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## SONGS.

### Reasons for Writing Certain Popular Ballads.

### The Authors and the Feelings Governing Them.

### A Review of the Most Prominent Carefully Made.

Some of the questions which naturally arise in the mind concerning the popular songs of past and present days are easily and satisfactorily answered; but there are others that do not so easily suggest themselves to the inquiring mind. It may be assumed that the authors of the ballads, sentimental, comic and serio-comic, which we have at concerts and on the stage, and the airs of which, ground upon the peripatetic organ of the wandering sons of Italy impel the passer-by to hasten his foot-steps with them for lucre or fame,—principally, of course, the former—but why did they happen to choose the particular subject of which they wrote? Whence came the ideas which suggested themselves to their minds, and in what spirit were they conceived? The answer is in some cases a puzzling one; in others the title alone gives a ready answer to the inquiry, and in still others we can give a shrewd guess as to the conception of the song. The ADVERTISER, having become interested in the subject, determined to investigate the matter, and is thus enabled to lay before its readers some information never before published and which cannot fail to be interesting. In the obscure cases the authors themselves have been consulted, and in all instances, we are happy to say, have courteously responded, and the correctness of the general results cannot be disputed.

Take for instance as our first essay the lately published air of

#### "WHERE IS MY WANDERING BOY TO-NIGHT?"

This was evidently written by some anxious mother whose promising scion has just taken to staying out late evenings, and the parent is rightly anxious for the morals of the youngster, for the snares and pitfalls of a large city are numerous and many are they who fall therein. If the youth has stamps he may be in a beer saloon playing auction pitch for the drinks, or he may be thrusting a stack of chips within the reach of the tiger's claws, or getting a bob-tail flush at the fascinating game of draw, or coming out last man at pool, while if he is "broke" the odds are he is making love to sweet Johanna in the parlor with the gas turned down, or walking the streets with Alonzo on "the mash;" in short, there is no end to the places where he may or may not be.

#### "THE SKIDS ARE OUT TO-DAY"

was doubtless concocted by some disgusted pedestrian in a mercantile street who found his path obstructed by a pair of the above-mentioned articles, over which he had to leap at the peril of being crushed by a barrel of kerosene or travel round through the mud with the additional risk of being run over by a passing team. The other day at the foot of a busy street the skids were out and a lady who could not well vault over the obstruction was compelled to pick her way through a conglomeration of filth in front

of the horses. On her head she wore a hat ornamented with pampas grass or broom corn, or some such material, and as she rounded the off horse the hungry animal, mistaking it for some article of his diet, snatched it from her cranium and deliberately commenced to crunch it. A piercing shriek brought the teamster to the scene and he rescued the "topper" in a most dilapidated condition. And the lady tried to smile, but the attempt was a most dismal failure. Yes, the skids are out to-day and every day, and a great nuisance they are, too.

#### "THE LITTLE WIDOW DUNN."

The author of this was probably jilted by the widow, and now that she in her turn has been "done" by some other fellow, he is exultant. Well, it is no easy task to do any widow, big or little, and the chap who did it was evidently a smart one, although his heartless conduct cannot be too severely condemned.

#### "THE BABIES ON OUR BLOCK."

There is no doubt that this refers to the kids to whom the writer lent his "Gem puzzle," and if they struck the 13-15-14 racket there is a strong probability that they are "on our block" yet, though why the author gave it away in this manner it is difficult to see.

#### "PUT MY LITTLE SHOES AWAY."

This was suggested to the author while passing a blacksmith's shop, and viewing the affectionate regard with which a horse, being provided with a new set of iron, looked upon the discarded foot protectors; this incident gave rise to the song. And the son of Vulcan probably put the shoes away over the door for good luck.

#### "THOU ART SO NEAR AND YET FAR."

There are different opinions as to the origin of this favorite air, and as the author is in Germany we have not been able to communicate with him. One theory is that it depicts the emotions of an impecunious individual, gazing at the piles of coin and bonds in a broker's window, while others stoutly contest that it represents the feelings of an equally moneyless person in front of a bar, wistfully blinking at the array of bottles behind it, surmounted by the appalling legend, "No Trust." The conceptions are equally ingenious, and it is hard to award the superiority to either.

#### "THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS."

It has been a mooted point whether this refers to candles, oil or camphene. The latter can be indignantly spurned as unworthy of consideration. Whale oil and candles are of respectable antiquity, but both may be dismissed with a few words. The ancients were not over fond of salt water and their whaling was confined to their internecine contests. Vegetable oils were undoubtedly first used for artificial light, and though the expressed juice of the olive has many friends, the majority award the palm to the palm.

#### "TOUCH THE HARP GENTLY, MY PRETTY LOUISE."

You see Louise has borrowed George's jew's harp, and is twanging away at it with such violence that he fears she will break it, hence the above mild remonstrance. How much more polite this was than to say, "Let up on that 'ere harp or I'll bust your crust."

If Louise was a lady she doubtless restored the instrument without a murmur.

#### "BEAUTIFUL 'I'LE OF THE SEA."

The author was inspired with this ballad while inspecting the big whale recently on exhibition at a wharf on the East River, and wondering how many barrels of "ile" it would make. The song is very popular in schools; in fact it was first sung at a school of whales.

Want of space forbids more than a passing mention of the other songs upon our list, which are mostly of the semi-idiotic type. Here is one called

#### "WHY DID THEY DIG MA'S GRAVE SO DEEP?"

Perhaps it was because the sexton was new to the business, or it might have been because the old man wanted to get a sure thing on her, but the most probable solution of the conundrum is that they wanted to get her out of hearing of the song.

#### "KISS ME, WOULD YOU."

When Tennyson wrote the words he little imagined that they would be set to music, and the title page would be illustrated by such a face as is engraved thereon. Probably homelier girls have been kissed—that is all a matter of taste; but no kisser would want to make a business of it.

#### "WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A MOTHER?"

The author did well to stop where he did in selecting his title. If he had continued it and made it "What is Home without a Mother-in-Law?" it would obviously have been absurd. The series might be continued indefinitely and wind up at the eleventh query by asking "What is Home without a Tom-cat?"

#### "HE SLEEPS WHERE HE FELL."

It must be conceded that he was especially fortunate. They generally get run in and slumber in the station house.

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## THE CONVENTION.

Things were very lively at Trenton on Thursday, and men excited as must naturally be expected under such exciting circumstances. Beyond this we get it from the most reliable sources that no extraordinary disgraceful scenes were enacted, and the general air and appearance of the delegation was respectable—more so, in fact, than usual. The paper whose candidates to the Convention were disappointed naturally enough states that "the *personel* of the Hudson delegation was not up to its usual standard." If this was the case, then Hoboken was in nowise responsible for any such misfortune. A more respectable lot of gentlemen never represented a party than was sent from this city to Trenton last Thursday, and the way they acquitted themselves is all the evidence necessary to verify the foregoing.

After several hours consumed in balloting and discussion, the following result was reached:

## DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.

Hon. John P. Stockton, Hon. Orestes Cleveland, Hon. H. B. Smith and C. Meyer Zulick.

## DISTRICT DELEGATES

First—Charles P. Ridgeway, Robert Newell.  
 Second—Rufus Bloodgett, William P. McMichael.  
 Third—Joseph I. Thompson, Robert Green.  
 Fourth—Alvah A. Clarke, Lewis Cochran.  
 Fifth—Henry D. Winton, James S. Coleman.  
 Sixth—Gottfried Kreuger, Lawrence T. Fell.  
 Seventh—Jeremiah Sweeney, E. P. C. Lewis.

The Hon. James Curran, an aspirant for Cincinnati, magnanimously withdrew in favor of Col. Lewis, and in fact nominated the latter. Mr. William Utz, who was also anxious to "go West," was not mentioned.

## TERRIBLE IF TRUE.

We have been asked by many citizens to furnish the date of Court Interpreter (?) Hoffman's appointment to said office. Not being in a position to reply, perhaps Mr. Hoffman will condescend to speak for himself.

We submitted the above query two weeks ago and Mr. Hoffman has not as yet condescended to "speak for himself."

Perhaps he might inform the public the date of his naturalization papers. It is publicly charged that Mr. Hoffman was appointed Court Interpreter several months before he had become a citizen of the United States, or even had avowed his intention of becoming naturalized. If such is the case, and whether he explains or not, the facts will be learned before long, and such Democrats as were

instrumental in perpetrating this outrage will be remembered in the future. The idea of thrusting so important and profitable a position on an incompetent alien, while so many more fitting men could be found who are citizens, is perfectly outrageous. The authors of such an act, as well as their "pet," deserve the severest rebuking, and will get it the very first opportunity that offers. It is bad enough to see and hear almost daily evidence of this official's incompetency, but the last discovery caps the climax.

## "TOO BAD."

Hoboken loses, this week, one of her most conscientious, honorable and capable officials—a gentleman who never sought a position in his life, and one of the few who can indeed claim that he was forced into office and induced to remain there by his friends. We refer to Police Commissioner Clark, or, as he would prefer to be known, plain "Christy" Clark, whose resignation was accepted by the Common Council at its session on Tuesday evening. The Board has lost a valuable member, the department a good yet just friend, and the Third Ward a faithful representative, and Mr. Clark has simply sacrificed an unthankful though responsible and honorable position. He explains his course by frankly admitting that as Treasurer of the Water Board he has all the honor he desires and more trouble than he wants for nothing. Besides, in his own language, "he doesn't want the 'darn tinkers' to be keeping him out late four nights a month."

## Cheap Enough.

The special committee of the Board of Education, appointed to ascertain the amount necessary to run the Public Schools for the ensuing year, submitted the following petition to the Board of Tax Commissioners, at their meeting Thursday evening:

TO THE HONORABLE TAX COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HOBOKEN:

GENTLEMEN—It may be seen by a reference to the annexed schedules and estimates, which we have prepared with care, what the School Board considers necessary for maintaining the public schools of this city for the coming year. We would invite your honorable body to examine the matters personally for yourselves, and if you conclude to reduce our estimates, or any of the items, please indicate where, so that our Board can act accordingly. We would beg leave to state that some of the school buildings are considerably run down and out of repair, principally for want of painting. We think this poor economy, and would request toward it your serious attention. We have supplied your honorable body with a complete schedule of salaries paid at present in our schools. We think the rates fair and think that the best interests of the city demand they should be maintained for the coming year, as a reduction would impair their efficiency. We would also call your attention to the fact that on account of the rise in the markets, we cannot supply many of the articles needed at the same rates as last year. The resources for the coming year, outside what you will be pleased to appropriate to be raised by the city, will be as follows: Balance in City Treasurer's office, March 15th, \$21,102.32; drawn from current expenses, \$10,850; on hand, \$10,252.32. The general estimate for the schools for 1880, including \$4,452 for repairs of buildings and pay-roll of \$58,256.04, foots up \$76,358.04.

## Children's Day.

The annual parade, or what is better known as the May walk of the children of the Hoboken Sabbath schools, takes place next Thursday afternoon, starting at or about 4 P. M. The prospects at present are

that the procession will be unusually large and attractive, and from a review of the preparations already made by the efficient managers, these calculations are well founded. The whole affair will be under the immediate supervision of John E. Howland, Grand Marshal, an expert in such matters, who will be ably assisted by the gentlemen mentioned below. The order and line of march—with the first and second divisions on one side and the third and fourth on the other side of the street—will be as follows:

Platoon of Police.  
 Stone's Band.  
 Grand Marshal.  
 Invited Guests.

First Division—W. A. Tompkins, Marshal—Free M. E. Tabernacle, First Reformed.  
 Second Division—T. A. Treadwell, Marshal—First Presbyterian, First Baptist.

Third Division—S. H. McCain, Marshal—First M. E. Methodist, Bethesda Mission.  
 Fourth Division—John N. Luehs, Marshal—German Evangelical, Baptist Mission.

The column will form on Hudson street, right resting at Sixth, in the order named.

The line of march will be Hudson to Seventh, Washington to Eighth, Bloomfield to Tenth, Garden to Sixth, Park avenue to review ground, Church Square Park. The first and second divisions will pass to the left of the fountain; second and fourth to the right of the fountain; thence left and right oblique to the corners of Fourth and Garden and Fourth and Willow respectively; thence each to Park avenue entrance to square; thence to Fifth street and dismiss.

The two bands and reviewing party will take their station at the north side of the fountain, changing to the south side on the return of the columns.

Superintendents will confer a special favor upon the Grand Marshal by having their respective schools ready for line formation at 3:30 P. M.

Marshals are expected to meet with the Grand Marshal at 3:30 P. M. at the First Presbyterian Church for instruction and further orders.

The above line of march is subject to such change as may be deemed wise by the Grand Marshal.

This is recognized by the "little ones" as their great day, and it is hoped that citizens along the line will do their share towards adding to its pleasures. A display of flags, bunting or other regalia would be highly appreciated by both the managers and children.

## LACONICS.

—The Clinton Coterie will dance at Otto Cottage Garden, on Wednesday evening, June 2d.

—Prof. J. Wallace will give his tenth annual excursion to Oscawana Island on Thursday, June 10th.

—Mr. Louis Becker, of the Palisade Cemetery Company, is about to commence work on a cremation furnace.

—Capt. Carnie is overhauling the steamer "Marion," which will commence her regular trips to Rockaway Beach on or about June 1st.

—"Pitching Toward Sodom" will be the subject of the Rev. D. B. F. Randolph's sermon at the M. E. Free Tabernacle tomorrow evening.

—The concert of the Jersey Schutzen Lyra, of this city, at Pohlmann's Hotel, Monday evening, was largely attended, and proved both an artistic and financial success.

—The Rev. D. R. Lowrie's subject tomorrow morning at the First M. E. Church is, "What is the Church to me?" Evening sermon, "Deception Found Out." Vesper services before the sermon.

—While a son of Col. B. F. Hart was foolishly attempting to climb a tree on Monday, he lost his hold and fell to the ground, breaking his arm. He was carried home and the broken arm was set by Dr. Chabert.

—An inquest was held Tuesday night in the case of John O'Donnell, of Newark, who was killed in the Delaware, Lackawana & Western Railroad tunnel last week. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

—August Angerstein, the well-known hotel keeper of Washington street, has been missing for several days, and his friends are anxiously seeking his whereabouts. Mr. Angerstein has been acting strangely of late and the worst is feared.

—Messrs. Frankford & Weinthal, at present located at 156 First street, are selling off their immense stock of clothing, and gents' furnishing goods, preparatory to removal. The firm intend stocking their new store, 92 Washington street, with a new line of goods, and at such prices as will "astonish the natives."

—"Blatherskite" Hoffman in his "Said to be true" column, last week, announces as follows: "Commissioner Utz does not scare worth a cent." Well, who said he did? The very fact of Hoffman being obliged to publicly parade his friend's courage (?) is the only reliable evidence we have of the latter's cowardice.

—A laborer named Michael Fitzpatrick, was making alterations and repairs in a building on Willow street on Tuesday morning when he lost his balance and fell. He was badly injured about the body, and also dislocated his shoulder. The injured man was taken to his home and medical assistance summoned, and at last accounts was doing well.

—A new company has been organized in this city, known as "The Mercantile Telephone Company," and the following officers elected: Chas. S. Shultz, President; Samuel A. Besson, Secretary; A. L. Underwood, Treasurer, and Henry A. Gaede, Superintendent. The company have already set up several wires and are prepared to make connections between offices and dock-yards, &c., at very reasonable figures.

—The fourth annual excursion of Fraternity Lodge, I. O. O. F., to Excelsior Grove on the 24th of June promises to be a very pleasant affair. The steamer "Willie" and commodious barge "Caledonia" have been chartered and excellent music engaged. The Grove itself is said to be one of the most delightfully situated on the Hudson, and the members of Fraternity Lodge thoroughly understand how to treat their friends.

—The most ridiculous assertion coming to us as yet, in connection with the indictment of this paper, was the remark of a friend of Utz', who stated that he (Utz) claimed we had injured his business. If Utz so stated, he has our thanks for the very glowing tribute paid the foreign circulation of the ADVERTISER. We were not aware that our little sheet was so recognized and appreciated in Hamburg and Bremen, as Utz would insinuate. The two latter seaports are the seat or source of his business, all his trade coming from the said points, and his customers must have perused our paper on the other side of the water. They certainly had no opportunity here until after he was through his business at least.

—The thirteenth annual picnic of Meadow Engine Company No. 3, at the Otto Cottage Garden, on last Monday evening, was no exception to the past affairs of this popular organization, proving a great success in every sense of the word. The Hon. James Curran, Mayor O'Neill, ex-Mayor Russell and nearly all the city officials were present at some time during the evening. The new Chief Engineer and Assistant were also on hand. Prof. Stone furnished the latest and most choice selections of dance music, and, thanks to the exertions of the members, the garden never presented a more brilliant or gorgeous appearance. The attendance was large and highly respectable, the festivities closing at an early hour in the morning without the slightest thing occurring to mar the pleasure of the guests or offend the most fastidious. Charles W. Schalk, assisted by C. H. King, managed the floor, and in connection with Messrs. L. Richards, H. Futterer, O. Palmer, J. Bahrenburg, J. Molz, H. Blohm and W. H. Peel, of the different committees, are particularly entitled to credit for bringing the affair to so successful an issue.

**Councilmanic Notes**

The regular meeting of the Councilmanic fraternity, Tuesday evening, was quite exciting, in spite of the fact that their action has since been temporarily considered illegal, pending the written opinion of the Corporation Attorney.

F. G. Himpler, of this city, and L. E. Dinkel, of Jersey City, submitted plans and specifications for the new City Hall, which were referred.

John Bark, of No. 162 and 164 Grand street, complained that his property had been flooded through imperfect drainage, and asked that the Council take some action. His petition was referred.

A writ of certiorari on Police Commissioner Lally's appointment was received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

A number of claims were reported correct and ordered paid, and those of James H. Garrabrant and Michael Walsh, for services as Inspectors of Election, were reported adversely.

The official bonds of City Clerk Alberts and Water Registrar Murphy were accepted.

Considerable debate followed on Councilman Schmidt's right to his seat, pending receipt of the Corporation Attorney's opinion on the subject of his resignation. Councilman Crissy favored Mr. Schmidt's withdrawal, and Councilman Mehan opposed on the grounds that the gentleman had no right to take part in the proceedings until the law of the case was learned. The Chairman favored Mr. Mehan's views, and a motion for his removal was lost.

The resignation of Police Commissioner Clark was accepted.

A communication was received from City Surveyor Tivy asking for further information on the proposed new City Hall subject before he could furnish plans.

Notice of the removal of three members of Liberty Hose Company was received and confirmed.

An ordinance to amend the ordinance establishing a Board of Education was called up for its second reading. The ordinance makes so many changes, among which are the appointment of a clerk by the Council, for a term of two years at a salary of \$500 per annum, that it was laid over for further consideration.

Charles Gross was confirmed as Commissioner of Assessments.

A petition recommending Patrick Londrigan for the position of Street Commissioner was received, and, a vote being taken, the appointment was lost.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Tax Commissioners have not yet made their appropriations.

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The Barge "Walter Sands" will be at the Eagle Dock, foot of First St., Hoboken, while the steamboat will make the following landings: Foot of Grand St., Jersey City, at 8 A. M.; foot West Tenth St., N. Y., at 8:30; Hoboken, 9 A. M. and 12th St., (Manhattanville) at 10 A. M.

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## SMILES

—A senses taker—whisky.

—There is but one thing easy to borrow, and that we don't want—trouble.

—What are the two reasons of pride? A forward spring and an early fall.

—Falle is much worn for dresses. They should be trimmed with assets and liabilities.

—"I knew it wasn't lost, I never loose anything," as the careful housewife said when she fished the baby's shoe out of the soup tureen.

—The young man who wanted to be an angel says he is not particular about it just at this time, as he got acquainted with the young ladies across the way.

—A Boston paper thinks there ought to be a law in this country to compel every girl who is engaged to wear a red bow at the throat. That would not do a bit of good. Every girl would wear one.

—When an old backwoodsman was about to take his first ride on a Mississippi steamer, he was asked whether he would take deck or cabin passage. "Well," said he in a resigned sort of way, "I've lived all my life in a cabin, and I guess cabin passage will be good enough for a rough chap like me."

—A small boy, whose deportment at school had always ranked 100 per centum, came home one night with his standing reduced to ninety-eight. "What have you been doing, my son?" asked the mother. "Been doing," replied the young hopeful; "been doing just as I have all along, only the teacher caught me this time."

—The boat was within five feet of the dock, when an Irishman came flying wildly down with a basket on his arm. In his frantic desire to catch the boat, he flung his basket of marketing first, and then made a desperate jump, alighting on the corns, knocking off hats, and spreading consternation among the passengers. Scowls and curses followed his advent. "Begorra," said he, picking up some potatoes, "I caught the boat anyway." "Yes," said a young man, holding his foot, "you—fool, the boat was coming in."

## A Plug of Tobacco.

[From the Fort Worth (Tex.) Advance.]

One day last month when trade was dull a grocery clerk procured a piece of sole leather from a shoemaker, painted it black and laid it aside for future use. Within a few days an old chap from back in the country came in and inquired for a plug of chewing tobacco. The piece of sole leather was tied up, paid for and the purchaser started home. At the end of the sixth day he returned, and walked into the store, and inquired for the clerk.

"Member that terbacker I got here the other day?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, was that a new brand?"

"Yes."

"Regular plug terbacker was it?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, it's me. It's right here in my jaws," sadly replied the old man. "I knowed I was getting purty old, but I was allus handy on bitin' plug. I never seed a plug afore this one that I couldn't tear to pieces at a chaw. I set my teeth on this one and bit and pulled and twisted like a dog at a root, and I've kept biting and pulling for six days, and thar she am now, the same as the day you sold her to me!"

"Seems to be a good plug," remarked the clerk, as he smelt of the counterfeit.

"She's all right; it's me that's failin'!" exclaimed the old man. "Pass me out some fine cut and I'll go home and deed the farm to the boys and get ready for the grave myself."

## How the Deacon did.

In a small town on the Schuylkill river

there is a church in which the singing had run down. It had been led by one of the deacons, whose voice and musical powers had been gradually failing. One evening the clergyman gave out the hymn, which was in an odd measure, and rather harder than usual, and the deacon led off. Upon its conclusion the minister rose and said:

"Brother B— will please repeat the hymn, as I cannot pray after such singing."

The deacon very composedly pitched into another tune, and the clergyman proceeded with his prayer. Having finished, he took up the book to give out the second hymn, when he was interrupted by the deacon gravely getting up and saying, in a voice audible to the whole congregation:

"Will Mr. — make another prayer? It would be impossible for me to sing after such a prayer as that."

## A Warning to Scolding Women.

The Philadelphia Ledger tells this: As a woman in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, in this State, was scolding her children, the neighbors, a hired girl and everybody in general, her husband entered and interposed a mild word. She opened her mouth for an angry reply, but a spasm contracted her cheek, her lower jaw fell, and she could neither speak nor shut her mouth; her tongue hung out, and her eyes nearly started out of their sockets; she had dislocated her jaw bone in her violent effort to make a stinging reply to her husband. A surgeon was called, who reduced the dislocation, bound up her head and prescribed a quiet diet.

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