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Select Poetry.

A faded flower, a lock of hair, A little ring, a small white glove, A portrait of a maiden fair.

WHAT IS WEALTH?

Wealth is something more than gold, More than luxury and ease; Treasures never to be sold.

Select Story.

WITHOUT AN AIM.

Maria Willett stood upon the balcony of a pleasant country house, looking towards the river, where the calm, clear water, broken here and there by little ripples, glistened in the moonlight.

Your heartless words have done Miss Willett a great wrong. The young man peeped up and down the floor, and Maria could hear that his steps were heavy and firm.

It was a moment all was silent. Maria almost trembled lest Mr. Denny should take it upon himself, then and there, to avenge unmerited insult, but soon his slow and measured words reassured her.

"I am quite as well aware as you, Mr. Hughes, that my position in life hardly places me upon an equality with Miss Willett, but I will do my best to do so."

"I might return your words," she replied turning away her head. "Perhaps so," he said, quietly, and then there was a silence.

but her own enjoyment, and in her thoughtful mood it seemed a sad, a terrible thing to do, without having taken any part in the work of life that would leave a modicum of good.

"I will begin at home to-morrow," she whispered. "If I do my duty as child and as a sister first, I can then try to enlarge my sphere of usefulness. Henceforth my aim shall be to cast aside self and make my own happiness and ease a secondary matter."

Mr. Denny opened her bible that night, he neglected bible, with an interest she had never felt before, and, kneeling beside her bed, her heart broke out into the first prayer that had crossed her lips since she had outgrown childhood and set at naught her mother's counsel and example.

It was not without many conflicts that Maria attained the true life. There were many times when the old habits of indolence and selfish indifference nearly overcame her, but she persevered, struggled on, and each day's effort brought her nearer to the goal.

Miscellaneous.

A NOBLE BOY.

Mrs. Sturms was a widow, and poor. Her poverty could not crush her, for she felt that the owner of all things was her Father, and he would withhold no real good.

It took more than a needle and twist, and wax to decorate her in her own esteem; for she knew that she was fulfilling, as far as in her lay, her calling, as under the eye of her Master, and that a queen could do no more.

"I would oblige you Sam," he replied, "if you had not been late." "You are late," cried Sam Lent; "what if you are late?" "That is not my business," replied Sam Lent.

"I am not at liberty to listen to your words Sir," said the promised wife of another. "The gentleman started back, disappointed as well as astonishment written upon his face."

WHAT MAKES A LADY.—When Beau Brummel was asked what made the gentleman, his quick reply was, "Starch, starch, starch!" This may be true; but it takes a great deal more to make a lady, and that it may to some seem singular, I am ready to maintain that no conceivable quantity of muslin, silk or satin, edging, frilling, hoopings, flouncing, or furbelowing, can per se, or per dressmaker, constitute a real lady.

Was not Mrs. Abigail Lawrence just such a lady, when attired in a full coat dress at St. James, London? "As Mrs. Washington was said to be so grand a lady," says a celebrated English visitor, (Mrs. Troupe), "we thought we must put on our best, silks and laces, so we dressed ourselves in our most elegant ruffles and silks, and were introduced to her ladyship, and don't you think we found her knitting, and with her check upon an? She received us very graciously and easily, but after the compliments were over she resumed her knitting. There we were, without a stitch of work, and sitting in state, but General Washington's lady, when she saw us, was knitting stockings for her husband." Does not that sweet republican simplicity command your admiration?

INSTINCTS.—The higher human instincts are these: 1. The knowledge that there is a distinction between right and wrong. 2. The idea of property, and of individual right to it. 3. The obligation resting on every one to respect these rights. 4. The sense of justice. 5. The sense of filial piety to be maintained, if violence and cruelties have been committed. 6. Maternal affection. 7. Filial affection. 8. Conjugal affection. 9. A mysterious longing after something better than can be found on earth.

These are the constituent parts of elements of man, universal instincts of the human soul, and virtues found in all communities of social life, moral sentiments more or less distinctly prevailing over mankind, proving that violence and cruelty are exceptions. The lower human instincts are: Such as belong to the extension and protection of life and body, manifesting themselves variously in different forms.—Abridged from the Life of Emerson.

DON'T GIVE UP.—A few days since, we heard of a little boy who had a real passion for skating for the first time, and, as usual in such cases, his feet went faster than his head, and he fell. His elder brother, who was skating with him, seeing his fall and hurt himself, advised him to give it up.

THE AMERICAN people will hear with satisfaction that between Lieut. Gen. Grant and the eminent victors of the Union, the triumphs of the last few months, there exists not merely perfect accord and harmony, but the fullest mutual confidence, the most fraternal esteem and trust. Each feels that the other has acted well his part, and that the conclusive victories of the Union cannot be due to either alone, all being the fruits of their well-combined efforts and their perfect co-operation. We sincerely hope that it may be found practicable to hold the contemplated grand review near Washington, and that Grant, Sherman, Meade, Sheridan, Hancock, Howard, and their coadjutors, may all be present at the scene, so that the officers would be willing to postpone for a few days their eagerly waited return to their homes in order to participate in such a parade, the like of which may not be seen on this continent for a century to come.—N. Y. Tribune.

SELF-DENIAL.—It is a matter that cannot be too often considered, that real happiness health, order, peace, and bounty, depend on self-denial. It nature, it is not a luxury, but a wisdom and indulgent sensualities, is to be humored, a dose of poison is brewing, a scourge for the fool's sake is preparing—like drunkards who sit down in good humor to tattle, but soon proceed to black eyes. No man ever found a happy life by chance, or fanned it into being with a wish. Even the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent only take it by force. So that perfect peace may be won by perpetual war, and the health of the spirit by the death of the flesh. My old maxim is, that religion will cost us something, but the want of it infinitely more.—Rev. R. Cecil.

A VERY PERTINENT QUESTION.—The Lacrosse (Wis) Democrat, in its issue of August 23d, 1864, closes a fierce political leader against Mr. Lincoln's re-election with the following words: "If he is elected to misgovern for another four years, we trust some bold hand will pierce his heart with a dagger-point for the public good." Is not the man who wrote the above a proper subject for arrest as an "accuser to Booth" before the grand jury of the State of Wisconsin?

MONEY ORDER OFFICES.—So successful does the money order office work that it is already to be enlarged. One hundred and thirty-nine offices were established on the first of November last. On the first of June 280 more will be established. The amount of money orders issued last quarter was \$38,463 24, on which \$1,200,000 were received about five thousand dollars. There are about \$40,000 constantly lying in the hands of postmasters, subject to call.

DR. PATYSON SAYS.—If you put a bright shining object into a child's hand, he will be pleased with it; but tell him of an estate in reserve for him, and he pays little attention to you. So men and women are often more delighted with present comforts than with the prospects of future glory.

Now that the war is over what shall we do with our General? Why, send them across as Foreign Ministers and let the Europeans get a look at them. Send Grant to England, Sheridan to France and Thomas to Russia. We are not so sure about Sherman, who is an excellent soldier, but we fear, is not much of a diplomat.