## Poetry.

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WHATSOEVER One day in stress of need, I prayed, " Dear Father, thou hast bid me bring All wants to thee ; so, unafraid, I ask thee for this little thing, Round which my hopes so keenly cling. And yet, remembering what thou art, So dread, so wondrons, so divine, I marvel that I have the heart To tell thee of this wish of mine !

"Thy heavens are strewn with worlds on worlds Thy star-dust powders reachless space ; System on system round thee whirls, Who sittest in the central place Of Being : while before thy face The universe hangs like a bead Of dew, upon whose arc is shown, With but reflected flash indeed, Godhood's magnificence alone !

" And when I think-our world's but one Small world amid the countless band, That in its daily course doth run Its golden circuit through thy hand, And that its peopled myriads stand Always before thee, even as I, Sad suppliants in their misery dumb, Waiting for every hour's supply,-I wonder that I dare to come !

" I could not come, but for thy word That says I may, in reverent fear, Approach, and through thy grace be heard ; Therefore, to-day I venture near And bring the suit, to me so dear ; Remembering what thy Christ hath said. And reading it with faith aright, That every hair upon my head Bears its own number in his sight.

"The thing I ask thee for,-how small, How trivial must it seem to thee ! Yet, Lord, thou knowest, who knowest all, It is no little thing to me, So weak, so human as I be ! Therefore 1 make my prayer to-day, And as a father pitieth, then, Grant me this little thing, I pray, Through the one sacred Name. Amen !"

I had my wish : the little thing, So needful to my heart's content, Was given to my petitioning, And comforted, I onward went With tranquil soul, wherein were blent Trust and thanksgiving : for I know Now, as I had not known before, The whatsoever's meaning : so I cavil not nor question more !

## THE SUMMONS.

My summons may come in the morning, Or the deep peaceful alumbers of night ; It may come with a lingering warning, Or quick as a flash of sunlight ; It may come while I'm thinking of heaven

vious evening recalled the now ruined manufacturer's tending the university at Edinburgh he went by the prayer, and said that the poor man must have been name of "The Great Blockhead." But he wasted passing through a fierce mental struggle at the no time on trifles, and in pursuing a study that he loved-as, for example, history or the classics-

spoke the words that the Lord gave me."

knitting them herself.

do now-a-days.

how to cook him a dinner.

the modern young lady does hers.

such a woman has control blessed.

from those older than herself.

capable of giving happiness.

grandmother's.

ed to be present.

THE OLD-FASHIONED GIRL

doll furniture the children have now-a-days.

a cardinal virtue in the old-fashioned little girl.

doubt she made her family quite as comfortable as

It may be a vulgar assertion, and we suppose

that we are not exactly up with the times, but we hon-

estly believe, and our opinion is based on consider-

able experience, and no small opportunity for ob-

servation, that when it comes to keeping a family

happy, a good cook and housekeeper is to be great-

ly preferred above an accomplished scholar. When

both sets of qualities are found together, as they

cometimes are, then is the household over which

The old-fashioned little girl was modest in de-

meanor, and she never talked slang or used by-

words. She did not laugh at old people or make

fun of cripples, as we saw some modern little girls

and was not above listeniug to words of counsel

She did not think she knew as much as her

She did not go to parties by the time she was

She went to bed in season, and doubtless said

innocence, and rose up in the morning happy and

And if there be an old-fashioned little girl in the

world to-day, may heaven bless her and keep her,

DUNCES.

Fisher Ames entered Harvard at the age of

her prayers before she went, and slept the sleep of

ten and stay till after midnight playing euchre and

dancing with any chance young man who happen

He met Uncle Jerry Phillips in the street that he was persevering and methodical. He was one day, and taking him by the hand, said, "I am as of those whose knowledge on a subject that interpoor as you are this afternoon, Uncle Jerry, I have ested him, increased until it lay like a great volthrown up the lump of 'anxiety, remorse and sin,' ume in his mind. When Walter Scott began to but I am weak from carrying it so long. And al- make use of that knowledge, society gave him anthough I did not realize it before your most oppor- other name, somewhat different from the Edintune words of last night, I think I had been look- burgh appellation. It was "The Great Magician." ing in all directions for the main chance in business Hutton, the antiquarian, whose knowlege of so long that I was getting to be cross-eyed myself. books was deemed remarkable, was slow to learn

"Now, Uncle Jerry, I want you to pray that I when a boy. He was sent to school to a certain may become as rich as you are, for it was your talk Mr Meat. He thus tells his experience : "My at the prayer-meeting that prompted me to make master took occasion to beat my head against the the move I have. I had my plans all perfected by wall, holding it by the hair; but he could never which I was to fail 'successfully' in my business, beat any learning into it."

that is to make a compromise with my creditors, Sheridan found it hard to acquire the elements of offer to them a certain per cent. of my indebtedness, learning. His mother deemed it her duty to inand go on again. But instead of that I have turn- form his teacher that he was not bright to learn ed over everything to my principal creditor, who like other boys, Adam Clarke was pronounced by will carry on the business. By doing what I have, his father to be "a grievious dunce ; and Dr. Chal-I am enabled to pay every cent I owe. I could not mers was pronounced by his teacher as an "incorbear the idea of 'eternal poverty,' Uncle Jerry." rigible one. Chatterton was dismissed from school "I hated to speak," said the deformed little man. by his master, who, finding himself unable to teach ON and after MONDAY, the 14th July, Trains will leave St. John Daily, (Sundays excepted), as follows : "It is always a cross for me, and it was more of a him anything in a satisfactory manner, settled it cross last evening than ever, because I heard some that the boy was a "fool." girls giggling about me when I came in. But some-Teachers are apt to become impatient over dull

thing kept whispering, ' Get up and tell them that scholars, and predict of them that they will never you are not so poor and forlorn as you seem ;' so I come to anything. Such uncalled for prophecies ought to discourage no scholar who tries to do well.

A certain Edinburgh professor once pronounced upon a student his severe opinion, "Dunce you She flourished thirty or forty years ago. She are, and dunce you will ever remain." That stuwas a little girl until she was fifteen. She used to dent was Sir Walter Scott. If a dull boy feels an inspiration stirring within help her mother wash the dishes and keep the kitchen tidy, and she had an ambition to make pies to know something worthy in literature, science or so nicely that papa could not tell the difference be art, let him set his face as a flint toward his object; tween them and mamma's ; and yet she could fry let him be patient, hopeful and self-reliant, unmovgriddle cakes at ten years of age, and darn her own ed by laughter, undiscouraged by evil prophecies .-Moravian.

stockings before she was twelve, to say nothing of She had her hours af play, and enjoyed herself "I CAN SWIM, SIR."-During a terrible naval to the fullest extent. She had no very costly toys, attle between the English and the Dutch, the English flag-ship, commanded by Admiral Narborto be sure, but her rag doll and little bureau and chair that Uncle Tom made, were just ough, was drawn into the thickest of the fight. Two masts were seen shot away, and the mainmast as valuable to her as the \$20 wax doll and elegant Narborough saw that all was lost unless he could She never said "I can't," and "I don't want to bring up his ships from the right. Hastily scrawlto her mother, when asked to leave her play, and ing an order, he called for volunteers to swim run up stairs or down on an errand, because she had across the boiling water, under the hail of shot and not been brought up in that way. Obedience was shell. A dozen sailors at once offered their services, and among them a cabin-boy. She rose in the morning when she was called, "Why," said the Admiral, "what can you do, and went out into the garden and saw the dew on

the grass, and if she lived in the country, she fed ny fearless lad ?" "I can swim, sir," the boy replied ; " if I be the chickens and hunted up the eggs for breakfast. hot, I can be easier spared than any one else." We do not suppose that she had hair in curl Narborough hesitated : his men were few, and papers, crimping pins, or had it "banged" over her s position was desparate. The boy plunged into forehead, and her flounces were no trouble to her. e sea, amid the cheers of the sailors and was soon She learned to sew by making patchwork, and ost to sight. The battle raged fiercer, and, as the we dare say she could do an "over and over" ime went on, defeat seemed inevitable. But just seam as well as nine-tenths of the grown-up women The old-fashioned little girl did not grow into a





It may come when my thoughts are astray ; While I'm sitting alone in my dwelling, Or receting some friend on the way ; But the day or the hour, when the bidding Comes to me, I never can know, And I pray, at the call of the Master, I may answer, " I'm ready to go !"

It may come while I'm working for others, Or laying out plans for myself ; It may come when I'm laid, as a well-worn And useless old book on a shelf : It may come when my life, full of sweetness Would fain have it tarry awhile ; It may come when my sorrow's completeness Makes me welcome the call with a smile ; Though it fall in the gentlest of whispers, Or sounds with a deep startling knell, I pray only that I may be ready To answer, " Dear Lord, it is well !" -New York Christian Advocate.

The fireside.

## THE RICH HUNCHBACK.

"Oh, my ! what a funny little old man !" said a thoughtless young girl in a loud whisper to her doing the other day. She had respect for elders, companion, at a prayer-meeting in a certain large manufacturing village in New England.

I glanced up. There was a funny little old man indeed, walking with a painful limp up the aisle in mother, and that her judgment was as good as her quest of a vacant seat.

"It is old Uncle Jerry Phillips, the hump-back shoe-maker. Prepare yourself for a pleasant surprise if he takes a part in the meeting, as he doubtless will," explained the friend at my side.

It was a plesant social gathering. A deep devo tional feeling seemed to prevail, and one after another spoke words of faith and hope and promise. By-and-by there came a lull, and then Uncle Jerry's gray, bushy nead appeared just above the settees. He began his remarks in a sweet pathetic, trembling voice, so winning in its tones that all in- and raise up others like her.-Selected. stinctively bent their heads to listen.

"Friends, it would no doubt seem to many here

a very sad thing to be only Jerry Phillips, the poor, old, cross-eyed, crooked-limbed, hump-back old shoemaker ; to be without relatives ; to be often with- ber translated "Phoedrus" into English at seven ; to teach children the gospel, but we should rememout work ; to sometimes be hungry ; to have no Anna Seward repeated from memory the first three ber that they are not apt to hold out in religion." up with rheumatism, and for days not to see a Brougham wrote on philosophy at eighteen.

hearted neighbour looks in.

there are sadder things. It is sad to be poor as and memory are enduring-were regarded in youth them continue as of a hundred adults taken in the regards this life, but it is sadder to be poor in re- as dunces. They flowered late but bore the rarest same way. ference to the life that is to come. I am a poverty- | fruit.

stricken, 'funny'-looking old man in the estimation It is somewhat discouraging for a boy of moderof most of you, but I am rich in faith, and through ate abilities, who aims to do his best, to be told man any more apt to hold out in religion for havthe blessed faith Jesus clothes me in a robe of his that others accomplished in childhood what he can ing long held out in sin ? Are disobedience and inrighteousness, and feeds me with the bread of only do by hard study in the best years of his gratitude and hardness of heart a good school for ture; and Swiss, from reliable makers and carefully exa-

"This unsightly hump on my back is far less He will succeed if he gives his heart and mind to we understand human nature. onerous than the load of anxiety, remorse, and sin, the work.

carried by many rich people who ride in fine car-riages, and are clothed in goodly apparel. 1 shall by, after speaking of those who zealously cultivate it. And that is the reason why they should be put under the full influence of Christianity at once. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a good assortment with the total of anxiety, remprise, and sin, the work. drop it off some day, after I have borne it long inferior powers of mind, said of a pupil, "I would enough to fulfil His purpose, and with it I shall stand to that man hat in hand." He once spoke will thus learn to be strong in right. --Church and Pitchers, Cake Baskets, Pickle Scale, Spons, etc. For sale at the Lowest Prices a Packet Scale and Packet Scale Baskets, Pickle Scale and Packet Scal drop it off some day, after I have borne it long inferior powers of mind, said of a pupil, "I would Do not leave them to be chilled by worldliness dur-\* lose my crooked limbs and cross eyes. "These deformities, I must confess, have been

"Why do you speak angrily, sir? Indeed I am something of a burden to me all my life ; but when- doing the best I can." ever the thoughtless jeer at me, I remember that Dr. Arnold said he never so felt a rebuke in his the Master always looked kindly upon the halt and life.

ung lady and talk about beaux before she was her teens, and she did not read dime novels, and Dutch fleet was scattered far and wide, and the was not fancying a hero in every plow-boy she met. She learned the solid accomplishments as she grew up. She was taught the arts of cooking and ing so won the heart of the old Admiral, that he housekeeping. When she got a husband she knew exclaimed .-

" I shall live to see you have a flag-ship of your

She was not learned in French verbs, or Latin declensions, and her near neighbors were spared The prediction was fulfilled when the cabinthe agony of hearing her pound out " The Maiden's boy, having become Admiral Cloudsley Shovel, Prayer," and "Silver Threads Among the Gold" was knighted by the king. twenty times a day on the piano, but we have no

ULTIMA VERITAS. In the bitter waves of woe. Beaten and tossed about By the sullen winds that blow From the desolate shores of doubt-When the anchors that faith had cast Are dragging in the gale, I am quietly holding fast To the things that cannot fail. I know that right is right ; That it is not good to lie ; That love is better than spite, And a neighbor than a spy ; I know that passion needs The leash of a sober mind ; I know that generous deeds Some sure reward will find ; That the rulers must obey ; That the givers shall increase ; That Duty lights the way For the beautiful feet of Peace : In the darkest night of the year, When the stars have all gone out, That courage is better than fear. That faith is truer than doubt. And fierce though the fiends may fight,

And long though the angels hide. I know that Truth and Right Have the universe on their side ; And that somewhere, beyond the stars, Is a Love that is better than fate. When the night unlocks her bars I shall see Him, and I will wait.

-Sunday Afternoon.

twelve, and Edward Everitt at thirteen ; Bishop He-Do CHILDREN HOLD OUT ?-" It is well enough home except one little bare room; to be often laid books of "Paradise Lost" at nine; and Lord Such are the sentiments we sometimes hear. But human face excepting now and then when a kind- But all eminent men have not been remarkable among children, taking them just as they come,

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old sinners when converted need the same ? Is a youth. But such a boy should not relax his efforts. permanence of character in righteousness ? Not if mined by ourselves.

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