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The Work of the Bloomer Woman—European Fashion in Darkness—Chewing the Cud of Two Exiles—Tintoom and Jessam.

MY CLOTHES no more a tailor makes
Since mamma got her wheel.
I stay at home for the children's sakes
And make the sweetest kind of cakes
Since mamma got her wheel.

I've had my russet shoes resoled
Since mamma got her wheel.
The hats I wear are getting old,
My troubles have increased tenfold,
No longer am I feeling bold
Since mamma got her wheel.

I stay at home the livelong day
Since mamma got her wheel.
My head, alas, is growing gray,
While she, bedoomered, rides her way,
I haven't had a word to say
Since mamma got her wheel.

They say that mamma's up to date
Since she has got her wheel.
And while I sit at home drate
And for her coming back I wait
It's quite the thing, they intimate,
Since mamma got her wheel.

If this be so, let mamma ride,
Since she has got her wheel,
And when from out this world I slide
On my tombstone be it described,
"He here now quite satisfied
Since mamma got her wheel."
—Tom Masson.

Choosing the Lesser Evil.

Mrs. Houlihan—Sure, Teddy, it's cost in pure cowl more to shave yuresilf than it would cost yure pocket to pay for a barber.

Mr. Houlihan (slashing himself again)—Begoshe, if it war a barber that were trittin' me this way, it's lucky 'Od he to get off wid a life sentence!—Texas Siftings.

Both Had It.

He was standing on a street corner looking very disconsolate when a friend asked what troubled him.

"Looking for a new job," he said shortly.

"What was the matter with the one you had?" asked the friend.

"Grip," he replied.

"Lost your grip?"

"No. Got it."

"What do you mean?"

"Well," he said in an explanatory way, "the grip is very trying to a man's temper, isn't it?"

"Yes."

"You never saw a man with the grip in good humor did you?"

"No."

"Well, I made a trifling mistake."

"Yes."

"And the boss said something to me about it."

"Of course."

"And I said something to him."

"Yes."

"We both had the grip, at the time."

"Well, what else?"

"Nothing else. He's looking for a new clerk, and I'm looking for a new boss. Men can get along all right, but when two case of grip come together there's always trouble.—Chicago Post.

The Little Darkey's Answer.

A Yankee "schoolmarm" in Georgia, so an exchange reports, had a class of a dozen colored boys on the floor. For several days she had been laboring with them over the words "dog" and "cat."

She had written the words on the blackboard, had used them in connection with a picture of a house, and had made the boys write the words and draw houses. Today, by way of varying the exercise, she had drawn a picture of a tree, in the top of which was a cat, while a dog was barking at the foot. Below the picture she printed in big letters:

"The dog has run the cat up a tree."

"Now, boys," she said, with pardonable enthusiasm, "how many of you can read any of these words?"

Up went a small black hand shaking with excitement.

"Well, Sydney," said the teacher, "you may tell."

"The dogs done treed a, possum!" shouted Sydney, at the top of his voice.

In the European Fashion.

Officer Johnsing (entering)—Gentleman, what's dis? Revolvers drawn!

Mr. Tallerby—I's only tryin' to keep de peace.

Mr. Ebbonie—An' I, sah, am only maintainin' de balance of power!—Texas Siftings.

Giving Her Encouragement.

"Now, tell me," said Miss Flatbush, in a coaxing tone, "do you really think my singing voice is at all adapted for the stage?" "Certainly, madempoiselle," replied the professor, "admirably adapted, and for a very difficult part of stage work." "Oh, you mean to flatter me." "Not at all. I refer to pantomime."—Boston Transcript.

None of It Wasted.

"Papa," said Johnny, "down here at the neck street corner there's an awful strong smell of gas. Who pays for it when it leaks like that?"

"I pay for a good deal of it myself, I presume," replied Johnny's father, with a ghastly attempt at cheerfulness.—Chicago Tribune.

"Much Ado About Nothing."

Indignant Collector—What! I am to get nothing on this bill, and I have been flea a dozen times. Do you really mean to pay me nothing?

Johnny Fawcadle—Well, don't make so much fuss about nothing.

With a Nickel.

Tagleigh—There's not much difference between New York and Brooklyn.

Waglegh—It is one that can be bridged, over, anyway.—New York World.

WASHINGTON.

C. F. Cantine, a Former Birminghamer, Writes of His Western Home.

LOPEZ, Wash., June 4, 1895.

FRIEND CONOS:—Your letter received yesterday. I will tell you what I know of this country and you can draw your own conclusions and act accordingly. While I am very desirous to have good people come here and settle, I would never advise anyone to do so, even though I might think it the best place on earth to live in. All people differ in their ways of looking at things and I would be sorry to have anyone incur the expense of moving, with a possibility of disappointment when they arrived. I have had many inquiries from Illinois by friends who would have come out ere this if I had indulged in glowing panegyrics and urged them to come. I have uniformly advised them to doubt and see before breaking up, or if they continued to do so from my statement of facts, to absolve me from blame, if they came and were not suited. I would say the same to you.

The country suits me, I never wish to go back to Michigan, Illinois or anywhere else in the Mississippi valley. My wife is worse than I am, is completely hopelessly "stuck" on the country and we will stay.

First the good features.

We have the best climate in America if not on earth. There are no extremes about it. The summers are delightful, no scorching hot days or sweltering nights. The winter is damp but rarely colder than 40° above. Usually we have a light fall of snow in January that lasts a few days. The coldest weather known here is 4° above zero. Flowers bloom up in Christmas and daisies and pansies last all winter. Potatoes never freeze in the ground, and carrots and cabbage you can leave out all winter. In the matter of health it is what can be desired. Colds are rare, and sickness is the exception. Three or four deaths a month are about the record for this island with a population of 700 or 800.

The soil is as rule good, with a wide range from indifferent to best. Almost everything that will grow in Michigan will grow here except corn (field corn), we grow corn in gardens. For vegetables it is unrivaled. Michigan or Illinois are not in it at all. For small fruits it is so far ahead of the East, both for quantity and quality that there is no room for comparison and the same is true of fruit of all kinds except peaches. A collection of fruit could be made up in San Juan county that would make a Michigan fruit man turn green with jealousy and we would not have to do our best either. I say that with a strong bias towards Michigan, but it is a fact that I have not stated in over strong terms. They raise here from 40 to 90 bushels of oats per acre, 30 to 50 bushels of wheat, but probably not over one-third of the land is adapted to oats and wheat, but clover will grow anywhere, and will do as well here as in Michigan. On the low lands timothy produces abundantly.

We have fish, without end, but they won't walk up to the house and ask the cook to dress them. There are drawbacks to everything. Besides in the matter of clams nature spreads a bounteous feast twice a day and throws in crabs and sea eggs.

In the matter of timber we have more than we want, the woods are full of it, so it follows that fuel can be had for the cutting and lumber is cheap. Rough lumber at the mills $6.50 per M. and dressed $2 to $3 additional.

We have district schools equal to those of the old states, and church service, Presbyterian and Methodist, every Sunday. We have people of all kinds, good, bad and indifferent. They are from the middle states and Canada chiefly, and about the same as they were there, only perhaps more so, two or three moves accentuates a man's peculiarities.

Grocories, dry goods and clothing are cheap as compared with Michigan, and you can get the latest fashion if you can pay for as well here as elsewhere.

Now for the drawbacks.

We had a boom here a few years ago and it busted. Everything had been overvalued and prices were out of all reason and the collapse could have been followed by full times if there had been no land sales in operation, but that and a democratic administration together were too much for us. How long it will take to get fully alive again, is a thing a good many would like to know. Therefore, times are hard, wages low and everything up hill and expensive for the farmer and more especial for the small fruit grower. Last season wheat and oats sold for $15 per ton, hay $8 to $7 per ton, peas $25 per ton, potatoes $9 per ton and vegetables were not saleable except by market gardeners near some town or city. Here all kinds of grain, vegetables and potatoes are sold by the ton, the bushel never quoted. At the same time a few berries sold as low as 50c per crate (24 lbs.), raspberries, blackberries and gooseberries about 5c per lb., prunes 3c, plums 5c, peaches (an inferior kind) 10c per box (a box is 40c), apricots 5c per lb. This year prices will be about the same, berries will perhaps be lower and eggs and butter are cheaper than ever before known on this coast. Eggs sold at from 8c to 12c and butter at 10c per lb. Not much danger of laying up a species of treasure on earth.

Another thing that might or might not be asked, is that we are cut off from railroads and the stir and life of a community, that is within an hour or two, of every. Where people come and people go and move. We are connected with the world by daily steamer, but we see very little of the world except our own little one.

Another. This is a heavily timbered country, and to open up a farm is no small undertaking. It will cost from $25 to $30 per acre to clear and grub and build sloughs and roads. Three acres of my clearing cost me about $250 per acre in money and some work. It would not be a nasty job to become for less. Slash, burn and seed down and get the stumps rot out.

Another: If you live off the beach, the salmon may strike one as rather a coarse sort of mouthful as you can't see out and if you wish to get out, there are no sidewalks and the roads are not according to McAdam.

Another: The winter is our rainy season, begins in September with occasional showers, or nearer a mist, rarely wet enough to stop work. October, November, not known ours, just an easy going rain, looks as if it never would get to rain or stop over it. In November but little rain, in December it gets down to business and it is a mild soak nearly every day or night. January, colder and less rain. February, fine weather, spring. March, cold and wet and the rest of the year perfect. We rejoice when the rainy season begins but before it is ended, we get over rejoicing. So far as stopping work we don't stop and we probably lose less time on account of bad weather than in Michigan.

Another: By reason of the dull times etc. land is very cheap now. I had land for the seller but good for the buyer. There are few places with fair improvements that will have to be sold this season to satisfy mortgages, and will go for one-half their real value.

In conclusion, let me say, that I do not think you can make money here, now, very rapidly. But anyone out of debt and with a willingness to work, can make a living here easier than in Illinois, on a farm, I mean. He will be less liable to sickness, I rest not be any more miserable than elsewhere, will find a field for his industry, good or bad, and if he stay a year, will probably never wish to leave. But, it is like any other country that I have seen, you have got to work.

Here, we believe there are good times coming for this coast in every line of business, and especially in fruit raising. Shipments of apples have commenced to Japan and China and they will grow into a large trade. Besides the home market Alaska is increasing every year and the South American States are a present and prospective market of no small or impossible one.

If you can be content with a living for a time and live hard work, you can find both right here, and now, and at the ends of inch of wealth as good for any of us. But don't come hoping or expecting a "raise." I could say much more about the country, its scenery, people, history, etc., but what need to write more for you to forget. With kind wishes,

Yours,
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It is ordered that Monday, the 10th day of July next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be assigned for examining said application and the examination and allowance of said final account, and that notice thereof, and 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.

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