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Softly, oh! softly, the years have swept by thee,
Touching thee lightly with tenderest care;
Sorrow and care did they often bring nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear.

Growing old gracefully,
Gracefully fair.

Far from the storms that are washing the ocean;
Near, each day to the pleasant home light;
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
Under full sail and the harbor in sight!

Growing old cheerfully,
Cheerfully and bright.

Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling;
Past all the islands that lured thee to rest;
Past all the currents that wooed thee unwilling,
Far from the port of the land of the blest.

Growing old peacefully,
Peacefully and blent.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrow,
Where the bright faces of children are seen;
Never a year from their youth wouldst thou borrow,
Thou dost remember what hath been.

Growing old willingly,
Gladly, I wot!

Rich in experience that angles might covet;
Rich with a faith that has grown with thy years;
Rich in a love that grew from and above it,
Soothing the sorrows and blunting thy fears.

Growing old wearily,
Loving and dear.

Hearts at the sound of thy coming are lightened,
Ready and willing thy hand to receive;
Many a face at thy kind words has brightened,
"It is more blessed to give than receive!"

Growing old happily,
Bliss, we believe.

—Christian Globe.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2, 1878.

The disinterested patriots who have thus far

laid Mr. Hewitt's Committee on the State of

Labor, and the country under such a load of

obligation by their invaluable suggestions and

advice, are not of a character to inspire much con-

fidence in the utility of anything to be drawn

from such a source. "Citizen Schwab" has pre-

sented some original views; and a majority of

all who have been so far accorded a hearing

occupy similar relations to the several factions

that have gained an equivocal notoriety by the

peculiar social or labor designs they advocate,

as Schwab does to commercial property. While

the Democratic politicians of New York State

and City naturally look to the element repre-

sented by Schwab, and the leaders of the rufi-

an classes generally, for support, there is no

good reason why Government should appro-

priate money to aid Mr. Hewitt to effect the al-

liance the Lieutenant Governor Dorsheimer

failed of accomplishing. It would be more

ridiculous for Congress to appoint a Committee

to ascertain the views of Cohen or any of the

other vagabonds prominently identified with

the riotous demonstrations here the other day,

than for Hewitt to call in such blatherers as

Schwab and his fellow-agitators to aid in solv-

ing great social and economic problems.

Notwithstanding hot weather the Republican

Congressional Committee has been vigorously

pushing the preliminary work of the campaign

for a full month. On the other hand the Bour-

bons have only just begun to make preparations,

everything seemingly waiting for Thompson of

Ohio to come and put the machine in working

order.

Congressman Foster's late speech in accepting

a renomination in Ohio the other day, has at-

tracted wide-spread attention and created no

little sensation. It is regarded as significant,

chiefly because of Foster's leading part in the

adoption of the "Southern policy," and of his

intimate relations with the President, as friend

and counselor. According to the report of the

speech received here, he repudiates all respon-

sibility for any further adherence to a course

that has demonstrated the utter lack of grati-

tude of the Southern politicians, and that has

encouraged the whole South to hope and labor

for a resurrection of the "lost cause." Some

of its fruits are seen in the "solid South" of

to-day, and Foster advises a North equally soli-

d. In short it is what the ex rebel and Bour-

bon dough-face would stigmatize as an intensely

"bloody shirt" ultimatum. Nothing known to

the public indicates that the President shares

Foster's convictions in the premises. But the

speech is regarded as a repudiation on the part

of one of the joint originators of a method of

prison, subject, at any time, to a visitation from

the mob, which, papers from that section tell

may happen at any time if we are not more

respectful to the "great and good man" and his

"Court of Justice."

Congressman Springer, one of the most hope-

less Bourbons and subservient dough-faces,

openly says that Hayes will be impeached next

session, on the testimony elicited before Foster's

Committee. None know how slight a pretext

Democracy will avail itself of to haul Mr. Hayes

from the Presidential chair, and precipitate revo-

lution, save those who have observed the drift

of the conspirators here at headquarters.

The express companies are leaving no stone

unturned to divert Government from its purpose

to transport coin by mail, and to extend the

protection of registration to 3rd class mail mat-

ter. But as the loss of the companies will be

the public's gain, all opposed to these grinding

monopolies will rejoice to see them defeated.

We participate, to some extent, in the yellow

fever panic, and continued hot weather aggra-

vates our apprehensions.

MAXWELL.

Letter From Paris.

PARIS, July 20, 1878.

The right wing of the Trocadero palace, the

annex to the main building, is devoted to an-

tiquities, which have been so arranged as to

give a connected view of the progressive de-

velopment of the arts, and form a fitting intro-

duction to their present advanced condition.

Even the prehistoric relics of the human race

are displayed there to complete the series. The

Exposition is thus not only of the present, but

of the past. It gives the history of human

labor in various countries from the earliest pe-

riods, and becomes to a great degree an expo-

sition of mental development of the human race.

It is impossible to pass adequately through the

inspection of the implements of stone, bronze,

iron and finally of steel, without recognizing a

progressive development of humanity. The

galleries of the antiquities makes the exhibi-

tion an unwritten history of civilization which

every one can read, of whatever nation or lan-

guage. It attracts the peasant and the scholar,

and teaches history and philosophy by the con-

trast of the productions of human labor of all

periods and countries.

The French exhibit is the most complete as a

whole, and is divided by a partition into a se-

ries of halls or apartments, so as to more dis-

tinctly mark the different periods.

The prehistoric period is brought boldly for-

ward by the extensive collections which have

been made in various parts of Europe during

the past ten years such as implements of stone

from the bone caverns, post bags, and from the

lake dwellings of Switzerland.

The cases are filled with enormous spear-

heads of flint, hatchets and other rudely made

implements formed by chipping and without

It was warm indeed. The sun
was shining down like a giant
spot, making a big, warm
circle of the summer globe.
A year had passed without
his brightness, and lent a dreamy charm

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Alto began the story gaily, but, as it proceeded, her sportive mood became sober, and she spoke with a sternness accompanied with an expression of earnestness and wonder. When she ceased, it was with a cheek somewhat flushed, and a pair of bright eyes, the color of which she could not quite control. Her husband had listened at first with smiling interest, but this soon gave way to an ominous frown. When she had finished, he burst into a peal of uncontrollable laughter. He laughed until the tears came into his eyes, and then, when he was quieted, he suddenly started off again, and laughed till his face was tired. Alice and I joined in the mirth, but my sister not.

"My dear little girl," cried Edward, as soon as he could speak, "do you hope to spend the rest of your life with such a husband as that?"

"But it is about as good as I can get," said Alice.

"But it is true, Edward."

Edward went on again.

"I don't know what you mean that you were so sure of, but I am not deceived."

"You impertinent boy! Small advantage in peeping, when you were not asked."

"Do you presume to say you did not know I was there."

"What do you mean, Edward?"

"I am sure that my recollection of that day is so clear, that I can only do you no pretend to have been asleep."

"You, Edward, at that time? You were out of the Atlantic a week's sail and more."

"I was not," said Edward, "at the eve of St. John, when you reached your home, and you had only arrived the day before."

"I may choose, who will, to say that I had just awoke from Luke's."

"No use, perhaps; but we are supposed to know."

"Nevertheless, on that night of the 23d of June, I was here, owing to the my first visit from your firm. It was a merry Lottie did not catch me, though, I had

"Now, my dear lady, in a zone of real distress," he said, "I sincerely do not believe—"

"—I would," replied the courtesan, with a cold smile, "that you are deceiving me."

"No, darling; of course I do not believe anything of the kind. But Charlotte—"

"She added," what a strange thing it is, that we are all so much more ready to believe things around us, with the fantastic fancies of our dreams! What faculty of the mind is it which summons awake to take notice of things outside the closed eyelids?"

"The prophetic faculty, it would seem in this instance," he answered, "with as much probability as in the case of the clairvoyant."

"Perhaps that is peculiar to the drama of the nineteenth century," she said.

"Charlotte laughed. It is an odd thing to think of," she said.

"I think it odd myself, but it is true," said Harpur's Weekly.

An unprecedented occurrence has surprised the people of St. John's, N. F.—the capture of a sea serpent, twenty feet long and fifteen feet in circumference, by the crew of the schooner Albatross, of the British sea. It was small enough to be hoisted on board, and was entirely outside of the Arctic waters. It is not often explained, though it is recorded that one was taken in the summer of 1769, two others being captured in 1772, another in 1798 and another in 1846. It is a voracious and voracious creature, eating herring, halibut and skate. It attacks porpoises and dolphins, and makes good war on seals, and is much feared by the Eskimo, who frequently attack a brute whale, tearing away morsels of its flesh with their powerful teeth, like so many mastiffs and dogs, and swimming with blood and wounds, till the great giant is deep enough to its more agile pursuers.

The Russian provinces of Simbirsk, which is now the chief metropolis by the Volga, has the advantage of being the birthplace of the emperor, and the scene of a very picturesque and somewhat romantic incident. One of the Czar's periodical forays into the South, he was descending the Volga, from Kazan to Saratoff, through the country of the "Cossack" or "steppe" "barbarians," whose strange mode of life is furnished material for one of the best of Russian romances. A little before reaching Saratoff, he was overtaken by a band of robbers, who, instead of hailing the steamer, and a fishing boat, with three men in her, came along side. A rope was thrown to them, and the robbers, in a twinkling, were aboard, brandishing their cut-throats. The Czar, the boat. Being asked what he desired, he produced a magnificent diamond ring, the value of which was estimated at three millions in Russia, and said that this was being the only security for the whole lot of goods, which he had decided not to sell, but to offer as a present to "Father Alexander Kholodivich," (the Czar). Several of the robbers, who were of the selected "hundred" compliment to the emperor, who at once called the old man to him, and shaking him gently by the hand, said, "I shall be glad to accept of it, which he assured him should figure on the imperial table, that very evening. The veterans muttered a few broken words of satisfaction, and then, with their best will, the air of a man who has nothing left to desire; but the Czar, though far too considerate to offer any reward, yet he could not resist the temptation to require at once, after with a new set of a large stock of notes of the old quality.

The chosen one, the chosen one,
And so was slain, but slain in vain,
The rich-ordered, rich-ordered,
Of all choose that over were,
Then, everything ready, while,
In time, the day of glory came,
But a day, the day of glory came,
Through the day of glory came,
So they made
A great parade, the great parade,
With marching bands, the marching bands,
The burgundy and the burgundy,
Gold chain, and moon, and grey,
The great burgundy and the great burgundy,
Pompadour, the pompadour, the pompadour,
Carriage and coach, the carriage and coach,
While the drums thundered, and the drums,
And all the bands of the canton,
The fountain spouts,
Children drag of the bright
Spectation of every eye,
The young and merry, the young and merry,
Allite with cheer the cheer,
From street and window and bay,
Ladies in livery and lace,
All eye beautiful, and beautiful,
With soap, soap, soap,
And young gentlemen, and young gentlemen,
And all the crowd on the crowd,
Tawny with pomp and music,
On a broad triumphal arch,
Beneath a costly martyr,
To the triumph of bells and bells,
King Chinese his royal progress
On to the Paris Exposition,
His Majesty went on the way,
At the Great French
Everything under the sun is the
Wasteful is made by the
Ruins from China and Hindoo-
The streets broken from the
Prodigious Ireland, Ireland, the
Landscape, Poland, the Poland,
North land, south land, cold land,
From Siberia—
Very far into the
From every country you can me
From Algeria and the
From Ohio and Virginia
Egypt, Spain, Palestine;
Lands of the sea-land, lands of
Lands of tobacco, perfume, and
Of iron, of ivory, and ivory,
Of gold and silver and diamonds
From the fatherland, and the
And everybody is there to see:
From Mexico and Montenegro,
Buenos Aires, and Buenos Aires,
Modern Russia and modern
From France and France,
Tuck and Russia,
Foes that have been for
Through alive on

should they have
 Number Seven in the
 On the seventh day
 world's FIRST BIRTH-
 On the seventh day Noah
 the ground
 In seven days a dove was
 Abraham pleaded seven
 Sobered seven
 Jacob mourned seven
 sorb.
 Jacob served seven years
 And yet another seven
 Jacob was pursued a se-
 nary by Laban.
 A plenty of seven
 seven years of famine
 dream by seven fat
 bonate, and seven ears of
 corn, of blasted corn.
 On the seventh day
 month the children were
 days in their
 Every second day
 to the people.
 In the destruction of
 plagues seven years of
 on the seventh day
 seven times, and at the
 south rounded walls of
 Jerusalem.
 temple, and fanned seven
 fection.
 In the tabernacle were
 The golden candlestick
 branches.
 Naaman washed seven
 river Jordan.
 seven times with
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 locks and seven rams as
 In the Revelations was
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 seven trumpets, seven
 thunders, seven vials,

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