

## LOVE SONG.

BY GEN. W. H. LITTLE.

Now, grown not, fairest, chide no more  
Nor blame the blushing wine.  
Its kiss is innocent.  
"Then when the sun sets with wine,  
Then leaves the sun in my hand,  
And all thy glances bright,  
Lest we should meet again,  
Should wreck my soul to-night.  
Then, sweetest, to the ancient rim,  
In sculptured beauty rare,  
Bow down to the red-arched lip, and quaff  
The wine of the sun's rays.  
Or breskin upon the shining cup  
Till that the perfume be  
Sweet in the fragrance caves  
Upon some tropic sea.

And while thy fingers idly stray  
In dalliance over thy lyre,  
Sing to me, love, some rare old song  
That comes from the days of Greece,  
Songs such as Grecian phalanx hymned  
When Herakles' field was won,  
And Persia fell with the light  
Faded at Marathon.

Sing till the slugs of armed men  
Bring bravely out once more;  
Sing of the sun, whose tints  
Shine by the moon's bright shore.

But from their melancholy graves  
The shades of the dead know  
There were many a storm had swept  
The dew from the earth.

Sing the deep memories of the past,  
My soul still fond of thee,  
Its longings still abiding,  
The glorious minstrelry.  
Alas, as we the vibrations hang  
From thy soft, silvery air,  
I'll drink, thy white arm round me, love  
In wine, that conquers care.

## HOUSE HUNTING.

Mrs. Fleshy very much wanted to let about six rooms in the house to some small and respectable families. The very house had six rooms in some house, with a small and respectable family in the other part; but, as both had lived long enough to understand the hazards of moving, and what it was to dwell under the same roof with disagreeable tenants and ladies, they thought it wise to be particular when they met for the first time, and enter into details before they made a bargain, and then lessen the risk of fraud by having a lawyer look it over.

The term having been stated, as they went about the premises Mrs. Prod proceeded to give some idea of her family:

"We are five people, I would wish to state, in the first place, to avoid all mis-understanding. We are Mr. and Mrs. Prod—that is, my husband and myself—there is a son, James, who is 17, and in our house; and my brother, Joseph Squeam—I was a Squeam before I was married—and he is 25 and clerk it—and that is three; and then there is my son James, who is 12, and that's four; and my son Samuel, who is 8, and that's five, and they go to school."

"And in our family there are four," retorted Mrs. Prod. "We are Mr. and Mrs. Fleshy, with no children; Mr. Fleshy being in the boot and shoe business, and a little older, like your husband. And then there are my grandmother, who is eighty, she being a Fleshy, as she married my husband's father's father; my maiden sister, Rebecca Tiddy, who is—ahem!—a few years older than I am, as I was a Tiddy when I was married."

"The six rooms which we wish," continued Mrs. Prod, "are to be a parlor and a kitchen, one chamber for Mr. Prod, one for my brother Joseph, and one for James and Samuel together, and one spare."

"We have all them," said the equally precise Mrs. Fleshy, "and when we can agree to go from and back, I have no objection to let the house to you, if we should agree upon other things."

"I am glad you spoke of that, for I wished to question you myself, about the other things, for, after all, it is the other things which will be the most important. How is your water?"

"It is good and handy?"

"Croton in both kitchens, as you may now perceive, and both water closets sinks, as you perceive, and the glancing sparkle of the water; for Rebecca is nervous, and can't bear to hear the water running all the time, and I presume that your boys are not rude and won't let it."

"I shall see that they do not, Mrs. Fleshy; and now, as we are speaking of water, how is it about coal?"

"I will show you the coal-holes myself, Mrs. Prod. There they are. Two holes, one side of the house, one to the right or the left, and I can put an F over mine or a P over yours, to prevent mistakes; or we can have it distinctly understood among us all which hole belongs to your family and which to mine."

"I will speak to Mr. Prod about that. I think we will have no objection to doing whatever you think right."

"I suppose not. Ha! the gentle men are always easy to get along with."

"You easy sometimes, and that's the reason why I go house hunting myself. Nobody but a woman knows what a woman wants in a house."

"That is very true," agreed Mrs. Fleshy, in a business-like tone. "And how are you about visitors? Do you have very many to keep the door-bell ringing much of the time? Rebecca is very nervous, you know."

"She says it pierces her head through and through, and makes her afraid that somebody is coming to see her."

"How fortunate!" said Mrs. Fleshy. "And I hope you are all pretty sound in body, too."

"I thank you, we are extremely so, because we are so careful. And now there is another thing. May I ask how you obtain your supplies, whether principally by your husband, or by your brother, or by your sons, or by your wife?"

"She may rest her mind upon that score, then, for if a doctor waits till we are likely to need one, it will be after our lease is up. We haven't had a doctor in our family since Samuel was born."

"We have but very few visitors," answered Mrs. Prod; "and, speaking of annoyances, I was going to ask you if you have any objection to our burning fluid in the house instead of gas. My brother, Joseph, prefers gas, but Mr. Prod insists upon fluid."

"I don't see how he can insist upon fluid when we have gas in all the rooms."

"But we have so many lamps to be put in use, and Mr. Prod has a great many gallons of fluid, and thinks it more wholesome and portable,"

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"What were dry-goods, provisions and groceries, after all? What were health and neatness? What was everything else, that should prove disagreeable?"

"She felt the necessity of enlightenment, and that respect, and so cautiously felt her way into the Prod family with continued persistence."

"You will find plenty of store room," declared she. "Full half a dry-cellar and spacious closets."

"I hope you are not troubled with the cellars and closets, for they remind me of the prejudices of French, late Auditor of Railroad Accounts, and thus to save the Central Pacific millions justly due the Government, at least until the Supreme Court shall decide against him, if the treachery of French should be fully reversed."

"The administration stands before the public as a very bad, and a very bad supporting reputation and corporate monopoly, both of which are distinctly represented in the person of the jobber Mahone. And it will be held to account for this shameful interference in a local election.—*New York Sun*.

"That reminds me that I would wish to walk out back and see what kind of a yard or garden you have got, before we make a division of fronts and backs. A back kitchen or a back parlor is often more pleasant than the front, if that is something green to rest the eye upon."

"It is very true, but we have nothing green there at present," replied the landlady. Leading the way, she went to the small and barren area at the rear, where there was a crop of clothes-lines, but not a blade of grass, nor even a sickly tree. "But you are at liberty to plant and cultivate whatever you please, except vegetables and sunflowers. We shouldn't wish to have it look like a market garden, and Rebecca has a right to make it a perfect paradise, and might, perhaps, you would prefer to have all the back rooms you could get. They would be away from the noise of the street, and a back kitchen is handiest in several respects."

"I will speak to Mr. Prod about it," said Mrs. Prod, turning her back upon the gloomy prospect, which lent no favor to the argument. "And now that you speak of the kitchen, how will it be about washing and sweeping the stairs, and entries?"

"We will take our turn, of course; but I suppose that as you have four men-folks—for the boys are worse than men, in respect of wear and tear and dirt—you would not object to doing about two-thirds instead of one-half the cleaning, we having but one male person to turn to."

"I will speak to Mr. Prod about it," was the faint and evasive answer. "It seems reasonable, but my boys are very clean and orderly, always scrape their feet before they come in, and are careful not to injure carpets, paint or paper."

"I am glad you have spoken about that," proceeded the landlady, "for I remind you of the fact that I am going to ask you whether you may much attention to dress, as a general thing, or merely dress tidily, or don't care much if you go slip-shod and anyhow. Some of the best people, to be sure, go slouched and anyhow; but Rebecca is very particular about appearances, and I think myself, and so does Mr. Fleshy, that it is best or people to be always respectably dressed."

"You will have no cause to be troubled on that score," replied Mrs. Prod, with a proud smile. "As for James and Samuel, they always dress as if they were going to Sunday-school. They take after my brother Joseph, who is a regular dandy. As to my husband, there is no end to the clothes he wears; and for most, that black silk dress and a spot nor a rip in it, and I am very glad you spoke of that, for I was going to ask you the very same question—whether you and your husband, and your sister Rebecca, and your grandmother observed neatness and the fashions; for it would be quite mortifying to us if you were not scrupulous in that respect."

"Then we shall go along delightful," returned Mrs. Fleshy, apparently much pleased at this homage to dry goods.

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## Soda Water.

The beverage popularly known as soda water is so named because it was formerly made of bicarbonate of soda or baking-soda; and, in the East, bicarbonate of soda is still largely employed; the manufacturers claiming that no cheaper ingredient can be furnished that can well serve their purpose. It is said the basis of all fermented beverages now is ammonia, and that the holy places of Palestine, with which the Turks had long looked with a covetous eye on Constantinople, and had long waited for a favorable opportunity to seize it. Religion, soothen the spirit of strife, and the eastern quarter of some Greek and Latin monks about the holy places of Palestine, with which the Turks had long looked with a covetous eye on Constantinople, and had long waited for a favorable opportunity to seize it. 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