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A OF BIT LIFE.

A maiden sat within the door
And sang as many times before.
A man to daily toll passed by,
No love nor pleasure lit his eye.
But when he heard the merry song
He whistled as he went along.

A woman by the window wept
For one who in the churchyard slept.
But when upon her hearing fell
That tune she knew and loved so well,
The flood of burning tears was staid,
And soon a song her lips essayed.

Her neighbor heard the tender strain
And softly joined the sweet refrain.
Thus all day long that one song bore
Its joyousness from door to door.
—Sara J. Denton.

A GREAT RIVER.

Marco Polo's Report Concerning the
Giantic Yang-tse-Kiang.

Noah Brooks quotes the following
from the great Venetian traveler in his
series of St. Nicholas papers, "The
True Story of Marco Polo:"

And I assure you this river flows so
far and traverses so many countries and
cities that in good sooth there pass and
repass on its waters a great number of
vessels and more wealth and merchant-
dise than all the rivers and all the sea of
Christendom put together. It seem
indeed more like a sea than river. Mes-
sers Marco Polo said that he once beheld
at that city 15,000 vessels at one time.
And you may judge if this city of no
great size has such a number, how many
must there be altogether, considering
that on the banks of this river there are
more than 16 provinces and more than
200 great cities, besides towns and vil-
lages, all possessing vessels.

Messers Marco Polo aforesaid tells us
that he heard from the officer employed
to collect the great khan's duties on this
river that there passed up stream 200,
000 vessels in the year, without count-
ing those that passed down! Indeed, as
it has a course of such great length and
receives so many other navigable rivers,
it is no wonder that the merchandise
which is borne on it is of vast amount
and value. And the article in largest
quantity of all is salt, which is carried
by this river and its branches to all the
cities on their banks and thence to the
other cities in the interior.

The vessels which ply on this river
are decked. They have but one mast,
but they are of great burthen, for I can
assure you they carry, reckoning by our
weight, from 4,000 to 12,000 cantars
each. In going up stream they have to
be hauled, for the current is so strong
that they could not make head in any
other manner. Now the towline, which
is some 300 paces in length, is made of
nothing but cane. 'Tis in this way:
They have those great canes of which I
told you before that they are some 15
paces in length. These they take and
split from end to end into many slender
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together so as to make a rope of any
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WIT OF THE WAGS.

Gentle Spring.

Now feeds the gaunt, bowhiskered goat
From posters on the wall.
The moth ball's fragrance fills the coat
Of sealskin in the hall.
The sparrow hops upon the sill.
The wheelman's gong sounds loud and shrill,
And Willy takes the quinine pill,
The quinine pill.

The green grass on the baldish lawn
Is growing merrily.
The bullfrog sees the linked spawl
And gorges in his gloe.
The ring tailed monkey on a rope
Bugs pennies full of simian hope.
The housemaid stews the soft shelled soap,
The soft shelled soap.

The gay galosh sticks in the mud
And leaves all bare the shoon.
And now and then some greeny bud
Bursts forth from its oocoon.
The pussy willow, fair to see,
Makes silvery freckles on the tree,
And Rover hunts the sharp toothed flea,
The sharp toothed flea.

The orphaned, soiled, unlauded tramp
Bugs food his form to fill.
The plumber sticks the two cent stamp
Upon his winter's bill.
The "To let" sign is far and near.
The froth is on the brown bock beer.
The air is fresh, for the spring is here,
The spring is here.
—New York Sunday Journal.

The Boston Girl.

"Half the young men in society now-
days simply don't know beans," remarked
the western girl, with incisive earnestness.
"And yet," demurred the girl from Bos-
ton, "occasionally one does meet a mascu-
line leguminous adept, you know."—Chi-
cago Times-Herald.

The Vicious Bachelor.

"Then you do not deem matrimony a
holy sacrament?" asked the young parson.
"Dunno anything about it," said the
vicious bachelor. "All I know is that a
great many married couples make a holy
show of themselves."—Cincinnati En-
quirer.

A Willing Victim.

Here's to my wife's Easter bonnet!
Lots of plumes and gowgwas on it.
My old hat is tattered and dirty,
My wife's bonnet cost just thirty.

Here's to my wife's Easter bonnet!
Fresh and fair as the red rose on it
Each one neat and sweet to see is.
Neither one is as sweet as she is.

Here's to my wife's Easter bonnet!
I had to pay for all that's on it—
Flowers and ribbons—my, what a wonder
it!

But, oh, just think what a dear thing's
under it!
—New York Press.

A Correction.

Herr Oil—Haf you heard dot dog
mine ate a tape measure undt died?
Herr Kut—I suppose he died py inches,
nicht var?
Herr Oil—Aber nit. He vent outt in
der alley und die py der yard.—Columbia
Spectator.

In 1997.

The Husband (who has walked the floor
three hours)—Half of him belongs to you.
The New Woman (from the bed)—Well,
let my half holler.
The Husband—You brute! I shall go
right straight home to father.—Town
Topics.

The Old, Old Habit.

She's president of seven clubs.
Her name in print you often see.
Of all new women in the land,
There's not a one more new than she.

She lectures, writes and is, in fact,
A sturdy leader of her kind.
She wears a vest, suspenders and
Is noted for her breadth of mind.

Yet when she goes to bed at night
She kneels beside it—not in prayer,
But just to look beneath to see
If any horrid man is there.
—Cleveland Leader.

A Queer Sermon.

A remarkable temperance sermon was
that delivered in Ireland which concluded
with this convincing statement to the
flock: "What makes ye shoot at yer land-
lords? The drink! Aye, and what makes
ye miss them? The drink!"—Argonaut.

A Disturbing Reflection.

Van Gordon—I think that governess I
secured today will fill the bill. She says
she just dotes on children, and that the
older they grow the more she loves them.
Mrs. Van Gordon—And Fred is 23.—
New York Journal.

The Long and Short of It.

A youth named Long once paid his suit
To a beautiful maiden short and cute.
Well, he married her,
Home he carried her,
And now she's Long. But the dapper youth
Is short and grows shorter each day, forsooth
—Philadelphia North American.

Unaccountable Fright.

"Laura, dear, I want you to meet my
cousin. I think you will like him."
"What's his name?"
"Huggin."
"Oh, Irene, I'm afraid!"—Chicago Trib-
une.

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