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MOTHER AND I.

I laugh when I list to the stories they tell
Of how I was born one day,
And tied in a towel to kick and to yell
And show them how much I could weigh.
And when they had finished and I'd ceased to cry

While placidly chewing my thumb,
We pressed the same pillow—mother and I,
And softly she started to hum:

"Rock-a-by-baby on the tree-top,
When the wind blows the cradle will rock;
When the bough breaks the cradle will fall;
Down will come baby, cradle and all."

Sometimes when I think of the days that are dead

And the joy of my youthful years—
Years that have rippled and gleamed and sped
With the tide down the ocean of tears;

I remember at eve when the day would die
And the shadows of twilight had come,
How we sat together—mother and I,
And softly I started to hum:

"Hush little mother, rest in my love,
None love you better except God above;
Hush little mother, so loving and mild,
I'll be the mother now, you be the child."

THE BABY PROVIDED FOR

An Unofficial Incident That Came Up in the Council Chamber.

One of the most interesting, even if not the most interested, of the spectators, at last night's session of the city council, was a seventeen months-old baby girl, says the Helena Independent. The little tot was brought in by the lady who is caring for it. In order to save the infant the ordeal of hearing the proceedings of the last meeting read, Alderman Lissner got the floor as soon as the roll call was over. He took the baby, stood it on his desk and threw his left arm around the little one. The child clung to him and stared around in an aimless way. "Mr. Mayor and gentlemen," said the first ward alderman, "this little baby is blind. It was left with this lady when it was four days old. Two weeks later it became blind. It has no father, and its mother is in the country somewhere trying to earn money for her child. The doctors tell me this child can be cured if the council will take pity on it and make an appropriation for that purpose. I move that the council appropriate \$50 for the purpose."

Alderman Weiber did not think that the city council could legally perform such a charitable act, although he sympathized with the baby. In order to reach the same result, however, he moved that the city clerk issue the warrants for the pay of the aldermen for the meeting then progressing, and cash them for the benefit of the baby.

Half a dozen aldermen were on their feet in a moment to second that motion. All were of opinion

that the council officially could do nothing, but all seemed willing to do everything possible themselves.

It was finally decided to make Alderman Lissner a committee of one to take up subscriptions, all agreeing to contribute their night's pay, or their month's pay, if necessary, toward the worthy object.

The little one was then carried out of the chamber by the lady in charge of it.

In Favor of Sunday Opening.

Mayor Washburn and the city council of Chicago have taken an active step in favor of the opening of the World's fair on Sunday. The mayor sent a message to the council declaring the people to be most benefited by the fair are those unable to enjoy the luxury of travel, and those who literally earn their bread by the sweat of their brows. Sunday closing would deprive these people of their chief opportunity to see the fair. Furthermore, Chicago must next year extend its hospitality to thousands of foreigners and on this account alone would be admissible the opening of the fair on Sunday. The mayor stated that a great majority of people are in favor of opening Sunday, and asked the council to prepare an official address to congress on the subject. The suggestion was heartily endorsed and a committee appointed to attend to the matter.

In the Days of Woman's Rights.

It was many years hence, and the movement for the emancipation of woman from the thralldom of ages had been crowned with success.

Two persons were sitting in the front parlor. Even in the dim uncertain light of the coal fire—the supply of coal was not yet exhausted—it was plainly evident they were a slender girl, a brawny youth. She was on her knees, with clasped hands and tearful eyes. He was on the sofa with downcast mien, and many a hot tumultuous blush.

"I may confess my love," she exclaimed passionately.

His big, brown mustache twitched noticeably, and he swallowed the lump in his throat.

"Why so cold?" hotly demanded the kneeling woman.

And then, acting on the sudden impulse, she seized his hand and contemplated through blinding tears the callouses upon the muscular palm.

"Be mine," she urged.

The young man was much distraught, and his lower register bass voice trembled when he at last spoke.

"It's so sudden," he faltered, and nervously fingered the hem of his coat.

She sighed.

"Edwin, you must have suspected."

"No," he replied, simply. "It's not the place of a man to suspect. It is for us only to await the asking."

In adoration she gazed upon the agitated figure before her. Fairly intoxicated with the vision she forgot herself for the moment. With a sudden movement she threw her arms about the shrinking form of the youth, and in a moment would have imprinted a kiss on the dewy lips.

With a frantic effort he freed himself.

"You stop," he fiercely cried, "or I'll scream."

"Edwin."

"Go away from me."

"Do you dismiss me forever?"

"I do. Go."

As she left the room she crushed her spring hat over her eyes and groaned. People who met her on the street noticed that her face was pale and set, and that she was muttering bitterly.

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The Capital Vote.

The following is the official vote of the counties in the state on the question of locating the permanent seat of government:

COUNTIES.	Anaconda	Boulder	Bozeman	Butte	Deer Lodge	Great Falls	Helena
Beaverhead.....	430	3	107	823	11	38	365
Cascade.....	53	1	20	24	6	2631	215
Choteau.....	78	1	18	9	12	692	784
Custer.....	13	7	760	10	5	51	451
Dawson.....	3	3	222	7	8	132	287
Deer Lodge.....	2047	11	274	540	794	44	1018
Fergus.....	16	5	91	8	2	545	740
Gallatin.....	20	5	2183	13	15	104	1032
Jefferson.....	195	178	288	259	25	91	1032
Lewis & Clark..	110	8	112	73	9	130	474
Madison.....	96	9	676	530	19	5	250
Missoula.....	3155	26	487	69	70	15	1351
Meagher.....	46	4	277	78	2	435	1104
Park.....	253	5	1848	108	2	38	878
Silver Bow.....	2082	28	409	5234	36	58	385
Yellowstone.....	14	4	533	45	2	7	314
Totals.....	10272	295	7636	7707	933	5056	14032

If the whole truth were known the world would be full of people with hanging heads.—Ram's Horn.

Teacher (in mineralogy class)—
"Johnnie, give me the name of the largest known diamond."
Johnnie—"The ace."—Jewelers Weekly