## Poetry.

[FOR THE ENQUIRER.]

### "Put the Whole Thing Through."

I always have maintained the right
Of ev'ry man, to think
Just as his conscience might dictate,
Regarding food or drink;
Provided he ne'er harm'd himself,
Nor aught of wrong should do;
With that proviso, 'tis his right
To 'put the whole thing through.'

And when I find a man who seems
Like friend Uranio,
To think that more of ill than good,
From social moments flow;
I never strive to urge him to
Accept my point of view;
But let him in his quiet way,
Just 'put the whole thing through,'

I only mourn that he should cast
So much of joy aside,
And let a fountain run to waste,
Through which deep pleasures glide.
How many scenes of bliss through life,
Have come within my view,
When, 'mid a group of chosen friends,
We've 'put the whole thing through.'

The quiet jest, the merry tale,
The music and the song,
The sparkling wit, the hearty laugh;
The gay and happy throng,
Enliven'd by the flowing wine,
Each striving who should do
The most, to gladden those dear friends,
Who 'put the whole thing through.'

The gentle tone, the winning smile,
The lips that mine have press'd,
The thrilling glance from beauty's eye,
The sigh but half confess'd,
The tresses that I've lov'd to twine,
More rich than sunset's hue;—
All these are mine when Memory
Will 'put the whole thing through.'

I would not part with memories,
So cherish'd as are these;
For they are free from sadness, and
Their mission is to please.
And yet I would have known them not,
Nor felt their bliss so true,
If I had foolishly refus'd,
To 'put the whole thing through.'

Seasons there are when lassitude
Will o'er each nerve prevail;
When a want of due energy
Our efforts will assail;
When a dull listlessness will fall
On all we strive to do;
And we've too much of apathy
To 'put the whole thing through.'

At times we're caught in sudden storm,
And drench'd with falling rain;
And then we fear the fever's heat,
Or dread rheumatic pain.
We ought to take, at times like these,
(What better can we do?)
'A little for the stomach's sake,'
And 'put the whole thing through.'

I never did uphold the man,
Who would good drink abuse;
But deem'd him wasteful, reckless, who
It carelessly would use.
In fact, it is so hard to find
The right stuff pure and true,
When found, it should be treasur'd and
Not 'put the whole thing through.'

The use, I am in favor of,
If rightly 'tis applied;
The abuse, friend Uranio,
I ever have decried;
If 'gainst the abuse you should wish
To try what you can do,
I'll gladly aid you all I can
To 'put the whole thing through.'

'And now in candor I would say,
To you,' Uranio,
What that good writer, Charles Mackay,
Wanted all men to know,
For all the blessings round us cast,
He took a thoughtful view;
And speaking in his lib'ral way,
Thus 'put the whole thing through:'—

'When at the social board you sit,
And pass around the wine,
Remember, though abuse is vile,
That use may be divine;
That Heav'n in kindness gave the grape
To cheer both great and small—
That little fools will drink too much,
But great ones none at all."

Now, Uranio, should we meet,
(I truly hope we may,)
I trust you'll find our views of right,
Both travel the same way;
For you and I, have each our task
Assign'd in life to do,
Where duty points we'll take the road,
And 'put the whole thing through.'

S. P. L.

### My First Born.

My little precious baby
Came to my heart one day,
And folded there most lovingly,
A long, sweet time she lay.

Her little fairy fingers
O'er my bosom softly crept—
A faint thrill ever lingers
There, where her pure cheek slept.

Her eyes were dark and beautiful
As evening's starry sky;
Her voice as clear and musical
As bird's that sing on high.

Like lillies gleamed her snowy skin,
Like pale gold shone her hair,
Like pearls her rosebud lips within,
Shone tiny teeth so fair.

So fair, so pure, my little gem,
That angels came to see,
And seeing, bore her home with them,
Their angel babe to be.

And ever, when cast down apart,
In agony I weep,
There thrills within my stricken heart
A thought that ne'er shall sleep;

That, cradled in an angel's arms—
From every sorrow free—
A little bright winged seraph child
Waits lovingly for me!

## Humorous.

Tillotson says it is hard to personate and act a part long, for where truth is not at the bottom, nature will always be endeavoring to return and will peep out and betray herself one time or another.

'A specious appearance does much' said a begging preacher to his decorous flock, 'but an appearance of specie does more.' Last year, when I preached for the penitentiary, I saw nothing but shillings in the plate. You must have thought, my brethren, that I was preaching for a twelve-penny-tentiary.'

If there be anything thoroughly lovely in the human heart it is affection. All that makes hope elevated, or fear generous, belongs to the capacity of loving.

The local of a promising sheet 'up the country,' solemnly enquires—'Is this the Nineteenth Century?' We take pleasure in stating that a report to that effect prevails extensively in this section of the country.

The greatest gluttons are those who feed upon slander. Worldly prosperity is a much greater drain upon our enemies than the most severe adversity.—There is no spring—no elasticity. It is like walking through life upon a Turkey carpet.

Man is strong—woman is beautiful. Man is daring in conduct—woman is diffident and unassuming. Man has a rugged heart—woman a soft and tender one. Man shines abroad—woman at home. Man talks to convince—woman to persuade and please. Man prevents misery—woman relieves it. Man has science, woman taste. Man has judgment—woman sensibility. Man is a being of justice—woman of mercy.

A prodigal son has been likened to 'a nipping and an eager [illegible].

The trouble with bow legged men is, that they are always going on benders.

An Italian poet once said, in a fit of despair, that if he had been bred a hatter, men would have been born without heads.

There is one reflection which must be consoling to the negroes, that however reduced their circumstances may be, they are never known to be without a SCENT.

'Am I not a little pale?' inquired a lady who was short and corpulent, of a crusty old bachelor. 'You look more like a big tub,' was the blunt reply.

All men come into the world alone—all leave it alone. King and priest, warrior and maiden, philosopher and child; all alike must walk death's mighty galleries alone.

'Come here, you young scamp, and get a sound spanking.' Scholar—'You haint got no right to spank me, and the copy you just set sez so.' Teacher—'I should like to hear you read that copy.' Scholar—'You shall. [Reads.] Let all the ENDS thou aimst at be thy country's, and so forth, and when you are spankin' me, you aint [illegible] at no such END.

A wolf hunt in Wayne county, Iowa, last week, resulted in the capture of seven prairie wolves and one deer.

The St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical Association has agreed to appropriate $20,000 in premiums at their next Fair.

'Pray, excuse me,' said a well dressed young man to a young lady, in the second tier of boxes at a theater. 'I wish to go up stairs and get some refreshments—don't leave your seat.' A sailor, seated in a box near his girl, and disposed to do the same thing, arose and said: 'Harkee, Moll, I am going aloft to wet my whistle—dont fall overboard while I'm gone.'

CRUEL.—Louisa Anna calling on her strong minded sisters, Miss Virginia, the Misses Carolina, Miss Souri, Miss Issippi, Mary Land, Allie Bama, &c., to take measures for the dissolution of the Union.

The Texas people are striving very hard to drive the President into war with Mexico, on account of the Cortinas affair.

The Historical Magazine says that the second volume of Dr. Palfrey's 'History of New England,' is nearly ready for publication.

GenQuitman wrote to a friend, March 24th, 1856, that Douglas was for a Congressional slave code in the Territories, and was opposed to squatter sovereignty. No doubt those are his real sentiments even now.

A prize skating match came off at Rochester last Friday. About twenty entered for the race, which was for a distance of four miles and a half. The first prize was won by Amenzo Cooley. Time nineteen minutes and thirty-three seconds.

A conversation occurred between a counselier-at-law and a client. 'I want you to defend me. What do you charge?' 'Twenty dollars if you find the witnesses, and forty if I furnish them.' Client promised to take into consideration and report next day.

To be worthy of an office now-a-days one must be entirely unworthy of anything else.

Laws o' mercy—the ordinance against cruelty to animals.

So long as men are impudent in their diet and their business, doctors and lawyers will ride in carriages.

Did Nebuchadnezzer go to grass in the hey-day season of his youth?

An old lady walked into a lawyer's office lately, when the following conversation took place:

'Squire, I come to see if you would like to take this boy and make a lawyer of him.'

'The boy appears rather young, madam.—How old is he?'

'Seven years, sir.'

'He is too young decidedly too young Have you older boys?'

'Oh, yes, sir, I have several, but we have concluded to make farmers of the others. I told my husband I thought this little fellow would make a first rate lawyer, and so I called to see if you would take him.'

'No, madam, he is too young to commence the study of a profession. But why do you think this one so much better calculated for a lawyer than your other sons? What are his peculiar qualifications?'

'Why, do you see, sir, he is just seven years old to-day. When he was five years old he would he like the devil; when he got to be six he was as easy and impudent as any critter could be; and now he will steal everything he can lay his hand on. Now if he ain't fit for a lawyer, I would like to know what he will have to learn.'

'Pretty well educated I should think.'

Some Chinamen were arrested in San Francisco for fighting in a drinking house. One man who could speak English, was called to testify.

'John, where were you?'

'Me up stairs.'

'How did you get there?'

'Him got up steps.'

'Great crowd in the house?'

'Yes! two three, fifteen.'

'Was the house full inside?'

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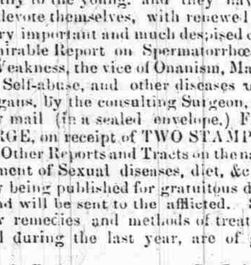

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