Grant's Escape

Escaped from jail! What, can it be That Grant, the pick pocket, is free? The hearts of honest people quail, To think that he is out of jail.

The gaoler, who is kind and good, Got Grant to help lug in the wood; But when he chanced to look around No trace of foxy Grant was found.

They searched the jail from roof to cel-

To see if they could find the "feller," And, while they searched with might and main,

Soon found their efforts, all were vain.

And soon the news round town had spread

That Grant from jail had realy fled;] And officers set on his track To try and bring the prisoner back.

But still at large this fellow roams, A menace to our hearths and homes-And people scarce dare show a cent Until they know which way he went.

Now while the gaoler's nut to blame, Of Grant, we're forced to say the same; While "easy money" he desired Of certain "quarters" he grew tired.

A man like he, of such refinement— Could not endure such close confinement.

He saw his chance, and filled with hope Of freedom, thought he'd better "slope"

And now he's gone, we need not fear-He will not linger long 'round here; But speed away to places new, His evil calling to pursue.

Some folks e'en say he does deserve His freedom, for his splendid nerve; For 'tis well know to one and all, But few escape from "Granite Hall."

Some say one used to picking pockets, Might pick the bars from out their sockets;

And if he but possessed the "spunk" Might sell the iron for old junk.

But talk is cheap, right here I say, Grant must be slick to get away; It seems he does not care a straw For all the minious of the law.

The other two are still in jail Because they were not granted bail, Though strong indeed is their denial Of crime, they have to stand their trial.

[They have since been tried and acquitted.—Editor B J]

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ON A DYER.

An honest citizen and worthy friend Was Mr. -- of West End.

He lived a life of three score years and

Loved and respected by his fellow men:

When Death, who finds us all, at last him found

And led him to his dwelling under ground;

With Death's stern mandate we must all comply

And while he dyed to live, he lived to die.

ON A FILER.

He saw that Death with scythe in hand

His end at last would prove,

Now free from guile he's placed on fyle

In the mansions up above.

ON A BLACK NIGHT.

Weep not for him but rather loud Your songs of triumph raise; By Death he's changed and so ex

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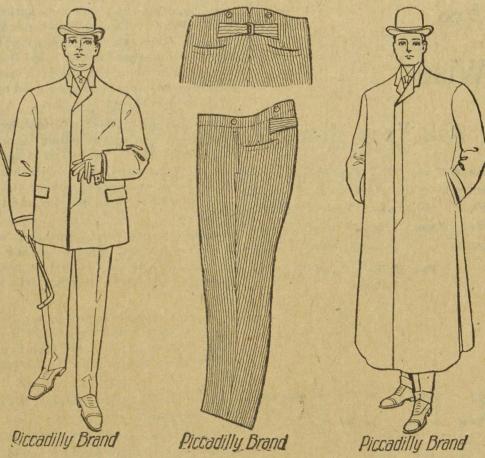
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