

POETRY.

WHAT IS HIS CREED?

He left a load of anthracite
In front of a poor widow's door.
When the deep snow, frozen and white,

That was his deed;
He did it well;
"Was that his creed?"
I cannot tell.

Blessed "in his basket and his store,"
In sitting down and rising up;
When more he got, he gave the more,

His charity was like the snow,
Soft, white, and silent in its fall;
Not like the noisy winds that blow

He had great faith in Jesus of bread,
For hungry people, young and old.
And hope inspired, kind words, he said

In works he did not put his trust;
His faith in words he never writ;
He loved to share his cup and crust

He put his trust in heaven, and he
Worked well with hand and head;
And what he gave in charity

Miscellaneous
Mignon's Baby.

What a pretty picture! Never did
Mignon look so charming in her girlish days.
Yes, she was a rosetbud then, if you please,

White hand flashed to and fro;
A shining point of steel pierces some
Delicate fabric; a little garment of
Fairly dimensions is growing into form

Many mothers sit thus, working and
dreaming, but not many keep in their
eyes and upon their foreheads the light

Yes, dear young mother, it is yours
by the beautiful body that is flesh of
your flesh, by the spirit-traits inherited
direct from you;

But Mignon smiles at future mother-
troubles, and kisses her child rapturously.
It is still in long clothes, and is
dependent upon her, every hour, for
its life.

You will never take so much comfort
from him again," says the experienced
matrons. They have had their
struggles with the spirit of independence,

forgets her loss, and weeps with her
darling because she has been unkind to
him.

How hard for the young mother,
herself only a child, to measure the
great distance between her soul and the
baby's.

Mischief is only enterprise in the bud,
and there is cause for rejoicing when
kitty is fed with the canary and a
carving-knife is introduced between

The End of the World.

If the body's death seems to teach
the lesson that modesty is becoming to
the scientific speculator, what shall we

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AGRICULTURAL.

HINTS ABOUT WORK.—Marketing
crops has gone on but slowly this season.
Prices are low not only here, but in
all parts of the world.

Economy, in everything, upon the
farm and in the household, will be
needed. We are passing out of a cycle

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SCIENTIFIC.

THE NEW LABORATORY AT OXFORD.—
The building consists principally of
three floors, and is surrounded by a
tower of fifty-five feet in height,

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DOMESTIC.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.—Old paper collars
cut in strips a quarter inch wide make
an excellent taper for lighting lamps.

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HUMOROUS.

A CLOSE FIT.—The following instance
of youthful exactness comes to us from
a friend in Hingham, Massachusetts,
where it recently occurred:

"How old is the boy?" asked the
ticket-seller.
"Twenty-five," replied Miss May, "this is
his tenth birthday; but he was not

AN EMINENT doctor of divinity, residing
not a hundred miles from New York
and famous for the originality of his
phraseology, was asleep the other evening

"No, madam," said an affable Chicago
landlord, who was showing possible
tenant over his house on Robey street,

A STUDENT was reprimanded by the
Professor for his lateness at morning
prayers, and excused himself on the
plea that the prayer book place too late.

POETRY is spoiled by the addition of
a single word. A young lady, after
listening to her lover's description of the
setting sun, exclaimed, "Oh, Alphonse!

TWO YOUNG men, out riding were passing
a farm house where a farmer was
trying to harness an obstinate mule.

A SURGEON who lodges over a butcher
shop in Paris feels much aggrieved at
the announcement on the shop window
that "Killing takes place daily in this
establishment."

A SINGER, applying for an engagement
wrote to an impresario as follows: "I
am a good musician. I play all music at
first sight."

WITH A POKER.—"Did the defendant
go to the plaintiff's 'servant'?" inquired
an attorney the other day, of a witness
in case of assault and battery.

NOVEL MUSEUM.—A fashionable but
illiterate lady, traveling on the Conti-
nental, writes a friend that she has seen
the "Museum of Iniquities" in Genoa,

OF COURSE, a woman doesn't want her
plants to freeze, but still one can't
blame a man for raising a row when he
hops out of bed in the morning, and
finds a geranium plant in each trousers

IT WAS "darling George" when a
bridal party left Omaha; it was "dear
George" at Chicago; at Detroit it was
"George," and when they reached
Niagara Falls it was "Say, you."

A DANBURY man, who bought a new
pair of boots Saturday, says a ship may
stand on one track all night if it wants
to, but he finds an hour and a half an
elegant sufficiency.

"What station do you call this," said
a man as he crawled out of the debris
of a railroad smash-up. "Devastation,"
replied the urban conductor. He had
been there before.

IF A pretty poulterer marries a pill-
monger why may he be said to make a
bad bargain of it. Because she lets him
have a "duck," and gets nothing but a
quack in return.

NOTHING recalls to the mind of the
married man the joys of his single life
so vividly as to find that the baby has
been eating crackers in bed.

HORSE racing is sinful and I know
it," said a Tennessee deacon; but I
believe I've got a horse what can outrun
anything in these diggins.

MARK TWAIN says the Sandwich
Islanders are generally as unlettered as
the back-side of a tombstone.