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LITERATURE.

[FOR THE HEAD QUARTERS.]

A BALLAD.

Poor Thyrsus was a simple swain,
With love he was in love;
The fair simplicity of his
His suit proud Chloe spurn'd.

She saw him weep, she heard him sigh,
And smiled at all his woe;
"I cannot love," she oft would cry,
"Not you at least—oh! no!"

The scornful maiden turn'd aside
And left him to despair;
But Time, (that cunning leech) supplied,
A cure for all his care.

The gentle Anna met his eyes,
Young, lovely, tender, true;
He spoke his passion in his sighs,
In sighs she answered too.

No need of words, when deeds will do,
And so, no words were said;
The silver gave the Priest his cue,
The faithful pair were wed.

Chloe meantime had found her heart,
Could condescend to love;
But Stephen was the child of art,
And did inconstant prove.

'Twas then, and not till then, she learn'd,
Simplicity to prize;
And saw the youth whom she had spurn'd,
The slave of Anna's eyes.

IL PENNOROSO.

A SONG FOR A POLK.

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A slight tap was now heard at the door, and Mrs. F. to ascertain the cause. She returned to her husband—Mary is at the door; she says you always kissed her before she went out.

"My child—my child," said the father,—"God bless you! I am not well, Mary. Nay do not speak to me to-night. Go to rest now—give me one of your pretty smiles in the morning, and your father will be happy again."

Mr. F. was persuaded by his affectionate partner to retire; but sleep and rest were not for him—his wife and children had once given him happy dreams; but now, the ruin he had brought upon them was an awakening reality. When the light of the morning fairly appeared above the line of the opposite houses, Mr. F. arose.

"Where are you going, Edward?" said his watchful wife.

"I have been considering," he replied calmly, "and I am determined to try my wife. He loved me when I was a boy—was proud of me. It is true I have acted dishonorably by him. Yesterday I spoke harshly of him, but I did not then know myself. Your deep affection, my wife, has completely altered me. I can never forget till temper towards you. But I will make up for it—I will indeed I will. Nay do not, do not grieve in this way—this is worse to me than all. I will be back soon."

The children appeared in the kitchen, and Mary was ready with her smile, and the boy was anxious for notice of his father. In a short time Mr. F. returned.

"Why so pale my husband? Will your parent not assist you? We must sink my love! He will not assist me. He upbraided me—I did not, I could not, answer him a word. He spoke kindly of you and our little ones, but he cast us off forever!"

The distressed man had scarcely said this when a person rudely came in. The purpose of his visit was soon perceived. In the name of F's father he took possession of the property, and had the power to make F. a prisoner.

"You shall not take papa away," said the little son, at the same time kicking the officer.

"Whispered Mary," "I did not, I could not, answer him a word. He spoke kindly of you and our little ones, but he cast us off forever!"

"Here comes my authority," said the deputy sheriff. The elder Mr. F. doggedly placed himself in a chair.

"You shall not take my papa away," cried out the boy to his grandfather.

"Whatever may have been my conduct sir," said the miserable Edward, "this is unkind of you. I have not a single feeling for myself, but my wife and children—yet have no right to harass them with your presence."

"Nay husband," responded Mrs. F. "think not of me. Your father cannot distress me. I have not known you from your childhood, and I do not know you. I have this moment caused was premeditated on my part. It has had its full effect. A mortal gets a vice by single steps, and many think the victim must return by degrees. I know Edward's disposition, and that with him a single step is sufficient. That leap he has taken. He is again in my memory as the favorite of his poor mother—the laughing-eyed young pet of a psalmist—of an old fool—for why am I crying?"

Little Mary had insensibly drawn herself towards the philosopher, and, without uttering a word pressed his hand and put her handkerchief to his eyes. The boy also now left his parent, walked up to his grandfather, and leaning his elbow on the old man's knees and turning up his face, he said, "Then you want take papa away?"

"No, you little impudent rascal; but I'll take you away, and when your mother comes for you, I will treat her so well that I'll make your father follow after."

Thus came happiness at the heel of ruin. His father once again appreciated the exquisite and heaven-like affection of their wives, many happier fires would be seen. "One in love and one in mind," ought to be the motto of every married pair, and fathers would many times check imprudence if they were to make use of reflection and kindness, rather than prejudice and strictness.

THANKSGIVINGS.

AN AMUSING NEW-ENGLAND STORY.

In one of the small interior towns of New England, where the superstitions of our ancestors still possess strong hold on the minds of our people, the following tale is founded.

An honest farmer and his family, preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving at his wife's father's, in an adjacent town, were hurried and confused extremely on the day preceding that festival, by the multiplicity of things which must be done, before they could leave home with safety. The house was to be washed, and the gleensings of the harvest, &c., &c., put into the cellar, that the external entrance thereto might be closed for the season. Having carried in the vegetables, the boys were dispatched to the barn for straw to fill the passage way, while the good man himself was busied on the opposite side of the house. An old ram, the patriarch of a whole flock of sheep on the farm, having got a taste of some of the scattered leaves of cabbage, unobserved entered the cellar and quietly continued his feast.

The avenue through which he entered was immediately closed up, and all the necessary work and arrangement being completed, the larger boys set off in high glee, the good running and barking of which had been kept under the paternal rod before them, apparently as well pleased with going to Grand-papa's as any of the happy group. Soon after the parent pair and their little ones, having put out the fire and fastened the doors and windows by means of many curious contrivances, to keep out thieves, started on the same destination.

In the afternoon of the day following the festival which had been kept under the paternal rod with many devout and jovial exercises, the family returned home accompanied by some of our young cousins. Some of their youthful neighbours of both sexes were invited in, and a merry thengite

into a room was in the full tide of successful operation, when one of the boys, who had been sent into the cellar, with a little low wicked candle which gave just light enough to make darkness visible, to draw cider, ran back into the room with eyes glaring wildly, uttering a half suffocated exclamation—"the devil is in the cellar!" "Pooh," said the father who have been only frightened by your own shadow—give me the light." On which he seized the candle, leaving the candlestick clinched fast in the shaking hand of the boy, and boldly rushed to the cellar stairs but ere he had descended half the steps, the large saucer eyes and agonizing horns of the beast caused him to retreat as much terrified as his son—"Sure enough the devil is in the cellar."

The utmost confusion and uproar now prevailed in the house. The good man seized the great Bible and attempted to read, but the candle sputtered, turned blue, and threw so feeble a light on the sacred page, and the book trembled so much in hand of the reader, that he could not distinguish one word from another. The little children cried and clung to their mother—the Jasses nestled close to their favourite swains—and the whole household shook with the agitation of its half demented inhabitants. One bright thought, however, occurred—a messenger was dispatched to the minister's to lay the devil!" a more celebrated for good nature, piety, and credulity, than for talents or heroism, slipped the small bible in his pocket, put on his band and surplice, that he might appear as formidable to his great adversary as possible, and hastened to the relief of his distressed parishioners, which no one could answer, before the person was pushed forward as a leader, lighted by the same penurious candle into the cellar, the most courageous of the company keeping close behind him.

When he reached the foot of the stairs, the eyes of the devil, and the shadowy outline of enormous horns, magnified at least ten fold by the terrors of the darkness, beheld them, removed all doubt, if any had previously existed in his mind, as to the infernal nature of the being with whom he had to do. He now thought instantly fell on his knees, and with uplifted hands began to pray in his most fervent manner. The ram not understanding the good man's motive, but supposing by the motion of his hands, that he was doing him a burning courtesy, which no one could answer, before the person was pushed forward as a leader, lighted by the same penurious candle into the cellar, the most courageous of the company keeping close behind him.

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