[The following beautiful verses were written by a Christian bard in the year 554. The original exists in an Irish MS. in Trinity church, Dublin.]

Like as the damask rose you see,
Or like a blossom on a tree,
Or like a dainty flower in May,
Or like the morning to the day,
Or like the sun, or like the shade,
Or like the gourd which Jonas had;
Even such is man, whose thread is spun—
Drawn out and out, and so is done.
The rose withers, the blossom blasteth,
The flower fades, the morning hasteth,
The sun sets, the shadow flies,
The gourd consumes, the man—he dies.

Like to the grass that's newly sprung,
Or like a tale that's just begun,
Or like the bird that's here to-day,
Or like the pearled dew in May,
Or like an hour, or like a span,
Or like the singing of a swan;
Even such is man, who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life and death.
The grass withers, the tale is ended,
The bird is flown, the dew's ascended,
The hour is short, the span not long,
The swan's near death, man's life is done.

Like to the bubble in the brook,
Or in a glass much like a look,
Or like the shuttle in weaver's hand,
Or like the writing on the sand,
Or like a thought, or like a dream,
Or like the gliding of the stream;
Even such is man, who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life and death.
The bubble's out, the look forgot,
The shuttle's flung, the writing's blot,
The thought is past, the dream is gone,
The waters glide, man's life is done.

Like to an arrow from the bow,
Or like swift course of water flow,
Or like that time 'twixt flood and ebb,
Or like the spider's tiny web,
Or like a race or like a goal,
Or like the dealing of a dole;
Even such is man, whose brittle state
Is always subject unto fate.
The arrow shot, the flood soon spent,
The time no time, the web soon rent,
The race soon run, the goal soon won,
The dole soon dealt, man's life soon done.

Like to the lightning from the sky,
Or like a post that quick doth hie,
Or like a quaver in a song,
Or like a journey three days long,
Or like the snow when summer's come,
Or like the pear, or like the plum;
Even such is man, who heaps up sorrow,
Lives but this day, and dies to-morrow.
The lightning's past, the post must go,
The song is short, the journey so,
The pear doth rot, the plum doth fall,
The snow dissolves, and so must all.

THE RIGHT SORT OF SOUTHERN SPIRIT.

At a recent entertainment given by the Commercial Club, of Boston, to the visiting senators from the South, Senator Gordon said:

"These Southern friends and myself have come to look at your great factories, your manufactures, your great industries, and wonderful material developments, and to gather inspiration from that proverbial energy and enterprise which have enabled you to conquer unfriendly nature and to convert the bleak hills of New England into productive farms to support your commerce and your manufactures. We have come also to put you upon notice, and I take this occassion to serve that notice, that we of the South intend to enter with you in some of those branches of industry which hitherto have been yours peculiarly and almost exclusively. We have water powers unexcelled, which we are going to utilize, and even now we are utilizing. We have a climate most balmy and genial and healthful. We have rich mines of coal and iron, and we intend to wake from their long sleep in their mountain beds these twin sons of Hercules, and set their arms to work in securing the great industrial wealth which awaits us. And if your people of the East are not alert and active we intend to overtake you in the race, to strain along abreast with you, and I am not sure but that on the home-stretch we shall yet lead you on some of these lines of enterprise,"

It is but a few years since the great West arrived at a similar conclusion, and to-day the vast agricultural resources of the West are surpassed in value by the newly created manufacturing interests. Before the waning nineteenth century comes to an end the same may be true of the South. The old time planter's ignorant prejudice against labor, particularly mechanical labor, is fast dying out. Raw cotton is no longer king. Possibly in the new regime the spinning jenny may be queen.

QUACK MEDICINES.

The sale of quack nostrums is undoubtedly one of the greatest evils of the day. It is at the same time most astonishing that so glaring an outrage upon common sense and common decency should be tolerated, much less supported. But such is the state of things, not only in this country, but in England and nearly every other country of the globe. It seems to be true that all a man needs do in this country to make himself rich is to spend a little money in advertising some new name, attributing marvelous properties to the compound for which it stands, and speedily the gold will begin to pour into his pockets. The quack-medicine trade, like the blue-glass mania, which was really one branch of the quack-medicine business, an ingenious new departure, may fairly be considered as a "foolometer," which accurately gauges the degree of stulticulture attained by the civilization of the day.

The *Sanitarian* states that at a recent convention of pharmacists in England it was proposed to take legal steps for limiting the "wholesale poisoning of the public by patent medicines. It was proposed that even if it be impossible altogether to suppress the reaction of dishonest quackery upon vulgar superstition, the venders of nostrums be compelled to divulge the composition of their wares, and prevented from publishing mischievous and mendacious advertisements concerning them. Among the examples cited, including sundry 'hair restorers,' which, in direct contradiction to their advertised pretentions, contain poisonous quantities of lead, the most glaring one is a largely certificated 'Sure Cure for the Opium Habit,' which is found on analysis to give two grains of morphine to the dose, recommended to be taken thrice a day. It is scarcely to be expected that American apothecaries, most of whom derive the larger part of their income from the sale of these secret nostrums, will join in the crusade preached by their British cousins; but it would be well if the American public were taught that ninety-nine hundredths of the proprietary medicines which flood the market are the products of uneducated impostors, and are either wholly inert or positively deleterious."—*Health Reformer.*

REPARTEE.

The Rev. Ralph Erskine, on a certain occasion, paid a visit to his venerable brother Ebenezer.

"Oh, man," said the latter, "but you come in a gude time. I have had a diet of examination to-day, and ye maun tak' it, as I have matters to settle at Perth of importance."

"With all my heart," quoth Ralph.

"Noo," said Ebenezer, "ye'll find a' my folks easy to examine but one, and him I reckon ye had better na meddle wi'. He has an old-fashioned Scotch way of answering one question by putting another, and maybe he'll affront ye."

"Affront me," quoth the indignant theologian,—"do you think he can foil me wi' my ane tools?"

"Aweel," says his brother, "I'se gie ye fair warning, ye had better na ca' him up."

The recusant was one Walter Simpson, the Vulcan of the parish.

The gifted Ralph determined to silence him at once with a leading, unanswerable question. Accordingly, after putting a variety of simple preliminary interrogations to the minor clodhoppers, he at once with a loud voice cried out,

"Walter Simpson."

"Here, sir," says Walter. "Are ye a wanting me?"

"Attention, sir. Now, Walter, can you tell me how long Adam stood in a state of innocence?"

"Ay, till he got a wife," instantly cried the anvil hammerer. "But can you tell me how long he stood after?"

"Sit down, Walter," said the much discomfited divine.

CONTENTED WITH THEIR LOT.

A Paris paper relates a piquant anecdote respecting a journey of the German Emperor to Italy in 1864, when William I., then King of Prussia, was travelling incognito in Hungary. In the neighborhood of Treplitz he met a judge leisurely walking on the high road and smoking a porcelain pipe. His Majesty accosted the functionary with his usual freedom—"Who are you, my man?" "Judge in the District Law Court," replied the magistrate, a little surprised. "Are you satisfied with your position?" "Certainly." "Then I congratulate you." The King was moving off when the judge detained him, saying—"And you, my man," he asked, "who are you?" The sovereign made a start of surprise; then, expecting to confound his questioner, "I am the King of Prussia." The Hungarian remained impassible. "Are you satisfied with your position?" "Certainly," exclaimed William, disturbed by the the indifference of his interlocutor. "Then I congratulate you," said the Magyar, saluting His Majesty with an air of good fellowship, and continuing his promenade.

The baffled Bonapartists are venting their spite on the Paris Exhibition. Envious of the prominence into which the world-show must bring the Republic, they are doing their best to spoil the success of the scheme—sneering at the preparations which are being made, and predicting that the enterprise will cover the nation with shame rather than glory. Some members of the party, three of them dismissed policemen, let ther zeal against the Exhibition and for the Empire outrun their discretion. As they were leaving St. Lambert's Church recently, they addressed some men laying down a tramway to the Exhibition:—"Do not take so much trouble to work for the Republic; the Empire is coming back. Long live the Emperor! Down with the Republic! The little Emperor will come to-morrow, and the Exhibition will not be held." They were afterward arrested.

FENIAN RAID ON POCKET-BOOKS.

The Organization Trying to Increase the Skirmish Fund---Canada in no Danger of Invasion.

Special Dispatch to the New York Times.

A careful inquiry along the Canada border, in the towns of Northern New York and Vermont, reveals an utter lacked of fact in the reports recently furnished to the press concerning Fenian demonstations in that locality. A prominent Fenian, well informed regarding the status of that organization, divulges the cause of statements by explaining that the districts mentioned were visited by emissaries from New York City, who commingled with the various societies throughont this and other States, and endeavored to enthuse the members by inflammatory representations. The sentiments at these gatherings were adroitly exaggerated in the presence of press agents so that a fictitious agitation could be secured, on the heels of which were to follow urgent appeals in behalf of the notorious skirmishing fund. The spirit of the whole movement, according to his statement, was a cleverly designed raid on Fenian purses and sympathies rather than any aggressive venture against Canadian possessions or contentment.

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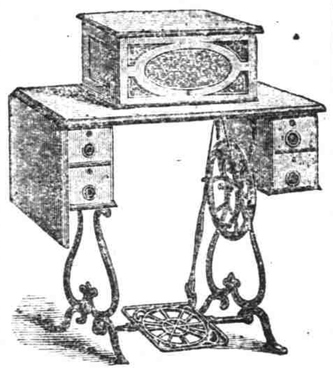

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