SWINGING SONG.

She sprang into the wooden seat
And caught the ropes with grace,
Her winsome dimples glad and sweet
Lit up the shadowed place.
And, lightly swaying to and fro,
No bird upon the wing
Was e'er as full of glee, I know,
As Polly in the swing.
Up, up, up,
She floated toward the sky;
Down, down, down,
I watched her gayly fly;
And maddened lost,
My heart was lost
As she went fleetly by.

When pretty maidens, laughing, spura
The earth, 'tis hard to bear;
Where shall a hapless wooer turn
To lighten his despair!
Ah, love will find a spot at last
For hope to leap and cling—
I caught her as she flitted past,
Fair Polly, and the swing.
Up, up, up,
Amid the boughs we fled;
Down, down, down,
As joyously we sped;
And in the air
I'd won the fair
Before the cat was dead.
—Samuel Minturn Peck in Boston Transcript.

ELIJAH'S CONQUEST.

BY NELLIE M. GILLESPIE.

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"Where, oh! where is the good Elijah?"

"Where, oh! where——" Edith's gay young voice broke off in the midst of its lilting song at the warning finger from the doorway. Before the girl could ask the meaning of the warning, the Rev. Elijah Strong appeared in the doorway behind Mrs. Wentworth, gravely polite, a little mocking smile about his lips, a merry twinkle in his dark gray eyes.

"Here I am, Miss Edith. I am glad you find me good."

Edith had been in the habit of humming this song of her childhood ever since she had known the Rev. Elijah Strong, partly in ridicule of the old-fashioned name, partly to tease her mother. Now, caught at her nonsense, she blushed scarlet.

"Oh, then, he hasn't 'gone up in a chariot of fire'," she flashed back saucily, though her cheeks were still aflame.

"But he'll need the ravens to feed him, if you're not ready for tea soon," interposed Mrs. Wentworth, seating herself and glancing uneasily from the flushed face of her daughter to the firm, clear-cut features of the young clergyman. "Hurry, dearie, and brush your hair," whispered Mrs. Wentworth, while she, excusing herself to her guest, went out to attend to their tea.

When Edith came into the room again in a dainty white muslin, her cheeks flushed, her eyes bright, she found Mr. Strong alone in the room.

"You are not sorry that I begged your mother to invite me to stay to tea, are you, Miss Edith?" he asked gaily, and yet a little wistfully.

"Oh! that's why 'momsie' has company. I wish now that I had asked Dick in; for three make such an awkward number. Four is better."

"I beg your pardon, Miss Wentworth. I think Dick Haskins would be decidedly in the way to-night. I stayed that I might talk with you for a few minutes after tea," and the set jaw boded no good to Edith's coqueteries or to Dick Haskin's suit.

"Indeed! Mr. Strong. I have an engagement after tea. I beg to be excused."

"Pardon me, again, Miss Wentworth, if I seem to be obtrusive. But I must see you, if only for ten minutes."

Before Edith could answer, Mrs. Wentworth announced that tea was awaiting them on the shaded veranda. All through tea that "must" rankled in the girl's mind. The steady, compelling gaze of the gray eyes across the table confused her. An uneasy feeling came over her as she mentally contrasted Dick's easy good nature and weak will with Mr. Strong's firmness of character.

Dick Haskins, Edith had known from childhood, though only recently had she considered him in the light of a lover. Since Mr. Strong's appearance, the two men had shown her equal attentions. Whether from perversity or from preference, Edith had seemed to favor Dick, but Mr. Strong had never given up hope that he should win in the end.

Just as they finished tea, a merry whistle sounded along the street and up the walk, announcing that Dick

"Where, oh! where is the good Elijah?"

himself had arrived. Edith turned toward Elijah Strong with an eager smile. She wished to hum again for his discomfiture: "Where, oh! where is the good Elijah," and only her mother's presence hindered her. Mr. Strong, however, had a faithfully ally in Mrs. Wentworth, who, although fond of Dick, did not trust him. In her friend and pastor she had implicit faith. Noting his look of grim despair and Edith's glance of triumph, she turned to Dick with ready wit:

"Dick, it is early to go for your boat ride; won't you come into the garden and help me a few moments?"

Dick looked toward Edith and his rival hesitatingly, but he could not refuse. As they passed out into the garden, Edith rose, saying: "Pray, excuse me, Mr. Strong; but I think my mother needs me, too," she stepped lightly around the table. As she passed his chair, he fixed his eyes on her face and held out his hand impulsively.

"Edith," he said hoarsely, "why do you torture me so?" Then, drawing himself erect, he added: "But to-

"Are you engaged to Dick Hastings?" he interrupted, harshly.

night you shall hear me. If you prefer to listen in company with Dick Haskins and your mother, you may go to the garden."

Edith saw that he was in earnest and angry; yet, fascinated by the strange attraction which this man possessed for her, she seated herself and turned toward him, thrilling under his passionate gaze

"Can't you see how I love you, Edith? Have you no heart that you can play with me as you have, and still smile at my agony?" and, in his passionate anger, he seized her wrist roughly.

The girl's smile was gone immediately and a look of mingled fear and remorse took its place. As she gave a little gasp of pain, he released her wrist hastily.

"Forgive he, Edith. I have hurt you. I would die to save you pain," and the young man stood humbled and penitent before the girl, whose eyes were filled with tears, yet who gazed defiantly at him.

"You have no right to speak so. I have not played with you. I never meant to pain you. You know that Dick——"

"Are you engaged to Dick Haskins?" he interrupted harshly.

"What right have you to ask?" she answered hotly.

"The right of a man who loves you and who will be answered."

"No, I am not engaged, but——"

"Then I have the right that any good man has to offer you my love. Edith, I can make you happy. I know I can. You love me, Edith, I feel it, though you will not acknowledge it. What right has Dick Haskins to play fast and loose with you and never ask your hand in marriage?" The question had so much truth in its taunt that Edith flinched, cut to the quick. But she lifted her head proudly.

"How dare you insult me so?" she cried angrily. "How dare you?"

"It is he who is insulting you. Oh! Edith," his voice taking a tone of infinite tenderness, "listen to my pleading. Listen to your own heart, dear. Does it not tell you that you may trust me? You have scorned me, but in your heart of hearts you love me."

The girl stood up with a quick little gasp, which he took for dissent, and he added hastily, seizing her hands, "Look me in the eyes and tell me that you have no love for me in your heart, and you will never see me again. I am leaving in the morning. If you desire it, I will never return."

Edith looked at him a moment with a startled gaze, then, dropping into a chair, she laid her head on the table.

The man looked down at the bowed head. Then, moved by a sudden impulse, he pressed his lips on her waving hair and her white neck. The touch of his lips accomplished what his words could not; for, as she lifted her head, her eyes shone with a look which seemed to open the gates of Paradise for him. With an inarticulate cry he clasped her in his arms just as footsteps sounded on the walk outside.

Dick Haskins looked ruefully at Edith's flushed face, but he said gaily, "Now, Edith we'll go, if Mr. Strong will excuse us."

Strong started forward, but before he could speak, Edith laid her hand on his arm, as she said, "Will you excuse me to-night, Dick? Mr. Strong is leaving in the morning, and——"

"And as I am to be her husband, Dick, I naturally want her to myself this evening," Mr. Strong interposed.

Dick though surprised and chagrined, was no coward. Hiding his own emotion as best he could, he congratulated Mr. Strong and Edith heartily, and speedily left the room.

Mrs. Wentworth was very happy as she kissed her daughter and gave her hand to Mr. Strong.

"'Where, oh! where is the good Elijah,' now?" she said playfully.

"'Safe in the promised land,'" answered Elijah quickly, as he turned laughingly toward Edith.

DANGEROUS PIECE OF SURGERY.

Abscess in Mouth of Cobra Successfully Treated.

A remarkable feat of snake surgery took place recently in the New York Zoological Park under Curator Dittmars. Naigina, a splendid 10-foot king cobra, had developed an abscess next to one of her poison fangs, and unless this was removed she would die. To capture the dangerous reptile, to force her jaws apart and to cut the abscess, was the problem.

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MR. WHISTLER WAS INSULTED.

Offer of Ten Pounds for a Picture Aroused His Wrath.

The studios in and around London are just now filled with gossip about the late distinguished artist, James McNeil Whistler. One is told of a female model to whom Mr. Whistler owed some 15 shillings for sittings. She was a Philistine of the Philistines, who knew nothing of her patron's fame and was in no way impressed with his work. One day she told another artist that she had been sitting to a little Frenchman called Whistler, who jumped about his studio and was always complaining that people were swindling him and that he was making very little money. The artist suggested that if she could get any piece of painting out of Whistler's studio he would give her £10 for it. Although skeptical, the model decided to call her "little Frenchman" a bit too generous offer and selected one of the biggest and finest works in the studio. "What did he say?" asked the artist who had made the offer when the model appeared in a state of great excitement, and, looking almost as if she had come second best out of a scrimmage. "He said £10—good heavens—£10!" and he got so mad—well, that's how I came in here like this."

Thieves Have Their Omens.

The pickpocket is superstitious. He will rarely rob a person who squints, this being accounted a certain sign of disaster, and if it happens that the purse he steals contains foreign as well as British money, it is believed to augur that he will travel a good deal in the immediate future; but whether in the company of a couple of police officers or not there is nothing to show.

Weddings and funerals are significant events for the professional thief. To pick a pocket at a funeral would be to court immediate disaster; but many of them think if a purse stolen at a wedding contains gold it portends the best of luck for the thief during the ensuing months.

Some pickpockets have a favorite pair of boots that they wear as long as they can keep them on their feet, and if they are not arrested while they are wearing them they cut the toots up into little square pieces and give them away as "lucky tokens" to their friends.—London Answers.

The Differences in Races.

The late R. H. Stoddard was fond of contrasting the English and the French workingman, to the great advantage of the former. One of his comparisons deal with the death of Dickens.

"A short time after Dickens died," he would say, "a friend of mine visited the scene of his last hours, and, in search of Dickensiana, stopped in a neighboring inn. He spoke of the novelist's demise to the waiter. 'A great loss,' he said.

"'A great loss indeed to us, sir,' the waiter agreed. 'He had all his ale sent from this house.'

"Contrast with that," Mr. Stoddard would exclaim, "the answer of a waiter to whom, on the afternoon of Mirabeau's death, a guest said, 'A fine day.'

"'Yes,' the waiter answered, 'it is a fine day, but—Mirabeau is dead.'"

The Creation of a Kiss.

Love drained the honey from a rose,
The madness from a summer moon
Hung in a twilight's dusky close—
He poured the ardor of the noon,
The power of the surging sea,
The passion of a sun-born fire,
With night's chaotic mystery,
Into the mold of his desire.

And from the whole was wrought the one
A paradox which artful Love
Steeped in the silences of bliss,
And then with agile finger-tips
Slid in a lover's eager lips,
And named, forevermore, a kiss.
—Ella Bentley in New Orleans Times-Democrat.

MEDICAL USE OF TOBACCO.

Applied to Raw Wounds, It Prevents Mortification.

A good deal of the world's tobacco crop is neither smoked, snuffed nor chewed. At one time tobacco was very largely prescribed in medicine, and even to-day considerable quantities are so made use of. As an external remedy for wounds and bruises and sprains a wet tobacco poultice is commonly used in all countries where tobacco is grown. On sore throats, erysipelas, sciatica and swellings of various kinds, tobacco, externally applied, has a wonderfully good effect. Moist tobacco is one of the best cures imaginable for the bite of a poisonous insect. Being so good as it is, tobacco is sometimes applied by soldiers to raw wounds. It is said that no case of lockjaw or mortification has ever occurred where this precaution has been taken.—Health.

Old-World Custom Spreading.

The old-world custom of leaving legacies to servants is beginning to develop in this country. Quite recently a number of wills set apart funds for this purpose. Mrs. Emma Matthiesson, widow of the wealthy sugar refiner, whose will was probated in New York last week, leaves $1,000 to each servant who had been in her employ for over a year and not exceeding two years. To every servant having been in her employ for more than two years, $2,000 is given.

A Boy's Victory.

Crossroads, Tenn., Sept. 14th.—Orra Young, the ten-year-old son of Lester Young of this place, is a bright boy, and one who is very well liked by all who know him.

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Trachoma Chronic in Japan.

A cabinet officer of the Mikado recently referred to the fact that there are 880,000 trachoma patients in Japan, and that in Tohoku district it is impossible to obtain the requisite number of recruits for the army if some difference from this disease are not admitted, adding: "The Japanese army will physically collapse if things are to go on in this manner." Trachoma is a chronic inflammation of the eyelids which contracts them inward until the lashes scratch the pupil, causing in many cases, blindness.

In South Australia female suffrage has been in operation for some time. A member of the Commonwealth Parliament, anxious to ascertain the best mode of approaching the woman voters in his constituency, sought the advice of an experienced South Australian legislator. "How do you please them? Do you kiss the baby?" "No, sir," was the candid reply, "we kiss the elector."

It's up to some men either to write poetry or give the barber a job.

FROM NIAGARA TO THE SEA.

A trip through Lake Ontario and down the St. Lawrence River from Niagara to the Sea! Doesn't that sound cool and refreshing? And the mental prospective doesn't begin to give one an idea of the delights to be found in such a voyage.

Travelers either for business or pleasure are unanimous in the opinion that there is no journey so pleasant in the summer time as a steamboat voyage on the lakes. There is not the dust and heat of railroad travel. There is not the exposure to the weather with a feeling of impatience the reaching of your destination. Instead the traveler finds himself looking forward to the time when the big steamer reaches its journey's end with just a tinge of disappointment—a regret that there is to be a end to so charming a voyage.

No resident of North America can be said to know his own country as he should who has not made the trip by water from Niagara to the Sea. Such a voyage is the most varied in scenery, the most exciting, the richest in historic association, of any that can be made on the continent. From the mighty cataract itself to Lewiston and Queenston the Niagara River is the connecting link between Lakes Erie and Ontario dashes for fourteen miles through the wonderful gorge made by itself, the most available of which it has taken more than eighteen hundred years. The rock at the edge of the cataract is undermined by the enormous body of falling water, which grinds the rocks and gravel beneath against each other and carries off the product, and the edge above keeps continually giving way, to be in its turn ground to powder.

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JUDGE FRENCH WAS RIGHT.

Lawyer's Impressive Peroration Borne Out by Facts.

The following beautiful and impressive peroration, used by Judge French, the Kentucky lawyer who defended Jett and White, the Breathitt county assassins, in arraigning a Witness Ewen before the bar of "public execration," has attracted wide attention: "God never gave a truthful tongue and a cowardly heart to the same man." Somehow or other the public finds a justification for this handsome expression in the fact that it was Judge French's clients who shot down a human being in cold blood from behind, giving him no chance to defend himself, declared their innocence of the charge. A man who will deliberately assassinate another man will not hesitate at a bit of perjury; so after all the distinguished advocate was right.—Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times.

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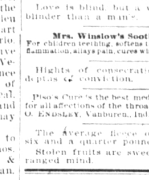

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