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[From the Odd Fellows Companion. The Song of the Blue-Bird.

BY CHABLES WOLFORD.

I come, I come, the herald of spring. The precursor of rosy hours ; I come, I come, and with me I bring The promise of fruits and flowers.

The balmy breeze from a southern glade, And the clouds with their tearful face, Will awake the rills that long have laid Asleep in Old Winter's embrace.

The violet will ope' its soft blue eye, And its tribute of fragrance bring; Primrose and daisy will lovingly vie With each other in welcoming Spring.

The twittering sparrow will soon appear, And build 'neath the cottage eaves ; Hedgerows and trees, now yellow and sere, Will put on their vesture of leaves.

Then hail, all hail, the advent of Spring, Its snushine and gentle showers, Twill gladden the earth and surely bring Rich fruitage of buds and flowers. LOUISVILLE, KY

Voting Thanks to Officers.

GEO. FRANK GOULEY

An irregularity, arising from the best of motives, sprung into existence some years ago in various Grand Lodges, and Fear.-Whether they respect the body thence in subordinates, of voting thanks or the mind ; whether they are a load to to Grand Masters and Masters, which ir- the shoulders, the head of the heart, the regular proceeding, we are pleased to see, is falling into disuse. In the first place, relied on for I had it from the Great a question which has to be decided by a vote, implies that there must be two Lord, and he will sustain. sides to it, out of which must of accessity spring a majority and a minority result. It is hardly fair, and certainly not strictly Masonic, to put any brother in the position of either conscientiously speaking complaining of your lighter afflictions. or voting opealy against his Master or Gran | Master, or else submitting quietly to what he believes to be an error.

If the vote is expected to be unanimous then the motion is unnecessary, as an act of supererogation, and as such, the result bears with it none of the significance of a compliment, being merely looked upon as a matter of form. As a general thing the majority of the Masters and nearly all Grand Masters. deserve the heartfelt gratitude of the Craft for the faithful performance of their official duties, and the more faithful the officer, the keener will be his sense of appreciation, even though unexpressed. It is perfectly proper for the Master or Grand Master to extend his official thanks to those who may have well performed the duties they JOHN had assigned to them, and as such it is a great compliment. But it is a very different thing for the Craft to debate or vote upon the merits of their superior officers. It is a position in which he does ern custom, he feels better satisfied when it is not observed. It is not an outgrowth of Masonry, but of other societies, and like such transplants, should soon wither and and die, leaving the grand old Institution All again standing in its stern and solid simplicity .- Voice of Masoury.

For a Fit of Passion .- Walk out in the open air ; you may speak your mind to the winds without hurting any one, or proclaiming yourself a simpleton.

Cures for Fits.

For a Fit of Idleness.-Count the ticking of a clock ; do this for one hour, and you will be glad to pull off your coat the next and work like a man.

For a Fit of Extravagance and Folly. -Go to the workhouse and speak with the inmate of a jail, and you will be convinced-

Who makes his bed of brier and thorn, Must be content to lie forlorn.

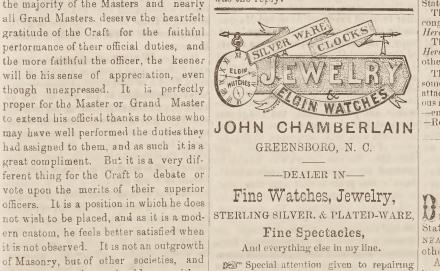
For a Fit of Ambition.-Go into a The grave will soon be your bed-chamber, the earth your pillow, corruption your father, and the worm your mother and sister. For a Fit of Despondency .- Look on

the good things which God has given you in this world, and to those which he has promised His followers in the next. He who goes into his garden to look for coh webs and spiders, no doubt will find them; while he who looks for a flower may return into his house with one blooming in his bosom.

For a Fit of Doubt, Perplexity and following is a radical cure which may be Physician: "Cast thy burden on the

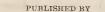
For a Fit of Repining .- Look about for the halt and the blind, and visit the bed-ridden, and the afflicted and deranged; and they will make you ashamed of

A train was carrying a clergyman and five or six youths who kept scoffing at religion and telling disagreeable stories. The good man endured it all, simply remarking as he got out : "We shall meet again my children." "Why shall we meet again ?" said the leader of the band. "Because I am a prison chaplain," was the reply.



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