

ELEGY ON A QUID OF TOBACCO.

It lay before me on the close-grazed grass, Beside you path, an old Tobacco Quid; And shall I let the mute adviser pass; Without one serious thought? No-Heaven forbid!

Perhaps some idle drunkard threw thee there, Some husband, spendthrift of his weekly hire, One, who for wife and children takes no care, But sits and tipples by the grog-shop fire.

Ah, luckless was the day he learned to chew! Embryo of ill, the Quid that pleased him first! Thirsty, from that unhappy Quid he grew, Then to the grog shop went to quench his thirst

So great events from causes small arise-The forest oak was once an acorn seed; And many a wretch, from drunkenness who dies, Owes all his evils to the Indian weed.

Let not temptation, mortal, e're come nigh,-Suspect some ambush in the parsley hid-From the first kiss of love, ye maidens, fly! Ye youths, avoid the first Tobacco Quid!

Perhaps I wrong thee, O thou veteran Chaw, And better thoughts my musing should engage, That thou went rounded in some toothless jaw, The joy, perhaps, of solitary age;

One, who has suffered Fortune's hardest knocks, Poor, and with none to tend on his gray hairs, Yet has a friend in his Tobacco box, And, whilst he rolls his Quid, forgets his cares,

Even so it is with human happiness-Each seeks his own, according to his whim: This toils for Wealth, one Fame alone can bless, One asks a Quid-a Quid is ALL to him.

O veteran Chaw! thy fibers, savory strong. Whilst aught remained to chew thy Master chewed, Then cast thee here, when all thy juice was gone,-Emblem of selfish man's ingratitude!

A happy man, O cast-off Quid, is he, Who, like as thou, hast comforted the poor; Happy his age, who knows himself like thee-Thou didst thy duty-man can do no more.

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THE OLD CODGER.

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-never heard any good of these Pickwicks, in all my life; misery in a whirlpool of business; growing fat the while and I'm better than seventy. Pickwicks! I don't like the on the solacing consideration that, though a spoiled child, blue with their extreme pallor and transparency. "I have name nor the natur of the thing, Cunningham, and no she was sole heiress of pelf sufficient to make his heart been so impatient all day long to know about it. Will it more don't good folks in general.

Cunningham, smiling at the old gentleman's slight mis- and few loved her, Mrs. Moss still maintained her ascen- When is it? I can't wait to hear!" take; "it's a fair." "A what?"

and advancing nearer; for he recollected that although bled in her parlors to confer respecting the projected fair, Mr. Spark was quite deaf, he could hear what pleased which, of course, was an enterprise of her own sugges-" A fair, Mr. Spark, a fair!"

on new names to their tantrims to make 'em set better on ningham stating the success of his negotiation with Mr. money.' the old ones' stomachs! A fair on board my fine new Spark, concerning the occupancy of the barque Mercury. to oblige every body and especially the ladies."

persuaded by the old gentleman's manner that his point ready supplied with a husband I wouldn't give you such beautiful new vessel! Oh, mother, you must go toowas nearly gained. "The matter lies here, sir; the ladies an opportunity; but as it is, I'll give wedding-cake to the can't we all go, Bessie? It won't cost anything, and how of the Sewing Society have requested me to ask your one who will tow him in from this expedition of the fair. much we shall have to talk about for a long, long time!consent that they should hold a fair on board the Mercury | What de you say?" for the purpose of aiding some charitable enterprise. They think the novelty of the affair will replenish their they proceeded to the discussion of business matters .- count of the meeting of the ladies, and all the arrange-

and bring them your decision, sir." We shouldn't be over well pleased to have our fine new ed, which, as usual, commended itself to the approbation lous with the unusual excitement of expected pleasure, vessel overhauled from stem to stern. You'd make but and adoption of a large majority of the meeting. a shabby appearance in the Bay of Biscay after all-asha- We will spare our readers the details of the arrangement, the plan by which Mrs. Mess intended to exclude all such med to say where you belonged, eh?"

"I shall be there to see that the vessel runs no risk."

maintain your ground, and escape sound in hull, rigging, to Mrs. Moss. Every body applauded the scheme. body and limb, if boarded by a band of pretty girls, as by a gang of pirates! You'd surrender, boy-'give up the once; "every thing prospers she lays her hand to; here's ship,' ha! ha!"

Spark indulged at his expense, and soon had the matter suited the action to the word. arranged with the proprietor of the barque Mercury, interlarded with many cautions and counsels, to all of which Mrs. Moss, with actual, but not intentional, rudeness. he was obliged to assent with the lungs of Stentor; and termination.

CHAPTER II.

The next scene of our drama introduces us to the privy council of the benevolent clique to which allusion has been made, and to whom the issue of the conference just lose a copper," argued the indefatigable solicitor. narrated had been duly communicated by the gallant Captain Cunningham. This bevy of ladies was now concommander in chief of their forces, charitable and social. towards her. Mrs. Moss, who is to be somewhat conspicuous among our dramatis personæ, must now be fairly introduced plainly see-well, we can't expect to please every body." upon the stage. She was what is denominated " a very one, and her opinion the only correct one on any subject I won't mention it." and in any project where she was an interested party .--But once fairly engaged in an enterprise, with this funda- your objections, madam." mental point conceded, there was no limit to the energy it is often worth while to take pains to enlist in worthy But the ladies here know much better than I how such a causes by some concessions in trifling matters. So plan will operate." make anything go."

of caprice to the very verge of decency. She dressed humors, very young, and said she always intended to. She rode and frolicked with any body who dared set all rules of "I've no opinion of such things, Captain Cunningham he put on an aspect of good nature and drowned his over it at the sight of her.

whole some day. dency among the good people of B-; and it was in "A fair, sir," repeated the Captain, elevating his voice this sort she now presided over the circle of ladies assem-

be in all mischief. I'll tell ye what it is, Cunningham, could come it over that crabbed old hunk; if this embassy dispatch than she would, had not the pale faced girl hung though your're considerable of a beau among 'em when had failed I was going in person. Never saw him, but about her, with such an eager anticipation of the story you're in port, and pretty popular as I reckon, the less have heard he never grants a favor if he can help; he she had to tell. you have to say to the gals the better, till you're ready to couldn't have shirked me though; but I employed the "Now for the fair, Bessie," urged she, as Elizabeth settle. It turns young fellows' heads away from business right agent. He and Cunningham are great friends; peo- washed down the last mouthful with a glass of water, " and everything else; it did mine, I know, when I was ple say he's made his will, and given him a hundred never longed so much for any thing in my life as to go your age. But what about this fair? You know I want thousand or two. Come, girls, here's a chance for you with you to the fair. How happy we shall be, sister !this young Cunningham is worth throwing a hook for, You know I am not often well enough to go any where, "Yes, sir, to be sure I know it," returned Cunningham, and now's your time to come along side. If I wasn't al- and it will be such a treat to me to go on board such a

Much badinage and sportive raillery succeeded before

"Never fear, sir," answered Cunningham, laughing; red the investment of a sum of money in small articles of fancy and utility, to be sold on hoard the vessel. This "So I thought-well, well, I suppose I shall have to sum Mrs. Moss solicited of the ladies present, to be refiniyield, fot I see by the cut of your jib that you would be as ded, if they wished, from the profits of the sale. She much disappointed as any of 'em. But let me tell you, headed the subscription herself liberally, and found no Cunningham, while I've the utmost confidence in your backwardness on the part of the others to make up a suitskill to mannage my barque in all winds, weathers, and able purse for the purchase of knicknacks of every deswaters, I haven't so good reason to believe you would cription, the selection of which was of course committed

"Just like Mrs. Moss," remarked half a dozen voices at my contribution." "And mine," -" And mine," was The young man joined heartily in the laugh which Mr. echoed from nearly all the ladies in the room, as they

"And where's yours, Elizabeth Wardwell?" inquired

This question was addressed to a very plain, quiet lookwas not a little relieved when his interview with his re- ing girl whose large black eyes were fixed intently on her vered old friend and patron was brought to a successful work, and who had made no expression of opinion on the subject under discussion. She looked up and, blushing deeply, replied in a low voice, "I think I can't give anything Mrs. Moss."

"Yes, you can-you school ma'ams always have money plenty-besides I shall pay it all back again, so you shun't

"I shouldn't wish it paid back again if I could conveniently contribute any thing," replied Miss Wardwell, vened in the parlors of Mrs. Moss, the acknowledged evidently pained at the general attention now directed

"You don't like the plan I have made-ah, that's it, I "Yes, I do, I'm sure-I think it a very ingenious and smart woman, but dreadfully set in her way." Indeed, excellent one, Mrs. Moss," replied he girl, her face still her way was the only way, and her plan the only possible suffused with crimson; "but 1-pshaw! its nothing, and

"Yes, you shall," urged Mrs. Moss, coarsely. "out with

"I have none. I assure you, Mrs. Moss; and if I had, it and efficiency she could bring to secure its successful | ill becomes me to make them, as I can do so little; but operation. No undertaking was too arduous, no labour I was thinking that the high rate at which all the enjoytoo severe, no obstacle too great, for her activity and re- ments connected with the fair are to be purchased, will solution to overcome. And then she knew how to do prevent their participation by many who would be greatly everything, and get up everything, and conduct everything; entertained and gratified by being present and witnessing very valuable qualities, all lady readers will admit, which the scene, if they could not essentially aid the object.-

thought the ladies of B-, and accordingly Mrs. Moss "Yes, certainly they do; if that is your opinion, Mis was ticketed first and foremost in every enterprise of mo- Wardwell, I fully coincide with you that such an objecment, whether social, local, benevolent, or religious; and tion is not worth mentioning," answered the presiding as her ample purse was never spared in furtherance of an genius somewhat tartly, " and it's just for the purpose of interest to which she had heartily joined herself, her co- keeping away that class who can't or won't pay anything, operation had become quite necessary, as they said, "to that I proposed the expedient. I dare say all the old women and beggar children in the neighborhood would But notwithstanding the advantages of position and be delighted with 'all free and help yourself;' that would purse, Mrs. Moss was not remarkably popular in the little help the enterprise along richly, wouldn't it?" Mrs. Moss seaport where she resided. There was always an under turned on her beel, and joined the conversation of those current of scandal moving to her disparagement; for not ladies whose compliant opinions were of more consea few thought themselves as suitable for the spot she oc- quence than Miss Wardwell's, whom she had "shut up" cupied as herself, and much more so, albeit they might effectually; for she again betook herself to her work, he entirely destitute of the qualities of character necessa- hardly able to restrain the tears that gushed to her eyes ry to the attainment of it, Besides, her dictatorial, dog- at the tone of insolent authority which made her feel so matic, independant carriage, were especially offensive to uncomfortably, for venturing to express a single word of those compliant and quiescent spirits which constitute the dissent. But the ladies went on very Larmoniously, and major part of communities. But though perfectly aware having arranged all the preliminaries, and designated the of this state of feeling, it worried Mrs. Moss not a tittle, eventful day of the fair, and invested whom they pleased She romped as rudely, laughed as boisterously, and sang with such official responsibilities as they were deemed as gaily as ever. She took a pride in carrying her freaks competent to discharge, they separated in the best of

When Elizabeth Wardwell lifted the latch of her own etiquette and decorum at defiance as boldly as herself, poor cottage that evening, whose dilapidations, by the and delighted in nothing more than to drive with some way, her fingers had taught the rampant eglantine and dashing heau right into the face and eyes of those prudish | convolvulus well nigh to conceal, there met her at the souls who, she was fully aware, regarded her conduct threshold a little withered face, whose sallow and cadavwith supercilious disgust. Her husband was esteemed erous aspect was like the gaps in the old cottage wall, the most henpecked of men by many, while others thought partially concealed by a gladsome smile which played

"Do tell us about the fair, Bessie, do?" burst from lips be on board the barque? What a beautiful time we shall "It's not a picnic the ladies propose, sir," said Captain But while some hated, others admired, many feared have! I never was on the water in all my life, Bessie!

"Not even till I can get my bonnet off, sister?" replied Elizabeth, trying to speak gaily. "Well, I'll tell you and mother all about it as soon as I have eaten my supper."

"I wish I had something better for you," said the mohim much better than what did not-so he shouted again, tion, to raise a sum of money for a benevolent purpose, ther, as she limped out of the meagre store room with As usual, she was chairman of the Committee of Ways some articles of food which had been laid aside for her "Oh! a fair-well it's pretty much the same thing, isn't and Means. With uproarious glee she had just made since the usual supper hour, "but you know, dear, the it? It beats all how the young folks in these days do clap known the contents of a polite epistle from Captain Cun- flour is gone, and I had no one to send for more if I had

"Never mind, mother, I am not very hungry," replied barque, hey? and the gals are at the bottom of it, as they "There, I told you so," she screamed, "I told you I Elizabeth, and addressed herself to her meal with more

Do begin to tell about it-I can't wait any longer!"

Thus importuned, Elizabeth proceeded to give an actreasury very considerably. I promised to do the errand, Many difficulties were raised, and many obstacles which ments they had made for the fair; suppressing only a few were deemed almost insuperable (in the minds of the less particulars which she dared not communicate, lest the "Who's to command the expedition? questioned Mr. sanguine of the ladies) to the accomplishment of such an joyful expectations of poor Dorcas might suffer a painful Spark, good humouredly, " or is this craft to be given up to object, were set aside instantly by the inventive energy diminution. But after she had tenderly consigned the she returned to the subject and disclosed to her mother which as the time for preparation was very short, requi- as could not aid by their purses or their services. "Her stean had t theat trarq he a prep hom

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