

POETRY.

THE OLD FOLKS' LONGING.

Don't go to the theatre, lecture or ball,
But stay in your room to-night;
Deny yourself to the friends that call,

SELECT STORY.

A TIMELY WITNESS;

OR THE COXSWAIN'S SENTENCE.

BY HENRY HALE.

For many long days the Danettes, brave-
of-war, one of the vessels of our com-
rades' squadron for the suppression of

"If you don't do better," he shouted
angrily, "I will have you reported!"
This coxswain was particularly obnoxious

"Now mind yourself," continued Mr.
Marker, as the boat approached the rock
which the form of the stranger could be

Just then, emerging from behind a rock,
and taking a position directly ahead of
the cutter at the end of a narrow passage

"You're to go on deck with me,"
answered Thompson, with a gloomy face.
"Only know what they are going to do

"What do you propose to do?" inquired
the stranger.
"Before the piece could be re-loaded, the

"There is a shoal another of us, sir,"
cried the young coxswain, Granger. "Then
the pirates will have us at their mercy. Had

not we better make a dash at the mascalz
who are firing at us? We can whip them
before the others come up."

"Ay, ay, that's the best thing to do,"
cried the deep voice of the stranger.
"Mind your own business, both of you,"
said Marker. "As for you, Granger—

"You are going the wrong way," he
said in a faint voice, "or is it because my
brain is whirling that I am mistaken?"
Retreat! We must retreat!" as his head

"We are the victors," said the stranger,
glancing at the coxswain, even with the
odds against you, is often better than a

"You think you are of more precious
the wearer of the little clothes are, and
there is no melody on each one half so sweet

"You reproach yourself for your lack
of tenderness and patience as you look at
that little row of shoes, and sometimes

Notwithstanding all the laws made for
its protection the lobster is disappearing
gradually from the coast of Maine. In

"Mr. Marker," said the stranger, turn-
ing to the midshipman, who stood a few
paces off, "you think that a few shots

"Do as you are bid, marines! He
whom you see is the commodore of the
squadron!"
In an instant the muskets were raised,

"How to cure all skin dis-
eases."
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THE SEXTON'S STORY.

BY BLANCHE MYRTLE.

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try church-yard that I heard the follow-
ing story. The sexton had been at work

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must have told him that I longed to know

"Oh, well," he says, calmly, in the full-
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has millions and millions of shoes, and I

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and half pathetic to every loving father
and mother in the world, when they look

"For my own part, I must own that I
feel the same as you do, and I have looked
at the looks that scowling, black-eyed Italian

"And with his bright face shining with
triumph and incertitude, he hurried away
to the music of the baby's wailing, and

"It was late that night, and I was just
thinking of going to bed, though Rex
hadn't come home, and I was uneasy

"I read this extraordinary message over
more than once before I took in its mean-
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