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NIGHTINGALES.

"Beautiful must be the mountains whence ye come,
And bright in the fruitful valleys the streams
wherefrom
Ye learn your song.

"Where are those starry woods? Oh, might I
wander there
Among the flowers which in that heavenly air
Bloom the year long."

"Nay, barren are those mountains and spent
the streams.
Our song is the voice of desire that haunts our
dreams—

A throe of the heart
Whose pining visions dim, forbidden hopes
profound,
No dying cadence nor long sigh can sound
For all our art.

"Alone aloud in the raptured ear of men
We pour our dark nocturnal secret, and then,
As night is withdrawn
From these sweet springing meads and burst-
ing boughs of May,
Dream while the innumerable choir of day
Welcomes the dawn."
—Robert Bridges.

A Turkish Wedding.

An artistic mistress of the ceremonies,
being congratulated on the success with
which she had managed the details of an
English wedding, remarked impatiently
that there had been one blot on the
scene—namely, the bridegroom. She
only wished it could have been ar-
ranged for him and his black coat to re-
main outside in the brougham till the
thing was over.

Had she received an invitation to a
Turkish wedding, as once by good luck
did a party of English ladies, among
whom was the writer of the present
sketch, her wish might have been grati-
fied, as it is quite possible to attend
such a function without even catching a
passing glimpse of the crimson fez of
the husband elect.

The latter spends the hours of his
bridal day in getting married to him-
self—that is, he visits the priest and
the notary, takes out and signs his mar-
riage contract, attends a religious serv-
ice at the mosque, partakes of a sumptu-
ous breakfast with his friends, and as
the ceremonies cover a considerable por-
tion of the week I should not be sur-
prised to hear that during the time he
even goes on a wedding tour in solitude
and on his own account.—London
Graphic.

Pickwick Revived.

In a coroner's court in London recent-
ly the following conversation, which
reads as if taken directly from Dickens,
occurred:

"What's your name, sir?" inquired
the judge.

"Sam Weller, my lord," replied the
gentleman.

"Do you spell it with a V or a W?"
inquired the judge.

"That depends upon the taste and
fancy of the speller, my lord," replied
Sam. "I never had occasion to spell it
more than once or twice in my life, but
I spells it with a V."

Here a voice in the gallery exclaimed
aloud: "Quite right, too, Samivel. Put
it down a we, my lord, put it down a
we."—New York Press.

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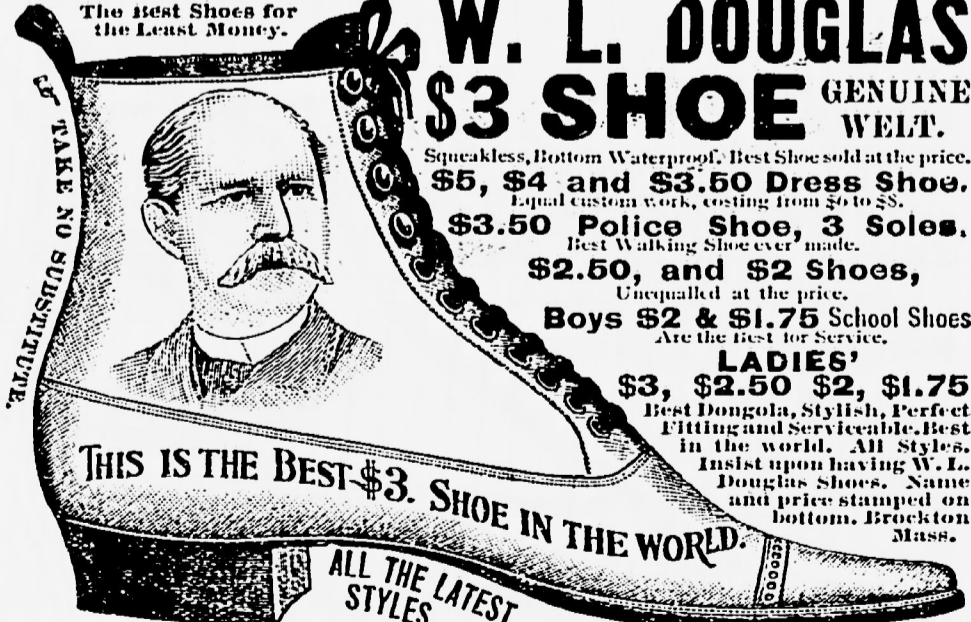
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