

Better or Worse.

Is a man a bit better?
For his board of golden gain,
For his acres and his palace,
Is his heart as cold as Luce—
Is a man a bit better?

Is a man a bit worse?
For a brow with marks of care,
Though he claims no lofty name,
If his heart be kind and gentle—
Is a man a bit worse?

Allow for the Crawl.

You have often, no doubt, had occasion to
note,
That the garment at first seemed certain
to please,
That, after some wearing, the sleeve of your
coat
Toward the shoulder was crawling by easy
degrees.

And that what the clothes, of course, had in
mind,
When he said to the customer, "Long
Not at all."
The sleeve is just right—as you'll presently
find.

In cutting a coat you allow for the crawl!
The expression was one which new to me
I then,
But now to me thinking how 'tis happens,
Not merely to coats, but to women and men,
In matters of life as they daily arise.

Consider the shrinkage in human affairs—
The promise long given, the performance
How small,
And, lest disappointment should come an-
swers,
Remember the sleeve, and "allow for the
crawl!"

The streamer who asks for your ballot to
save,
Our country, so rarely imported to-day,
May covet an office and not be a knave,
May traverse the three oposition may have
The platform "to which he so valiantly
clings.

By which he proposes to stand or to fall—
"Resolutions," remember, are slippery things,
And in politics always "allow for the crawl!"
You are deeply in love with the sweetest of
girls.

Whose dancing the height of your happi-
ness brings,
She looks like a queen in her beautiful curls,
Like a seraph she smiles, like a siren she
sings!

Alas! splendour and vast are the tangles of youth,
How quickly the plain faces they meet
Dissolve,
And happy the couple who, finding the truth,
In conjugal kindness "allow for the crawl!"

In love, recollect that in human affairs,
In social connections, in travel and trade,
In courtship and marriage, in serious and
trivial,
Some measure of concession must always be
made;

In love, be a prudent though generous man,
Unfriendly to none, and generous with all;
Believe in your neighbors as much as you can,
But always beware to "allow for the crawl!"
—John G. Saxe.

IN A MIRROR.

"Come now, Cousin Estey," we three girls
clamored, "a real story—one that
should school-days!"
"School-days?" said Cousin Estey,
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"I loved Alice at once; her manner was
so sweet and cordial, and she
seemed such a real lady. Though only
eighteen, she was taller than I, and I
thought I had never seen anything so
pretty as her bright hair and blue eyes."

"She was poorly dressed, but her
manner was so charming that no one
could fault her dress."

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sent her husband's invitation to Alice, and
believed this would afford a good
opportunity for sending her home.
But Alice had been told by her father,
and she would not consent to go.

"That same night I was taking tea in
Miss Lennox's room, when Dr. Bridge
called. He had just returned from a
visit to the hospital, and he had some
interesting news to tell me."

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London.—The following particulars about
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and who was distinguished by the Afghan
sultans as the 'Pasha of Kandahar,' are
given in a recent issue of the 'Standard.'
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Our Girls.
The Philadelphia maiden, ah!
They're worth their weight in silver,
They're worth their weight in gold,
And some men's hearts they hold.

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