

AN OLD SAW.

A dear little maid came skipping out in the glad new day with a merry shout; with dancing feet and with flying hair she sang with joy in the morning air.

"Don't sing before breakfast, you cry before the night." "Why, to darken the child's delight, when a croak, the old nurse, again and again, repeated the ancient, dull refrain.

The child paused, trying to understand; but her eyes saw the great world rainbow spanned; the little feet hardly touched the earth, and her soul brimmed over with innocent mirth.

"Never mind—don't listen—O sweet little maid, make sure of your morning song," I said; "and I'll be sure to meet you, why, all the day, the glad of the rapture that comes before."

"O, tears and sorrow are plenty enough, but my heart should be bitter and paths may be gloomy; but our hearts should fall like the dew that helps to ripen the fruit and flowers."

"You gadden the day with your blissful smile, but you may, dear, sweet and simple, make out of your moments of pure delight, summer what trials may come before you."

The Scoffers' Etiquette. Mr. and Mrs. George O. Miller buried a babe in the Washington Congressional Cemetery a few days ago, and before the little white coffin was lowered into the grave, Robert G. Ingersoll delivered the following address:

"My friends, I know how vain it is to gild a great with words, and yet I wish to take from every grave its fear here in this world, where life and death are equal things, all should be brave enough to meet what all the dead have met. The future has been filled with fear stained and polluted by the heart-ache of the past. From the wondrous tree of life the buds and blossoms fall with ripened fruit, and in the common bed of earth the patriachs and babes sleep side by side.

Why should we fear that which will come to all that is? We cannot tell, we do not know which is the greater blessing—life or death. We cannot say that death is not a good. We do not know whether the grave is the end of this life or the door of another, or whether the night here is not somewhere else a dawn. Neither can we tell which is the more fortunate—the child dying in its mother's arms before its lips have learned to form a word, or he who journeys all the length of life's uneven road, painfully taking the last slow steps with staff and crutch.

Every cradle asks us "Whence?" and every coffin "Whither?" The poor barbarian, weeping above his dead, can answer these questions as intelligently and satisfactorily as the robed priest of the most authentic creed. The fearful ignorance of the one is just as consoling as the learned and unmeaning words of the other. No man, standing where the horizon of a life has touched a grave, has any right to prophesy a future filled with pain and tears. It may be that death gives all there is of worth to life. If those we press and strain against our hearts could ever die perhaps that love would wither from the earth. May be this common late treads from out the path between our hearts the weeds of selfishness and hate, and I had rather live and love where death is king than have eternal life where love is not. An other life is naught unless we know and love again the ones who love us here.

They who stand with breaking hearts around this little grave need have no fear. The larger and the nobler faith in all that is and to be tells us that death, even at its worst is only perfect rest. And we know that through the common wants of life—the needs and duties of each hour—the grief will lessen day by day until at last this grave will be to them a place of rest and peace—almost of joy. There is for them this consolation: The dead do not suffer. If they live again their lives will surely be as good as ours. We have no fear. We are all children of the same mother and the same fate awaits us all. We, too, have our religion, and it is this: Help for the living, hope for the dead.

asionally, as well as a lecture or concert sometimes, and I shouldn't like it if I proposed attending any such entertainment to be invariably told that times were hard and my husband couldn't afford it, and then to sneak off alone.

"Lizzie, Lizzie," "And then, if once in a dog's age he did condescend to go with me anywhere in the evening, I shouldn't like to be left to pick my way along the slippery places at the risk of breaking my neck, he walking along unconsciously by my side. I'm of a dependent, clinging nature, and need the protection of a strong arm."

"Lizzie, this is all nonsense." "But, Lizzie, I promise you that I—"

"Oh, yes, Fred, I know what you are going to say—that you will be different; but May and Nell have told me time and again that no better husbands than theirs ever lived. No, Fred, as a lover, you are just perfect; and I shall hate awfully to give you up. Still, if you are bent on marrying, there are plenty of girls who have no married sisters, or who are not wise enough to profit by their example, if they have. And don't fret about me, for I've no doubt I can find some one to fill your place."

"But before Lizzie had concluded, Fred made for the door, muttering something unmentionable to cars polite." "There!" exclaimed Lizzie, as the door closed with a bang. "I knew he was no better than the rest. That's the way John and Aleck swear and slam the doors when things don't go just right. He'd make a bear of a husband, but I'm sorry, he came to the point soon, for he was just a splendid bear!"—New Brunswick Freeman.

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