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The joy of triumph and of proud applause,
Sweet floral offerings, the music all
Fair, sunny slope of youth! Oh, let us pause
And linger in this girlhood's glade with her,
Ere yet she climbs those rugged steps of life,
Where womanhood with all its mystery lies.
Remember, ere you go to meet its strife,
Oh, my dear, my dear, my dear, my dear,
"Beyond the Alps lies Italy!"

The essay soon will yellow grow with time;
The years will string their rosary of tears;
Wear and fading shall befall,
And stumble o'er the stones of care and
fears.
The mist of doubt will all the landscape veil.
The summit lies so very far away;
The feet may falter and the courage fail,
The stern and sternest rugged steps of life,
"Beyond the Alps lies Italy!"

Oh, when the hands that helped you up the slope
Shall lose the clasp we cannot always keep;
When in the night of pain you upward grope,
Blinded by tears, with lagging footsteps
creep;
Then let your girlhood's maxims cheer you
heart—
A peal of joy through all life's sad refrain—
"Beyond the Alps lies Italy," and meet me
part.
There is a height where pleasure conquers
Hills—
"Beyond the Alps lies Italy!"
—Anna R. Patten in Youth's Companion.

The Clever Blue Robbers.
It is said that once, before the English had become used to the maneuvers of the robbers in London, an officer with a party of horse was chasing a small body of Blue robbers and was fast overtaking them. Suddenly the robbers ran behind a rock, or some such obstacle, which hid them for a moment, and when the soldiers came up the men had mysteriously disappeared. After an unavailing search, the officer ordered his men to dismount beside a clump of scorched and withered trees, and the day being very hot, he took off his helmet and hung it on a branch by which he intended to search the brush in question, turned out to be the leg of a Blue, who burst into a scream of laughter and flung the astonished officer to the ground. The clump of scorched trees suddenly became transformed into men, and the whole party dispersed in different directions before the Englishman could recover from their surprise, carrying with them the officer's helmet by way of trophy.—Harper's Young People.

In Down Town New York.
"The trouble with you New Yorkers is, Quill," said the man from Boston—they had been looking over Trinity church—"that your buildings lack age; they are not venerable enough to compare with the respect of the soul instilled with the ideals of all that is hallowed by the past. Now, there is the Old South!"

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The Right Answer.
A judge, meeting a countryman, said to him, "Where are you going?"
"How do I know?" was the gruff reply.
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This reply excited the risibility of the judge, who ordered him to be set at liberty.—Tesoretto.

A Monster Map.
Professor Penck's scheme is to construct a new map of the world on a scale of 1 to 1,000,000, or about sixteen miles to the inch, the sheets to embrace 5 degs. in each direction, except for latitudes beyond 60 degs., for which the width would be 10 degs. of longitude. The land surface would require 769 sheets. The cost is placed at \$500,000 beyond probable returns from sales.—Ohio State Journal.

The Price of Church Organs.
If you have any idea of buying a church organ after learning that they last for centuries, it will interest you to know that you can buy one in this city for any price between \$500 and \$50,000, and that in the best factories an instrument that sells for \$10,000 takes six months to build.—New York Times.

The Prohibition Line in Maine.
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