

UNCLE WALT
The Poetic Philosopher.

THE STAY AT HOME.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
who never to himself hath said: "I'll go
and see the game today?" If such there
be, go mark him well, and call him down
and make him yell, and hit him with a
bale of hay. The man who doesn't take
the games and little kids to see the games
is fit for stragems and spoils. He skips
the best there is in life, the solace of this
world of strife, the thing that comforts
man who toils. He lives no better than
a cow; he robs his children and his frau
of gladness which is rightly theirs; he
sets a bad example, too, and makes his
fellow man feel blue by husbanding his
business cares. O let your blooming
business slide! Get on the cars and take
a ride, out where the boys are playing
lall! Forget a while your measly stocks
and join the rooters throwing rocks, and
shriek of the umpires gall! I like those
large, fat, buoyant men whose seem to grow
quite young again, when looking at some
rattling game. When life is shorn of all
its fun, what profits boodle by the ton,
what good is there in pomp or fame?

HE HAD NO TIME.

He had no time to chat with friend
he had no time to stop and play
He had no time to laugh and joke,
he had no time to go away:
A fortune he was out to make, and
night and day he toiled right on,
And when his children came to
romp he promptly told them to be
gone
He had no time to rest, he said; he
couldn't spare the time for fun,
It grieved him that he had no sleep
when there was so much to be
done;
It kept him busy stalking up the dollars
and aquiring more
And to the friends who came to call
on him he barred the office door.
He had no time for fishing trips,
"I'll take them when I'm rich"
said he
When I have made my fortune, I
will romp the children on my
knee,
I'll do my playing later on at present
I must work away.
He wa'e a million dollars, but, we
buried him the other day.

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