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POETRY.

FOR THE COURIER. The old Trundle Bed. I often dream of the old trundle bed, Where I slept with my first little brother.

Strange brothers and sisters came one by one, 'Till we were fairly turned out of the way, Then as we grew up our sorrows begun Gathering deeper in ghosly array.

Two sweet little sisters were laid down to rest Ere their bright lives had been sullied by sin.

My darling brother the twin of my soul Sleeps by the sea on a pillow of sand Where the moaning waves their requiems roll.

One lives a stranger in a foreign land The fingers of time have frosted his head, But two exist of the family band That pillowed upon the old trundle bed.

Samuel, Samuel, beware, beware of the vimmen as reads no newspapers.—Your father married a woman as read none, and you're the sad consequence.

SELECTED STORY.

Quits. BY BELLE FAIRIE.

'It is deuced disagreeable. There will be no end to the bore. Of course she will expect me to fall in love with her—or worse, fall in love with me!

And both the young gentlemen proceeded to solace themselves with cigars happily oblivious of the fact that the treacherous register near them had wafted their conversation to the ears of a young lady seated in the room above.

Certainly Lillian Ward, enveloped in a blue cashmere wrapper, her golden curls falling in a shining mass to her waist, her little feet encased in velvet slippers, was not an unpleasant picture.

At Mrs. Benton's introduction the young gentleman bowed languidly and Lillian, with a careless bend of her stately head, passed to her seat, opposite him.

'What do you think of Miss Ward?' asked Maurice Grant, as the two friends entered their room.

'Mother, he is too fine looking to be so egregiously vain!' said Lillian.—'Now don't scold, for I have fully made up my mind to give Mr. Mason a lesson.'

Winter passed away, and one balmy morning in May, Charlie Mason, an unwonted shyness in his manner and a slight shade of anxiety on his handsome face, awaited Lillian Ward, in Mrs. Benton's parlor.

'Really, Mr. Mason,' she replied, carelessly, 'you will have to excuse me—I don't think I care to ride this morning.'

Luncheon at Mrs. Benton's was essentially the ladies' meal—it was rarely that one of the sterner sex intruded his presence—so the fair ones gossiped at will.

from her seat at the head of the table. 'Charlie Mason is to be married very soon. I hope we won't lose him, for he seems quite like a son to me.'

Good Mrs. Benton sighed at the ill-success of her ruse, for her keen woman eyes had discovered Charlie Mason's secret even before he acknowledged it to himself, and now she was convinced that his affection was not returned.

Returning unusually early, one afternoon, the strains of sweet music from the parlor drew him to the door.

Seated at the piano was Lillian—not the cold, sarcastic girl who almost drove him to distraction; a world of enthusiasm lighted up her face; the very spirit of the music seemed to animate her.

With an embarrassment of manner totally foreign to him, Charlie stood beside her, determined to say something, yet at a loss how to begin.

'Miss Ward—Lillian, one moment, if you please,' and then, without further preface, followed a declaration of his affection in fervent, earnest words, that set her heart beating gladly.

'Of course there will be no end to the bore; but I really think you must not leave me.'

Everybody wants to be popular.—And to be popular, one must be agreeable. How shall it be accomplished?

There are two important things to be accomplished before we can hope to see any radical reform in this matter. The will must be aroused and the desires clarified.

It is wicked to suffer valuable time to run to waste. Interrupt always when you see it.

It learns people to hurry up and not be too long-winded. If a person is telling an interesting story, smile knowingly all through, and just as he has reached the denouement, exclaim:

'Oh, I've heard that story years ago!' It will prevent then narrator from feeling too important, and it is your duty to cultivate always a spirit of due humility in—your neighbors.

Put your feet on the ottomans! If your boots are dirty ever mind; somebody will dust things in the morning, and they might as well have something worth while to do.

Follow faithfully these few, simple suggestions, and if you fail of being popular, one of two things is certain—you were either born too early or too late, and the world is not in a condition to appreciate you.

Little by Little. If you are gaining little by little, every day, be content. Are your expenses less than your income, so that, though it be little, you are yet constantly accumulating, and growing richer and every day? Be content; so far as concerns money, you are doing well.

Are you gaining knowledge every day? Though it be little by little, the aggregate of the accumulation, where no day is permitted to pass without adding something to the stock, will be surprising to yourself.

Finally, are you daily improving in character? Be not discouraged because it is little by little. The best of men fall far short of what they themselves would wish to be.

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do much toward establishing the principle of economy and securing its benefits. Economy has, however, deeper root than even this—in the desires. It is these, after all, that control our expenditure.

A Beautiful Incident. A poor Arab traveling in the desert met with a spring of clear, sweet, sparkling water. Used as he was only to brackish wells, such water as this, appeared to his simple mind worthy of a monarch, and filling his leathern bottle from the spring, he determined to go and present it to the Caliph himself.

The poor man traveled a long way before he reached the presence of His sovereign and laid his humble offering at his feet. The Caliph did not despise the little gift, brought to him with so much trouble. He ordered some of the water to be poured into a cup, drank it, and thanking the Arab with a smile, ordered him to be presented with a reward.

After the poor Arab had quitted the royal presence with a light and joyful heart, the Caliph turned to his courtiers and thus explained his conduct: 'During the travels of the Arab,' said he, 'the water in his leathern bottle became impure and distasteful. But it was an offering of love, and as such I have received it with pleasure. But I well-knew that had I suffered another to partake of it, he would not have concealed his disgust; and therefore I forbade you to touch the draught lest the heart of the poor man should have been wounded.'

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