

Selected Poetry.

THERE'S WORK ENOUGH TO DO.

The blackbird early leaves his nest To meet the smiling morn...

The cowslip and the spreading rape, The daisy in the grass...

To have a heart for those who weep, To see the fish drunkard win...

The time is short—the world is wide, And much has to be done...

The planets, at their maker's will, Move onward in their cars...

Who then can sleep when all around Is active, fresh and free?

CLIPPINGS.

What is the latest and sweetest thing in bonnets? The ladies' faces to be sure.

The cholera has got its match it has seized the Freedman's Bureau.

Why is an ant for a queer animal? Because his tale comes out of his head.

Go to strangers for charity, acquaintances for advice, and relatives for nothing—and you will always have a supply.

The London Standard place General Lee "at the head of living heroes in all that makes a life noble."

All the officers of the Internal Revenue in the South have taken the oath of office except one in Texas.

The Copper says that Joe Coburn and Hecuba are likely to meet in the pincering at no distant day for a large stake.

The ocean speaks eloquently and forever, says Becher, "but" reports Prentiss, "and there is no use in trying to dry up."

"Aha! I am no more!" as Miss Susan Moore remarked, after becoming Mrs. Jones.

Most men seem to be very poor mathematicians: They are never able to figure beyond No. 1.

Children wouldn't cross their parents so often when they grow up, if they were cross their mother's knees a little often when they are little.

A tourist at Niagara Falls writes that when he sees the approach of man, woman, child or Indian he puts his hand in his pocket and enquires, "Well, how much?"

Politeness does much in business. An impudent clerk can do more injury in a store than the neglect of the proprietor by advertising his goods.

The Constitutional amendment has so far, been ratified by the States of Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Tennessee and Oregon.

The Secretary of the Treasury estimates that here will be \$100,000,000 of gold, exclusive of a million dollars in the Treasury by the 1st of October.

"Mike," said a bricklayer to his hodman, "if you meet Patrick, tell him to make haste, as we are waiting for him." "Sure and I will," replied Mike; "but what will I tell him if I don't meet him?"

The Portland (Oregon) Dispatch says that H. W. Corbett, the Union candidate, has been elected United States Senator from that State by a strict party vote of 38 to 31.

"An honest man is the noblest work of the Lord!" enthusiastically exclaimed a Hardshell Baptist, and then, after a pause, added, "but the Lord hasn't had a job in the world for fifty years."

If you wish to learn all your defects quarrel with your best friend, and you will be surprised to find what a villain you are, even in the estimation of a friend.

An Irishman being asked what he came here to America for, said: "By the powers! ye may be sure that it wasn't for want, for I had plenty of that at home."

I've lost my portmanteau— "I pity your grief!" "It contains all my sermons— "I pity the thief!"

The man who don't believe that the world is growing better, says that the time may come when the lion and the lamb will lie down together, but depend upon it, the lamb will be inside of the lion.

Said a certain individual to a wag:—"The man who has raised a cabbage head has done more good than all the metaphysicians in the world!" "Then," replied the wag, "your mother ought to have the premium."

Pray, inquired one minister of another, seeing so many ladies attending his church, why do you invariably address your congregation as dear brethren? "Oh, the answer is easily given," he replied; "the brethren embrace the sisters."

A young lady having promised her grandpa that she would never marry a certain fellow "on the face of the earth," repented with him, after the old lady's death, to the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, and was married under ground.

The man who can make his own fire, black his own boots, carry his own wood, hoe his own garden, pay his own debts, and live without wine or tobacco, need ask no favor of him who rides to a coach and four.

Squabbles, an old bachelor, shows his stockings which he has just darned to a maiden lady, who contemptuously remarks, "Pretty good for a man-darner;" whereupon Squabbles rejoins, "Good enough for a woman, darer her."

"There is no place like home," said a brainless fellow to the other evening to a pretty young lady. "Do you really think so?" said the young lady. "Oh, yes, was the reply. "Then said she, "why don't you stay there?"

Dr. Johnson's definition of a note of admiration, (!) made on the moment, is very neat;

"I see—I see—I know not what I see a dash, above a dot, Presenting to my contemplation A perfect point of admiration!"

The new two and three cent pieces have two and three holes respectively through them, so that at night no mistake will be made if they are held up to the light. The half dime and dime are larger and made of better metal, and are also distinguished by one and two holes respectively.

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A great storm descended upon the country last week, visiting the Western States with especial fury; but its effects have been more or less felt. From the Missouri River to the Atlantic. The first dispatch on the subject of several railroads that were disabled. The Ohio River rose ten feet in twenty-four hours, and every road leading out of Cincinnati was cut off or obstructed. It would be impossible to detail the towns under water, for that would lead us along nearly every river in the West.

SELLING A BIRTHRIGHT.

"Father, said Charley one day. "Mr. Red is going to take the whole school to Union hill on the Fourth, and we are to have a dinner and a grand good time. We are to choose a captain out of the first class, and to-morrow is election day."

"For whom are you going to vote?"

"Morton, the tallest fellow in school; and the best boy, too I think. But George has gone over to the opposition."

"How's that, George, my boy? Who is your candidate? Let us hear the other side."

"Chester said George. "I don't see why he won't make as good a captain as Morton."

"He is not so good a scholar, said Charley; besides, he swears sometimes, and then his buying up voters, and I think that is mean."

George flushed up a little, but made no reply.

George said his father, I want you to tell me whether Chester has given you anything to influence your vote?"

George hung his head and was very slow to reply; but there was no escape from his father's question, and at last he answered, I broke my new bat yesterday, playing base-ball, and he gave me his, if I would promise to vote for him.

And did you promise? Yes, father.

You were wrong, my boy. Your vote is your birthright. Not very long ago when we read how Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, you thought him very little of a man. And now you have sold yours for a second-hand bat! You have sold yourself, your influence, as far as it goes, to elect a boy who, by taking unfair means to secure this honor to himself, unfit for it and shows also that he has reason to believe that a majority of the school think some one else more worthy. Now, as you look over the whole affair, do you not think it dishonorable to both of you?"

Yes, answer George, I did not think it was so much matter.

Why, if you can be bought over with a bat when you are a boy, you may be bought over with an office or with money, when you are a man. I want my sons to be above taking a bribe, or selling the rights of their manhood.

What ought I to do, father? Take the bat back to Chester, and tell him how the matter appears to you on further consideration. If he has any honor in him, he will release you from your promise, if he has not, he can hold you to it, and you must keep your word, and I am sorry for you. And take care not to be caught in such a false position again.

George wished the old bat was at the bottom of the sea a dozen times as he carried it back with shame to Chester.—He was laughed at, reproached, and held to his promise, as he expected to be, and acquired such a contempt for his candidate's selfish want of principle that he was glad when he found himself on the losing side next day, and joined heartily in the cheers which the winners gave for Morton.—Independent.

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