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Poetry.

TO-DAY.

The hours of rest are over,
The hours of toil begin;
The stars above have faded,
The moon has ceased to shine;
The earth puts on her heavy
Beneath the sun's red eye;
And I must rise to labor,
What is the work to-day?

Hold Fast to Faith.

On the journey of life, outstretching before us,
May the emblem of faith be fixed to our breast;
For the skies that to-day hang pleasantly o'er us
May bring with the morrow the bitterest test.
Our path though to-day be a garden of roses,
To-morrow may lie through hedges of thorns;
For whatever we plan fate often dispenses
And we reap in disaster our fondest desires.

—Howard N. Fuller.

Select Tale.

Blake's Widow.

Jem Blake was shot dead in his own doorway by Antonio Gueldo, and the trial was to come off directly.
The extraordinary interest in the affair was less due to the murder and its peculiar circumstances, than to the fact that this was the first trial at San Sada in any more formal court than the time honored institution of Judge Lynch. Jem had been a good neighbor, with a hand always ready to help one who was luck, so public sentiment ran pretty high in favor of Antonio. If the general inclination had been followed—as up to that time it always had—the last named gentleman would have found very scant opportunity to make any remarks in his own behalf.

and it wouldn't do to hang Antonio without a regular trial no matter how agreeable such a proceeding might be to the people at large.
So ran the opinion expressed by Judge Pibaldo, whose ideas on such subjects were usually accepted without comment.
Nevertheless there was more than one dissenter in the present instance to whom it was by no means clear that there could be any sense or profit in thus besting about the bush.
"Of course every body wants to hang Antonio," said the judge, "but why don't we hang him?"
This was the pertinent query of Jake Smith, the leader of the opposing faction and the view of the question put it in so clear a light that the judge had great difficulty in impressing people with his conviction. He said that things had gone in an irregular way long enough; and here was a way to start the law in properly, and give it a fair show. Besides, it didn't make any kind of difference; Antonio had shot Jem, hadn't he? Well, then, what was the use of talking! All the jury would have to do was to return their verdict of guilty in the first degree, and there you were all comfortable.
It was just the same thing in the end—exactly.
"I tell yer," said the judge, who felt the weight of his title, albeit the same was altogether one of courtesy; "I tell yer there's nothin' like doin a thing reg lar partikularly when yer know just how it's comin out."

but it was accompanied by a shake of the head.
Jake bent down, and with big forefinger, so he rumbled the hair of the baby's head; then he went back and let them Blake's widow sitting as he had found her, and the baby staring down the path after him.
He walked on until he reached the top of the little hill, where he could look down upon the roof which covered the piteous scene he had just left. Here he seemed to have half a mind to turn back, for he hesitated and stood, but he changed his partial intention after lingering a moment and walked meditatively onward, with the exclamation, "Wall some women do beat the dickens anazin'."

Antonio talked and laughed in an under tone with his counsel, and Blake's widow sat staring at them with compressed lips, and a strong expression of determination coming into her face.
It wasn't long before the jury filed in again, all seating themselves but the spokesman, and Judge Pibaldo rose wiping his forehead with his shirt sleeve.
"Straitened it out, have yer?" he asked, nodding to the spokesman.
The man nodded slowly in return.
"Wall, he's here it then," said the spokesman, with a hesitating and disappinted air, "of yer hadn't a corralled us with stickin' ter the evidence, we might a done better, but accordin' ter that, Antonio wasn't there when the murder was done, an' if he wasn't there, he couldn't a done it, an' if he didn't do it, why—then—of course, he's—not guilty."

Johnson's Witness.
A farmer named Johnson was on trial before a Detroit Justice the other day for assault and battery, and when the prosecution had finished he put a little old man of about 65 on the stand as a witness. The lawyer began:
"What is your name?"
"If you'll tell me your name I'll tell you mine!" was the prompt answer.
"Where do you reside?"
"I won't answer no such foolish questions! I've paid taxes in this county for fifty years, and I won't be talked to as if I was a child."

A Thief's Story.
A New York thief recently made the following confession:
"The way we worked was this, and the plan is mine. It is a good one and I naturally feel some pride in its invention. We took adjoining rooms in a hotel—say the Fifth Avenue or some other first class hotel. We never did it at the Fifth Avenue, but we would have done it in course of time. Having secured our rooms and seeing that they were nicely located, we installed ourselves. I made myself up to look like a well-to-do country merchant and went down. I looked into one or two jewelry stores until I found the one to suit me. When I found it I went in and looked over the stock. Satisfying myself that I could suit myself there, I went away, promising to call again. I would call again the next day, and would purchase probably \$3,000 or \$4,000 worth of goods. These I would order sent to my hotel, with the bill. Then I went to the hotel, and telling the clerk at the office if any one came for me to send him to my room, I would go there myself. Locked in my room I set to work to prepare for the arrival of the goods. I took the back out of the bureau and put the bureau against the door leading into the adjoining room. My partner cut out a panel from the door, and by that means had access to the bureau drawers. Then I fixed my table, piled it high with letters and writing material, and when the man arrived with the goods I was very busy. When he entered I asked him to sit down. After a bit, as soon as I had finished my letter, I turned to him and asked if he had the invoice with him. Of course he had. I would take it, examine it and ask if the goods corresponded with it. Then we would call off the items, he taking the bill and I the goods. As he called off the goods I put them into a drawer in the bureau and closed it. My partner had it instantly. When we were finished I closed all the drawers and invited him to the table, where I proceeded to write him a check. He would refuse, saying it was after banking hours, to which I of course replied by pulling out my watch and coinciding with him. Then I asked him to wait a moment while I went down stairs and got the money for him. He would not refuse that; I was almost too reasonable. There was the bureau and there were the drawers; to be sure, his goods were there almost in his presence. I went down stairs and walked off; my friend had long ago done likewise, and we left the poor fellow in the room waiting our return. My partner and I had joined company long before the salesman suspected he was sold, and we were estimating or dividing the value of our purchase."

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