

A Woman's Bargain.
Madeline S. Bridges.

You will love me? Ah, I know
As men love—no better, dear.
Worship? Yes, a mouth or so.
Tenderness? Perhaps a year.

After that, the quiet sense
Of possession; careless care,
And the calm indifference
That all married lovers wear.

Blame you, dearest? Not at all.
As Fate made you, so you stand;
As Fate made you, so you fall,
Far below Love's high demand.

Yet how strange is Love's deep law!
I can look you through and through,
Tracing plainly Nature's flaw
In the heart she gave to you;

Knowing all my heart must stake,
All the danger, all the fear,
And yet glad, even so, to make
This, my losing bargain, dear!

The Poet's Wall.
Henry Tholens.

O, the autumn days are coming, when
The bees have stopped their humming,
And the partridge lone is drumming
In the copse upon the hill;

When the leaves are slowly falling,
And the sable crow is calling
To stop her squalling with a wild and
Mourning thrill;

Autumn winds the boughs are rustling,
And the towns again are bustling,
While the countryman is hustling
With his apples and his corn;

Days of Johnny-cake and bacon, when
The woods are all forsaken, and the
Meadow-larks have taken flight across
The fields forlorn;

'Tis the season melancholy, days when
Nature is not jolly; soon the welcome
Christmas holly will be hung o'er
Banquet hall;

Snows of winter will bore us, and the
Season soon will bore us when in
Manner quite decorous we must seek
The evening ball;

For the summer days are over, withered
Are the fields of clover, and each
Merry woodland rover on his haunts
No more does dote;

And the question now, my dearest,
That doth make me feel so weary, is
The old one, dark and dreary; Can I wear
Last winter's coat?

Undying Light.
R. W. Gilder in the Century.

When in the golden western summer skies
A flaming glory starts and slowly fades
Through crimson tone on tone to deeper
Shades,
There falls a silence, while the day-
light dies
Languishing—but not with human agonies
That tear the soul, or terror that de-
grades;
A holy peace the falling world per-
vades
Nor any fear of that which onward lies;
For well, ah, well, the darkened vale re-
calls
A thousand times ten thousand vanish-
ed suns;
Ten thousand sunsets from whose black-
ened walls
Reflame like white and living day,
That runs,
In light which brings all beauty to the
birth,
Deathless forever round the ancient
earth,

II.

O thou the Lord and maker of life and
light
Full heavy are the burdens that do
weigh
Our spirits earthward, as through twi-
light gray
We journey to the end and rest of night;
Though well we know to the deep in-
ward sight
Darkness is but thy shadow, and the
day
Where thou art never dies, but sends
its ray
Through the wide universe with rest-
ing light,
O Lord of light, steep thou our souls in
thee!
That when the daylight trembles into
shade,
And falls the silence of mortality,
And all is done—we shall not be afraid,
But pass from light to light; from what
doth seem
Into the very heart and heaven of our
dream.

WHAT THE BABY CAN DO.

The baby can wear out a new pair of kid shoes in twenty hours.
It can keep its father busy advertising in the newspapers for a nurse.
It can occupy both sides of the largest-sized bed manufactured, simultaneously.
It can crowd to suffocation the smoking car with indignant passengers between two stations. It can make itself look like a flead just at the moment when mamma wants to show what a pretty baby she has.
It can make an old bachelor in the adjoining room use language, that, if uttered in the street, would get him six months.

Parlor Game for Country Folks.

The members of the society were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S., "for the pleasure of the society and the profit of the minister," as the good man put it. A day or two before the time appointed a note was sent to a score or more of people asking them each to write an answer in rhyme to the question enclosed, the rhyme to contain a certain word which was also sent in the note. These productions were to be read for the entertainment of the people, the game being called "Crambo." The evening came and the house was filled with a glad company. There were humorous readings and quiet games. One of these games engaged both old and young, and we call it "What is it like and?" One person is sent out of the room and the others agree on a subject to talk about. This time the word "Moon" was chosen. When the person was called in she asked a little boy "What is it like?" He replied, "It is like the sun." "Why? Because it rises." Another said "It is like a cow because it has horns and a face." She asked a third and received the answer, "It is like bread because it rises." The one giving the most information by his answer had to go out the next time. George Washington and other historic characters were talked about, and such things as the human hair, artesian wells, etc.—*Rural New Yorker.*

FERTILIZING WITH BRAIN.

We do not believe the time has come when the small farmer can successfully conduct his business without performing some manual labor, nor when the large farmer can attain marked success without that intimate knowledge of his work that comes from actual participation in it. But we do most fully believe that the day is forever passed when the chief reliance of the successful farmer, whether his acres be few or many, can be placed upon manual industry, however persistent if undirected by a mind conversant with the progress of the times in all that relates to his business. In the past, when apparently unbounded West offered its fertile soil free for the taking, and when America held monopoly of the railways and improved implements of husbandry there was some excuse for the hand-to-mouth policy which has been the chief characteristic of our agriculture, but the day of free homesteads is almost ended, while the extension of the use of agricultural machinery throughout the old world, the development of agricultural resources of the southern hemisphere, and especially the bringing of the half-naked farmers of India into direct and close competition with ourselves through the medium of the railroad and steamship—all these are steadily and surely faking from us the vantage ground we have heretofore held as food producers for the world. One thing is certain, and that is if the American farmer would retain this vantage ground, he must bring to his work something more than brawn—something more than brawn reinforced by mechanical ingenuity. These have served us well in the past, but henceforth they must take a secondary place, yielding the first rank to a still higher exercise of the intellect than that which has given us the steam engine and the modern harvester.—*Farm, Stock and Home.*

MR. CLEVELAND MUST HARMONIZE THE DEMOCRACY OR HE WILL BE BEATEN.

One thing is certain, and that is that if we are to nominate Mr. Cleveland to present seems to us inevitable, we cannot elect him unless we come to some better understanding than now exists. In truth, if he is not with us heartily, and in good faith, and all along the line, we do not care to elect him. Between a Mugwump in the White House and a Stewart Republican, we should prefer to take our chance of the future in a square hand-to-hand fight on principle with the Republican, a change of public policy, rather than to eke out precarious milk-and-water servitude to a fast-and-loose, pig-and-puppy, now-you-see-it-and-now-you-don't, too-good-to-be-honest, and too-great-to-be-useful Administration, of Cheap-John statesmen, wearing second-hand apparel and pinchback jewelry.

CURING HAMS.

I send you the following about curing hams, as the practice of a good house-wife known to me in my younger days, whose hams were much prized. This was her rule:—For every four hams of moderate size she took 1 1/2 lbs. of fine salt, six ounces of saltpetre, one pound of brown sugar, and after mixing them thoroughly together, rubbed the hams therewith on either side. They were then packed in a box, and placed in a cool out house for about three weeks, when the hams were taken out and put in a pickling tub or hoghead, and covered with brine strong enough to swim an egg. After remaining in the pickle for about three weeks, they were taken out, thoroughly rubbed with fresh salt, and hung up in a well ventilated house for a few days to dry, after which they were transferred to the smoke house, where they were hung up and smoked with oak sawdust until they had acquired the color of bright mahogany, when each ham was sewed up in canvas, the coverings whitewashed and hung up to dry, after which they were white-washed again and packed away in hogheads with oatmeal until wanted.—*M. J. in Scottish Agricultural Gazette.*

JUDGES SALARIES.

Already our exchanges are discussing the propriety of an increase in the salaries of our Judges. At present they receive \$2500 per year. Out of this fund they have to pay their expenses and their board bills around on the circuit. This will cost them about \$1000 leaving \$1500 as the net salary. We do not believe in the proposition that large salaries must be paid in order to secure competent officials. To the best of our knowledge the Judgeship has never gone a begging. At the present salary low though it be, aspirants of eminent fitness have abounded and do still abound. Our Congressmen receive double what our Judges get but the Judges as a body are certainly equal in character and ability to our Congressmen. In some other States the salary of the Judges is much higher than in ours but none of them have a more able and incorruptible judiciary. Times are hard and as long as such men as Gilmer, Boykin, Clark, Connor & Co are willing to serve us at the present salary we see no urgent need for an increase. The State might provide for the payment of their travelling expenses but while our hard working farmers are raising cotton on poor land at 8 cents with the aid of mortgages, negroes, and mules it behooves the Legislature to go slow in the matter of heaping up taxation. It is easy

THE ONLY PLACE IT IS USED.

This "vital principle of civil service reform"—this competitive humberg, is recognized nowhere, and is used nowhere except, as Senator Voorhees, of Indiana has partly put it, under Democratic administration of government to keep or put Republicans in office.—*From the Rochester Union and Advertiser.*

CRIME—ITS CAUSES.

There is no paper that is prompter or more certain to defend the South against unjust reproach or aspersion than the STAR. But it is neither wise nor necessary to shut your eyes to glaring facts and ostrich-like think the body is hidden because the head is stuck in the sand. The way to correct an evil is to look at it steadily in the light of open day. In matters of public health as in crime no good will come from denying plain facts. You must first see an evil before you can apply a proper remedy.

It is a fact that crime is steadily increasing in the South. Prior to the war, in slavery times murders among negroes were comparatively rare; among the whites they were very rare indeed as compared with the present. In North Carolina, we are pained to say, crime is much more rife and a rousing than at any former time. We have but little doubt that in the last five years there have been more murders, or attempts to kill occurring in North Carolina than in the preceding ten years, or in any twenty years before the war. The Raleigh *Biblical Recorder* thus delivers its own opinion. It says:

Whatever the causes of this alarming and dreadful increase of crime the fact remains, we take it. We could again discuss the causes as we have done in former editorials, but it would probably do no good. As we look at it the chief causes for increase of crime, aside from natural depravity and widely prevailing tendencies to evil, are the following:

First, defects in the criminal law and the failure of Courts to render speedy verdicts.

Second, a false public sentiment that condones crime and sympathy with willians. This is seen in numerous applications extensively signed for executive clemency, and in bestowing floral tributes by foolish women upon such red-handed murderers as Cluverius.

Fourth, the one-man power.

Fifth, the failure of prosecuting officers to do their duty.

Sixth, the jury system.

The list might be extended, but these constitute the chief causes of crime, and until they are corrected there will be but little abatement of crime. It is simply most deplorable that in a State that has been always so law-abiding as North Carolina so many incarnate devils should deposit and kill and deflower and sow the whirlwind.—*Wilmington Star.*

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