins' flock of grade Rambouillettes were equal to the average thoroughbreds.

Mr. E. Blakesley is just recovered from a severe attack of the grippe.

It will soon be time for ice boats if it don't thaw.

Mrs. Ed Rockwell is quite ill.

These are the days when every man and boy who has a gun will borrow a ferrit in order to hunt the festive rabbit As bunies are plenty nearly everybody lives on fresh game.

Mrs. George Blakesley, near Walnut Lake, presented her husband with a six pound son lately.

A party of Walnut Lakers visited the school taught by A. S. Moore near North Farmington. They took quite a cold day for the ride, but they all enjoyed the visit very much.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS

Open winter. Prophets occupy front seats.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons gave a pleasant card party a few evenings since.

Our school is again in session after a week's rest for teacher and scholars.

The liberty pole was taken down by our citizens as its foundation had become insecure.

Miss Winnie German has returned to Tiffin, Ohio, to resume her studies.

Miss Daisy Bowden and Mr. George Conroy were married at the bride's home in our village, Christmas eve., Rev. Dennis McCaul officiating. The bride has many friends here who wish them bon voyage through life.

Mr. and Mrs. George Comstock, of Bennington, Mich., were present at the Johnson-Cox wedding and remained a few days for a visit.

Word has been received that Harvey Higby and family, of Wichita, Kansas, have been victims of malignant diphtheria, but all are recovering.

One of the most pleasant events of the season was the marriage of Miss Florence Cox to Ed Johnson, Wednesday, December 30, at 3 p. m. Promptly at the time mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Cox's large parlor was crowded with invited guests including only relatives and friends, who listened to the marriage service read by Rev. Dennis McCaul. The bride was dressed in white albatross and carried white roses and the groom wore the conventional Prince Albert After congratulations the guests were invited to the dining room where a most sumptuous supper was served. The bride received many costly and useful gifts which we cannot enumerate here for want of space. Mr. and Mrs. Cox's hospitality is far famed and they spared no pains in making this occasion a very happy one in every respect. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will go to housekeeping in a short time in the Miller house.

Nat. Higby, Sen., has been a victim of la grippe.

Mrs. Rexy Keeney is spending several weeks with a sister at Tuscola.

The weather Sunday morning was the coldest of the season, the thermometer in places registering 30° below zero.

Bert McHenry has secured a fine position in Detroit.

Chas. Taylor has moved into the blacksmith shop belonging to Mrs Van Every.

Ed Roberts has joined the happy benedicts and was married to Miss Carrie Nelson, of Troy, December 30. The young couple are now at the home of the groom in this village.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

In Canada four sons of one family married four daughters in another on the same day.

If your uncle's sister is not your aunt, what relation is she to your mother? She is your mother.

A gourd with a natural handle five feet long is a curiosity which Samuel Holt of Tarrytown, Ga., is proud of.

A smallpox patient who didn't want to go to the hospital was chased through the streets of Newark, N. J., and finally caught.

Chinese goldminers in California do not talk at their work, as they consider it unlucky, and for the same reason they do not like to be addressed in transit.

New York real estate agents have great difficulty in renting buildings said to be haunted. Ten houses in that city are thus tenanted, but there are hundreds without at least thirty of these houses now vacant.

The latest and most gigantic hunting story comes from Caithness, Scotland, where it is said, a lad of 16 performed the extraordinary feat of killing two stags with one shot.

John Mizell, who is one of the head bakers in Norfolk, Va., was lately made the proud possessor of the ninth consecutive pair of healthy and strong twin boy and a girl. Mrs. Mizell has never given birth to one child at a time.

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Fred Blair, of Grand Rapids, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenton visited recently in Genesee county.

We see by the papers that Carrie Nelson's name is on the marriage list and Edson Roberts of Franklin is the happy man.

Moses Shug has the grippe.

Nellie Hendrick (?) and Edna Beach were home for a few days.

Walt Spencer and Donna Beach visited friends at Franklin recently.

Mrs. Miller has been entertaining friends from a distance.

Our district has a full fledged b-eam. The debating is very amusing if not very interesting. Stir them up boys, they will improve.

Bert Shug spent a few days at Oxford lately.

Walter Spencer has bought Bert Shug's carriage and now has a full rig.

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	$857,409 28
Bonds and mortgages	350,000 00
Cash in banks in reserve cities	213,060 40
Due from other banks and bankers	11,241 67
Overdrafts	966 63
Furniture and fixtures	1,711 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	9,116 79
Real estate	2,000 00
Exchanges for clearing house	6,630 08
Checks and cash items	1,773 49
Nickels and pennies	59 37
Gold	2,500 00
Silver	6,000 00
U. S. and National bank notes	48,751 00
	$1,537,024 51

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$200,000 00
Surplus fund	64,000 00
Undivided profits	44,007 67
Savings deposits	860,345 66
Commercial deposits	359,182 18
Deposits of banks and bankers	19,378 48
Certified checks	2,300 00
	$1,537,024 51

State of Michigan, County of Wayne, ss:
I, Edwin F. Mack, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. EDWIN F. MACK, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
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The west half of the northeast quarter of section thirty-two (32) in the township of Troy, Oakland county, Michigan, containing eighty acres more or less.

JOHN DONALDSON, } Executors.
ALEX. SOLTS, }
Dated November 23, 1891.
Dec26Jan14

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of George Watts, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 14th day of January, A. D. 1892, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 2nd day of February, 1892, and on the 11th day of July, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day, at the late residence of said deceased, in the township of Royal Oak, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

LINUS D. FINN, } Comm'rs.
CHARLES WATTS, }
Jan14-Feb4

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the probate court for said county of Oakland, held at the probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 2nd day of January, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety two. Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Ruth Bell, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Charles V. Babcock, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, purporting to be his last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that Tuesday, the 2nd day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument, and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
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Jan14toJan28

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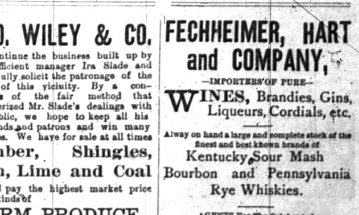

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