

Poetical.

CASTLES IN THE AIR.

BY W. O. KENNEDY.

It is unwise to overthrew,
Sweet childhood's castles in the air,
Or cease its towers to know
That they are fabrics false as fair.

It is unwise to undecide,
In gaudy faith, despite its dreams,
To make its galleons believe
That man is other than he seems.

It is ungracious to acquit,
Its tenderness with cares harsh lore—
Its sensibility to faint,
With lessons from the future's store.

We should be cautious how we teach
Its ardentness that life is cold,
Nor should we such sad sermons preach,
As make it prematurely old.

We should beware, lest we impart,
Impressions which inspire disgust,
To its susceptible young heart,
Instead of earnest loving trust.

Too soon the bubble bright will burst,
Too soon, alas, will childhood end,
That this poor wretched world is cursed—
And man deceitful and unkind.

Too soon Reality will tear
The veils of childhood's silver loom,
Too soon Experience will scar
Its fancies sweet and steal their bloom.

Too soon will sober Reason wake,
The little dreamers, with his wand,
And all romance's visions break,
With savage and relentless hand.

Then let them think that Santa-Claus
Supplies each year the Christmas Tree,
That he ordains the Yule-Tide laws,
And regulates their jollity.

That he, on pain dear, scours the hills,
And with mysterious lavish hand,
Their countless little stockings fills,
With dainty things, from every land.

That he the Yule-Log helps to light,
Then through the chimney takes his leave,
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Feast of the Circumcision, Anno Domini, 1870.

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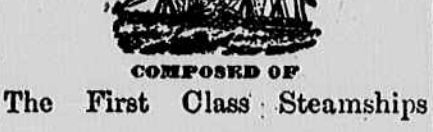
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