

From an English Paper.

THE POOR SHOE-MAKER.

SERIOUS TRUTH THOUGH SAD POETRY.

I knew a poor shoe-maker—poor 'tis true,
For this plain reason, which I bring to view;
Too oft he enters at the grog shop door
To meet his friends, and take a glass or more.

His reputation, money, health and prime—
His customers he loses, one by one.
Till in the sequel, he is quite undone.

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FROM THE DUTCH OF TOLLENS.

TO A MOURNER.

The creeping worm, that weak and weary,
Was slumbering in its narrow cell,
Larapurd, bursts that prison dreary,

From the New-England Galaxy.

On the guilt of incurring debts without either
a prospect or an intention of payment.

Among the various devices which
young men have invented to involve
themselves in difficulties and ruin,

But this folly, however pregnant
with misery, is entitled to pity, and
may, in some degree, admit of those
usual palliations,—youthful ardour,

But the habit of incurring debt,
though in the earlier periods of life
it may originate in thoughtlessness,

and distresses have a natural tendency
to lessen the restraints of conscience.
The fortress of honor, when
stormed by that sort of poverty which
is occasioned by profligacy, and not
defended with sound principles (such
as men of the world do not often possess),

If he possesses titles, distinction or
any kind of eminence, he will not
find it difficult to gain credit.—Young
tradesmen, desirous of making
connexions, are ready to run any risk;
and hope that, if its long before
they receive their money, they shall
not be without the great man's patronage
or recommendation. But here
also they are often deceived; for the
great man without principle considers
his creditors as his enemies, and never
thinks of them but to contrive methods
to avoid and deceive them. If he happens
to receive any money, he takes
care to expend it among strangers,

But while the builder, the draper,
the tailor, the butcher, the baker,
and the chandler, remain unpaid,
the jockey and the horsedealer, the
mistress and the brother gamester,

Indeed, the pride and vanity of
some persons, who value themselves
on their birth, or their fashionable
mode of life, induce them to look
upon themselves as a superior order
of beings, and to presume that they
have a right to be still supported by
their tradesmen in profusion and elegance,

The profligacy, the vanity, the
unceasing pursuit of pleasure, and
the passion for external appearance
which characterize the present age,

erty exposed to the deprivations of
villains, who have made cheating a
profession, and reduced the art of
robbery to a regular system.

Many of the persons who live on
the substance of others, by borrowing,
purchasing or employing, without
intending and without being able
to pay, make a splendid figure, and
pass for gentlemen and men of honour.

From the National Advocate.

MATRIMONY.

We frequently read in English papers,
the annunciation of marriages in
high life thus:

Married yesterday morning at
11 o'clock, at St. George's Chapel,
Hanover square, the Right Honorable
C. F. D. to the accomplished and
amiable Lady Mary E. daughter of
the Earl of S. The happy couple
immediately set off for the country in
a barouche and four."

The annals of this country, we believe,
have only been distinguished by one
marriage of corresponding pomp and
ceremony, and that did not please
the million. But there is a part of
this English ceremonial which is too
frequently imitated here. We allude
to a visit to the country immediately
after the solemnization of the nuptials.

Make the Sabbath the market day
for thy soul.
Sabbath is not a day to feast our
bodies, but our souls.

Keep yourself from the occasion, and
God will keep you from the sin.

From the Boston Daily Advertiser.

We have been requested to copy the following
narrative of extreme oppression inflicted
by a creditor on his unfortunate debtor.

Mr. — of Boston owed a creditor
about \$150, which the creditor sued
for, and added to the debt a further
sum of \$28, for costs; and Mr. —
having no property except the bedding
and furniture for his wife and
nine children, was lodged in gaol.

The creditor then said he would
do all in his power, and would call
on the debtor in the course of an
hour, which he did, with the offer
that if Mr. — would pay \$28 for
the law expenses in costs, and give
his note for the debt payable on demand,

The evening of the same day, a
friend of Mr. — called on his merciful
creditor, requesting Mr. — might
be allowed to attend the funeral
of his wife and child, and offered
to engage that he should immediately
return to his limits; but nearly
the same conditions were required,

It ought in conclusion to be stated,
that the creditor had been a
neighbor and intimate in the family
for nearly thirty years.

HUMANITY.

THE SABBATH.

Our opportunities are (like our
souls) very precious; but if they are
lost, they are irrecoverably lost.

God never fails them that wait for
him, nor forsakes them that work for
him.

If you forget God when you are
young, God may forget you when
you are old.

"We may die" says the celebrated
Wesley, "without the knowledge of
many truths; and yet be carried into
Abraham's bosom; but if we die without
love, what will knowledge avail?
Just as much as it avails the devil
and his angels! I will not quarrel
with you about any opinion; only
see that your heart be right towards
God, that you know and love the
Lord Jesus Christ, that you love
your neighbor, and walk as your
Master walked, and I desire no more.

stantial religion; give me an humble
gentle lover of God and man; a man
full of mercy and good fruits, without
partiality and without hypocrisy; a
man laying himself out in the work
of faith, the patience of hope, the
labor of love. Let my soul be with
these Christians, wheresoever they
are, and whatsoever opinion they are
of. Whosoever thus doth the will of
my Father which is in heaven, the
same is my brother and sister and
mother."

Two friends happening to quarrel
at a tavern, one of them, a man of
hasty disposition, insisted that the
other should fight him next morning.
The challenge was accepted on condition
that they should breakfast together
at the house of the person challenged,
previous to their going to the field.

MARRIAGE.

Marriage enlarges the scene of
our happiness and misery. A marriage
of love is pleasant; a marriage of
interest, easy; a marriage where
both meet, happy. A happy marriage
has in it all the pleasures of
friendship, all the enjoyments of
sense and reason, and indeed all the
sweets of this life. Nothing is a
greater mark of a degenerate and
vicious age, than the common ridicule
which passes on this state of life.

Anecdote of a British Sailor.

A detachment of British seamen
being about to scale the walls of Fort
Onica, belonging to the Spaniards,
a sailor inspired with an uncommon
share of courage, scrambled singly
over the wall; and, to deal execution
with the best prospects of success,
armed himself with two cutlasses,
one in each hand. Thus prepared he
met a Spanish officer, just roused
from sleep, who in the hurry and
confusion which prevailed, had forgot
his sword. This circumstance instantly
restrained the fury of the British
hero, who disdained the appearance
of an unarmed foe, presented
him with one of his weapons,
crying, "I scorn any pitiful advantage;
you are now on an equal footing
with me." The astonishment of
the Spaniard at such an act of matchless
generosity, when from the
uncouth and hostile appearance of
the seaman, he expected to be
heaven to pieces, could be equalled
only by the admiration of his countrymen,
when he informed them of the
god-like native which had contributed
to his preservation, he could not
encounter the arm that might have
crushed him without resistance; he
became a prisoner; nor was it long
before the garrison surrendered,
making no other terms than for their
lives.

ADDRESS.

Every one has a peculiar address.
The address of the young men consists
in deceiving the women; the
address of old men in being deceived
by them. With a courtier address
is the art of convenient submission.
With a woman, dissimulation; with
a coquet, being now complying, now
repulsive. With a man of intrigue,
it is cunning, and with the ambitious
man, policy. The address of a parasite,
is shown in accidentally dropping
in at the hour of dinner; and the
address of most debtors is to conceal
their address from their creditors.

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Only three things are done well in
a hurry; flying from the plague,
escaping quarrels, and catching fleas.