Poetry. The Old Man goes to School.

I know I'm too old to learn, wife ; m; lessons and tasks are done.

The dews of life's evening glisten in th light of life's setting sun.
To the grave by the side of my father they'll carry me soon away : But I wanted to see how the world have grown, so I hobbled to school to day.

I could have told 'twas a school horse, it towered up to the skies.
I gazed on the noble structure 'till dim

mer grew these old eyes.

My thoughts went back to the log house the school house of years ago.
Where I studied and remped with the mer ry boys who sleep where the dalsies

I was started out of my dreaming by the tones of its mouster bell. On these ears that are growing deaf the I entered the massive door, and eat in the proffered chair.

An old man wrinkled and gray in the midst of the young and fair. Like a garden of blooming roses the echool-room appeared to me -The children were all so tidy, their faces

The children were as of full of gice

They stared at me when I entered, then broke through the whispering rule. And said, with a smile to each othe "The old man's coming to school-

When the county here was new, and I was a scholarlad.
Our reading, writing and spelling were about all the studies we had:
We cleared up the farm through the sum-

mer, then traveled through wood and snow To the log-house in the opening-the school house of years ago.

Now, boys go to school in palaces, and study bard Latin and Greek; They are taught to write scholarly essays, They are taught to write scholarly essays, and drilled on the stage to appear. They grinto the district happer, but come out through the college spout; And this is the way the schools of our land are grinding our great men out

Let them grind ! let them grind, dear wife ! the world needs the good and true . Let the children out of the old house and

welcome them into the new;

ill cheerfully pay my taxes, and say to
the age of mind.

All aboard! all aboart! go sheed and leave the old man behind !

Our system of public schools is the au-tion's glory and crows; May the arm be palsied, ever, that is litted to tear it down.

I've seen to day ; Where the Musters of masters teachethwhere the schulars never grow old -From glory to glory I'll climb, in the

beautiful college of gold Beleet Tale.

COUSIN ALMA.

BY BELLE MONTICELLO.

with its broad piazzas extending the submit!" entire length of the bailding, the

chirping and twittering as if in an- for either one, on refusing to comswer to the merry swallows that flew ply with his request, forfeits all past the open window, busily en claim on his property. But he tells gaged in building their nests under |me that she, being very much im-

the city for two years or more, but replied George. "She may not be his friend entered the room a few affected I do not think my immuspent several months of each year what your imagination has predict- moments after. with his parents.

been telling her that the women my bride, or I must bid adien to my come, were all humbugs, and that it would once fair prospects and begin life. The be policy to have them transported anew. But it grows late i' saying ed, smiling and rubbing his bands. to the Fiji islands, where it would which they arose and retired to be impossible for them to practice their separate rooms, their arts of witchery.

They did not see the little figure

blue eyes sparkling with mischief, concealed, or they would have re-ber ruby lips parted in a silvery cognized Consin Alma.







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has been a long time since you have ant afternoon. She was gathering have been the cause of my sorrow."

who from astonishment had remain- he succeeded in bringing her to the speech, saying which, he left the I have."

thought, as he gazed, that never be- and suggested that they return to door and handed him a note from

They sat thus talking until suppor was announced. Alms did not appear at the table,

After suppor, George led the way to the cozy library, "where they would not be distarbed," he said—and, although Walter would have preferred the society of Coasin Alms, he had not the courage to express his preference—he followed in the support of the said and the support of the said and the control of the said and the courage to express his preference—he followed in the said and the control of the seven, none the in instronce folds around her grace full form. A veil of misty lace cover of the 41 unbrella a whird our attention to him, and began the said to the with all the cover of the 41 unbrella a whird our attention to him, and began to the said to the with all the cover of the 41 unbrella a whird our attention to him, and began to the said to the with all the cover of the 41 unbrella a whird our attention to him, and began to the said to the with all the vin of so old fashioned by the slight to fire We hay that upon the said in the said. In the said that you consider our marriage a mockery; that you are dream a few days later by 41ha declaring her intention of going home.

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Walter's three months' probation was rapilly drawing to a close. He must soon awake from his blissful allow sweet voice that thrilled him allow the said in th

Our system of public schools is the ax hole glory and erows; where the sign of the entire business at his large of the entire business at you must embitter your whole life wishes," How hard I never knew until to "I will write at once. She will quired about his blasted hopes, to Because she is some thing to cuole, very thick skin and blant claws we day I' thinking of Alma as he surely release me. We will be hap

spoke What is this whim!" asked as you imagino. '

"As 1 imagine !" echoed Walter, devoured its contents. "Can it be otherwise? Nay, it is "Oh. heavens! this is too much! cruel to try to wreck one's whole pressing his hand to his throbbing life in order to please an old man's brow. "Alma! Alma! lost to me fancy. He has ordained that I shall forever !" It was a large, old-fashioned farm marry, and has seen fit to select the house, but very pleasant it seemed, bride, and, by heavens, I will not asked the cause of his sorrow.

"Who is the fair lady ?" narrow paned windows set in deep. "A Miss Vane, daughter of Ger- you." oaken frames, and although it was ald Vane, an old classmate of his. Ta late spring they were still shaded by who dying years ago, left her in read as follows : tich crimson curtains. The large uncle's charge. I have never met bay-window was filled with rare her, and, to escape this meeting, I plants, freighting the atmosphere came down here. Her father left been with their fragrance.

A cage of canaries bung near, mercy of the old tyrant, as well; her no property, and she is at the

only son of Squire Darrell, few paltry dollars. Never!"

George had been practicing law in "But you have never seen her,"

lonely to him, having no sister to all claim to her, and told uncle so, knew it. I say it is too bad for due to a certain moral grandeur and keep from kissing her.

If sank 200 feet in the ocean, will brighten it with her presence, and but he says unless the marriage is you to leave so suddenly. Can't integrity that has always marked my

American woman est more carely not rise, on account of the presence. he hailed with delight the arrival of consumated, his money shall go to a you stay another week !" a distant consin whose visit was un- foundling hospital, and holds out expected. She was now seated in a the idea to me that it would be cru bation has almost expired. I must of journalism, a training that has large arm-chair near him, and, in el in me to refuse, saying she would return and claim my bride. From developed in me an almost uncontaining that has seven their superior sweetness. true girlish fashion, was teasing him be left to the cold charities of the now the preparations are made to querable aversion to giving up anymost unmercifully. "Don't, Cousin Alma!" he cried, beg or starve. He takes a fiendish he said, bitterly, as she pelted him with the flowers delight in termenting me, and I alwith which her lap was filled, trying most believe she is in league with hurried away

to shield himself with his newspaper, him. However, he has given me On his arrival home, he hastened "I'll take it all back and declare three months grace, at the end of to his room, and, ringing for a sernever said it," for be had just which time Miss Vane must become vant, bade him tell his uncle he had

their arts of witchery.

She was in the act of again deas it emerged from behind the heavy luging him with a floral shower, her crimson curtains where it had been ture bride. She is doubtless im- this world gathering a handful of extent the other ond of his form car the world.

"Welcome to Darrell farm! It they were sailing together one pleas- less dream of love, and those who

py vet, darling," he crie I hopefully. Walter awaited impatiently the George. "It may not be se foolish answer to his letter. At last it came. Engerly he tore it open and The Hawkeye Man on Lake Ontario

"Uncle was right, after all,

ike Ningara Palls.

It takes everything you have.

At least it took everything the ex-

cursioin-ts had. Talk about easing your brend up-

term implies in all his life,

own words.

in thought.

errors but justifies none.

thorns to sit upon,

Complaint against fortune is often

Alma, appearing at that moment,

Pointing to the letter he had cast aside, "Read that, and it will tell and I saw one man pay 75 cents for baby nicer than any other woman's persoverance in crossing the river Taking the little missive, she

him two weeks.
It didn't last him five minutes. Ma, Howart -I bare no desire to dies obey your uncle's commants, as he has gaue in all my life, been very kind to me, nor do I intend to One very hale yours. forfeit the advantages that will be derive

ed from our union therefore, I shall ex-pect you to tulfil, your part of the con-tract. Your uncle bids me say that he desires your presence at once. Respectfully, A. D. VANE. bids me say that be Dropping the note into his hand, wat rs, and I am a singer if he didn't led for the reducion of postage mone

signed in binding their design of the benches that ran along the idea of having to wed such a de scended to the breakfast-room with the locked wretched.

In lact, it was the wreter of the west manifer the locked wretched.

"Impossible. My term of pra-

Wringing his friend's hand, he

"I am glad, nephew, that you have come to your senses at last a masked apology for indelence. Make yoursolf presentable, and allow me to present you to your fue

patient to see you."

"Uncle," replied Walter, solemnly, He that studies books alone laugh: her yellow hair, excepted from its confinement, was thrown back from her snowy brow and rippled over her shoulders.

George, peopling up from behinds his newspaper, was admiring her loveliness, when they were both asserted by the sharp c for of the startled by the sharp c for one who in the that studies books alone will have been the the that studies books alone will have been the that studies boo

' I want to see if there's anybody

taking the proffered seat.

'To what circumstance am I indebtest, then, for this visit?'

'I suppose, Barrell, I might as
well make a clean breast of it; re
here goes: You are aware that
Uucle Marmaduke has always given
me to suppose that I was to be his
sole heir, and has fitted me to take
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Why is a young wife like a hinge.

conese, and after the cermony inwhich Walter langhingly responded. The young man of the period is were led to believe that he was very

had crossed the take twenty times. A little miss at 100g branch just and had never been sick, in all the less than six dresses which cost \$80 the skin on our backs we dump-In ten minutes I saw that young spices. In ten minutes I saw that young sprees.

Of all the various methods propositived arms and legs and a fair wind-

throw up everything he had in the are more practical than this: Get married.

enough for building purposes mity from the prevailing distemper

The highest ambilion to which some men ever aspire, is to be able

to pick their tooth in front of the He who often swears distrusts his leading hotel of the city in which they Be great in act, as you have been summer. They had two snowstorms

> began A mule's head does not contain a brain capable of culture and refined in his pocket owns a oven which he

be reared.

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Before she had time to retreat, Alma found herself face to face with the young gentleman, a stranger to the young gentleman, a stranger to herself but not to George, who sprung quickly to his feet, exclaiming! "Walter Howell! from what cloud have you dropped!"

Grasping his hand cordially, he glanced upward as if in search of the supposed cloud.

The description of the Miss Vane, and tell her for me, that I will never look upon the hated face To-morrow the her be veiled, and deeply, that I may not be able to see the face of one who is the destroyer of my life's prevail on him to accompany them.

Walter was not aware how dear I shall sail for some distant country. Walter was not aware how dear I shall sail for some distant country. Alma had grown to him until as where I will try to forget my hope
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Alma had grown to him not look prevail a finite provent shall be co opposite side we saw that, as we honored it with your presence. Not since we were college clums togeth er, ch?"

Then turning to his fair cousin.

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The turning turning turning to his turning to his turning turnin had suspected, there was a little body of water between the sand bar "Cau,t pass without a licket, mad- and the shore, Very soon we sighted a fine erocodile, basking in the rays who from astonishment had remainod motionless, looking more like a
shore. He was sitting on the bank
statue of Flora than a living woman,
be said: "Cousin Alma, my friend,
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he said: "Cousin Alma, my friend,
kissing the pullid cheeks, when
George, who had been a witness to

He was sitting on the bank
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he arrayed himself for the ordeal.

The next morning dawned bright
and glorious, as if meeking his
doom, so thought Walter ill well as
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are very strict.

"I tell you I want to send word to
my darter!" she exclaimed, adjusts
he great reptile as fast as possible,
taking a leantage of some little ridgtaking a leantage of some little ridg-A servant tapped lightly at the of the officers.

Or and handed him a note from "Yes, but we can't help that," you es and depressions in the said. But fore had be seen a creature of such the house and seek proper restoratives.

Miss Vane, saying that she was rare loviness. "Miss Darrell, I vives.

Taking his precious barden in his brary, where she wished a few morn derstand that I've got a dater in quickly slid into the water and inclination of her stately heal, answered in the afficuative; then, exsared him that she had only fainted
casing berself, immediately withUnder proper management Mrs.

Taking his precious berden in this brary, where she wished a text and
the first and that I've got a dater in questy she into the water and
port Marsa, and she's get a baby disappeared. Just then we came in
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coremony. drew, leaving them to talk over their college pranks and enjoy their fragrant eigars.

Cater proper management Ms.

It state obeying at a said her werd in spine of all the gates in this depet, wondered why he had not taken as strong and well as ever, none the in lastrous folds around her grace.

She give the 41 unbreba a whirit our attention to him, and began

ma, he had not the courage to express his preference—he followed in silence.

"Way couldn't you have told a fellow you was coming, and not take one so by surprise?" asked Googe, throwing himself to one whom he throwing himself into an easy chair, and passing snother toward his friend.

"The fact is, Darrell, that I knew would be able to support a wife?" Alma? I was about it myself until as hour previous to my departure— I consider the thingest of the throught of taking the proffered seat.

"Almost crazed at the thought of taking the proffered seat."

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"Alma? my beloved Alma?" he and if it be true that actions speak hourse kind of sure that, while welding me, want belongs wholly to ansother. It is rather late to say what leads which to say what leads to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to look at my face ore you would be able to succeeded in would lead me to the alter, then, there is the belongs wholly to ansother. It is rather late to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to look at my face ore you would lead me to the alter, then, there is the weather changes cold, but I and prevent its gaming the water, for their was a dou't believe it. I will release you what I am going to, but if you will consent to look at my face ore you would lead me to the alter, then, while welding me, the college which the sead to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to, but if you will consent to say what I am going to he tall of the reptile when to the same or created the dou't believe it. I was I am going to, but if you will consent to say wh

one whose career has come to a full old, and had probably attained his full growth We found that one ball. bad struck has in the neck but A Texas dog ate up eight dollars missing the corvical vertebrae, and Lake Ontario, I observed, is just worth of postage stamps to that the other entered his shoulder. Why ther close. he did not take to the water when essaul depart. I was sell and examA wag says that the best dentists he was so able to draw was a mass arrange arrange paralasing sarrange. A wag says that the best dentists in the world are dogs. Because they tery to us. We removed the skin as quickly as possible, folded it into a Tak about easing your bread apon the waters!

Support was served upon the boar and I saw one man pay 75 cents for boby nicerthan any other woman's a support that ought to have lasted him two weeks.

It didn't last him five minutes.
I never saw such rockless extravational may be such as future in which they may do well.

In the morning a chromo now to the woman's busy nicerthan any other woman's busy.

If there is a past in which mon have have hope. If there is a past in which they fore we had got across he remarked that it was harder to take may do well.

In the morning backets across the desert to the cance. Then we thought that our dogged in the morning had been rewarded. On returning J—generously offer have done itled to take the front seat, and before the cancel of the property of the cancel of the ed it into Captain Ricca's boat and

Some Cuntous Faces - If a musket ball be fired into water it will not A grocer had a pound of sagar only rebound, but be fistened; if his valise.

"George, you will bid Miss Darrell good-by for me," he said, as

In fact, it was the wretchedest time I ever saw anywhere.

I am proud to say that I was not save the property of the ball much said, as without cracking the glass; if the Here are two things a fellow glass be suspended by a thread it "Consin Alma went off on the was owing to any superior physical can't do at the same time -- bold will make no difference, and the The old house seemed dull and "Nevertheless, I would relinquish train last night. I thought you qualities on my part. I think it was a good-looking girl on his lap and three will not even wibrate. Cork, actions, and also, is a goost part, to than all the other women in the of water. In the Artic my rigid training in the high schools world put together, the New York when the thermometer is below zero, that be heard every word of a ser mon at the distance of two miles.

Never go sailing with children. There is sure to be a squall before you return.

Can anybody tell why it is that Costom may lead a man into many and half a discon frosts out there when a man borrows your lead already since the heated term pencil he immediately rams it into his mouth.

Many a man who has not a cent How many people are busy in rearing, but it is wonderful to what would not allow you to step on for Home can never be transferred-

A gentleman who went out fishing never repeated in the experience of

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