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The number not to fix
Of thy prolific brood of yet
Unincubated chicks !

Let newly-wedded couples name
No visionary son ;
And let not Quatre Bras exclaim
That Waterloo is won.

Let fiancées (of fifteen years)
No furniture discuss ;
Let mountains never pose as seers
Of the expected " mus."

Let glories of a novel climb
Before that climb be dumb ;
Nor of a record-breaking time
Before the achievement hum.

Let no man of his doings boast
Before those deeds be wrought ;
No cook proceed his hare to roast
Before that hare be caught

Let no man shout before the wood
Encloseth him no more ;
Nor gaily say his gamp is good
Before the heavens pour.

Let no man say " I go to climb
A ridge of danger dread ! "
But wait till that successful time,
And say " I have ! " instead !