Poetry.

WHAT HAST THOU DONE FOR ME?

I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be.
And quickened from the dead,
I gave, I gave my life for thee:
What hast thou given for me

My Father's house of light,
My glory circled throne,
I left for earthly night,
For wanderings sad and lone:
I left, I left it all for thee:
Hast thou left *aught* for me?

I suffered much for thee,
More than thy tongue can tell,
Of bitt'rest agony,
To rescue thee from hell;
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee:
What hast thou borne for me?

And I have brought to thee,
Down from my home above,
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and my love;
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee:
What hast thou brought to me?

O, let thy life be given,
Thy tears that yet remain,
World fetters all be riven,
Give me thy joy and pain:
Give thou, give thou thyself to me,
And I will welcome thee?

The Fireside.

THE PRESCRIPTION.

"I wish you would tell James when he comes in to turn the cows into the lower lot, and it Turpin calls, tell him I have concluded to take those sheep—I want the merinos, and while I am getting ready, please get my memorandum book, and note down, four harness straps, five pounds nails, and gimlet, half jockey strap, and—and—yes I believe that is all. I forgot to put them down when I made out the items."

Mrs. Streeter rose wearily, laid her sleeping babe carefully in its crib, and proceeded to record the articles named. She was young—not over twenty five, but her complexion was sadly faded, and faint lines were already marking the white forehead, while the tired eyes told of care, and hinted strongly of an unsatisfied heart.

And this thin checked, pink-eyed woman had been called a beauty only seven years before! And when she gave her hand to Newton Streeter she could say what few girls can: "I married my first love." Judge Streeter, the father, was supposed to be wealthy. But soon after his son's marriage, a financial panic came, and his thousands dwindled into hundreds. It was false pride, perhaps but the young man shrank from a position under those who had once looked up to him, and his thoughts turned wistfully towards the Western prairies.

He expected objections from his young and accomplished wife. But she saw with his eyes, and was not only willing, but eager to go and help him make a home that should be all their own. The purchasing of a prairie team, some farming implements, and the expenses of building of a small house exhausted his capital—and the young couple commenced their married life as many others had done who had been blessed with their advantages. The same dwelling had but three sleeping apartments, and this fact, added to their uncertain income induced Mrs. Streeter to take upon herself the entire care of the household.

Two children had come in the seven years to nestle in her bosom. But one, a fairy child of three summers, had slid away from them, and was now sleeping beneath the flowers of the prairies; and the tired wife had sighed as she looked on the cold, folded hands.

"She will never toil, as I have done, but oh! I wanted her so much," the lonely mother sobbed forth.

Mr. Streeter was considered a wealthy farmer. His acres had broadened and his stock increased. Physically and mentally strong, and with a gentle loving wife ever studying his tastes and wishes, why should he wear out so soon?

But of her. Naturally frail, she had been like a willow bending beneath a burden voluntarily taken up. With the exception of an efficient girl for a few weeks when little Mary died, she had performed all the labour required in the house.

Newton Streeter took the memorandum, glanced hastily at the neatly-written items, and drove away.

But no longer might she linger, for the sponge was waiting in the kitchen to be kneaded, and the baby's naps were like angel's visits. And before the task was well over his bugle note sounded to arms, and the fretful child was taken up and caressed and soothed to quietness.

She was conscious of a strange dizziness. When she arose from a stooping position her head was aching miserably and her eyes seemed burning. What was coming over her? She must be ill. Oh, no; she had no time for that. And then her thoughts turned away to the old homestead, and she asked herself for the first time, if she had done wisely to leave it for this life of toil and care.

It was a dangerous question for a wife-mother, and she clasped her child more closely to suppress in heart the disloyal answer.

When Mr. Streeter returned exultant over the dollars he had deposited in the bank he found no supper prepared, and his wife helpless upon a bed with cheeks flushed with fever, and the wailing child distracting her with its demands of care.

A physician and nurse were soon summoned from the city, and the weary wife enjoyed the luxury of being ill.

But convalescence soon followed; and before leaving his patient, the old doctor, a close observer and a deep thinker, took the husband aside, and asked:

"Did you know what brought this fever on your wife, Mr. Streeter? You have worked her nearly to death."

"You are speaking of my wife, not my horse."

"Granted; and I say again, you are working her to death."

"Really, Doctor, such language is unpardonable."

And yet you will pardon it. And furthermore, by your great love for the sacrificing woman we have just left, I shall perform an operation on your eyes that you may see as I see."

And then he placed the cold, hard facts before him, from the time she became a bride, beautiful, accomplished, up to the date of her present illness, in which domestic cares only had left her in feverish dreams. In concluding, he added:

"I truly believe, if she takes up her old burdens at once, that before the year has passed, the grave or an insane asylum will receive her."

The strong man shuddered.

"As heaven is my witness, sir, I have only permitted, not exacted, this sacrifice. She involuntarily took her place by my side, and has uncomplainingly kept up with me."

"No, she has not kept step to follow your own figure. Unable to keep up your long, rapid strides she has fallen, faint and footsore, by the way. I tell you she must have rest for both mind and body, or I will not answer for the result. And it would be better found away from home."

"Yes, I begin to comprehend, and it can be found away." And offering his hand. "I will take care doctor, that you do not get a chance to administer another such dose to me."

Mr. Streeter went back to the room where his wife was sitting propped up by pillows, and a gush of unutterable tenderness swelled in his heart as he glanced at her pale face and almost transparent hands. He sat down beside her and said softly:

"You don't know how glad I am that you are better."

"Thank you. Yes, I am almost well now—shall soon be able to be in the kitchen. I am sure I must be sadly needed there by this time."

"No, you are not needed there. By the way would you like to have me put the farm to rent this summer, and you take the boy and go back to the old granite hills?"

"Oh could you? May I go?" and the voice quivered with excitement: then wistfully, "but the expense, Newton. It would put us back so much."

Mrs. Streeter could hardly believe it was not one of her feverish dreams.

But it all came about in good time, and she arrived safely at home, where she was petted and caressed to her heart's content.

"You are all trying to spoil me," she would expostulate; "I shall never be fit for a farmer's wife any more."

And thus among loving friends, riding, walking, and when at home reading, music, and writing long letters to her husband, the summer wore swiftly away.

And now he had written that he was coming, and she was counting the days that must elapse ere she could look upon his face and be clasped to his heart. She was eager to go now. Her holiday was over. Health had returned, and not an instant did she shrink from the old life.

And when her husband came and saw the wonder one summer had wrought, he again told himself that the good doctor was right.

It was evening when they arrived, and the wife looked with bewildement on the change. A handsome front had been added to the old dwelling; and before she had time to question she was ushered into a parlor, newly furnished and already lighted. An elegant piano stood in a recess evidently constructed for its reception.

She turned towards her husbond to assure herself that he too had not chahged into somethiag or somebody else. But the merry twinkle in his eye told her he was enjoying her surprise, and slowly she realized the whole situation. Yes, now she understood his strange reluctance to mention what he was doing, and his willingness to have her remain even after she had expressed her anxiety to return.

"Come, I have more to show you," and he showed her into a large commodious room furnished for her own sleeping apartment, even to her baby's crib.

"This is for you. And now lay aside your dusty garments and prepare for tea. It must have been ready an hour ago. I will go and see."

When he returned he found his little wife sitting in her little rocker and weeping silently.

"Have I wounded where I wished to heal?" he asked reproachfully.

"Forgive me," she said smiling; "I am a goose, but a tired winged one, you know. And I am so happy to be at home—in such a home—that I have no words in which to tell my happiness."

He stooped to kiss the offered lips. And what a different life it was—busy, not burdened. Time for the wants of the mind as well as the body. Good help in the kitchen all the time, and choice reading for every leisure hour.

The farm was an unfailing source of income, fully defraying all expenses in future.

"Been improving, I see," said Dr. Meeker, as he reined his light carriage to the neat fence.

"Yes, Doctor. Come in; I want to show you all the improvements. Here, Mary, the Doctor wants to see you."

And as she came to greet him, rosy with health and happiness, he nodded his head at her husband.

"Yes, that will do," and then glancing at the open piano, "I am going to stay just long enough to hear one tune played. Will you favor me?" And with the old gallantry, fitted so awkwardly to his brusque manner, he led her to the instrument and stood hat in hand while she played. "There, thank you, I have cut off my own supplies. No more fees for me here, I see. Just my luck, I never did know enough to make my bread and butter. Good-bye, Mrs. Streeter." And again nodding to the husband, he trotted out to his vehicle, and went on his way, his cheery voice humming to his horse, perhaps the tune he had just heard.

A LITTLE HERO.

In the city of Hartford, Conn., lives the hero of the true story I am about relate—but no longer "little," as the perilous adventure which made him famous in his native town happened several years ago.

Our hero was then a bright active boy of fourteen, the son of a mechanic. In the severe winter of 1835, the father worked in a factory about a mile from home, and every day the boy carried him his dinner across a piece of meadow land.

One keen frosty day he found the snow in this meadow nearly two feet deep, and no traces of the little foot-path remaining. Yet he ran on as fast as possible, plunging through drifts, keeping himself warm by vigorous exercise, and brave, cheerful thoughts.

When in the midst of the meadow, fully half a mile from the house, he suddenly felt himself going down, down!

He had fallen into a well. He sank down, down into the dark, ice water, but rose immediately to the surface. There he grasped hold of a plank which had fallen into the well as he went down.

One end of this rested on the bottom of the well—the other rose about four feet above the surface of the water.

The poor lad shouted for help until he was hoarse and almost speechless, but all in vain, as it was impossible to make himself heard from such a depth, and at such a distance from any house. So at last he concluded that if he was saved at all he must save himself, and begin at once, as he was getting extremely cold in the water. So he went to work.

First he drew himself up the plank, and braced himself against the top of it and the wall of the well, which was of brick and quite smooth. Then he pulled off his coat, taking out his pocket knife he cut off his boots, that he might go to work with greater advantage. Then, with his feet against one side of the well, and his shoulders against the other, he worked his way up, by the most fearful exertion, about half the distance to the top. Here he was obliged to pause, to take breath, and gather up his energies for the work yet before him. Far harder was it than all he had gone through, for the side being from that point covered with ice, he must cut with his knife grasping-places for his fingers, slowly and carefully, all the way up.

It was almost a hopeless attempt, but it was all that he could do. And here the little hero lifted up his heart to God, and prayed fervently for help, fearing that he could never get out alone.

Doubtless the Lord heard his voice calling from the deep, and pitied him. He wrought no miracle to save him, but he breathed into his heart a yet larger measure of calmness and courage, strengthening him to work out his own deliverance.

After this the little hero cut his way upward inch by inch. His wet stockings frozen to the ice and kept his feet from slipping, but his shirt was quite worn from his shoulders ere he reached the top.

He did reach it at last—crawled out into the snow, and lay down for a moment to rest—panting out his breath in little white clouds on the clear frosty air.

He had been two hours and a half in the well.

His clothes soon froze to his body, but he no longer suffered with cold as, full of joy and thankfullness he ran to the factory, where his father was waiting and wondering.

The poor man had to go without his dinner that day, but you may be sure he cared little about that, while listening with tears in his eyes to the thrilling story his son had to relate to him.

He must have been proud of the boy that day, as he wrapped him in his own warm overcoat and took him home to "mother."

And how that mother must have wept and smiled over the lad, and kissed him and thanked God for him.

I have not heard of the "hero" for two or three years, but I trust he is growing up into a brave, heroic man, and I hope he will never forget the Heavenly Friend who did not forget him in the hour of his great need.

There is an old saying that truth lies at the bottom of a well.

I trust that this brave boy found and brought up from there this truth:—"God helps those who help themselves."—*Grace Greenwood.*

BABY DIED TO-DAY.

From Poems by the late William Leighton.

Lay the little limbs out straight;
Gently tend the sacred clay;
Sorrow-shaded is our fate—
Baby died to-day.

Fold the hands across the breast,
So, as when he knelt to pray;
Leave him to his dreamless rest—
Baby died to-day.

Voice, whose prattling infant-lore
Was the music of our way,
Now is hushed for evermore—
Baby died to-day.

Sweet blue eyes, whose sunny gleams
Made our waking moments gay,
Now can shine but in our dreams—
Baby died to-day.

Still a smile is on his face,
But it lacks its joyous play
Of the one we used to trace—
Baby died to-day.

Give his lips your latest kiss;
Dry your eyes and come away;
In a happier world than this
Baby lives to-day.

ABOUT THE HOUSE.

Knives and forks may be fastened in their handles by the follwing: One pound colophony (obtained at druggist's), eight ounces sulphur; melt and when cool powder. Mix one part of the powder with half a part fine sand or brick-dust, fill the handle of cavity, heat the stem of the knife or fork, and insert.

Kerosene oil is good for removing rust from cutlery.

Saturate sponges with water and stand them on plates around and among the window-plants. The object is to supply moisture to neutralize the effects of any furnace or grate heat.

In hanging paper, first pumice-stone the wall and wash with size made of one ounce of glue to a gallon of water. See that the paste has no lumps, and that the back of the paper is covered with it for full ten minutes before hanging.

It is said that lining the walls, ceiling, and windows of a cellar with four or five thicknesses of old newspapers, pasted on with strong size, will prevent roots and other articles stored therein from freezing.

A section of wire-cloth, graded from No. 20 to No. 30, is the best material to strike matches upon.

Two cords of hard wood are about equal in heat giving qualities to one ton of bituminous coal.

If the sink spout freezes, insert a piece of lead pipe, into which pour boiling water through a funnel. Keep the pipe constantly pressed against the ice.

Two parts gum camphor, with one part of crystallized carbolic acid, the whole rubbed together with whitening, is an excellent disinfectant and preservative for furs. The odor of the acid is mostly dissipated by the camphor.

To take ink-spots out of mahogany, touch with a feather dipped in a teaspoonful of water to which a few drops of spirits of nitre have been added, and rub quickly with a wet cloth.

To each bowl of starch, before boiling, add a teaspoonful of Epsom salts. Articles prepared with this will be stiffer and in a measure fireproof.

When cockroaches get into smooth bowls half filled with molasses and water they can not get out.

When an iron poker becomes soft by long usage, it can be hardened by heating to a redness and plunging several times in a pail of cold water.

To clean gilt jewelry, to half a pint of boiling water add one ounce of cyanide of potassium When the luquid is cold, mix in a half an ounce of ammonia liquor and one ounce of rectified alcohol. Objects will be rendered bright by brushing with this compound.

Ink stains may be removed from books by wetting the spot with a solution of oxalic acid, one ounce, water one half pint.

Hyposulphite of soda is better than common washing soda for laundry purposes.

Linen can be glazed by adding a teaspoonful of salt and one of finely-scraped white soap to a pound of starch.

If possible, buy an oil-cloth which has been made for several years, as the longer it has lain unwashed the better it will bear it, the paint being harder. Never scrub.

Sweep with a soft-hair brush, and wash with a soft cloth dipped in milk and water. Do not use soap. Rub dry with a handful of rags.

The best bed-bug poison is a globule of mercury of about the size of a silver five-cent piece, thoroughly mingled with the white of an egg, the last previously beaten to a forth. Stop all cracks with putty, both of the bed and of the surbase and floor-joints of the room, and apply the above mixture with a feather. There is no necessity of washing the bedstead for some time. After washing, however, repeat the above-described operation.

Save the inner white husks for mattrasses. Dry them in a clean, airy place. No need to strip them fine. Use them whole and they will answer the purpose better than straw.

In dealing with furniture, remember to keep water from everything soluble therein, oil from everything porous, alcohol from varnish, and acids from marble.

Water window-plants with tepid water, and wash the leaves often.

A thick paste of strong gum-arabic, into which plaster-of-paris is stirred, makes an excellent chinacement. Apply with a brush, and let the article stand three days.

Preserve eggs by a quick dipping in boiling water, and packing in fresh salt, small end down.

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