

THE SONG OF THE CORN.

I was dry and dusty, I was weak and weary; Now I'm glad and lusty, And the earth looks cheery.

TREASURE TROVE.

BY EMMA M. WISE.

THE first thing Myrtle read in the morning paper was an account of the fire in Race street.

On the afternoon of the day following the fire Myrtle went over to the site of the old building.

The workman passed on to a far corner of the building. Myrtle stood there irresolute for a few minutes.

"Look out, Missy, or you'll burn yourself," he said, kindly.

Myrtle smiled. "That man must think I'm a ninny," she said, softly.

Myrtle began to dig around with the toe of her shoe.

After supper Myrtle put off her confession until bedtime; at bedtime she put it off until morning.

"It is his," she said, decisively. "I'll take it to him this evening."

neat explanation of the whole affair, but, with his black eyes riveted upon her face, the words took flight.

"The watch, the watch," she sobbed. "I was just returning it to you. I've kept it ever since the fire.

"How much do you think you can pay?" he asked.

"I hate to undertake more than fifty. Don't you think, sir," she looked at him pleadingly.

Mr. Goldberg tapped the tips of his fingers against his forehead and looked at her keenly.

"There's a woman in our neighborhood who will pay me \$2.50 a week for minding her shop.

"Well," he said, "what have you to say to me today?"

"I have the money, sir," said Myrtle, proudly.

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"Yes, I see; but you have done more to pay a debt than you would have done for yourself.

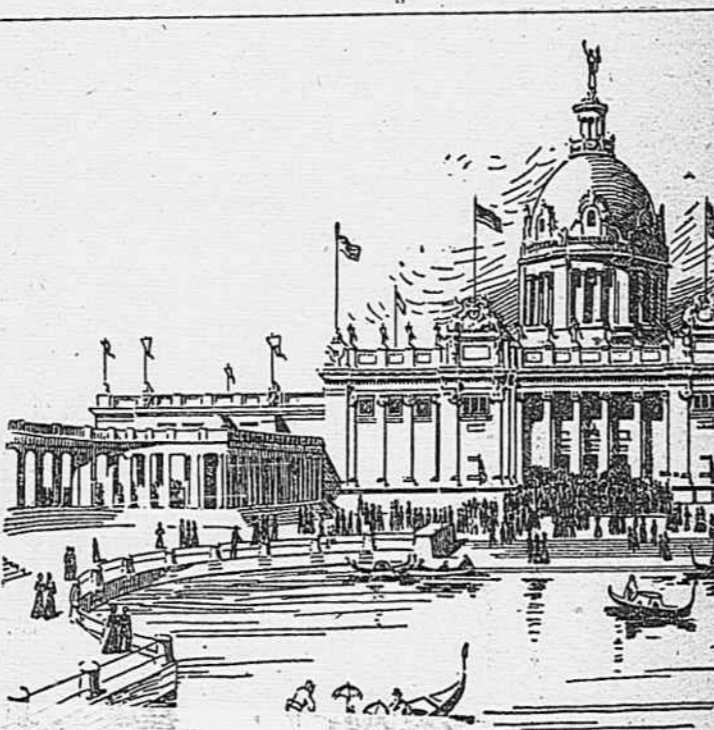
"An just to think that I called him mean, mother," said Myrtle that night with a happy little laugh.

A WESTERN FAIRYLAND.

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha is an Artistic Triumph.

In that great stretch of mountain and prairie known to eastern people only a few short years ago as the Wild West a veritable fairyland has sprung into existence.

The project, as it first found expression, contemplated a great fair to manifest to the world the resources of the territory west of the Mississippi River.



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And the Midway. The management has provided a programme of unique and wholesome attractions, and is adding to it daily.

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ISLAND OF ST. THOMAS.

A Splendid Base For Fleet Operations in the Caribbean.

"There is not any doubt," said a foreign officer of high rank present in this country.

"If the arrangements had been completed before the opening of hostilities, the possession of St. Thomas would have been of incalculable value to America just now.

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