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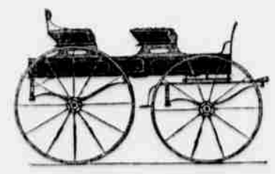

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Poetical.

SONG FOR THE NEW YEAR.

BY ELIZA COOK.

Old Time has turned another page
Of Eternity and truth;
He reads with a warning voice to age,
And whispers a lesson to youth
A year has fled on her heart and head
Since last the yule log burnt;
And we have a task, to closely ask
What the bosom and brain have learnt!
Oh, let us hope that our sands have run
With Wisdom's precious grains!
Oh, may we find that our hands have done
Some work of glorious pains!
Then a welcome and cheer to the merry New Year,
While the holly gleams above us;
With a pardon for the foes who hate,
And a prayer for those who love us.

We may have seen some loved ones pass
To the land of hallowed rest;
We may miss the glow of an honest brow
And the warmth of a friendly breast;
But if we nursed them while on earth
With hearts all true and kind,
Will their spirits blame the careless mirth
If those true hearts left behind?
No, no! It were not well nor wise
To mourn with endless pain;
There's a better world beyond the skies,
Where the good shall meet again.
Then a welcome and cheer to the merry New Year,
While the holly gleams above us;
With a pardon for the foes who hate
And a prayer for those who love us.

Have our days rolled on serenely free
From sorrow's dim alloy?
Do we still possess the gifts that bless,
And fill our souls with joy?
Do the creatures dear still clinging near?
Do we hear loved voices come?
Do we gaze on eyes whose glances shed
A halo round our home?
Oh, if we do, let thanks be poured,
To him who hath spared and given,
And forget not o'er the festive board
The mercies held from Heaven.
Then a welcome and cheer to the merry New Year,
While the holly gleams above us;
With a pardon for the foes who hate;
And a prayer for those who love us!

Select Story.

THAT LITTLE WIDOW.

She was just the neatest little woman in the world always smiling, always fresh, plump and deep in her forties—one of the kind who smooth their aprons down while they talk to you. Then the little cigar shop at the corner, which she kept, and where she rattled on about different brands of tobacco, and talked of the weather to her customers, and the kindness which any tale of sorrow told by vagrants called forth from her—the many times her fat little hand went into the drawer for change to be bestowed on some charitable plea—all went to make up the best tempered, the most motherly and the nicest little woman you would ever chance to meet.

So thought Dr. Ash, who lived next door, and who often went in for a little snuff, you know, but who invariably settled his wig more [illegible] coming into the shop. He used to say to her, "My! you must be lonely here, Widow Thorn!"

'O, not at all, sir, thanking you!' she would reply.

'I wonder you never married a second time, Widow Thorn!'

'Well, it is a wonder, isn't it doctor? But you see I'm such a queer old body that I guess not many could fancy me'

'Madam, there you must stop! I cannot hear the divine sex disparaged," returned the doctor. He was, as they say, of the old school. She laughed.

'Can't a woman speak against herself?' she asked.

'No! She never speaks against herself unless she means to flatter herself by contradictory disparagement when some one is by'

'Sir, you are too plain.'

'Widow Thorn, I was always called plain and the wig's too big for me.'

Then she laughed at him, and what promised to be a quarrel ended in a merry 'Good-bye.'

Then there was the baker at the corner. He was a widower, and he used to come in of an evening for a chat and a cheap cigar.

Said he: 'This lonely state is miserable, isn't it?'

'Do you speak from experience?' asked she.

'Yes; my Maria's been dead fourteen years,' said he.

'I shouldn't think it would take so long a time for you men to forget anything,' she said.

'Ah, ma'am! man is a wonderful being—the most wonderful of God's creatures.'

'Except woman,' said she.

'You're right, widow And that's the reason the Lord meant that every man should have a wife and every woman a husband, just to make them equal. So I think you and I must have new partners.'

'Now, look here, Mr. Johns! You've had your partner, and I've had mine, and death has dissolved the partnerships. Now, we're both bankrupt, and we can't carry on a joint business; so we must go on pleasantly,' she said, and laughingly bade him 'Good-night!'

He had to laugh, to, because she seemed to expect him to do nothing else.

Then there was the old bachelor over the way, who was learning the bassoon. He used to come to his window on summer evenings, when the widow was standing at her door for a breath of fresh air, and he would blow away at 'The Last Link is Broken' till it was a wonder he did not rupture something and die. He did not smoke, nor drink nor chew. But a brilliant idea struck him one day, and over he went.

'Do you keep paper collars, ma'am?' he asked, tremblingly.

'Yes, sir,' she answered, smoothing her apron down.

'Give me some,' he said vaguely.

'What size?'

'O, any size! I don't care.'

She looked at him.

'Don't you know your number?' she asked.

'No, ma'am! But I don't care much.'

'Lud!' she ejaculated. 'Here, sir. Just you take your collar off and let me measure it?'

So she did, and she handed him another.

'That'll fit you, sir,' she said.

Then he tried to put it on, and his hand trembled so that he broke one of the button holes.

'Now, it's done, sir,' said she.

'I'm afraid I am,' said he.

'Sir?'

'I mean I—I'm afraid it is!'

Then he took up another, and, out of compassion, she said:

'Let me button it for you. All men are death on buttons and button holes—I know by poor Thorn.

'Then she fitted on the collar, and the bachelor was ecstatic. As she handed him his change, she said:

'You're the gentleman that plays such sweet dreary tunes on the horn aren't you?'

'Yes, I play a little. But it's dreadful lonely playing all by my self.'

'Isn't there anyone with you?" she asked.

'No, I'm cursed—I'm a bachelor.'

'Dreary me! that is bad; I'd ask you over here to play, sir——'

'O!' he interrupted.

'But I'm afraid the doctor next door would come in and ask if anybody was hurt?' she continued.

'Oh!' he said again, in quite a different tone, and left. Five minutes after he was moaning out "The Last Link is Broken,' as if that link had in its soundness held Heaven and earth together. The doctor needed a lot of snuff; the baker was clearly smoking himself into the grave with his Maria; and the bachelor used so many paper collars that the little widow ordered as many boxes of his as she did of all the other sizes put together. But at last, one night, came the maid servant from next door, pounding up the Widow Thorn, telling her to come in, for the doctor was ill and didn't know anybody. Hastily throwing on her dress, in she went, and saw him lying there in a state of collapse, with his wig over one eye.

'Ginger and cayenne pepper and brandy!" ordered the little widow, while she held his head. Then, forcing the fiery dose down his throat, she held him tight, while he spluttered and gasped for breath.

"Whatever is the matter with him?" asked the freightened servant.

"Cucumbers!" remarked the widow—for [illegible] afternoon with two fine specimens of that proverbially cool vegetable in his hand. Then, the doctor becoming better, she went home as cheerful as ever, and slept the dreamless sleep of the innocent and of the non-dyspeptic.

Early next morning the baker called.

'I hear that Dr. Ash was sick last night, and that you went in?' said he, almost as though he had a right to ask.

'Yes,' she answered. 'The girl come for me, and I did the little I could. Poor old chap! It's a pity he never married. He might have had a wife and family around him, instead of a poor, ignorant servant girl, who calls up the neighbors on trifling causes.'

'Widow! that's what I always say. A lone man is the devil's delight—if you'll excuse profanity. Everything conspires to make his life unbearable. What ailed the doctor?'

'O, he'd eaten too freely of cucumbers.'

'Widow Thorn, you know I'm as much alone as he is.'

'Well—bless me sir—what are you driving at?' asked she.

'Nothing,' he said with a melancholy smile and left the shop.

Ten minutes after she saw him go home with five overgrown cucumbers in his hands—she knew how many, for she pulled a box in the window aside to count them. She smoothed her apron down and shook her head. She expected as much—and more. Just at that moment in came the bachelor from over the way.

'Is anybody sick next door, ma'am?' he asked.

'Yes, sir; Dr. Ash was taken ill last night. Why?'

'I was playing 'We met, 'twas in a crowd,' late, feeling miserable, and I saw his servant come here, and saw you go in with her. What ailed him?'

'Now, sir, I can't tell you. I'm afraid I've been the innocent cause of future agony to the baker at the corner by telling him; if you'll excuse me, we'll say the doctor was imprudent.'

'I'm afraid I'm that myself ma'am,' he said, low-spiritedly; 'and lately I've got to feeling a pain here.' And he pointed in the region of his heart—that is, his left side where nobody's heart is, you know.'

'O! you play too vigorous, sir,' she said. 'I once knew a gentleman who played the fife lovely; but he died suddenly, sir, and the doctor who opened him told me he was as clear as a whistle inside, sir—his own identical words: 'clear as a whistle.' Everything had gone.'

'But I dare say he was a married man?'

'Yes, indeed! A blessed wife and twins!'

'Ah! That's the reason. I'll never die that way, ma'am—for there's no one to mourn for me. I'll keep on blowing till, after a while, you'll hear the echoes rolling in me, and I'll play the same tune twice at once, and one a bar behind the other.'

'O! gracious me!' she said, you'd better see a doctor.'

Then he shook his head sadly and went on.

She sat in the little shop an hour or more writing a long letter. She inked her fingers, said 'bother!' to the pen for spluttering, folded the letter crookedly, refolded it straightly, directed the envelope, put a stamp on the left hand corner, went out, dropped it in the box, and came to Dr. Ash's door, knocked, inquired how he did, and came home again. Then I think she was busy for quite a time as all such are.

Soon popped in the doctor, with a huge boquet in his hand.

'You