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POETRY.

FOR THE COURSER.

The old Trundle Bed.

I often dream of the old trundle bed, Where I slept with my first little

brother, And I seem to see his light curly head, As it playfully dodged 'neath the cover.

How we nestled there so cosy and As the snow coldly fell on the heather,

In the innocent bliss of childhod's Undisturbed by the wind or the weather.

And there we enjoyed the balmiest

With the happiest visions of morrow For the angles came from the blue ether deep,

And guarded our pillows from sor-

Dear to our hearts as a comforting friend, Was that soft downy nest where we

But trundle bed bliss is soon at an end And its rights by new comers con-

Strange brothers and sisters came on 'Till we were fairly turned out of the

Then as we grew up our sorrows begun Gathering deeper in ghos ly array.

Oa! where are the heads kissed thousand times o'er

In the joyous haunts of that rosy dawn ? Alas! echo answers some are no more And all as forest leaves scattered and

Two sweet little sisters were laid down

Ere their bright lives had been sullied by sin. They are nestling now on the Saviour's

The pure chosen ones of the temple within.

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

quiems roll

O'er the lost one on the desolate strand.

And a fair baired boy fills a soldiers

His beautiful form was coffined in clay, Sadly we wept; when the dear young

the Co ay.

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

We often review the hallowed past. Its pure childhood bliss and innecent trust,

Though our home is gone and its walls Sweet pictures shine through ashes and dust.

Nor would we forget our earlier years When our hearts were full of holiday dreams di ele atala se

When a mother's kindness dried up And our cheeks were kis ed by golden sun beams.

Deeply impressed are those bright bud-

ding years, When our hearts were full of holiday

When a mother's kindness dried up our And our cheeks were kissed by gol-

den sun peams.

Samivel, Samivel, bevare, bevare of the vimmen as reads no newspapers, -Your father married a voman as read none, and you're the sad consequence. You're as hignorant as a 'orse. Hignorant people say its throwing money away to take papers, and fooling' away time to read 'em.

SELECTED STORY

Quits-

'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! If Mrs. Benton were not the queen of landladies, I would change my quarters. A manœuvring widow and her daughter in the very house with me!' and Charlie Mason looked far from pleased at the prospect.

. Well, Charlie, we'll have to make the best of it; for there is no escape from the evil. Mrs. Ward and her daughter have arrived,' said his friend, Maurice Grant.

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

Certainly Lilian Ward, enveloped in a blue cashmere wrapper, her golden curls falling in a shining mass to her waist, her little feet encased in velvet slipers, was not an unpleasant picture. An indignant flush rose to her cheeks as the uncomplimentary remarks of Charlie Mason reached her, but it quickly vanished, and a look of roguish resolve gleamed in her brown eyes, and they sparkled dangerous-

'Miss Ward-Mr. Mason.'

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

More than one glance did Charlie cast at the piquant face, the owner of which seemed unconscious of the presence of Charlie Mason, the greatest catch of the season.

'Deuce take the girl!' muttered that young gentleman, as, escorted by Maurice Grant, she followed her mother from the dining room, without having favored him with a single glance.

'What do you think of Miss Ward?' asked Maurice Grant, as the two friends entered their room. 'She is just the coolest piece of fem-

inine conceit I have ever met!' replied Charlie, viciously.

Strange to say, this little piece of femiuine conceit filled Charlie's dreams, and was his first thought on

Mother, he is too fine looking to be so egregiously vain!' said Lilian .-Now don't scold, for I have fully made up my mind to give Mr. Mason a, les- let our engagement be a short one.

'It is dangerous to play with edged tools,' replied Mrs. Ward, quiet-

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 Lilian Ward, in Mrs. Benton's parlor.

There was a roguish twinkle in her eyes as she bade him good morning for her treatment of him had been so pointedly cool, and her manner so sarcastic, that he stood a little in awe her, and she knew it.

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

This refusal of his invitation to accompany him to the park mortified Charlie bitterly; for, only the evening before, she had expressed her desire to see it in the first beauty of spring.

Bidding her a curt good morning, he left her, mentally vowing never to subject himself again to a like humiliation.

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. · 1 heard something to day that quite surprised me,' announced Mrs. Benton,

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.' And the motherly old lady east a

shy glance to Lilian's direction. A cold chill struck that young lady at these words; the familiar faces around her swam in a mist, but no sign of agitation escaped her.

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

From that day Lilian was more distant and unproachabla than be

Tormented beyond all patience, and unused to such treatment. Charlie determined to find the explanation of her conduct, but she so persistently avoided him that weeks clapsed before he obtained a private interview.

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

Seated at the piano was Lilian-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 an-

But the vision vanished as soon as she caught sight of the intruder, and again the mask of icy reserve hid the lovely face.

'Don't let me disturb you, Miss Ward.

With an embarrassment of manner totally foreign to him. Charlie stood beside her, determined to say some thing, yet at a loss how to begin. She stood for a moment undecided, too, then taking her music was about to leave the room, when a hesitating

touch on her arm detained her. 'Miss Ward-Lilian, one moment, if you please,' and then, without furth' er preface, followed a declaration of his affection in fervent, carnest words, that set her heart beating gladly. " know this is folly,' he added, bitterly. 'You have shown me too plainty your distaste for my society; but I sould not say good by without-making a fool of myself! I leave the city to-

Of course there will be no end to the bore; but I really think you must

not leave me.' Charlie gazed at her in surprise; then something in her eyes brought ! joyous light to his. When they parted an hoar later, he whispered, pleading-

'As my penance has been so long,

I think she promised, for there was a word or two spoken very shyly, and then, with comical gravity, she re-

'You know there will be no end t the bore !'- Saturday Night.

How to be Agreeable.

Everyboly wants to be popular ... And to be popular, one must be agreeable. How shall it be accomplished; In the first place, never forget yourfirst, and other people second. 'Take | gained; little by little character and | TERMS PER SESSION of 21 WEEKS.

care of No, 1.' Consult your own convenience in everything. It is no matter who is incommoded, if only you are satisfied. Don't put yourself out to consider other people's feelings. Let them keep their feelings out of the way it they don't

want them triffed with. In society, always take the lead in conversation. If you want to say anything, say it-never mind who it hits. They needn't take it, if they don't des | intentioned child that his task is hard

serve it. just you say your say; you have as good | We must thu; in urging economy a right to talk as anybody.

If you have got an idea, promulgate

it once-it you let it alone too long, it might get lonesome and depart forever. and the world would be the loser. Talk coatinually. Fill all the pauses, It is wicked to suffer valuable time to

run to waste. Interrupt always when you see fit

be too long-winded.

If a person is telling an interesting story, smile knowingly all through, and just as he has reached the denouement, is these, after all, that control our exexclaim:

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

If any one tells anything particularly stricking just you go, to work and tell something a little more so. Try and be beaten. Spit on the carpet, It shows your independence. Great men are slways independent of the shackles of conven-

Toss over all the books and trifles on the tables and etageres-it will keep somebody out of idleness to set them

Twiddle with the curtain tassels .-Sit in a rocking chair with your back toward the mirror. It will exercise the nerves of your hostess to see you swaying toward the glass every moment, and teach her the great lesson of self control. · Put your feet on the ottomans. If

your boots are dirty never mind; somebody will dust things in the morning, and they might as well have something worth while to do. It any lady plays or sings, whistle an intermittent accompaniment and be sure to remark, the instant she has

'You ouget to hear Miss A. play that ! It is something like-the way she handles a piano In conversing of absent friends, never Let others thus demean themselves, but do you keep silent; and when any individual whom you do not quite like is mentioned-draw down your face, smile faintly, and heave a sigh. Sighs in such a case speak volumes! We had rather anybody should preach our

sigh over us. When people begin to sigh over you, you are pretty nearly Follow faithfully these few, simple suggestions, and if you fail of being popular, one of two things is certainyou were either born too early or

degeneracy from the housetops than to

too late, and the world is not in a conlition to appreciate you. For which, blame the world-but never yourself! Never-KATR THORN.

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? B 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 pas without adding something to the stock, will be surprising to yourself. Solomon said not become the wisest man in the world in a minute. Little by littlenever omitting to learn something, even for a single day-always reading always studying a little between the time of rising up in the morning and lying down at night; this is the way to accumulate a full store-house of

knowledge. Finally, are you daily improving in characte? Be not discou aged because it is little by little. The best of men fall far short of what they themselves would wish to be. It is something, it is much, if you keep your good resolutions better to-day than you did yesterday, better this week than you did last, better this year than you did last year. Strive to be perfect, but do not become disheartened so long as you are approaching nearer and nearer to the high standard at which you aim. Little by little fortunes are accumuself, Bear always in mind that you are | lated; little by little knowledge is reputation are achieved. With little by little, therefore, do not be discon-

Economy.

tented, but press on .- LEDGER.

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 clavated. If we convince a welland yet possible, we have gope tar to-It doesn't matter who else is talking, | ward grousing his will to accomplish it. admit that it is hard, embarrarsing, perplexing, oncrous, but never deem it impracticable. A calm survey of one's expenditure compared with income, a wise balancing of ends to be galacd, a firm and calm determination to break with custom wherever it is opposed to good sence, and a patience that does not | times. Call and see us. chale at small and gradual results, will

NO. 10. It learns people to burry up and not | do much toward establishing the principle of economy and securing its benefits. Economy has, however, deeper root than even this-in the desires. It penditure. As a general thing we may be sure that we shall spend our money for what we most earnestly

crave. If it be luxury and display, then it will melt into costly viands and soft clothing, handsome dwelling and rich furniture; if on the other hand our anxieties are for higher enjoyments or benevolent enterprises, our money will flow into those channels. Every one, then, who cherishes in himself or excites in others a purer and nobler desire than existed before, who draws the hearts from the cravings of sense to those of soul, from self to others, from what is low, sensual and wrong, to what is pure, elevating and right, in so far estat lishing on the firmest of all foundations the wisest economy .-

A Beautiful Incident.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

A poor Arab traveling in the desert met with a spring of clear, sweet, sparkling water. Uased as he was only to brackish wells, such water as this, appeared to his simple mind worthy of a monarch, and filling his leathern bot, tle from the spring, he determined to suffer yourself to descend to mere gossip | go and present it to the Caliph him-

The poer 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 bim with so much trouble. He ordered some of the water to be poured into a cup, drank it and thanking the . 'rab with a smile, ordered him to be presented with a reward. The courtiers around pressed forward eager to taste of the wonderful water; but, to the surprise of all, the Caliph forbade them to touch a single drop.

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 recieved it with pleasure. But I well know 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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