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## STEAM WORKS

CORNER OF  
Market and Third Streets,  
ZANESVILLE, OHIO.

WE ARE NOW TURNING OUT A LARGE number of improved Portable Steam Engines, and Stationary Engines, and Saw Mills, as well as all kinds of machinery, and repairing all kinds of machinery. We have also a large stock of iron and steel, and all kinds of hardware, and are prepared to do all kinds of work in the most satisfactory manner. We have also a large stock of iron and steel, and all kinds of hardware, and are prepared to do all kinds of work in the most satisfactory manner.

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## Choice Poetry.

THE BALLAD OF BOSS BAGSHAW.

Dave Bagshaw was a collier

Who lived in a hole in the wall

Where long he was a collier

As well as his abode there

And while he was a collier

He tipped what he had mined

And almost apostolic care

For wayward sons he showed

The Boss a doctor never was

Though often did he doot

And kipe and call he did cut up

All for the public weal

While he could neither write nor read

The shoelace were aware

That for the underrating he

Did exercise a care

No evil fortune, small or great,

Could make his spirit flout

He even sang right merrily

When he once laid his wail

And even to his dying day

Of Bagshaw he is told

He never said a heavy word

Though such he oft half told

The Boss a loyal tradesman was

What hated rebel forces

What frowned upon the "Copperhead"

And scolded at copper toes

Once he, from too much drink, was in

A state of lethargy

When there came booty of his shoes

And with them they did flee

When he came to, says he, "Hill"

Get once upon their tracks

For hain't no use of my stock

They'll get shoemaker's whacks"

That afternoon a thief he caught

What quickly came to grief

For now he went from wain't shoes

To wain't of the thief

The M. P. got another one

A make 'em out of wain't

And when the thief was taken up

He seemed quite taken down

Some piled his trade for forty year'

(Or somewhere thereabout)

For he thought long a peegin' in

Was longer peegin' out

But Bagshaw couldn't always live

Like colliers in the past

He one day from his last did go

To come unto his last

Willie turned away with quivering lip

Too much grieved to speak

A cold permission had been given

But sympathy had been denied him

"Why, mother," spoke up bright little

Fred, with a look of charming frankness,

"It's so hard for a fellow to remember

I meant to have thought I'm sure"

"Well, Fred," said the mother, smiling

In spite of herself, "I see that your father

is coming. Be ready to take his coat and

boots, and bring his gown and slippers"

The boys rushed joyfully to the door

In came the father and caught Louis up

On his shoulder; put his hat on Fred's

curly head, drawing it over his eyes;

tossed a new magazine on his wife's work

table; and finally found a seat upon the

floor in consequence of the manœuvre of

Master George, who attempted to place

himself beside Louis

The uproar of merriment at such a

downfall subsided as the mother said com-

plainingly:

"Children, you distract me with your

noise. Why did you not get your father's

gown and slippers, as I told you? Do it

now, and then come in and be quiet"

"Yes, boy," said their father, "we

must not be so rude. We will have our

frolics out of doors"

Quiet was soon restored, and Mrs.

Mervin withdrew to prepare tea. During

the evening, Willie was subdued and

sad. He did not join in his brothers'

games, but sat moodily in a corner. Once

or twice his mother praised him for his

quiet behavior, but the kind words awoke

no pleasure in the sober little face. Fi-

nally, the children's bedtime arrived, and

the young irrespressibles were sufficiently

calm to think of such a thing as sleep—

Willie sedately led the way, carrying the

cradle, and the parents were left in peace-

ful possession.

"What healthy little rogues they are,"

was the father's comment, as he cut the

leaves of a periodical preparatory to read-

ing aloud. (The model man!)

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