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Poetry.

Only a Woman.

BY HESTER A. BENEDECT.

Only a woman, shrouded and old,
The play of the winds and the prey of the cold
Checks that are shrunken,
Eyes that are sunken,
Lips that are never vibrant,
Only a woman, forsaken and poor,
Asking an alms at the bronze church door.

Selected Story.

A RUNAWAY MATCH.

"Nothing ever happens here or ever will, it seems to me," murmured Edna Bruce, looking over the damp, gray fields and leafless woods, which stretched themselves as far as eye could reach around the bare-looking old farm house owned by her grandfather, Enoch Nailor.

taxes been paying the selectmen to keep the roads and public works in proper repair? Last night's storm, I suppose, tho' the dear knows we never hear anything here. No one has called the whole day, and one might as well live in Terra del Fuego as in this desolate, isolated place, querulously rambled the old man.

Rich Men and Philanthropists. (Washington Correspondence Falls Times.) Wealth has never had any terrors for me, and yet it must be a very disagreeable thing to the possessor.

An Arctic Journey. (New York Herald.) The members of the Franklin search party, under the command of Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka, United States Army, were picked up by Captain Michael Baker, of the bark George and Mary, of New Bedford, at Depot Island, on the 1st of August, they having returned to that point from their sledge journey to King William Land on the 4th of March of the present year.

State News. Homicide. Two negroes playing marbles last week upon a contention arising one stabbed the other to death.—Tarboro' Southerner.

Highway Robbery. We learn that a highway robbery was committed near Salisbury on Wednesday last, by three discharged men of Robinson's Circus. They got in company with a countryman who had sold some cotton, and after drinking together, they knocked him down tied a suspender round his throat, and robbed him of about \$40.—Charlotte Democrat.

Incendiarism. Mr. Sam Jenkins lost his gin house by the diabolical torch of the incendiary on Saturday. On Monday a negro named Sam Shields was arrested and lodged in jail for the crime. Shields confessed, implicating another negro, who has not yet been arrested. His motive is ascribed to the fact that Mr. Jenkins had the day before discharged Shields.—Tarboro' Southerner.