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ORIGINAL POETRY.

FOR THE COURIER. Acrostic.

May you bloom in fairy land, On flowers may you reign;

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SELECTED STORY.

Blossy's Victory.

BY EMMA GARRISON JONES.

The December afternoon was cold and gloomy, with a skim of snow whitening the bare hills.

Mrs. Arnold came up from the barn, where she had been giving the last wisp of hay to her one milk-cow.

'How nice!' she said, smacking her rosy mouth. 'Oh, mamma, do you remember how we used to have so much milk, and nice white bread and butter, too; when papa used to come home early, and not-not—'

'Hush, Blossy, hush,' cried the mother in a terrified whisper; 'you must not say that about papa, never again in your life. Papa's good to you, and loves you. Never say that again.'

'No, mamma,' responded Blossy; and looking reproved and penitent, she crept over to the lounge, where an old doll lay, all bundled up in its bits of calico and flannel.

'Poor Dollie, poor Dollie,' dropping tears and kisses on its faded face, 'are you ever so hungry too; does your Brindie cow only give a mite o' milk, and your papa go to the nasty tavern and spend all his money? I'm sorry for you poor Dollie.'

The sound of a bitter sobbing from the adjoining room arrested her attention. It was her mother, weeping as if her heart would break.

'Dolly,' she whispered at last, the dry mouth close to the doll's face, a sudden resolve thrilling through her sweet voice, 'Dolly, can't we do something—you and me, Dolly? We must do it—poor mamma mustn't cry like that. Come, Dolly, you won't mind the snow, will you?'

She caught up a little red hood and added it over her bright head, and

hugging the old doll close against her brave little heart, went out into the darkening storm.

Through the gate, down by the barn where Brindie was munching her last feed of hay, across the bleak common, into the broad highway—never pausing, never faltering, though the white snow covered her like a garment.

At the door of the county tavern she paused to take breath.

Warren Arnold sat within, in a warm corner, with a mug of hot liquor before him, and half a dozen boon companions at his elbow.

'Good heavens, it's Blossy! Why, child, what's the matter at home?'

'Nothing's the matter, papa,' an utterable pathos in her young voice, 'only poor mamma's crying, and there's no fire, and no bread, and—'

'By George! I will,' he replied, crossing to her side. 'Come Blossy!'

He caught her hand, and drew her after him out into the thickly falling snow.

'Are you very angry, papa?' she faltered. 'Don't scold Blossy, it was so cold, and mamma cried so that I took Dolly and come. You won't scold Blossy?'

'No, Blossy, I won't scold,' in a hoarse, choked voice; 'and by Heaven's help you shall never come on another such errand. Come let's go to your mother now!'

'Then come across to Mr. Thornton's, and sign the pledge. That's where the men go to do it; and there's his house through the trees. Will you papa? That's the way to make poor mamma never cry any more—will you?'

'Come on then, just as fast as ever you can. Oh, Dolly,' crushing the old doll to her heart—'I told you we could do something!'

She led the way, and the father followed, across the frozen field, up the lane to Mr. Thornton's dwelling.

'I've brought papa to sign the pledge, Mr. Thornton,' she explained with an air of solemn importance, as that gentleman met them in the library; 'and he's never going to that nasty tavern again, and mamma will never cry any more.'

'Where can the child be?' said Mrs. Arnold, coming down from the loft for the third time in her search for Blossy. 'She's nowhere in the house.'

She had got over her cry, and was preparing what she could for supper against her husband's return when she missed the child.

She saw her mother, and broke from her father's hand.

'Oh, mamma!' she cried, leaping across the common like a young gazelle, 'you won't ever cry any more as long as you live. We are going to be happy now, like we used to be, for papa's signed the pledge. And, mamma, me and Dolly made him do it, didn't we papa, love? And he did not say nay.—New York Weekly.'

Boys who disturb camp-meetings by crying 'Amen' in the wrong place, and making 'Glory' with more zeal than judgment, should read and ponder the fate of thirteen small boys in Kansas.

The preacher bore it for some time, but finally, becoming filled with righteous wrath, he descended from the pulpit, and, never once interrupting his hymn, successively reversed and spanked the thirteen small boys.

CORNERED.—A skeptical young collegian confronted an old Quaker with the statement that he did not believe in the Bible, assigning as a reason the want of evidence.

'Yes; though I have not seen it, I have seen others who have. Besides, there is plenty of proof that such a country does exist.'

'Then then will not believe anything that he or others have not seen?'

'No, of course, not.'

'Does he believe there has any?'

A young drug clerk went to see her, the other night, and, with a lover's familiarity, entered the parlor without knocking.

The Titusville 'Press' chronicles the following event with modest pride: Titusville was not the birthplace of 'the Father of his country, but we have a man residing here who slipped up on a muddy crossing, this afternoon, and sat down on a roll of butter which he was carrying home, and instead of swearing, he simply arose, scraped the butter from his pants into the paper again, and went on again as if nothing had happened!'

Two young city ladies, in the country were standing by the side of a wide ditch, which they didn't know how to cross. They appealed to a boy, who was coming along the road, for help, whereupon he pointed behind them with a startled air and yelled, snakes! The young ladies crossed the ditch at a single bound!'

AN IRISHMAN'S WILL.—I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Bridget, all my property, without reserve, and to my eldest son Patrick, one half of the remainder, and to Denis my youngest boy; the rest, if anything is left, it may go to Terence McConry!'

Married Life.

This good counsel from a wife and mother:

'I try to make myself and all around me agreeable. It will not do to leave a man to himself till he comes to you, to take no pains to attract him, or to appear before him with a long face. It is not so difficult as you think, dear child, to behave to a husband so that he shall remain forever in some measure a husband, I am an old woman, but you can still do what you like; a word from you in the right time will not fail of its effect; what need have you to play the suffering victim? The tear of a loving girl, says an old book, is like a dew drop on a rose; but that on the cheek of a wife is a drop of poison to her husband. Try to appear cheerful and contented, and your husband will be so; and when you have made him happy, you will become so, not in appearance, but in reality. The skill required is not so great. Nothing flatters a man so much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it. As soon as you are cheerful you will be lively alert, and every moment will afford an opportunity to let fall an agreeable word. Your education, which gives you an immense advantage, will greatly assist.'

The noblest thing on earth is the man who rises to the dignity of self-mastery. The man who can refuse indulgence to a clamorous desire; can hold the craving appetite ungratified and say to the rising passion, 'Peace be still!' is a true hero.

SCENE IN A WESTERN COURT.—Judge: 'Have you anything to offer to the court before sentence is passed on you?' Prisoner: 'No, Judge; I had ten dollars, but my lawyers took that.'

'I'm so thirsty,' said a boy at work in a corn field. 'Well,' work away, said the industrious father, 'you know that the prophets say, "Give every one that thirsteth."'

A minister asked a tipsy fellow, leaning up against a fence, where he expected to go when he died. 'If I don't get along any better than I do now, I shan't go anywhere.'

Be cheerful always. There is no path but will be easier traveled, no load but will be lighter, no shadow on the heart or brain but will lift, in presence of a determined cheerfulness.

A fashionable young lady accidentally dropped one of her false eye-brows in her opera box the other evening, and greatly frightened her beau, who on seeing it, thought it was his mustache.

'I would advise you to put your head into a dye-tub; it's rather red,' said a joker to a rather sandy haired girl. I would advise you to put yours into an oven; it's rather soft,' said Nancy.

It is conferring a kindness to deny at once a favor which you intend to refuse.

Blowing up the patent rubber bustles is an exercise of great benefit to consumptive men.

Love at first sight, says a French writer, is the collision of two electricities.

'Lazy folks take the most pains.' An active man who has had the rheumatism doubts this.

Whisky makes a man lean—against the lamp post. Teacher to pupil—Where does tea come from. Out of the tea-pot, ma'ma. If you are out in a driving storm, don't attempt to hold the reins. It was Sheridan Knowles who first said, "I's too thin!" When are two kings like three miles. When they make a league. The most thrilling tale known is that of the rattlesnake. Some men are so absorbed in religion that they forget to pay their debts. 'Here lies my wife. Ah, that is fine, Not only for her rest—but mine.'

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