

POETRY.

THE TWO GLASSES.

There were two glasses filled to the brim. On a rich man's table rim to rim. One was raddy and red as blood,

And one was as clear as the crystal

I car, tell of a banquet and revel and mirth, And the proud st and grandest souls on earth Fell under my touch as though struck by

. blight. Then I was king, for I ruled in might; From the heads of kings I have torn the

From the highest fame I have hurled medown. I have blasted many an honored name;

I have taken virtue and given sharne: I have tempted the mouth to sip a taste, That has made his future a barren waste F r greater than a king am I,

Or than any army beneath the sky. "I have made the arm of the driver fail. And sent the train from the iron rail;

I made good ships go down at sea,

And the shricks of the lost were sweet to For the said, "Behold how great your be! Fame, strength, wealth, genius before

you fall, And your might and power over all." Ho! ho! pale brother," laughed the wine "Can you boast of deed - as great as mine?"

Said the glass of water. I cannot boast Of a king dethroned or a murdered host But I can tell of a heart once sad, Of thirsts I've genefied and brows I've lay

Of hands I have cooled and sou's I have I have leaped through the valleys, dashed

down the mountains, Slept in the sunshine and dropped from the sky.

And everywhere gladdening the landscape I have eased the bot forchead of feve

I have made the purched meadows grow fertile with grain; f I can tell of the powerful wheel of the

That ground out the flour and turned at my will:

I can tell of man d-based by you. That I have lifted and crowned anew. Lebeer, I help, I strengthen and aid I gladden the heart of man and maid: I set the chained wine-captive free And all are better for knowled me.'

These are the tales they told each other, The wine glass and its paler brother, As they sat together filled to the rim, On the rich man's table, rim to rim.

OTR FIRESIDE.

JOHN PLOUGHMAN'S TALK,

OR Plain Advice for Plain People.

BY C. H. SPURGEON.

ON GOSSIPS.

IN WALTON Church in our county. there is a brank, or so d's bridle, his face newly shaven. His heart pal which was used in year's gone by to pitates for her. He fears she may be keep woman's tonguos from troubling out, o that her parents may object or their husbands and their neighbors worse that some other fellow may be They did queer things in those 200 i there with her. old times. Was this bridle a proof of what our parson calls wisdom of our ancestors, or was was it a bit of meedless cruelty?

"It is nothing-only a woman drowning," is a wicked spiteful old is unshaven. His collar much worn, saying, which, like the twidle, came his boots unblacked, his hair unbrushout of common notion that women do ed. He rings again in exactly ten a world of mischiet with their -tongues seconds. He gives the bell a short Is it so or not? John Ploughman will petulant pull He is thinking of her. leave somebody else to answer, for he He is grumbling that she does not owns that he cannot keep a secret answer sooner. He has not all day himself, and likes a dish of chat as well been thinking of her. He has gone fur as anybody; only John does not care ther maybe, and fared worse. for cracking people's characters, and Now she opons the door. hates the slander which is so sweet to He pushes past and remarks, "Takes some peoples teeth. John puts the you-forever to answer that bell." his this business? They say that silence ly after. He thrashes into the room like lambs' tails, always wagging? one minute after he gets home.

all tongue. Is ihis false or not? Was riage, us?" John has a right good and quiet rious other considerations. wife of his own, whose voice is so sweet that he cannot hear it too often, man, of matrimony. and therefore he is not a fair judge; and would not require strong tea to side walk.

rseclapp rst goi ng; boruter still what is sauce for the goose is sauce for for the gander, and some men are quite as bad blabs as the women.

on words: what an income the Queen would get from it; but alas! talking pays no toll. And if lies double, the government pay off the national Debt: but who could collect the money? Common fame is a common liar. Hearsay is halflies. A tale never loses in the telling. As a snowball grows by rolling, so does a story. They who talk much lie much. If men only said what was true what a peaceable world we should 'see! Silence seldom makes mischiei; but talking is a plague to the parish. Silence is wisdom; and, by this rule, wise men and wise women are scarce. Still waters are the deep-Said the glass of wine to the paler brother: est; but the shallowest brooks brawl "Let us tell the tales of the past to each the most; this shows how plentiful fools must be. An open mouth shows an empty head. It the chest had gold or silver in it, it would not always stand wide open. Talking comes by nature, but it needs a good deal of training to learn to be quiet; yet regard for truth should put a bit into every honest man's mouth, and a brille upon every good woman's tongue. If we must talk, at least let us be

free from slander, let us not blister out tongues with "bac! - siting. Slander may be sport to talebearers, but it is death to those whom they abuse, We can commit murder with the tongue as well as with the hand. The worst evil you can do to a man is to injure his character; as the Quaker said- to his dog. "I'll not beat thee, nor abuse thee, but I'll give the au ill name." All are not thieves that dogs bark at, but they are generally treated as if they were; for the world for the most part believe that where there is smoke there is fire, and what everybody says must be true. Let us then be careful that we do not hurt our neighbor in so tender a point as his character, for it By my crystal drops made light and glad hard to get dirt off if it is once thrown on; and when a man is once in people's bad books, he is hardly ever quite out of them. If we would be sure not to speak amiss, it migh be well to speak as little as possible; for if all men's sins were divided into two bundles, half of them would be sins of the tongue. 'If any man offend not in

word, the same is a perfect man, and acle also to bridle the whole body." Gossips of both genders, give up the shameful trade of talebearing; don't be devil a bellows any longer and blow up the fire of strife. Leave off setting people by the ears. If you do not cut a bit off your tongues, at least se son them with the salt of grace. Praise God more and blame neighbors less Any goose can cackle, any fly can find out sore place, any empty barrel car give forth sound, any brier can tear a man's flesh. No flies will go down your throat if you keep your mouth shut, and no evil speaking will come up. Think much, but say little be quick at work and slow at talk; and above all, Ask the great Lord to set watch over your lips.

Before and After Marriage.

This is the year before marriage. He is making her a call. He is at the front door ringing for her. He has been thinking of her all day. There are his boots newly blacked, collar been, as the saying is, "laying" for spotless, his form ditto out side, his gloves drawn on for the first time and and his hair newly parted, and oiled.

The door opens. She is there and alone.

H. is happy.

This is is a year after marriage. He is ringing at the door. His tace

question to wiser men than himself: unbrushed shoes sound sullen as he Are women much worse than men in ascends the stairs. She follows meek is a fine jewel for a woman, but it is and around the house, and sings out. very little worn. Is it so? It is true ... Isn't dinner ready yet?" She bids that a woman only conceals what she him be patient but a moment. But he does not know? Are women's tongues won't. Because dinter isn't ready in

big guns and women's tongues deliver down rubbed from the peach and va-

might find that one or more of them are water. The noble tenor got it for her church choir in Milwaukee that is gation will wonder what he is in such a about as near perfect as a choir can be, hurry for. It has been organized for a long time. and never has quarreled, and the congregation swears by it. When the tian think of the angel band above, on- mistake was never made. If the law ly the male singers wear whiskers is passed it will strengthen the party, and the females wear fashionable not because it is a party measure-

of the hymns that are to be sung, by ranks. Absolute prohibition would the soprano turned pale as an ace of of the law. spades dropped out of her hymn book, The danger of our party lies not the alto nearly fainted when a queen passing, but in failing to pass the law, of hearts dropped at her feet, and the The result will possibly be a Prorest of the pack was distributed hibition Party. From which of the around in the other books. They laid present parties would such a party it on to the tenor, but he swore, while draw more largely? Evidently the the minister was preaching, that he democratic. To pass the law cannot didn't know one card from another,

no iceberg himself and the shoemakers' would fain hope so, yet we fear it is wax melts at ninety-eight degrees qoping against hope. - Brief Mention. Fahrenheit. The minister finally got to the amer, and read a Lynn, the choir coughed and all rose up. The it was the tenor to bat, and as the great and called out: o gan struck up he pushed the chair off f his person, looked around to see near bursting. The tenor was called with only a piece of lath. out on three strikes by the umpire, and the alto had to sail in, and while of first base to see what was the matshoemakers' warm wax his heart smote led : him and he looked daggers at the soprano, but she put on a pious look and opened her mouth ready to sing "Hold the Fort." Well, the tenor sat down on a white handkerchief, before he went home, and he got home with-

the soprano ever since to get even. It is customary in all first-class choirs for the male singers to furnish candy for the lady singers, and the other day the tenor went to a candy factory and had a peppermint lozenger made with about a teaspoonful of cayenne pepper in the centre of it .-On Christmas he took his lezenger to cau ch and concluded to get even with the soprano if he died for it. Candy had been passed around, and just before the hymn was given out in which the soprano was to sing a solo, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," the wicked wretch gave her the loaded lozenger .-See put it in her mouth and pibbled off the edges, a d was folling it as a sweet morsel under her tongue, when the organ struck up, and they all aross. While the choir was skirmish ing on the first part of the verse and getting scored up for the solo, she chewed what was left of the candyand swallowed it. Well, if a Demoeratic torch light procession had marched unbidden down her throat

THE NAUGHTY BUT NICE CHURCH out her breath with a "whoosh" to cool her mouth. The audience saw her wipe a tear away, but did not hear and that every member of it is pious her handkerchief and sang the other and full of true goodness, and in such verses with a good deal of fervor. and a moment as you think not you will the choir sat down. She called for full of the old Harry, and it will she drank a couple of quarts, she then break out when you least expect it - whispered to him, "Young man, I will There is no more beautiful sight to the get even with you for the peppermint student of nature than a church choir, candy if I have to live a thousand To see the members sitting together, years, and don't you forget it, and they demure, devoted and pious looking, all sat down and 'ooked pious, while you think that there is never a thought the minister preached a most beautiful enters their mind that is not connec- sermon of "Faith." We expect that ted with singing anthems, but some- tenor will be blowed through the roof times you get left. There is one some Sunday morning and the congre-

Prohibit on.

choir strikes a devotional attitude it Law because, it is said it will injure for it is not-but because we will not You would not think that this choir lose a single party vote on account of played tricks on each other during the it for we will not make a party meassermon, but sometimes they do. The ure; and if the other side does we will choir is furnished with the numbers gain thousands from the Republican the minister, and they put a book mark rid the State of liquor for eighteen in the book at the proper place. One months and the good effects of it morning they all got up to sing, when would make nearly every one in fovor

injure us- not to pass it may ruin us. One morning last summer, after the Let those leaders who are trying to enor had been playing tricks all the influence legislators against their conspring on the rest of the choir, the victions by appeals for the party take soprano brought a chunk of shoe- care lest the ruin us by their ideas of makers' wax to church. The tenor expediency. The religious, moral and

was arrayed like Solomon, in all his temperance sentiment of the country glory, with white pants, and a Seymour may combine to carry out their ideas the girl was who came in with the old ceed it is true, but the effect upon lady and while he was up the soprano present parties will be to take three put the shoemakers' wax on the chair from the democratic, to one from the and the tenor sat down on it. They republican, Our safety lies in passing all saw it, and they waited for the re- the law. Will our Legislators be wise sult. It was an awful long prayer and confer an untold blessing mon the and the church was hot, the tenor was country and save our party? We He is paralyzed as to his left side, but is in possession of his mental faculties.

chair that the tenor was in stuck to dry throats in a Monroe avenue saloon him like a brother, and came right the other day, when two strangers enalong and nearly broke his suspenders. tered, and one of them raised his voice

'Gentlemen, allow me to introduce you to Captain Green, from Chicago, of Charlotte has resolved to test the if he had saved his pants, and began the help who was locked up in a room matter by running a temperance tick to sing, and the rest of the choir came with a dog for two long hours, armed et for Mayor and Alderman at the next

Several persons at once steppe I for- Hutchins a liar in a committee room of and shook hands and invited Capt. the House, the other day, and Mr she was singing the tenor began to feel Green to drink. He had imbibed three Hutchins called Mr. Conger a sconn glasses of beer and got two cigars in drel. The distinguished parties are ter. When he got his hand on the his pocket when one of the men quer from Michican and New York respect-

'Captain, you must have felt purty learn that Mr. Stanley Mathews' con-

.Was the dog mad?' 'I don't think he was.'

'And you kept him off with a small

out anybody seeing him; and he has

'Well, I don't want any of that Locked in, were you. 'Yes.' Couldn't have got out if the dog had

been too much for you?" Well you were a hero, and that is a

fact. What breed of dog was it?" 'I think they called it a poodle! quickly replied the hero, as he slid for the door.

The crowd slid after him, but the first man out doors always has the best show to use Lis legs.

the difference between a blunder or adulterated with ardent spirits or & A and A & C A L R R, from all points

A Bar-room for Women.

Among the sensations' of the day is she couldn't have been any more a bar-room for women. Its location is more astonished. She leaned over to in the centre of civilization and refinepick up her handkerchief and spit the ment-even at the hub of the universe candy ou', but there was enough pepper Boston leads the way in fluid refreshteft around the salvage of her mouth to m n's for fem n'ne lips It is adver-They say foxes are all tail, and women Because this is one year after mar- have pickled a peck of chow-chow. It tised that the best of liquors are kept was her turn to sing, and she rose and and the patronage of the sex is solicited that old prayer a needful one-From Because the bloom is off the rye, the took the book, her eyes filled with under the assurance that the utmost gation .-- Mrs. Garfield is under tears, her voice trembled, her face was refinement and grace will rule in dis- stood to have said that she will not inas red as a spanked lobster, and the pansing the delicious beverages. It terfere with the President-elect if he Because its the way of the world, of way she sang that old hymr was a cau- is one of the signs of the progress of chooses to have wine at formal dintion: "Nearer, my God, to thee," and the stalwart civilization that is grow- ners, and her Washington friends any Dr. D'Armstadts Ati-Dyspeptic Drops the congregation was almost melted to log in the North under the influence that she will confine herself to the but he is half afraid that some other How to bring people over to your tears. As she stopped, while the or- and auspices of the Republican party affairs of her rivate household, with women would sooner preach than pray, side-Have the snow cleaned off your ganist getain a little work, she turned Save the South from seen a civiliza which the public has nothing to do her head, opened her mouth, and blew tion,

NEWS IN A NUT-SHELL. THE Atlantic Mississippi and Ohio You may organize a . church choir the sound of her voice as she "whoosh. Railroad is to be sold .---- Charles What a pity that there is not a tax and think you have got it down fine, ed. She wiped some of the pepper with A. Dans, of the New York Sun has gone to Cuba. -- The celebrated Spiritualist, Foster of New York, gave an exhibition in Raleigh a few nights - Bishop Keine, of Richmond, says there are 18,000 Catholics in North Carolina, and not 1,809 as before reported .- The Democracy of New York have not yet compled the new organization. -- W. A. Trotter who has been convicted of killing a man in Oreenvill county, Va., Iron Castings, Machinery of every descrip- Mail Trains of the Wilmington & Weldon, was sentenced to imprisonment for one year in the county jail The Virginia Republicans will main- Repairing Promptly and Carefully Done tain their organization and will not be merged with the Re-Adjusters. address has been issued to perfect the organization. - Reports of bridges Some oppose the Prohibitory Liquor and houses carried away and of danger to property by flood comes from is enough to make an ordinary Chris- the Democratic Party. A greater all parts of southern Onio and Indana. The losses will be very heavy .---On Wednesday, the 9th. Congress in joint session, opened the electoral returns, and declared, Garfield and Arthur elected. The vote of Gergia was passed over. ____ in the United States Senate, Saturdry, House joint resolution was passed inviting the government and people of France and the descendants of the family of I afay ette to join in the Yorktown celebration. - In Newcastle county, Delaware, JudgeComegys charge the grand jury recomending the indictment of Col. Robert Ingersoll for blasphemy. Col. Ingersoll recently delivered in Wilmington, Delaware, his lecture "What shall I do to be saved."-Oliver, the Cameron candidata for Sen ator in Pennsylvania has withdrawn from the contest. Mr. Grow, the anti-Cameron candidate has also with drawn, and the candidates now are General Beaver, Cameron and T. M. Payne, anti Carveron nominee .----The Herald thinks Stanley Mathews ought to be rejected. Because he is cost. The tenor got up to see who of reform. If so, they may not suc- a relative of Mr Hayes, because he has not judiciary mind, has no thorough comprehension of constitutional or economical principles and lastly because he is from Ohio. - Arch bishop Purcell, is at St. Martin's Ursu line Convent, in Brown County, Ohio

> be speedily fatal. He has just re-A dozen men were watering their covered from an attack of pneumonia. which we return our sme re thanks and and within a fortnight he stood at the hope we will merit a continuance of the new grave of his younger brother. - Four United States prisoners escaped from the jail a few days ago. - The prohibition Association election. - Mr. Conger called ively .--- It is encouraging to firmation as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court is likely to fail Places on the bench where Judge Marshall once rresided are not the sort of currency to pay political tricksters in. -- The opponents of a postal ed to paternal government. Washington Post asks whether the governmet will be any more naternal Date, Sept. 26, 81 with telegraph messages sent by wire than with communications sent by mail .- In the Senate, Mr. Blair. of New Hampshire, (Republican.) has introduced a joint resolution propesing the amendment of the Constitution, Arr Goldston, which was read and referred. It prohibits after the year of 1900 the manufacture and sale anywhere within the

The feeling of his friends is divided

hope for recovery, and fear that it will

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