

Poetry.

MY MOTHER'S BIBLE.

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This book is all that's left me now—
Tears will unbidden start;
With faltering lips and throbbing brow
I press it to my heart.
For many generations past,
Here is our family tree;
My Mother's hand this Bible clasped,
She, dying gave to me.

Ah, well do I remember those
Whose names these records bear;
Who round the hearth-stone used to close
After the evening prayer,
And speak of what these pages said,
In tones my heart would thrill;
Though they were with the silent dead,
Here are they living still!

My father read this holy book
To brothers, sisters dear;
How calm was my poor mother's look,
Who learned God's word to hear!
Her angel face—I see it yet!
What thrilling memories come!
Again that little group is met
Within the halls of home!

Thou truest friend man ever knew,
Thou constant I've tried;
When all were false I found thee true,
My counsellor and guide.
The mines of earth no treasures give,
That could this volume buy;
In teaching me the way to live,
It taught me how to die.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSPECTED ARE NOT ALWAYS GUILTY.

A few years ago the green of a rich bleacher, in the north of Ireland, had been frequently robbed at night to a very considerable amount, notwithstanding the utmost vigilance of the proprietor and his servants to protect it, and without the slightest cue being furnished for the detection of the robber.

Effectually and repeatedly baffled in the ingenuity of the thief or thieves, the proprietor at length offered a reward of £100 for the apprehension of any person or persons detected in the act of robbing the green.

A few days after this proclamation the master was at midnight roused from his bed by the cry of a faithful servant, who, in the tones of alarm and agitation, informed him that there was some person with a lantern now crossing the green. The master started from his bed, flew to the window, and found his information correct: it was so in fact. He hurried on his clothes, and armed himself with a loaded pistol; the servant flew for his own loaded musket; and thus prepared, they cautiously followed the light.

The person with a lantern (a man) was, as they approached on tiptoe, distinctly seen stooping, and earnestly feeling about on the ground; he was seen lifting and turning the linen. The master's conclusion was, as may be imagined, quickly made: the servant fired; the robber fell. The man and master now proceeded to examine the spot.

The robber was shot dead; and he was now, to their astonishment, recognised to be a youth of about nineteen, who resided but a few fields off. The linen was cut across; large bundles of it were tied up, as if in readiness for removal; and upon searching and examining further, the servant, in the presence of his master, picked up a penknife, with the name of the unhappy youth engraved upon the handle. This mass of circumstantial evidence was conclusive, for in the morning the lantern was acknowledged, by the reflected and heartbroken father of the boy, to be his son's lantern. The unhappy man would have asserted his son's innocence, and with a pure conscience; but defence was dumb, automatically sealed his lips; the evidence before him overpowered his belief and his parental feelings.

The faithful servant received the £100 reward, and was, besides, promoted to be confidential overseer of the establishment. The blood curdled in the veins, when we learn the remaining acts of this tragedy.

This faithful servant, this confidential overseer, was shortly after found to have been himself the thief, and was hanged at Dundalk for the murder of the youth he had so cruelly betrayed.

It appeared, upon the clearest evidence, and by the dying confession and description of the wretched man, that all the overpowering mass of circumstantial evidence was related was preconcerted by him, not only to screen himself from the imputation of former robberies, but to obtain the proffered reward of £100. The unhappy dupe, the innocent victim he chose for this wicked sacrifice, was an industrious lad of the neighborhood, on whom an aged father wholly depended for support; he was ardent, affectionate, and obliging. The boy had a favorite knife—a penknife—which had his name engraved upon its handle, the keepsake of some loving friend. The first act of this fiend was to coax him to transfer to him that knife as a pledge of their friendship; and this, as may be imagined, was not easy to effect; but it was done. On the evening of the fatal day the miscreant prepared the bleaching green for his dreadful deed of murder. He tore the linen from the pegs in some places, and cut it across in others; he turned it up in heaps, and tied it up in the large bundles in which it was found, as if ready to be moved; and placed the favorite knife, the keepsake, in one of the cuts he had made himself.

Matters being thus prepared, he invited the devoted youth to supper; and, as the nights were dark, he recommended him to provide himself with a lantern to light him home. At supper, or shortly after, he artfully turned the conversation on the favorite knife, which he affected, with great concern, to have mislaid, and pretending that the last recollection he had of it was his using it on a particular spot of the bleaching green, desiring the spot to the obliging and unsuspecting youth, and begging him to see if it was there.

The lantern he had been desired to bring with him to light his home was prepared, and he proceeded, with the alacrity of good nature, on his fatal errand. As soon as the mother saw his victim completely in the snare, he gave the alarm to his master, and the melancholy and horrible crime described was committed under the approving eye and hand of the devoted master himself.

Could there have been possibly a stronger case of suspicion than this? The young man seemed actually caught in the fact. The knife, with his name on it, was found upon the spot; the linen cut and tied up in bundles for removal; the lantern acknowledged by his father to be his own; the night chosen for its darkness; the time, midnight; the master himself present, a man of the fairest character; the unsuspecting servant a faithful creature of unblemished reputation.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

The following is an extract from a speech of Sir Cusack Pakenham, at a recent meeting in England: There were now 12,000 miles of railway constructed and running in Great Britain and Ireland, and the capital employed in the construction of this mighty

system of iron roads, of these stupendous works, and in the rolling stock, amounted to £400,000,000, which was, in fact, no less than half the national debt, and that was derived from these investments a gross sum of £34,000,000 per annum, of which about £16,000,000, was appropriated to the working expenses, so that with the exception of a sum to which he would allude presently, railway directors were enabled to divide something like £18,000,000 a year among those who had invested their money in these undertakings. (Hear, hear.) Now the debt of the country was £800,000,000, for which the State paid to those who had invested their money in its capital about the same sum, namely, £18,000,000,—(laughter and cheers)—the railways paid on an investment of half the sum. If he might compare for a moment the working expenses of the railways, they would find that, whereas the railways expended but £16,000,000, the State expended £16,000,000. But in addition to that they had to pay certain sums, as the landed gentry well knew, which the State did not, for they paid about £1,000,000 a year in rates, and for the pleasure of conveying the passengers they also paid to the Government £400,000 a year. (Hear, hear.) So that in point of fact, before the shareholders could put their hands to receive their dividends something like half a million was stopped, and went into the pockets of the State. He thought he had shown how productive in the aggregate railways were, how large their earnings were, and how moderate on the whole was the cost of the working expenses. He had only to add that they gave direct employment to upwards of 160,000 of the population, and if they multiplied that by the usual figure to represent the families of the men so employed, it would be found that not less than from 600,000 to 800,000 derived their chief, if not only support from the railways. That showed the immense benefits which the railways had conferred on the labouring classes, and he thought that every one who travelled on them—and who in these days did not?—would do them the justice to admit that a better distributed, a better organized, a more obedient, a more respectable, and a more worthy class of men did not exist in the whole community than the railway servants of the country. During the past year the railways of the United Kingdom had carried 200,000,000 of the population; in other words, every man, woman, and child, in the kingdom might be said in a metaphorical sense to have been carried by them six times over.

"I'm not Dr.,"—Robert Smart, Esq., of the Royal Hospital for Consumption, City Road, writes us as follows: Some evenings ago, as I was proceeding along the Liverpool Road, I overtook a working man with his basket of tools, apparently returning home from his daily toil. At the same moment he was recognized by a fellow-worker on the opposite side of the road, when the dialogue ensued to the following effect: "Tom, my boy, how are you? Why I haven't seen you this age." "Tom,"—"Thank's, Jack, I'm quite hearty and hope you are the same. How's the missus and the young ones?" "Jack,"—(Crossing over) "All right and tight. And now, what have you?" "Tom,"—"Have? I don't want anything." "Jack,"—"Nonsense! Come along, and have a drop of something to drink." "Tom,"—"Drink! I don't want to drink; I'm not dry." "Jack,"—"Not dry! stuff and nonsense! you're only poking your eye at me." "Tom,"—"No, indeed, Jack, I'm quite serious; and see no fun in drinking when a chap's not dry, and, therefore, wish you good night." "I wish that many thousands of our working men would have the nerve to follow Tom's example."—British Workman.

A GLASS OF GIN.—It was only a glass of gin, recommended by a family physician to a young man slightly indisposed; but what evil followed in its train! That glass was succeeded by others, till drinking became a fixed habit. No one who looks upon the manly form and the handsome face of Jack R.—would have supposed for a moment that he was a drunkard, and loving friends carefully concealed the fact from the world. Business by slow degrees was given up; seldom was his hand steady enough to guide the pen, or his brain sufficiently clear to add up the columns of the ledger. Time wore away, one day, to the astonishment of many, he was picked up in the public street, and brought home in a state of beastly intoxication to his afflicted friends. Ever long they conveyed all that remained of James R.—to a drunkard's grave. The tempter came to his disguised in a pleasing dress, and he fell a victim to his seductions. What an amount of good might he have accomplished, had he resisted the evil, though strength given him from God! How many young men are to-day sipping their first glass! It has been recommended by a physician to ward a sickness; and if followed by others, it will bring disease and death—aye, death eternal—to its victim. Then be careful of the first glass. Resist the temptation, in whatever form it presents itself. Remember, the fearful words recorded in the holy Scriptures that the drunkard shall not "inherit the Kingdom of God."—M. P. R. in American Messenger.

MEDICINE.—The late Dr. Darwin, one day at Nottingham, assembled a crowd of people around him and standing upon a tub, thus addressed himself to the population:—"Ye men of Nottingham, listen to me! You are ingenious mechanics. By your industry, life's conveniences are procured for yourselves and families. If you lose your health, the power of being industrious will forsake you. That you know; and you may not know, that to breathe fresh and change air constantly, is not less necessary to preserve health than sobriety itself. Air becomes unwholesome in a few hours if the windows are shut. Open the windows of your sleeping-rooms whenever you quit them to go to your workshop; keep the windows of your work shop open whenever the weather is not insupportably cold. I have no interest in giving you this advice. Remember what I, your countryman, and a physician tell you. If you would not bring infection and disease upon yourselves, and to your wives and little ones, change the air you breathe; change it many times in a day by opening your windows."

ADIRABLE THING.—The hand outstretched to meet a brother's. A life exposed in saving others. God's preacher seeking out distress. With will and power to make it less. The soaring student-boy retired, With holy inspiration fired. Love's mission, overlapping creed, Teaching the deaf and blind to read. The hand that wields the hammer, then With equal skill takes up the pen. The patriot toiling for his kind, With energetic soul and mind. The steam-press, engine, force, and plough, The poet's sweet and hopeful song. The mother, at the close of day, Teaching her little ones to pray. The Christian spirit taking light, From this dim world to endless light. And all things as through life we plod, Which brings us nearer truth and God.

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