

## Poetry.

## THE LOST DRUNKARD'S LAMENTATION.

BY J. V. P.

He says, "I'm gone—for ever gone,  
My wretched soul is now undone;  
I'm full of hell, and devils are  
Tormenting me in deep despair!  
In sorrow I have now lain down  
Beneath Jehovah's awful frown.  
His weighty vengeance, ah! I feel,  
And with infernal spirits dwell.  
Farewell, farewell to joy and peace;  
My tortured soul can have no ease;  
Farewell, ye heavens, where angels dwell;  
The gnawing worm has now begun  
Midst dismal flames that ever burn  
My precious soul! O strange to tell,  
I'm sinking deeper still in hell!  
Could I recall years that are gone,  
Oh, had I yesterday to come,  
I'd cease to drink—I'd count the cost.  
Before my precious soul was lost.  
Ah! wretched choice that I have made;  
The warning voice I've often had;  
Procrastinating all my days,  
I've sank to ruin by delays.  
My precious time I've thrown away  
For pleasure lasting but a day;  
But now, alas! what did I gain?  
A harvest of eternal pain.  
Great God, awake the living eyes  
Beneath the earth's dark shroud;  
And may they now the warning take  
Before they come into this lake."

## Miscellaneous.

## "THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

The truth of this proverb is universally acknowledged. Rich and poor, young and old, have alike experienced it.

1. "No place like home, mother," said the young officer, James Fenwick, as he sat, the centre of a happy group, in the old-fashioned drawing-room, on the evening of his return, after having gone through the hardships and shared in the glories of the war. Out of doors the wind was blowing hard, and at times the rain dashed wildly on the window panes; but the inmates heeded not; within was warmth and comfort. How pleasant it was to sit there once more, and see the dear ones about him thought James, as he glanced round the room! And if, for a moment, a more than usually loud gust of wind struck on the door, and awakened memories of cold and blustering nights spent in the trenches, and of many a lonely comrade who had stood with him then side by side, now lying in their silent graves, far from home and kindred, the remembrance, though it saddened, served only to enhance the comfort of the present scene, and raise an increased sense of gratitude to the God who had preserved him, and brought him in safety to his home.

Father, mother, brothers and sisters, clung fondly to him, joy beaming on every face. Often had his thoughts turned to those dear ones while on the battlefield and in the night watch, and to be among them once more seemed like a dream. The sweet familiar hum of the air, he started to find it caught up by the young voices of sisters and brothers, till the room rang with the words, "Home, sweet home; there is no place like home!"

2. "No place like home" for me, little wife, said Farmer Davey, as he sat in his bright little sitting-room, with his children round him, and his pretty little wife, with her baby in her arms, by his side. The farmer had been away from his home on business for a week or two; but to have seen him that night, you would have thought he had been away for years. The children clung to him, as if afraid he would leave them again; and his wife seemed as if she could not keep her eyes off him. The fire seemed to burn brighter, the lamp clearer—all because he had come home.

"'Twas pleasant enough at my friend Smith's in Manchester," said the farmer; "there was everything there that money could buy—fine rooms, fine furniture, and fine diners; but all the time I was wearying for home. I would not exchange my own little house, and the dear ones there, for all the grandeur in the world. No; 'there is no place like home' to me;" and his wife, in her heart, echoed the sentiment, "and with the addition, 'And no man in the world to be compared to my John Davey!'"

3. "There is no place like home," said little Harry Percy, as he sat with brothers and sisters round the cheerful home tea-table on the first night of his return from school for the Christmas holidays. Harry's place was next his mother that night, and the little hand was often slipped into hers. It was so nice, Harry thought, to be among them all again, and join in the merry laughter; and, above all, to have loving, gentle mother's eyes looking down at him with such sweet, fond love.

Yes, Harry was not unhappy at school, for he was a favorite with both masters and school-fellows; but then, home was so different. O, 'there is no place like home!'

After Harry was sound asleep that night, the mother slipped softly in and impressed a kiss on the fair young forehead of her boy, and prayed in her heart that, in manhood's years, he might indeed think there was no place like home.

Readers! if our home on earth be such a sweet, hallowed place, what shall our heavenly home be?

Grief must often enter our earthly homes; death must often take away the most loved member there; but, in the home above—the inheritance purchased by Christ for his redeemed ones—death shall enter no more; partings shall be unknown; and, a great family, we shall dwell forever with the Lord in that habitation not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In our Father's house above are many mansions; but forgot not they are prepared for a prepared people—for those, and those only, on earth "who washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

"The family is scattered yet, though of one home and heart; Parting is earthly gloom—in earthly glory part; But who can speak the rapture when the circle is complete, And all the children gathered round, before their Father meet!"

One fold, one Shepherd, one employ, one everlasting home, Lo! I come quickly! Even so, amen! Lord Jesus, come!

—Christian Treasury.

## "NEVER HAD A QUARREL."

Such is the remark of England's greatest general, and the following story may instruct and profit other persons:—

At a very late period of the life of the Duke of Wellington he wrote thus: "I am not in the habit of deciding upon such matters hastily or in anger; and the proof of this is, that I never had a quarrel with any man in my life!" Let any one consider the long and varied civil and military career of the Iron Duke; the innumerable classes of persons with whom he was brought into contact; his constant vexations in the Peninsula, with red tape at home and Spanish pride and suspicion abroad; his difficulties in political life; the habits and character of the army, especially at that period, and then let him express, if he can, his wonder at this great Captain being able,

when quite over sixty years of age, to make such a broad declaration as to his past life.

It is very evident that he who so well commanded others began by commanding himself; that the coolness, self-possession and sharpness of view which were, perhaps, his most salient traits in a campaign, were, in part, at least, the fruits of a constant and careful discipline of his own feelings under ordinary circumstances. "Never had a quarrel in my life!" How many civilians, how many Christians—aye! how many clergymen, can say the same thing? Yet it is certainly possible to pass through life without quarrels, seeing the old proverb holds good, that it requires two to consume any such unpleasant business. A. may quarrel with B. That is a misfortune which possibly A. may not avoid. A. may want to pick a quarrel for ulterior purposes, or he may be insolent or offensive without knowing it, or he may take a perverse delight in wounding other people's feelings. But in any case it depends upon B. alone, whether there is to be a mutual quarrel.

If, like Wellington, he avoided acting in anger or haste—always the two great fomenters of trouble—he will almost invariably come to despise the affront, if intended, or to overlook it, if not. At all events he will not "quarrel." He may give the offender a wide berth in future; he may shun associations with him, but he will have no altercation and he will nurse no grudge. If required to make a personal statement, oral or written, he will do it with judicial calmness and coolness, avoiding a reflection upon others, and confining himself simply to the facts. If these are questioned he makes no reply, but leaves the issue to Time, to Truth, and to God.

The man who settles it in his mind that, with God's help, he will never quarrel with any man, will almost certainly succeed. The very resolution would cut off nine-tenths of the provocations of strife; and any one effort to fulfill it would dispose of the other tenth. —Christian Intelligencer.

## DAYS OF LIFE.

"A pleasant day," smiled the infant as it nestled in its mother's lap, and gazed on earth and sky and all things beautiful.

"A bright day," said the laughing child, as she played in the fragrant woods, and built with mosses and flowers little cottages for the fairies, that she thought would visit them that night.

"A beautiful day," whispers the maiden as she watches the glowing sun sink calmly to his rest, while love and hope "live sunnily in gardens of her memory."

"A happy day," thought the bride as she knelt before the white-robed priest; for the breath of orange flowers is sweet to all, and the cares of life, when viewed with clasped hands laid upon a stronger arm, seem light as the clouds that pass before a summer sun, or ripples that break in the brook's wild way.

"A lovely day," mused the mother, as her first-born lay in infant helplessness upon her knee. She watched her husband's smile, she felt his fond caress, and her heart and lips together said, "God has been merciful to me!"

"A weary day," thought the watcher, as she stood by her husband's bed, and ministered to his many wants with a woman's gentle hand, binding up the while his drooping spirit with hopeful words that made her own heart bleed afresh.

"A sorrowful day," wept the widowed one, as she knelt beside the shrouded form of him who never before had been unkind of her tears. But the fevered head could turn no more, and the tossing waves were still.

"A peaceful day," said the aged woman, for though she remembered her youth's bright home, her departed parents, and the dearly loved one who went from her ere the frosts of age came on, she thought on bright hopes bestowed—on blessings given—on the rest she soon should gain.

"A joyous day," smiled earth's way worn pilgrim, for her hours of earth were almost numbered, and she saw approaching the band of angels that should bear her to her Father—on everlasting joy.

"A glorious day," sang the rejoicing one, far she went to her long home, where the weary are at rest.

"SHE IS NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPETH."

"The baby wept,  
The mother took it from the nurse's arms,  
And soothed its griefs, and stilled its vain alarms,  
And baby slept." —Dr. Hodge.

"Again it weeps,  
And God took it from the mother's arms,  
From present pain, and future unknown harms,  
And baby sleeps." —Dr. Hodge.

PROFANE REBUKE.—A man, in an agricultural district, who was extremely addicted to profane swearing, was one day at work with a yoke of oxen near his house. The oxen, not working to suit him, began to whip them severely, at the same time uttering a volley of most horrid blasphemous oaths.

The oxen breaking loss from their burden, ran to the house, while the owner in a passion pursued them, and coming up with them at the house, began to whip them again, and to swear as dreadfully as before.

His little boy, at this time just old enough to talk, began to prattle his profane oaths after him. No sooner did the father hear this, than his feelings were wrought up to a lively sensibility. He paused for a moment, dropped his whip, and sat down and wept bitterly. A flood of keen reflections at once rushed upon his convicted conscience, which produced such an effect, that he found no rest to his mind, day or night, until his sins were forgiven, which took place a few weeks afterward.

PENNY PUFF: OR THE £90.—I once visited a poor lame travelling tinker. He was in distress, and required help. The pipe on his hob showed that he was a smoker. On my making some allusion to the pipe, he said, "Bath me and wife have smoked, Sir, ever since we were wed. We have never had more nor less than a 'pen'orth of 'bacca' every day!" Having ascertained the length of time they had been married, I took out my pencil, and made a calculation as to the amount spent by them in their 'pennies.' Judge of the tinker's surprise, when I thus addressed him, "My friend, if you had placed the money in the Savings' Bank, instead of wasting it in smoke, you might to-day have felt independent of others, for you 'pennies' would have amounted in your bank book to the noble sum of Ninety Pounds!"

THE DRINKERS OF TEA, COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, AND CHICORY, contributed \$5,073,938 to the public revenue in the last financial year ending with March, 1864. In the same year, the drinkers of spirits, wine, and malt liquors, paid their £20,020,560 of taxation. This is without reckoning the tax of licenses for making an for selling these articles, or on sugar to sweeten them.

STREET INFLUENCES.—We are firmly of the opinion that more youths are made vicious and corrupt by spending their evenings in the streets or in places of questionable resort, than in the broad daylight. Street education is not the best for youth by any means. If they do not engage in criminal acts, too many of the youth by spending their evening away from home become rowdies, reckless as to conversation and acts. Household should be made attractive, so that it shall be the sentiment of each member of the household, "there is no place like home." —Baltimore Times.

## PAINTS, OILS, BLUE VITRIOL, &amp;c.

Now landing ex Eleanor, and to arrive per Ensign:—  
2 tons Brandram's Raw and Boiled Lined Oil;  
1 ton Gallipoli Olive Oil; 250 kegs, Brandram's No. 1 White Lead—in 25, 50, and 100 cwt. casks;  
50 kegs Brandram's Colored Paints; 16 casks Paris White;  
50 casks London Whiting; 100 kegs, Brandram's No. 1 Blue Vitriol; 3 do (14 tons) Copperas;  
8 do (3 tons) Blue Vitriol; 4 do Washed Red Lead;  
7 do Indian Red; 1 do, 100 lbs. Brandram's No. 1  
1 barrel Vermilion; 1 cask Refined Saltpetre;  
4 casks Epsom Salts; 20 do, Bicarbonate Soda;  
1 cask Refined Camphor; 1 cask Cassia;  
1 cask Refined Borax; 1 cask Cassia;  
4 casks E. I. CASTOR OIL; 1 bale Senna Leaves;  
5 casks Castile Soap; 1 do Oil Lemon;  
1 do Gum Shellac; 1 do Oil Bergamot;  
1 cask Gum Acacia; 1 do Lined Meal;  
12 chests Florence Oil; 1 case 15,000 Large Deep Gold  
1 cask, 100 lbs. White and Castile, at lowest market rates.

Successor to J. M. Walker, 7 Market Square, Nov. 11. —30 bushels Flax Seed. Just received and for sale by  
T. B. BARKER.  
(dec. 1.)

GENERAL LEATHER AND FINDING STORE.—Constantly on hand, a large and well selected stock of English, French, American, and Domestic Leather and Shoe Findings, at the lowest possible prices for Cash.

J. J. CHRISTIE, 55 South side King-street.  
P.S.—All orders attended to with punctuality and dispatch.  
Dec. 5, 1861.—wpl.

CHARLES KIRKPATRICK has received per vessel, from Glasgow, a variety of NEW AND USEFUL GOODS, in Shawls, Dress Goods, in every new style; Balmoral Skirtings, Dress Trimmings, Ribbons, Velvets, Teryls, Ladies' Worked Muslins, and all the latest assortment of Domestic Goods, wholesale and retail.

GRAHAM'S PAIN EXTRACTOR AND MAGNETIC OIL.  
THE Best Remedy known for the following complaints: Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Spinal Complaints, Felon Whitlow, Broken Breasts, Sores, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Wounds, Bruises, Sprains, Burns, Scalds, Hives, Diptheria, Influenza, Anemia or Pithic, Congestive Colds, Pains in the Chest and Back, Ear Ache, &c. It quickly and effectually reduces inflammation, and eradicates Pain and Humor.

Prepared by  
Late of Canning, Cornwallis, N. S.  
Now T. Graham & Co., Carleton, St. John.  
Price 25 cents. Sold by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in Medicines generally.  
July 5.—1

POPULAR CURE Remedies.—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral; Sharp's Balsam of Horehound; Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry; Wilber's Cod Liver Oil and Syrup; Jayne's Expectorant; Fowler's Balsam of Aniseed; Wistar's Cherry Pectoral; Mrs. Gardner's Balsam of Licorice; Vegetable Pulmonary Balm; Keating's Cough Lozenges; Whitney's Black Currant Lozenges; Brown's Bronchial Troches. For sale by  
GEORGE A. BAYARD,  
120 Successor to John M. Walker, 7 Market Sq.  
CHEAP FLANNELS.—An immense stock of FLANNELS, all colors and qualities, at extremely low prices. Call and see. Imperial Buildings, 2 King street, dec. 9.

TAMARINDS—Just received.—One Barrel Tamarinds; 2 do. G. A. BAYARD, 7 Market Square, St. John. Also, White and Colored China Tea Sets; Plates, Cups, Teas and Coffee, by the dozen.

STEWART—Breakfast, Dinner, and Tea Sets; Toilet Wares, Butters, &c.  
JELLY CANS.—100 dozen Jelly Cans.  
STOCKS—Preserve, Butter, and Cream Crocks, at lowest figures.  
THOS. GRAHAM,  
42 Market Square, sept. 2.

CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION!  
THE PROPRIETOR OF PICKSTONE'S WASHING AND CLEANSING CRYSTAL, deems it his duty to caution the public against spurious imitations of his highly celebrated Washing Crystal, which is the most harmless compound extant. It is free from Lime, Vitriol, and all other deadly mixtures so common to be found amongst washing compounds. Try Pickstone's Washing Crystal, if you want ease, comfort, and economy in washing, which every thing and last rapid sale.

It will be found invaluable for the following domestic purposes, viz.:—It washes all the things, such as Muslin, Cotton, Linen, &c., cleaning Spoons, Combs, and Brushes; removing stains from the hands, and grease from Carpets, Cloth, Fanned, &c. It makes hard water soft, and may be used with good effect in Baths, as it immediately removes all dissolved perspiration from the skin. A small quantity should also be used in the foot bath. It forms a cooling and cleansing wash for the head, by dissolving a teaspoonful of the Crystal in a quart of a pint of water; and for cleansing the Mouth, Teeth, and Gums, it is equally useful. By adding a teaspoonful to a tumbler of water. It renders linen beautifully white, and unlike other preparations, at the same time preserves the fabric. It contains nothing injurious to life. A child eating it by mistake, will not be injured.

If you have not used this Cleansing Crystal, lose no time. It is the latest and most improved pattern, and if not used in this country which has effected such a wonderful change upon Washing Days. It saves your time—saves your clothes—saves your money; and it does not injure the fabric. It is a most useful and economical preparation, making washing a pleasure, reduces the cost of fuel, the wear and tear of labor, and by adding a teaspoonful to a tumbler of water, it renders linen beautifully white, and unlike other preparations, at the same time preserves the fabric. It contains nothing injurious to life. A child eating it by mistake, will not be injured.

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