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COLUMBUS.

(Joaquin Miller.)

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said: "Now must we pray,
For lo! the very stars are gone.
Brave Adm'ral, speak; what shall I say?"
"Why, say, 'Sail on! sail on! and on!'"

"My men grew mutinous day by day;
My men grew ghastly wan and weak,"
The stout mate thought of home, a spray
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek,
"What shall I say, brave Adm'ral say,
If we sight naught but seas at dawn?"
"Why, you shall say at break of day,
'Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!'"

They sailed and sailed, as winds might blow,
Until at last the blanched mate said:
"Why now not even God would know
Should I and all my men fall dead.
These very winds forget their way,
For God from these dread seas is gone
Now speak, brave Adm'ral; speak and say—"
He said: Sail on! sail on! and on!

They sailed. They sailed. Then spoke the mate:
"This mad sea shows its teeth to night.
He curls his lip, he lies in wait,
With lifted teeth as if to bite!
Brave Adm'ral, say but one good word;
What shall we do when hope is gone?"
The words leapt as a leaping sword:
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"

Then pale and worn, he kept his deck,
And peered through darkness: Ah, that night
Of all dark nightss. And then a speck—
A light! A light! A light! A light!
It grew, a starlit flag unfurled!
It grew to be Time's burst of dawn.
He gained a world; he gave that world
Its grandest lesson: 'On! and on!"

Dangerous Drinks.

(Philadelphia News.)

A bartender plaintively bewailed the necessity of having to rub congealed drops of stuck beer off the bar. "But if I let them remain," said he, in a tone of one seeking compassion, "they rot the wood."

"They rot the wood, do they?" fiercely replied a beer bibbler.

"Then what in the name of common sense does beer do to my stomach?"

Replies the manipulator of the drinks:

"It is beyond me to tell. Of one thing I am confident, and that is man's stomach is made of cast-iron. Elsewise how could he withstand the fluids he pours into it. Let me show you something." He places a piece of raw meat on the counter and dropped upon it a small measure of an imported ginger ale. In five minutes the meat had dropped into little pieces as though hacked by a knife.

The Parting of the Ways.

Wilkins and Watkins were college chums and close friends. They had been hard students and had taken little out-door exercise. When they shook hands and said good-bye, at the end of their college career, they were in impaired health both had dyspepsia, liver troubles and troublesome coughs.

Wilkins had plenty of money, and decided to travel for his health. Watkins was poor. "I must go to work for my living," said he, "but I'll try the remedy that Robinson talks so much about—Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

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ONE STANDARD.

"If Thomas Jefferson Hangs, Tirzah Ann Shall Hang."

(Samantha Allen.)

Josiah Allen's children have been brought up to think that sin of any kind is just as bad in a man as in a woman; and any place of amusement that was bad for a woman to go to was bad for a man.

Now, when Thomas Jefferson was a little fellow, he was bewitched to go to circuses, and Josiah said:

"Better let him go Samantha; it hain't no place for wimmen or girls; but it won't hurt a boy." Says I, "Josiah Allen, the Lord made Thomas Jefferson with just as pure a heart as Tirzah Ann, and no bigger ears and eyes; and if Thomas Jefferson goes to the circus, Tirzah Ann goes too."

That stopped that. And then he was bewitched to get with other boys that smoked and chewed tobacco, and that Josiah was just that easy to turn that he would have let him go with 'em. But says I:

"Josiah Allen, if Thomas Jefferson goes with those and gets to chewin' and smokin' tobacco, I shall buy Tirzah Ann a pipe."

And that stopped that.

"And about drinking,' says I, "Thomas Jefferson, if it should be the will of Providence to change you into a wild bear, I will chain you up and do the best I can for you. But if you ever do it yourself, turn yourself into a wild beast by drinking, I will run away; for I could never stand it, never! And," I continued, "if I ever see you hangin' around barrooms and tavern doors, Tirzah Ann shall hang too."

Josiah argued with me. Says he: "It doesn't look as bad for a boy as it does for a girl!"

Says I, "Custom makes the difference; we are more used to seeing men. But," says I, "when liquor goes to work to make a fool and a brute of anybody, it don't stop to ask about the sex, and makes a wild beast and idiot of a man or woman, and to look down from heaven I guess a man looks as bad layin' dead drunk as a woman does."

Says I, "things looks differently from up there than what they do to us—it is a more sightly place. And you talk about looks, Josiah Allen. I don't go on clear looks; I go on principle. Will the Lord say to me in the day, 'Josiah Allen's wife, how is it with the soul of Tirzah Ann—; as for Thomas Jefferson's soul, he bein' a boy, it hain't of no account.' No! I shall have to give an account to him for my dealin's with both of these souls, male and female. And I should feel guilty if I brought him up to think that what was impure for a woman was pure for a man. If a man has a greater desire to do wrong—which I won't dispute," Says I, lookin' keenly onto Josiah, "he has greater strength to resist temptation. And so," says I in mild accents, but firm as old Plymoth Rock, "If Thomas Jefferson hangs, Tirzah Ann shall hang too."

I have brought Thomas Jefferson up to think that it was just as bad for him to listen to a bad story or songs as for a girl or worse, for he had more strength to runaway, and that it was a disgrace for him to talk or listen to any stuff that he would be ashamed to have Tirzah Ann or me to hear. I have brought him up to think that manliness didn't consist in having a cigar in his mouth, and his hat on one side, and sweatin' and slang phrases, and knowdege of questionable amusements, but in layin' holt of every duty that comes to him with a heart and a cheerful face; and helpin' to right the wrong, and protect the weak, and makin,' the most and the best of the mind and the soul God had given him. In short, I have brought him up to think that purity and virtue are both feminine and masculine, and that God's angels are not necessarily all she ones.

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Hope and Love.

(Norfolk Virginian.)

"We uplift the lid of the urn of buried hope and love, and their withered leaves are scattered into nothingness."

It is doubtful if the author who penned these lines ever drew more tender expressions, and certainly few have ever been written that appeals more closely to the feelings of mankind in general. The volume of thought they suggest, and the great feeling which arises from their persual is something akin to grandeur; yet are they true, even in the abstract. What would life be worth were it not for hope, and where would be the strength and sublimity of the struggling spirit? It is true that man enters upon the threshold of life full of hope, and unhappily it is sometimes the case that ere life is half spent, all hope is dead, and "its withered leaves are scattered into nothingness," but love never dies, it lives on and on and on forever. The soldier who lays down his arms at the feet of the conqueror, feels that hope is dead, yet who will question his love for the cause he "loved but lost?"

"Hope on, sweet love," and the youth again lives in "the beautiful dreamy days of the past," and travelling the halls of memory revels in the perfume of the flowers which bedeck those halls in beauty. The wrecked mariner upon the tempest tossed sea, thinks of home and the loved ones, and a ray of hope that he will meet them springs into existence, brightening the gloom of disaster. The beautiful maiden upon the threshold of womanhood, whose life, like some rare flower, is modestly unfolding its petals in a rare and beautiful bloom, is filled with hope and the bright realizations of life, and the future to her, is bright-dazaling bright. Great ships sail the wide seas o'er, and the bright star of hope guides them to harbor at last. The weary traveller falls in the midst of his journey, filed with he hope of a blessed hereafter, and the great Father tells us "there is hope beyond the grave."

"We uplift the lid of the urn of buried hope and love, and their withered leaves are scattered into nothingness."

Yet Shakespeare tells us that "the heart that truly loves on to the end," and another great author says that "love never dies" Who can measure the mother's love for her child, or hope for its welfare? The beast of the forest loves its young and will battle to the death in its defense from prey. The fowl of the air nestles its young and the veriest flower or blade of grass loves the warmth of the genial rays of the noonday sun, and so it is. "love makes the world go around."

The soldier at Appomattox laid down his arms, and felt that all hope for the cause he "loved but lost" was dead and its withered leaves were scattered into nothingness, but who will undertake to say that his love for "The Lost Cause" is dead?

The cause, it is true, is dead, dead te everlasting, but the love he bore it abideth with him, and so it will "esto perpetua."

If the author's lines be true, even in the abstract, who can forget the lines,

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EDUCATED BOYS.

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The Croaker.

(Durham Sun.)

The croaker is a peculiar animal. He is a species of the frog tribe. He is ever ready to hop—on somebody or something with his guttural croak. He infests most places when any life or activity is shown.

His characteristic habit is to never lose an opportunity to souse the town and everybody who is trying to benefit it, and it is patent to the thoroughbred to do as much to pull the town down and as little as possible to help it along.

When business is dull it is then he makes his most unwelcome appearance with his dirge prophetic: "I told you so," though he is never known to take any part in or even endorse any scheme for the benefit of the citizen. He loves to expound a Jeremiade on all occasions more than anything else.

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When depression prevails, if they will only succeed in driving the croakers out, they will be blessings in disguise. A whole shipload of them should not suffer on account of a few dead's among them.

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"Retrace your steps" said Philip, "and gather up, one by one, all the feathers you have scattered."

"I cast the feathers carelessly, away," said the woman, "and the wind carried them in all directions."

"Well, my child," replied Philip, "so it is with slanders. Like the feathers which the wind has scattered, they have been wafted in many directions. Call them back, now, if you can."

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