

A BUGGY-RIDE.

A buggy-ride, perhaps, is not. The finest subject for a song, But when the muse has been caught, To treat things right I do mean no.

"Twas even'st'self, saddest air, With all the world a-blaze With fire and a golden shower That sparked in the western haze.

The truest pair of glowing eyes, Though fathoms as deep as ocean, Glimmered in the moon's pale surprise, And flashed with friend's eyes.

Of course they were the "corner-stone," Of this production, however grand; They give it depth, strength, and tone, And make it with such expand.

Along the quiet, dusky way, With even'shadow drooping down, To fold the fleeting, dying day In dings of deepest brown.

We dropt a single, slender steel, And left the world a deeper shade, And though it always is the need, I never thought of paying "toll."

Until at last she said that I Must write a poem on our ride, Through the world was water dry, Unless she be the song implied.

And, whirling in her lidless ear, I asked a slight but simple boon— So simple, that I never thought, Bestowing it upon a "foam."

It was not granted; and, of course, I knew it was not right to steal; "Twould tinge our joy with a remorse That would not let us sleep.

Oh, why boast these exhaustless stores Of rupture that but brought her lie? Why wreck our hopes on fancy's shores, When "no" to that's a kiss a kiss?

I plead—but it's vain to plead, The silent pants have had enough, When the world is all so swift and fast, And eyes but speak, and lips are dumb.

And, though but friends, I know the bliss That little favor might have wrought; The rapture of one single kiss, But I never thought of paying "toll."

I learned a lesson, so many, too. Young men and boys of "tender" years, Who bogy-ride and read this, too!—

Don't beg and crave so slight a boon, As to let us have a ride, a ride, a ride! But if it's yours, wait, sir, "look."

—Then simply watch your chance and take it.

—Chicago Ledger.

THE DOCTOR'S WATCHMAN.

"Tell you what, doctor; you'll be getting robed and murdered one of these days; you'll be a dead man."

"Indeed! You are sure of that?"

"Quite sure. You know I never for-

get a face I've once seen."

"Ah! In that case, it's time for me to act!" The last word was so curiously emphasized that Harry, who was not wanting in shrewdness, began to suspect that his persistent earnings to the doctor were, nevertheless, after all, and that the old gentleman was quite equal to the emergency.

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