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## SONG TO POLLY.

I saw six eggs within a nest  
And loved the stork as she flew.  
Ah, Mistress Polly, love is best!  
I'll build a nest with you.

I saw the pollen from the pine  
Go seeking up the windy hill  
And thought its fate as hard as mine  
Unless it had its will.

Why, Polly, every lovely flower  
Is just a woman, too, and waits  
Until the bee, the wind, the shower,  
Shall bring their happy fates.

When all the world is full of spring,  
And Hymen, Hymen, all, oh!  
Is all the song the creatures sing  
You shall not answer no.

—P. H. Savage in Chap Book.

## PETRIFIED ARTICLES.

### A Huge Tree That is Slowly Sinking Into the Earth.

Warda and the surrounding country are noted for petrified articles of various kinds. I have on exhibition a petrified rock about 2 feet long and 1 1/2 feet wide. It weighs 45 pounds and is without a doubt a shoulder blade of a mastodon. It plainly shows the socket in which the bone of the leg revolves. It was found several years ago by a party while seining in the bed of the Colorado river. Within three-quarters of a mile from Warda there is a petrified tree, supposed to have been a post oak. It is about 20 feet long, and at the thick end of the trunk it is about 2 feet in diameter, while at the top it is over a foot in diameter. When first observed, about 18 years ago, about half of its diameter was above ground, but owing to its great weight it is slowly but constantly sinking. All around in this part of the country a person can find specimens of petrified wood of many varieties.

The writer has observed stumps and parts of stumps plainly showing traces where they had once been burned, and now they are solid rock. It seems as though small quantities of petrified wood could be found under the ground, for if a person will make an examination of the banks of the local creeks, gullies and ravines he can find pieces of petrified wood sticking out of the banks on every side. The writer in examining some specimens in the surrounding creeks found several pieces of petrified wood protruding from the banks, which, although petrified, was so brittle that it could be broken to pieces with the hand. The cause of this appears to be a lack of some kind of acid necessary in the course of petrification to make it solid. One of the most curious and at the same time one of the most perfect specimens that the writer has observed is what is supposed to be a petrified stomach. It plainly shows a quantity of petrified acorns and other ingredients which cannot now be distinguished. It is supposed to be the stomach of a hog or some other prehistoric herbivorous animal. The writer has also noticed two other very beautiful specimens, the one being a prehistoric shell, known by the Latin name of Nautilus lunatus, and the other a common pear.—*Winston News.*

### Wonderfully Good Sight.

The Duchess of X—once went to Greenwich to see the marvels of the observatory. It was a lovely night, and for the fair duchess' benefit the great telescope was duly leveled at the dazzling field of stars.

"What is that star?" she said, pointing to a very bright one.

"Oh, that's Aldebaran, a star of the first magnitude."

"Is it very far off?" asked her grace.

"About six or seven light years, your grace."

"What is a light year?"

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"And is that star all those millions of miles away?"

"Yes, your grace, as nearly as we can calculate."

"Then, all I can say," remarked the duchess, "is that you must have wonderfully good eyes to make out that star's name at that distance, even with this big telescope. It's really most marvelous."—*London Tit-Bits.*

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### No Recollection of It.

One of the most noted of the hardy western frontiersmen was Kit Carson, to whom, with Daniel Boone, belongs the credit of having always dealt fairly with the various Indian tribes, as they themselves acknowledged. The withdrawal of Carson by the government was the cause of a great war. Captain Henry Inman, in his book, the "Old Santa Fe Trail," relates an amusing incident of the gallant pioneer.

My own conception of Kit Carson, as a child, was that he was 10 feet high, that it would have required the strength of two men to lift his rifle, that he usually drank a river dry and picked the carcass of a whole buffalo clean as easily as a lady does the wing of a quail. Years after, when I made the acquaintance of the foremost frontiersman, I found him a delicate, reticent, under sized, wiry man, the very opposite type of what my childish brain had created.

One day while Kit was at the fort I came across a periodical that had a full page illustration of a scene in a forest. In the foreground stood a gigantic figure dressed in the traditional buckskin.

On one arm rested an immense rifle. His other arm was around the waist of the conventional female of such sensational journals, while in front half a dozen Indians lay prone, evidently slain by the hero in the impossible attire in defense of the preposterous female. The legend stated how all this had been effected by Kit Carson.

I handed it to Kit. He wiped his spectacles, studied the picture intently for a few seconds and then said:  
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When a man has handled the express money for a score of years without loss or any sort of accident, the company begins to appreciate him and lets down a little on the cast iron rules that hedge employees. So it was that Sam Alton was sometimes allowed to take his young wife and baby boy on his trips when they made him stay at the other end of the road over Sunday. And Jennie Alton grew quite accustomed to making herself comfortable for a journey of 100 miles or so among the variety of things that are piled in an express car, while the boy cowered with delight and tumbled over his father without the slightest regard for the long yellow bills that seemed so important to the messenger. Then it was such fun to fix the big trunk with a gunny sack for a cover when Charlie grew sleepy.

"That chest is meant for us to carry valuables in, and I reckon it's serving its purpose," Sam would say as he softly arranged the folded coat for the curly head, and Jennie would laugh low in delight and be perfectly willing to listen to the same tender joke very often.

Valuable! Why, all the money in all the canvas sacks in the safe wouldn't buy one curl of his golden hair! Two faces would bend above the trunk lovingly, and Jennie would caution her husband to fasten the lid up well as she thought with a shudder of the tragedy of Geneva.

It was just before Christmas when Jennie and the boy made their last trip in the express messenger's car. Sam was pretty busy, and there was hardly room for them to sit, but he piled the packages high, and when he lifted one that he thought might be a trinket or jewels or a cloak of seal he sighed a bit, wishing the gift was for Jennie. But she was well content in that pearl of great price, a good man's love, and watched her boy sleeping in the trunk with eyes full of brooding tenderness that always seems to grow more fine as the anniversary of the nativity draws near.

Suddenly a crash as of collision threw the three in the car together on the floor, with the boxes and bales tumbling around them. The lid of the trunk cracked and swung down, shutting the baby inside, but before the parents could extricate themselves they felt the car suddenly lift in the air and then plunge downward.

"Charlie!" shrieked the mother, all the prayers that a woman's heart can frame expressed in that one word. Then the engine drank from the river hissing. The side fell away from the car, leaving a sight of a waste of waters: then blindness and silence.

A farmer and his wife stood at the edge of their acres and watched a box float in the water. It looked as though it might contain valuables, and the man secured it, to find within, smiling and rosy in sleep, a little orphan boy who said his name was "Charlie."—*Chicago Journal.*

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