

### ST. PETER AT THE GATE.

St. Peter stood guard at the Golden Gate,  
With a solemn mein and an air sedate,  
When up to the top of the golden stair  
A man and a woman ascending there  
Applied for admission. They came and  
stood  
Before St. Peter, so great and good,  
In hopes the City of Peace to win,  
And asked St. Peter to let them in.

The woman was tall, and lank, and thin,  
With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin;  
The man was short, and thick, and stout,  
His stomach was built so it rounded out;  
His face was pleasant, and all the white  
He wore a kindly and genial smile;  
The choir in the distance the echoes woke,  
And the man kept still while the woman spoke.

"O, thou! who gardest the Gate," said she,  
"We two come hither beseeching thee  
To let us enter the heavenly land,  
And play our harps with the angel band.  
Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt, [out:  
There's nothing from Heaven to bar me  
I've been to meeting three times a week,  
And almost always I'd rise and speak.

"I've told the sinners about the day  
When they'd repent of their evil way;  
I've told my neighbors—I've told them all  
'Bout Adam and Eve and the primal fall.  
I've shown them what they'd have to do  
If they'd pass in with the chosen few;  
I've marked their path of duty clear—  
Laid out the plan for their whole career.

"I've talked and talked to 'em loud and  
long,  
For my lungs are good and my voice is  
So, good St. Peter, you will clearly see,  
The gate of Heaven is open for me,  
But my old man, I regret to say,  
Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way;  
He smokes and he swears, and grave faults  
he's got,  
And I don't know whether he'll pass or

"He never would pray with an earnest yim,  
Or go to revival, or join in a hymn,  
So I had to leave him in sorrow there,  
While I, with the chosen, united in prayer.  
He ate what the pantry chance'd to afford,  
While I, in my purity, sang to the Lord;  
And if cucumbers were all he got,  
It's a chance if he merited them or not.

"But, O, St. Peter, I love him so,  
To the pleasures of Heaven please let him  
I've done enough—a saint I've been—  
Won't that atone? Can't you let him in?  
By my griz Gospel, I know 'tis so,  
That the unrepentant must fry below;  
But isn't there some way you can see  
That he may enter who's dear to me?

"It's a narrow Gospel by which I pray,  
But the chosen expect to find some way  
Of coaxing, or fooling, or bribing you,  
So that their relations can amble through.  
And say, St. Peter, it seems to me  
This gate isn't kept as it ought to be;  
You ought to stand right by the opening  
there,  
And never sit down in that easy chair.

"And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed,  
But I don't like the way your whiskers are  
trimmed;  
They're cut too wide and outward toss,  
They'd look better narrow, cut straight  
across.

Well, we must be going, our crown to win,  
So open, St. Peter, and we'll pass to in."

St. Peter sat quiet, and stroked his staff,  
But, 'pite of his office, he had to laugh;  
Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye:  
"Who's leading this gateway—you or I?"  
And then he rose in his stately rail,  
And pressed a button upon the wall,  
And said to the imp who answered the bell,  
"Escort this lady around to hell."

The man stood still as a piece of stone—  
Stood sad, gloomily there alone;  
A lifelong, settled idea he had,  
That his wife was good and he was bad.  
He thought if the woman went down below  
That he certainly would have to go;  
That if she went to the regions dia,  
There wasn't a ghost of a show for him.

Slowly he turned, by habit bent,  
To follow wherever the woman went;  
St. Peter, standing in duty there,  
Observed that the top of his head was bare.  
He called the gentleman back and said:  
"Friend, how long have you been wed?"  
"Thirty years," with a weary sigh,  
And then he thoughtfully added, "Why?"

St. Peter was silent. With head bent down,  
He raised his hand and scratched his crown;  
Then seeming a different thought to take,  
Slowly, half to himself, he spake:  
"Thirty years with that woman there?  
No wonder the man hasn't a hair!  
Swearing is wicked—smoke's not good;  
He smoked and swore—I should think he  
would!

Thirty years with that tongue so sharp!

Ho! Angel Gabriel! Give him a harp!  
A jewell'd harp, with a golden string,  
Good sir, pass in, where the angels sing!

Gabriel, give him a seat, alone—  
One with a cushion—up near the throne!  
Call up some angels to play their best,  
Let him enjoy the music and rest!  
See that on finest ambrosia he feeds,  
He's had about all the hell he needs;  
It isn't just hardly the thing to do  
To roast him on earth, and the future, too.

They gave him a harp with golden strings,  
A glittering robe and a pair of wings,  
And he said, as he entered the Realm of  
Day,  
"Well, this beats cucumbers, anyway!"  
And so the Scripture had come to pass,  
That "the last shall be first, and the first  
shall be last."  
—Joseph Bert Smiley.

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