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GROWING

By Josephine Preston Peabody

Yes, I will grow like a tree,
Nothing shall keep me from waking
Down in the dark, and breaking
Out of the earth to see!—
Feeling with eager fingers
After an unseen light
Warm through the chill that lingers,
Lifting me out from night
Up toward the day's outbreaking.

Yes, I will grow like a tree,
Nothing shall keep me from growing;
Nothing shall hold me from knowing
The sun that is calling me.
Ever apace with Time,
Up through the earth rain-fed,
Nearer the glow I climb,
Hearing above my head
Laughter of life overflowing.

Up from the things that creep,
Nearer the rain, the singing
April, what are you bringing
After the winter's sleep?
Here will I climb, nor tire,
Oh, and the thirst is mine
Ever to journey higher
Unto the wide, divine
Air where the clouds go winging.

[illegible]

A Peregrinating Pearl.

BY KATE M. CLEARY.

[illegible]

...that Mr. Merrill had been at pains to secure such a flawless stone."

She stood waiting, silent and dignified.

Theodosia turned a brick-red all over her broad, rather flat face.

"I did not say that anyone in this house would steal," she said, defensively. "But I—was sure the setting was fast. It," glancing challengingly at the young teacher, "certainly looks—queer."

Jasmine made no reply. She still waited as though for Miss Brinker to speak again. When she did not, she remarked that Theo's mother had

"What—what's this!"

asked to see her at once. Then she left the room. Immediately Dot broke into a storm of reproaches.

[illegible]

"To me, Miss Brinker," said Jasmine Marsh, quietly. She came forward into the room. "I recollect your stating

"To me, Miss Brinker."

[illegible]

shadows of the winter night. He put the same question to Dot when she met him in the hall. She lifted a flushed little face that showed traces of tears.

"Yes. Theo got mamma to pay her a month extra and send her away at once. I don't know what's got into Theo. Because Jasmine has to support her brother who is at school out of her earnings, Theo seems to think Jasmine must need money badly enough to steal!"

"What's that, Dot?" Rod cried, sharply. "Did you say—steal?"

Dot nodded. "Theo thinks Jasmine took the stone out of her ring. I don't care how hard up Jasmine Marsh was she wouldn't do a thing like that!"

"No, she wouldn't, Dot!" There was a ring of emotion in his voice. "She wouldn't for a kingdom!"

Dot flashed upstairs and into Theodosia's room.

"Hurry up!" she cried. "Rod is waiting. Are you going to screw your feet into those slippers? You'll never do it in a month of Sundays! They're two sizes too small for you do make haste!"

A final frantic struggle with her new kid slippers, a grab for her flowers, a clutch at her opera bag, and Theo was on the landing—was walking down the stairs as unconcernedly as she could. She fancied Rod's manner was stiff and cool. Her physical torture, however, blighted all mental impressions. The tight slippers were agonizing—one especially. She whispered to Dot that she was afraid she could not dance in them. "There's something in one," she began.

Dot cut her short with scant sympathy. "There is. It's your foot, and it's twice the size it ought to be to fit in a number three slipper!" she declared. Why don't you kick it off?"

[illegible]

Death of Insurance Applicant.

[illegible]

Ministers Take Up Other Lines.

[illegible]

HOME MADE PHILOSOPHY.

There seems to be a syndicate of thrones to crush out the little weakly nations.

True religion is always the same old thing—a work of love for humanity on earth.

It may be that God annointed kings, but the ointment is beginning to smell pretty rank.

All great men are not good, for the world produces 99 humbugs to one bully fellow.

Riches are demoralizing, say the wise men, but they all like to be demoralized in that way.

The man who doesn't want everybody to be happy on earth, is not fit to live in everybody's heaven.

Gratitude is too expensive for most people, and revenge often kicks the hardest at the butt end of a gun.

The worst side of a man is on the outside when he is mad; the worst side of his trousers are out when he is lazy.

I wish the world would turn from building so many stone churches for God, to building palaces of love in the hearts of the people.

If the twentieth century does as much to wipe out religious superstition and prejudice as the old one did, sensible Christianity will be possible.

We are all living out a life sentence. Death is the tunnel through which the prisoners must escape, but no one has seen them come out of 'tother end.

The churches complain that they can't get close to the poor. Let them do as Christ did, get right down amongst them and share their poverty.

Young man if you are away from home, and don't feel like writing to mother, don't do it. Some day you will feel like writing to her, but mother will be gone.

The optimist thinks we are going to be perfect by and by, the pessimist thinks we are going to be perfectly awful, but the biggest fool of all is the man who thinks we are already perfect.

In times of peace the politicians sow the seeds of war in the land of greed.—Finnickey Finnukin in Pennsylvania Grit.

ODDS AND ENDS.

France has 581 towns with more than 5,000 inhabitants.

Lake Huron is almost exactly the size of Greece, Lake Superior of Ireland.

A race horse traveling full speed clears twenty feet at a stride, an ostrich thirty feet.

The value of the French vintage of 1900 would cover half the annual budget of the German empire.

Germany now has expert commercial attaches at New York, Buenos Ayres, Constantinople and St. Petersburg.

Improvements already authorized or contemplated in New York city will cost the tremendous sum of $277,800,000.

It was held recently in a London police court that noone has any right to force his way into a railway carriage already full.

San Francisco has 450, Pittsburg 285, Providence 250, Washington, 600, Louisville 325, Cincinnati 546 and Cleveland 400 policemen.

LITTLE CLASSICS.

Carcasses bleed at the sight of the murderer.—Burton.

But the jingling of the guinea helps the hurt that honor feels.—Tennyson.

The usual fortune of complaint is to excite contempt more than pity.—Johnson.

The individual who hates mankind in general is a close student of his own nature.—Chicago News.

"As in water face answereth to face, so hearts become assimilated by the reflection of mutual sympathy."—Farrar.

I expect to pass through this world but once more. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any fellow-being, let me do it now—let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—Drummond.

New York is full of books and when the sixty-five Carnegie libraries are established and "stocked" there will be free books accessible to all. The first public library established in New York was in 1870.

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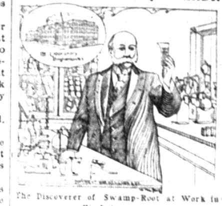

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WILLIAM ATTERLEE, } Commis'rs.
WILLIAM S. WALKER, }
May3-31

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 25th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

William Aspinwall, deceased.

Almeron Whitehead, administrator, having filed his final account in said estate and made application for the allowance of same.

It is ordered that

Monday, the 27th day of May next,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance thereof. 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.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
May3-24 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 20th day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.

Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Probate Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Ellen McKay, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Peter McKay, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to himself or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that

Monday, the 17th day of June next,

at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition; 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.

[A TRUE COPY.] JOSEPH S. TOCKWELL,
May24-Jun14 Judge of Probate.

Church Notes.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. M. H. Bartram, Pastor. Sabbath Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. All are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. H. S. Justema, Pator. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Everyone invited.

BAPTIST—Warren L. Rogers, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—M. B. Maxwell, Pastor. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Public worship and sermon at 3 p. m. O. Y. P. C. U. each Thursday evening at 7:30. All invited.

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