Full of more than young delight Now day and night are;

For the presence, then so bright, 'Is closer, brighter. In the haste of youth we miss Its best of blisses: Sweeter than the stolen kiss

Are the granted kisses. Dearer than the words that hide The love abiding Are the words that fondly chide

When love needs chiding. Higher than the perfect song For which love longeth Is the tender fear of wrong That never wrongeth.

She whom youth alone makes dear May a while seem nearer; Thou art mine so many a year,
The older, the dearer.

-Harper's Magazin

A Sad Case. - A very touching case of mental alienation in a charming young lady is described by a careful observer Not long ago her mother found her in her room energetically darning stockings, and soon she appeared in the kitch en and assisted that wondering dame in making and baking bread and pastry. Alarmed by these fearful signs of intellectual disorder, her fond parents immediately sent for a skillful physician who watched her through a keyhole while she sewed buttons on her father's garments and mended those of her little brother. Much affected the venerable man remarked that never, during a medical practice of twenty-five years, had he known any young person to manifest such symptoms as these. The most heart-rending phase of all, however was shown the other day when her kind father, with a faint hope of rousing her from her sad state, gave her \$200 and told her to buy a new dress. Alas! 'twas useless. She instantly observed that she didn't need a new dress and if he would let her keep \$25 to pay a poor widow's rent she would much rather he would take the rest of the money for himself. For a few moments that grief-stricken old gentleman gazed upon his helpless child, then hiding his face, muttered be tween his sobs, "Her mind is gone! her

A MISTAKEN IDEA.—It is singular to what an extent people believe happi ness depends on not being obliged to work. Girls are considered well married if their husbands are wealthy; and boys are considered provided for if enough can be left them for support and enough surplus to play business with. Bosh! Honest, hearty, content ed labor is the only source of happiness as well as the guaranty of life. Th gloom of misanthropy is not only the great destroyer of happiness we might have, but it tends to destroy life itself Idleness and luxury induce permanen decay much faster than many trades do which are regarded as most exhaustive to longevity. Labor in general, instead increases it.

mind is gone!"

A bore-the man who persists in talking about himself when you wish to talk about yourself.

A New York paper says the up-town cat neighborhoods are thick with boots and "shoos!"

A Vegetable of Prey .- Writing to the Minneapolis Tribune, a tourist describes the acquisition of that wonder of the vegetable world, the Dionæa Musipula or Venus' fly-trap. It was only a dried specimen, for the plant is a native of but a single locality on the face of the globe: the low, sandy savannas near Wilmington, N.C. It belongs to the small but remarkable class of plants which have the habit of feeding upon animals. In short, it is that phenomenon in nature: a carniverous vegetable. which will not thrive unless nurtured upon meat diet. The peculiar ingenuity of the contrivance by which it captures its prey is a distinguishing characteristic of this species. Each leaf is tipped with an appendage shaped like the oper covers of a book with the corners rounded and the edges fringed with stiff bristles. This proves a deadly trap to every insect that alights on it, for instantly on feeling the irritation, it shuts togeth er as if by a spring along the midrib, and, interlacing the bristles, holds the luckless victim until his struggles and life cease together. But this trick of flycatching is not practiced for wantonness merely. Strangest part of all the proceeding, as soon as the insect is inclosed in this living prison, from numerous minute glands immersed in the texture of the walls, the saliva-like liquid, a sort of gastric juice, is given out that moistens and dissolves all its soft parts, which are then taken into the system of the plant by absorption. When the nutritive portions of the insect have thus been consumed, the trap slowly uncloses and is ready for another action. This process is repeated with rapidity but once or twice, for, as in all cases Picture Frames where plants have the capacity of motion, the sinews of the leaf grow stiff with age, it loses its sensibilities and gradually decays.

A waggish journalist, who is often merry over his personal plainness, tells this story of himself: "I went once to a drug store for a dose of morphine for a sick friend. The night clerk objected to giving it to me without a prescription, fearing I was going to kill myself. 'Pshaw!' said I, 'do I look like a man steadily at me, he replied: 'I don't know. Seems to me, if I looked like you, I should be greatly tempted to kill myself."

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