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And then the echo of the fray A moment seems to cease; Though the wondrous harmony That moment brings me peace.

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A peacefulness of heart, Though the warrior's laurels I fail to gain, Or riches of the mart. For that sweet song will give me rest, And banish all distress:

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—Flavel Scott Mines in Harper's Bazar.

Shakespeare's Simplicity, Many of Shakespeare's contemporary poets must have had every advantage that he had in practical experience of the stage, and all of them had probably as familiar an intercourse with the theater as he. But what a difference between their manner of constructing a play and hist In all his dramatic works his skill in this is more or less apparent. In the best of them it is unrivaled. From the first scene of them he seems to have beheld as from a tower the end of all. In "Romeo and Juliet," for example, he had his story before him, and he follows it closely enough; but how naturally one scene is linked to the next and one event leads to another.

If this play were meant to illustrate anything it would seem to be that our lives were ruled by chance. Yet there is nothing left to chance in the action of the play which advances with the unvacillating foot of destinity. And the characters are made to subordinate themselves to the interests of the play as to something in which they have all a common concern. With the greater part of the secondary dramatists the characters seem like unpracticed people trying to walk the deck of a ship in rough weather, who start for everywhere to bring up anywhere, and are hustled against each other in the most inconvenient way.

It is only when the plot is very simple and straightforward that there is any chance of smooth water and of things going on without falling foul of each other. Was it only that Shakespeare, in choosing his themes, had a keener perception of the dramatic possibilities of a story? This is very likely, and it is certain that he prerather than invent one. All the good stories, indeed, seem to have invented themselves in the most obliging manner somewhere in the morning of the world. and to have been camp followers when the famous march of mind set out from the farthest east.—James Russell Lowell in

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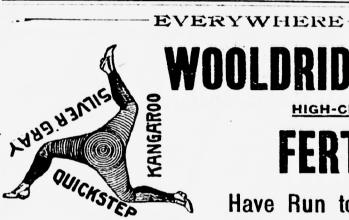
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