

**A Cradle Song.**

Sleep, baby, sleep!  
 Thy father is watching his sheep.  
 Thy mother is shaking the dream-land tree,  
 Down falls a little dream on thee.  
 Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!  
 The large stars are the sheep,  
 The little ones are the lambs, I guess,  
 And the pale moon is the shepherdess,  
 Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!  
 The sky is covered with sheep  
 And up and down the field so bright,  
 Both sheep and shepherdess roam all night  
 Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!  
 The Saviour loves His sheep;  
 He is the Lamb of God on high  
 Who for our sins came down to die.  
 Sleep, baby, sleep!

Sleep, baby, sleep!  
 For thou art one of His sheep.  
 Many holy angels guard thy bed,  
 And strew sweet dreams around thy head.  
 Sleep, baby, sleep!

**Fancy Flights.**

—It's a good artist who can draw pay.  
 —Bees was wroth before they sting.  
 —The convict's serenade to the warden:  
 "How can I leave thee?"  
 —Garlic is said to be a sovereign remedy  
 for gout. There is no remedy for garlic.  
 —This is a good time for bashful young  
 men and maidens to break the ice.  
 —In the name of our dark-skinned brother  
 we protest against this filling up of Sahara.  
 If that is done, where is Atrica to get her  
 desert?  
 —It takes a fellow who has been kicked  
 off the front stoop by the irate parent of his  
 girl to tell the story of the missile toe.  
 —An Iowa clergyman boasts that he can  
 marry twenty couples in an hour. Twenty-  
 knots an hour is pretty good speed for a  
 clergyman to make.  
 —Unmarried men can't appreciate the  
 feelings of a fellow whose wife sends him to  
 get something out of the pocket of the dress  
 that's hanging up in the closet.  
 —The human race is less liable to be won  
 in a canter than lost in a decauter. Now we  
 expect half of the population will rise to a  
 point of order, and order us to bottle up.

—A late minister of Biggar, who was a  
 reader in the pulpit, closed his discourse  
 with the words, "I add no more." "Be-  
 cause ye canna!" exclaimed an old woman  
 from her pew.  
 —A rumor comes from Paris that bonnets  
 are to be worn on the head hereafter. It  
 strikes us the head would be a good place on  
 which to wear a bonnet, but such a depart-  
 ure would look a little odd at first.

—A charming young thing at a New  
 York school examination, in reading her  
 exercises before a large audience of parents,  
 changed Keats' line "A thing of beauty is a  
 boy forever!"  
 —Squire (to new butler)—"I have three  
 or four clergymen coming to dine with me  
 to-morrow, Prodgers, and —" Mr.  
 Prodgers—"Igh or low, sir?" Squire—  
 "Well, I hardly —. But why do you  
 ask, Prodgers?" Mr. Prodgers—"Well,  
 you see, sir, the 'igh' drinks most wine,  
 and the 'low' eats most vittles, and I must  
 perwidge accordin'."

—One of the most delicate bits of humor  
 in the Bible is Hosea's description of Ephraim  
 as "a cake not turned." The prophet didn't  
 want to hurt Ephraim's feelings by calling  
 him "half-baked."

—In the midst of a quarrel—"I don't  
 know what keeps me from breaking your  
 head!" "Well, I know what keeps me  
 from breaking yours. I'm a member of the  
 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to  
 Animals."

General Roberts, the third in command  
 of the British force which is invading the  
 Ameer's domains and therefore a person  
 whose acts should be authoritative and of-  
 ficial, is reported to have announced to the  
 tribes in the valley of the River Khurum  
 that hereafter they must consider themselves  
 subject of Queen Victoria. This means, if  
 true, the annexation of the valley which  
 stretches from the Afghan border for a dis-  
 tance of about one hundred miles, and would  
 extend the British East Indian territory to  
 within some sixty miles of Cabul. On the  
 military map of Afghanistan it also appears  
 that from the upper end of the Khurum  
 Valley there stretches a wide pass to Jel-  
 lalabad, fifty miles inside of the Khyber  
 Pass, and therefore rendering the latter un-  
 tenable as a strategic point of Afghan de-  
 fence. This declaration of General Roberts  
 is pertinent as showing that England in-  
 tends to make a more important use of her  
 victory than the humiliation of the Ameer.  
 She means, if she can, to dismantle the  
 Afghan frontier that lies on the side of  
 British India so that future Ameer may  
 respect British strength at least so much as  
 they do that of Russia. The reported step  
 of the British may also be the first stage of  
 a policy that looks toward the possession of  
 all the border passes between India and  
 Afghanistan, which once in British hands  
 and well fortified, would be a formidable  
 barrier.

A Chinese review has just been witnessed  
 and described by a correspondent of the  
 Shanghai Courier. The men, clad in  
 uniforms of red and blue, were ranged in  
 two ranks, every tenth man holding a  
 bright scarlet flag, while a sergeant in the  
 middle gave the time to the advance by  
 waving a huge crimson standard. At the  
 sound of a horn, which resembled the hum-  
 ming of a gigantic bee, the battalion pre-  
 pared to receive cavalry. Out popped a  
 soldier brandishing a pike, which he poked  
 at an imaginary assailant, then uttering a  
 shriek like an owl he flourished his shield,  
 turned a somersault and trippingly retired  
 to the ranks. When everybody had popped  
 out, brandished and poked his pike, shrieked  
 like an owl, thrown a somersault and re-  
 tired, the big horn hummed once more, the  
 soldiers formed in square and one of them  
 danced gravely but energetically forward,  
 throwing out his right leg with a graceful  
 jerk; then bounding backward he again  
 danced forward, this time throwing out his  
 left. Then he jumped, he waltzed, he caper-  
 ed, he pranced, he turned head over heels,  
 rolled himself well in the dust (which rose  
 in clouds), stood on the back of his neck  
 while he flourished his legs in the air, re-  
 covered himself, grasped wildly with his  
 wrists at nothing in particular, made a  
 grotesque courtesy to the Viceroy and re-  
 tired. With this martial spectacle the re-  
 view concluded.

Anna Dickinson writes to the New York  
 papers to say that she has not been fright-  
 ened off the stage. As to her plans, she  
 says: "That I have not been at work for  
 the last year is solely the consequence of ill  
 health. I propose (in answer to innumera-  
 ble requests) to talk about the platform  
 and the stage from the platform, and later  
 in the season, to do what I can upon the  
 stage in a new piece of my own writing,  
 and in an engagement already made."

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Watertown, Ogdensburg and all points between Richland and Oswego,	1.00 P. M.
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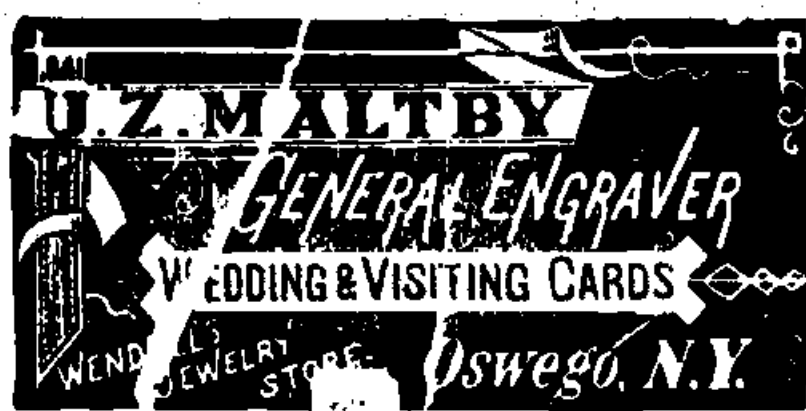
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