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Portent.

WISHING.

'Of all the amusements of the mind, From logic down to fishing, There isn't one that is so good So very cheap as wishing! A very choice diversion, too, If you're but rightly so, And not, as they would do, Pervert it and abuse it.

THE HARVEST HYMN.

God of the rolling year! To Thee Our song shall rise, whose beauty pours, In many a goodly gift, with free And liberal hand, our autumn stores:

Miscellaneous.

A WIFE'S DOWER.

Everybody who knew John Gordon knew him to be one of the neatest and most contemptible men that ever was permitted to walk the earth. His brother Peter was not a whit better—so that it was not surprising that neanness ran in the blood of the family.

American Volunteer.

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CASTINGS OF PUNCH.

"'Ho couldn't sell it without your concurrence. Did you release your right to dower in the house?" "No, sir," Peter says I did, though, and shows me my name, duly witnessed, on the deed.

THE TWO ARMIES.

As Life's unending column pours, Two unwarlike hosts are seen; Two armies on the trampled shores That Death flows back between.

How to Obtain the Attention of Pupils.

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Odds and Ends.

A catastrophic occurred at a church in St. Catharines, Canada, West, on the Sabbath ago. One of the deacons, a man of splendid style, without accident to either himself, or her worshippers, attempted to enter a pew, but when the immense mass had been squeezed half way through, it was cut off by the pews, which, for a moment, were unavailing to move the crowd. The sexton—who is a colored man—and one of two of the church officers, perceiving her difficulty, resolved to relieve the distressing creature, but it was no use—she could neither get in nor out, so firmly was she wedged in. They tugged, and pulled, and heaved, until the sweat stood in large drops upon their foreheads, and went trickling down their noses in so beautiful a manner as to excite the sympathy of the congregation, and when the creature was at last extricated, she was almost to hope for relief, short of cutting away a good many feet of the pew, the colored gentleman's face suddenly lighted up with the idea, "let's cut her, boss—let's cut her!" and the poor thing, despite her exposed position, was cut accordingly, and a universal laugh from the congregation, and thus relieved from her troubles.