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Selected Poetry.

THE OLD FARM HOUSE.
At the foot of the hill, near the old red mill,
I saw a white building, and I loved to dwell
In its quiet, shady spot, and I loved to dwell
When people thronged through the half dim view.
It stands a lonely, moss-grown, old,
And straying through an open door,
And strays plays on the open door.
The easy chair, all patched with care,
With velvet grain, in the old fireplace,
And the old clock ticks in the cottage hall,
And the pictures hang on the whitened wall,
More lovely still, on the window sill,
The daisy-like flowers rest,
While 'midst the leaves on the moss-grown
The martin builds her nest,
And all day long the summer breeze
Is whispering love to the beaded trees.
Over the door, all covered o'er
With a sack of dark-green bales,
I've watched the grass, and I've seen it told
In the events of other days,
And the powder flask, and the hunter's horn,
Have hung beside it for many a year.
For years have faded, with noisier tread,
Like fairy dreams away,
And in the night, all shorn of its might,
A Father-old and gray,
And the old man slopes in his easy chair,
Lightly, his footstep slides,
I have seen the grass, and I've seen it told
In the events of other days,
And the powder flask, and the hunter's horn,
Have hung beside it for many a year.

NO HERO AFTER ALL.
"Are you not going?" asked Helen on Denning's steps, in the cool of the evening, when Tom Ford stood staring abstractedly at the cloudless evening sky.
"Only trying to devise some new method of snuffing off the mortal coil," Tom answered, laying his lighted cigar on the railing beside him.
"Have matters reached such a desperate condition with you?" laughed his companion. "I should never have thought of you as a man who can humiliate himself in such a way. Yes, and I was going to add that I despise the woman who can take pleasure in seeing him do it."
"Heaven's mercy!" Tom replied, "I never had any such idea, and I am not about to play the part of a despairing lover. I could not haunt your footsteps for a smile, a look, or a dance attendance at parties and operas for the purpose of being seen and heard or picked up by your fan. I despise a man who can humiliate himself in such a way. Yes, and I was going to add that I despise the woman who can take pleasure in seeing him do it."
"Do you need to ask me why?" he rejoined. "What sort of a companion for Deno's friends should I be—a beggarly scribbler who barely keeps himself lodged and fed, and has no talent enough to enable him to hope for fame even when he is grizzled with age and has his hair white?"
"I have had my day here in this old farmhouse, without a rival to dread—with no soul to come between me and the sweetness of your companionship. I have had my full share of happiness, and I am not about to play the part of a despairing lover. I could not haunt your footsteps for a smile, a look, or a dance attendance at parties and operas for the purpose of being seen and heard or picked up by your fan. I despise a man who can humiliate himself in such a way. Yes, and I was going to add that I despise the woman who can take pleasure in seeing him do it."
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MISCELLANEOUS.

OLD MAGGIE AND THE BURGLARS.
"You are not afraid, Maggie?" "No, I am not," she replied, her face pale but her eyes bright. "I do not fear you with me. As for the house, it's the strongest, fastened over I was in. You say yourself there is no lock a burglar could force, and I am not the one to let traps or the like in of my feet will God know the place will be safe enough when you come back—as though there were a regiment of soldiers in it; and I'll have all bright for your new wife, Mr. Archibald."
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THE UNDER SIGNED ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.
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