

Poetry.

DEAR BROTHER.—The following lines were taken from a Tract for the "Intelligencer." Please insert them, if you consider them worthy of space in your paper.

Time and Eternity with the Sinner.

To-day the sinner's state is much admired,
To-morrow finds his wretched soul required;
To-day he seeks what to eat, to drink and wear,
To-morrow plung'd in ruin and despair;
To-day he's fond of trifling with his sin,
To-morrow finds no time to do it in;
To-day he thinks how to pass his time away,
To-morrow finds no time to mourn and pray;
To-day he would be counted rich and great,
To-morrow sees his miserable state;
To-day he hopes he never shall be lost,
To-morrow all his hope's give up the ghost;
To-day he counts on sleep to be secure,
To-morrow shocks him with his dreadful fear;
To-day his sins are lovely in his sight,
To-morrow they lie on his soul's black night;
To-day he never thinks on what's to come,
To-morrow finds his soul's eternal doom;
To-day his worldly treasure has his heart,
To-morrow must with it and heaven part;
To-day he fain would be accounted wise,
To-morrow is a fool to his surprise;
To-day the joyful crew is his delight,
To-morrow finds his soul's black night;
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With the Saint.

To-day the saint with time things has to do,
To-morrow joyfully bids them all adieu;
To-day he dwells on things that are to pass,
To-morrow views his Jesus face to face;
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Deceiving Children.

I was spending a few days with an intimate friend, and never did I see a more systematic housewife, and, what then seemed to me, one who had so quiet and complete control of her child. But the secret of the latter I soon learned. One evening she wished to spend with me at a neighbor's—it was a small social gathering of friends—therefore she was very desirous of attending; but her child demanded her presence with him. After addressing him, and hearing him say his prayers, she said—

"Willie, did you not see that pretty little kitten in the street to-day?"

"Yes, I did," he replied, "I wish I had her; wasn't she pretty?"

"Yes, very; now don't you want me to buy this kitty for you? Perhaps the man will sell."

"Oh, yes, mother, do buy her."

"Well, then, be a good boy while I am gone," thus saying, she closed the door, but he immediately called her back.

"Don't go till morning, then I can go with you; won't you stay?"

"No, Willie, the man won't sell it if I don't go to-night, so be a good boy."

He said no more, but quietly lay down.

"Is this the way you govern your child?" said I, after we had gained the street; "if you but knew the injury you are doing, you would take a different course."

"Injury! I see repeated, 'why, what harm have I done? I did not tell him I would sell the man, I only asked him if he would.'"

"But you gave him to understand that you would. He is not old enough to detect the deception now, but he soon will be. Then I fear you will perceive your error too late."

You have yourself grafted a thorn in the young rose, which will eventually pierce you most bitterly. You cannot break off the thorn, or club the point, to make it less piercing—On your return he will not see the kitten, therefore you will have to invent another falsehood to conceal the first."

We had no guerdon our friend's door, which ended our conversation. During the evening she seemed gayer than usual; my words had little or no effect upon her. She did not think her little one was doing all in his power to keep awake to see the coveted kitten on her return, wondering what made "Mother" go so long. It was late ere I reminded her we ought to return. But little was said during our homeward walk. She went noiselessly into the room, supposing her boy asleep, but he heard her and said—

"Mother, is that you? Have you brought the kitten? I kept awake to see it, and I was so sleepy."

"No, my dear; the man would not sell her."

"Why won't he, mother?" he asked with quivering lips.

"I don't know; I suppose he wants her to catch rats and mice."

"Did he say so, mother?"

"He did not say just that, but I thought he meant so."

"I did want so bad, mother." The little lips quivered, and the tears started from his eyes. He rubbed them with his little hands, winking very fast to keep them back, but they would come; at last he fell asleep with the pearly drops glistening on his rosy cheeks.

The mother's glance rested on his face. As she knelt to kiss him away, he murmured softly in his broken slumber, "I did want it so bad." She turned her drowsy eyes toward me, saying—

"You have led me to see my error. Never will I again let what will be the consequences, deceive my child to please myself."

Mothers, are you practicing the same deception? If you are, pause and think of the consequences ere it is too late. Does it not lessen your confidence in a person when you find out they have been deceiving you? Will it not also that of your children in you, when they become old enough to detect it? Besides, it would be very strange if they themselves did not imitate you in things of more importance.

It is the pride and joy of a mother's heart to gain and retain the entire confidence of her child, and it is in her power to do so if she but exercise that power by pre-empt and example.

The Way of the Transgressor is Hard.

Mrs. Cunningham (or Cunningham Burdell) is undoubtedly a "smart woman,"—in the ordinary acceptance of the term. Her smartness carried her through the ordeal of the coroner's inquest, and left a load of odium upon the head and shoulders of Dr. Cunnery, which he has never been able since to shake off. Subsequently, on the trial, she was considerably smarter than the public prosecutor, and came out of court with a verdict of "Not Guilty." Notwithstanding a chain of circumstantial evidence against her quite as strong as that which led Prof. Webster to the gallows in Boston a few years since. Flush with her successes in these several instances, it is not to be wondered at that she should be emboldened to attempt almost anything else in her career of crime; but, fortunately, there is a law of our nature that vice shall not be perpetually progressive. In imitating the stupendous fraud of improving a supposititious infant, with a view to possess herself of the property of the unfortunate man whom she is supposed to have murdered, she made a great blunder, in supposing that every man as well as every woman had his price, and that all the world was as heartless as corrupt thieves. From this blunder in theory, she went on to blunder in practice. Her secret was divulged before she was sure enough of her instruments and accessories. There were a hundred ways in which she might have baffled suspicion and defeated discovery, perhaps—but there was a blindness in her very bones, which led her to the bar of justice before she was aware of it.

Retribution has overtaken her at last, and if she be still a human being, with any of a woman's sensibilities or a mother's feelings, we think she must lament that she had not been convicted of the murder of Dr. Harvey Burdell, and paid the penalty, long ere this, with her worthless life. For, apart from the new shame, and disgrace and humiliation, which this last performance of this miserable woman has brought upon the heads of her grown-up daughters and her two young children, the public now reverses the verdict of the jury in the Court of Oyer and Terminer—reasoning that a woman who is wicked enough to have conceived and executed a scheme so dastardly bad, must likewise have been daring enough to have slain her friend and benefactor, if no her husband, under her own roof. This conclusion may be unbearable and wrong; but, we venture to say, that it is the liberate conviction of nine tenths of the community, of everybody, indeed, who has formed any opinion at all upon the subject. Hence whatever punishment may await Mrs. Cunningham, as the penalty of her present transgression, whether it may be five years, or ten years, in the State Prison, it is as nothing, in severity, compared with the judgment which is now morally declared against her, even by many who, before, were disposed to give her the fullest benefit of the doubt. Truly, "the way of the transgressor is hard."

Paying the Printer.

In the days of Mycail, the publisher of the *Newburyport Herald* (a journal still alive and flourishing) the sheriff of old Essex, Philip Bagley, had been asked several times to pay up his arrears of subscription. At last, one day he told Mycail that he would certainly hand over the next morning as he lived. "If you don't get your money to-morrow, you may be sure I am dead," said he. The morning came and passed, but no money. Judge of the sheriff's feelings when, on the morning of the day after he opened his *Herald* and saw announced the lamented decease of Philip Bagley, Esq., High Sheriff of the county of Essex; with an obituary notice at a head, giving the deceased credit for a good many excellent traits of character, but adding that he had one fault very much to deplore: he was not punctual in paying the printer. Bagley, without waiting for his breakfast, started for the *Herald* office. On the way it struck him as singular that none of the many friends and acquaintances he met seemed to be surprised to see him. They must have read the morning paper. Was it possible they cared so little about him as to have forgotten already that he was no more? Full of perturbation, he entered the printing office, to deny that he was dead, in *propria persona*. "Why, Sheriff!" exclaimed the facious editor, "I thought you were 'deceased'!" "Defunct," exclaimed the sheriff; "what put that idea in your head? 'Why you yourself!' said Mycail. "Did you not tell me—'Oh! all! yes! I see! I see!' the sheriff. 'Well, there's your money. And now commend the report in the next paper, if you please.' 'That's not necessary, friend Bagley,' said the old joker; 'it was only printed in your copy.' The good sheriff lived many years after this 'sell,' and to the day of his real death always took good care to pay the printer. —[New Orleans Picayune.

Mock Auctions.

SCENE.—A Store in Broadway, near Warren Street. A red flag hanging at the door.

A greenhorn named Mr. Jones, from Hartford, is stopped while careering down Broadway by the sound of a stentorian voice from within crying "going." He hears the wail of the auctioneer's mallet, and sees six gentlemen standing round a table. "Things are selling mighty cheap in there," says he, and goes in. Peter Funk holds a piece of linen in his hand, and is just on the point of knocking it down at six cents a yard,—"55-1-2 yards, going, at six cents!—an awful sacrifice." "Seven," says Jones. "Eight," says Stool Pigeon. "Nine," says Jones. Whack

comes the mallet: "Sold," says Peter. "Mr. Jones, 55-1-2 yards of linen, at fifty nine cents," touching lightly on the fifty. The attentive clerk beckons to Jones, who steps back behind a mysterious desk with a screen in front. Clerk begins to make out the bill while Jones lives down a five dollar bank note to pay for the linen; the money goes into the drawer. Clerk hands Jones the bill, which reads thus:

"Mr. Jones bought of Peter Funk 55-1-2 yards of Irish linen, at 59 cents per yard—\$32.74."

Jones opens his eyes; clerk points to the sum, and holds out right hand with the remark: "Balance, \$32.74." Jones opens his mouth, and essays to speak, but is dumfounded; he has heard of these pesky mock auctions, but never dreamed that he should ever blunder into one in so respectable a place as Broadway. Mr. Jones ruminates and pinches himself to see if he is dreaming; he is awake—he is in New York; Broadway. But Mr. Jones, though green, has presence of mind he lacks over his balance demanded, takes his linen under his arm and goes to the auctioneer until that fateful cry rings nervous and announces that the sale is adjourned for the day. Mr. Jones accordingly, to prevent being bothered with the previous scamp, steps out and travels toward the tomb, where he finds a Metropolitan Policeman, and tells his tale of woe. In a few moments the swindling shop and the inmates, which, meantime, have got under full headway again, are taken all aback with an apparition—it is Mr. Jones with that linen under his arm, and a person with a brass shield on the lapel of his coat. The man with the shield takes the clerk by the nose of his neck, and starts him toward the Tombs; Clerk remonstrates—explains—a little, and so on, but keeps moving on Broadway and through Chambers street, when all of a sudden he concludes to disgorge the \$32.74; which Jones takes, thanks the officer and vanishes.

Mr. Jones related these interesting adventures in person.—Tribune.

TALKING.—Never repeat a story unless you are certain it is correct, and not even then until something is to be gained, either of interest to yourself, or for the good of the person concerned. Telling is a mean and wicked practice, and he who indulges in it, grows more fond of it in proportion as he is successful. If you have no good to say of your neighbor, never repeat his character by telling that which is false. He who tells you the faults of others, intends to tell others of your faults, and so the dash of news is handed from one to another, till the tale becomes enormous. A story never loses anything, it is wisely remarked; but on the contrary, gains in popularity as it is repeated by those who have not a strict regard for truth. Truly, "the tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

MARRIAGE.—If I were talking to my own daughter, I would caution her never to allow herself to dwell upon marriage as an object of life. Dignity and delicacy sink, I cannot say how rapidly, when once that idea takes possession of the mind; and so for happiness there is no more sensible being in existence than a woman, past the excitement of youth, aiming to be married, for the sake of being married. She becomes more and more dissatisfied and envious and neglectful of present duties. May you never become what I have seen many others, solely from the influence of this false, degrading principle.

HATS AND CAPS.—The Subscriber has received per "Adelphi," from Boston a large assortment of FUR CAPS, velvet hats, together with a large stock of HATS and CAPS of his own manufacture, he will dispose of at very low prices.

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CARD.
The undersigned would take this method of thanking his numerous friends and customers for the liberal support which he has received from them since the late decease of his late partner, Mr. J. A. GILMORE, and for the kind and generous assistance which he has received from them in the late business of the firm of J. A. GILMORE & CO., of New York, in the business of conducting the style and firm of A. & T. GILMORE.

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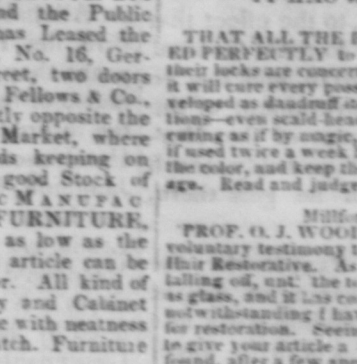


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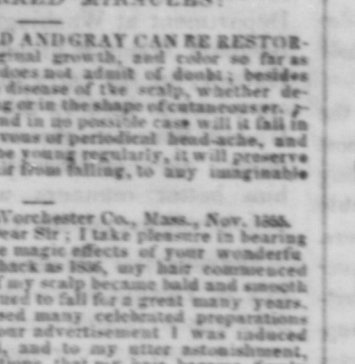


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