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SECRET SORROWS.

The Brave Smile That Keeps Back The Tears.

The masque of comedy sometimes covers the face of sorrow and many smile to keep back the tears. At Wilmington a large crowd at a summer park laughed at the antics and grimaces of a comedian who revealed in ridicule and mimicry. Trouble seemed to be as far removed from him as if it had never existed. Yet his own son lay dead that night, killed as by a flash of lightning in the fatal crash of machines in the automobile race at the Brighton Beach track. He stepped out of the brilliant footlights, out of the storm of jest and jeers and laughter, into the darkness of distress. And even while the crowd still laughed in merriment, the father stood alone with his grief.

It is not alone on the stage that such tragedies occur. For many a man and woman in private life feel that they must present smiling faces to the world when their hearts are breaking with sorrow. Some one has written— Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone; This grand old earth must borrow its mirth; It has sorrow enough of its own.

The world has little time to waste on the man who wears his heart upon his sleeve and gives way to his feelings. It demands the face of the stoic and the faith of the philosopher. It has seen so many of the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears, the births and deaths of the children of men—and over each it has written, "This, too shall pass away."

The woman beside you, the man across the aisle, may be carrying a sorrow as secret as it is deep. There are many who seek distraction to forget, who try to blunt the edge of a disappointment too keen to bear. It takes bravery to bear bereavement, and though wounded to the heart, to face life and its tasks. The man who refuses to give way to his grief, often suffers more than one who could let it spend itself in lamentations. With the smile on the face there is often the tear in the eye. Though there is a quaver in the voice, out of the darkness rises the brave song of courage and hope.— Baltimore Sun.

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A HOMELY SERMON.

Folks that think they're livin' in perfectness each day Are sometimes mightily deceived: They wobble on the way! They think it mighty easy the commandments to obey; But the Lord, who's lookin' at 'em, knows they wobble on the way! In settin' of their faces toward the Promised Land, They're apt to be forgetful of a brother's out-stretched hand; They look so straight toward the stars, to seek out heavenly bowers, They fergit the lamps are shinin' in this green old world of ours!

They keep their road, believin' they are wonderful an' wise— That ever' thing's deceivin' 'cept their titles to the skies; They never keef for sunshine, ef they can't make heaps of hay; But the Lord, who's lookin' at 'em, knows they wobble on the way!

The Master left in pathways that today are fair an' sweet— Where all the world can see 'em—the print of His dear feet; Do the wise men find His footprints, in the glory of the day? Yes! they find 'em, an' they mind 'em, but—they wobble on the way! God give the world more knowledge! God give us hearts to know He never would have made us if He hadn't loved us so! If He hadn't loved the thought of us! for when His children roam He doesn't lock the doors on 'em, but sweetly calls 'em home!

He sends a star to guide the ship—the ship by billows tossed; He leaves the ninety and the nine to seek the one that's lost; He sniffs the rigin' tempest where wild the oceans foam; Callin' across the dark to us—"Come home! Come home! Come home!"

Life's such a little minute—a bird so swift of wing It scarcely sings an' earth-song 'fore it hears the angels sing! An' can't we learn a lesson on this green old world of ours From that Love which covers all its graves with the charity of flowers? —F. L. Stanton.

"NEARER TO THEE."

"Nearer to Thee, my God, nearer to Thee," Thus shrilly sweet the childish treble rang. As, passing in her play, a little maid, In fiftal snatches, all unheeding sang. The tender prayer fell from her careless lips As thoughtlessly as song of bird in June; The childish voice rang out, now shrill, now sweet, Now softly crooning the familiar tune.

"Nearer to Thee!" The maiden older grown, Half shyly pauses at the untried road, Which stretches out before her as she stands Upon the threshold of her womanhood. "Nearer to Thee," she sings, but skies are fair, And love smiles on her pathway; so the prayer is but the sweet refrain of an old hymn, Without a thought of need or meaning there.

"Nearer, my God, to Thee!" Heavy the cross; The aching shoulders bend beneath the load, And, as the hidden thorns press hard and sharp, The tear-dimmed eyes can scarcely see the road, "Nearer to Thee! The quivering voice is weak That earnestly uplifts a songful prayer "E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me," Content, if so, the heavy cross to bear.

"Nearer to Thee! The shadows darkly gather; The way is lonely and the path is steep; Chill are the night winds sweeping through the valley, While still the gloomy shadows grow more deep. "Nearer to Thee!" Oh, let each toilsome footstep Be one step nearer Thee, and, through the gloom, Father, hold out Thy hand and lead Thy child Safely through darkness up to Thee and home.

"Nearer to Thee!" Above the coffin lid, Where drifts of blossoms lie like Summer snow About the quiet form that so softly sleeps, No more of pain or sorrow here to know, With broken voices, faltering here and there, The hymn arises like a cradle song That lulls to sleep the tranquil, sculptured form, Whose spirit mingles with the heavenly throng.

"Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee," Through all life's journey, every day, to be Still nearer, though we walk upon the hills In the glad sunlight, or, still following Thee, Pass through deep valleys that the darkness shrouds, "Nearer, still nearer," be our prayer and song, Till joyfully our souls shall wing their way, Freed from their prison house, to dwell with Thee And, near to Thee, rejoice in endless day.

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A DREAM.

Love Is The Greatest Thing In The World.

A good Christian lady, we are told, once opened a home for crippled children. Among those who were received was a boy three years old, who was a most frightful and disagreeable looking child.

The good lady did her best for him, but the child was so unpleasant in his ways that she could not bring herself to like him.

One day she was sitting on the veranda steps with the child in her arms. The sun was shining warm; the scent of the flowers, the chirping of the birds and the buzzing of the insects lulled her into drowsiness.

So, in a half waking, half dreaming state the lady dreamed of herself as having changed places with the child, only she was, if possible, more foul and disagreeable than he was. Over her she saw the Lord Jesus bending, looking intently and lovingly into her face, and yet with a sort of rebuke in it, as if He meant to say, "If I can love you, who are so full of sin surely you ought for My sake, to love that suffering child."

Just then the lady awoke with a start and looked into the face of the little boy who lay on her lap. He had waked up, too, and she expected to hear him begin to cry; but he looked at her—poor little mite—very quietly and earnestly for a long time, and then she bent her face to his, and kissed his forehead more tenderly than she had ever done before.

From that day forth a perfect change came over the child. Young as he was, he had hitherto read the feeling of dislike and disgust in the faces of all who approached him, but the touch of human love which now came into his life swept all the pre-evilness and ill-nature away and woke him up to a happier life.

Do you know that there is no power in this world so strong as the power of love? As some one has truly said, love is the greatest thing in the world.— Apples of Gold.

CONSIDER THIS MAN'S FIX!

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THE SOUL'S LONGINGS.

It Must Have Communion With The Unseen and the Eternal.

Nothing can satisfy the longings of the soul but God. The soul is immortal and therefore cannot be fed with earthly things. Riches, honor, ease, comfort and all that can be bestowed will fail to satisfy its hunger. It cries out for God. It must have communion with the unseen and the eternal. It seeks intimacy with the world above. What a thought! Each of us has domiciled in these bodies this spark of immortal life, and it longs for its freedom from entanglement. It will reveal amid those surroundings where God is honored. It drinks in the beautiful and sublime. It soars, and sings, and sings, and shouts, eager for its native element; can hardly be content with its present surroundings. Like the eagle in its cage, it longs for an upward flight. The highest mountain crag of earth will not answer for a perch. Beyond sun, moon and stars it must soar. Beyond where morning light shines, or evening shadows gather, it must ascend.

It is an impressive and awful thought, that as individuals we have this soul in custody. It is my soul. It has been committed to my care. Its welfare is in my hands. Shall I be true to the promptings of this spiritual nature, or recede to my sacred trust? I feel the stir of vast enterprises around me. Within the struggle continues. I cannot repress these feelings. It is immorality that is asserting its rights. The soul seeks for help. It must have it. See to it my brother, that it is properly fed.—W. G. H.

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