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Poetry.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

In Genesis the world began, 'Twas then that God created man. In Exodus the law was given, As Israel's guide from earth to heav'n. Leviticus, from Levi's name, The tribe from which the priesthood came. Then Numbers tells about the way— What God would have us do and say. Deuteronomy, which means "twice told," The truth, once learned, must ne'er grow old. When Joshua came, in Moses' place, When Law had failed, God brought in Grace. He next by Judges Israel ruled: His love toward them never cooled. And then, the story sweet of Ruth, Foreshadows very precious truth. In Samuel First we read of Saul— The people's King—his rise and fall. In Second Samuel then we hear Of David—man to God so dear. In First of Kings the glory filled The temple Solomon did build. And Second Kings records the lives Of Prophets, Kings, their joys and wives. In First of Chronicles we're shown The house of David and his throne. And Second Chronicles records King Solomon's good deeds and words. Then Ezra built God's house again, Which had for long in ruins lain. And Nehemiah builds the wall 'Round Judah's City, great and tall. Then Esther, Jewish maid and wife, Raised up to save her people's life. And Job—his patience sorely tried— At last God's dealings justified. Then comes the Psalms, whose sacred page Is full of truth for every age. The Proverbs, which the wise man spoke For all who will their teachings take. Ecclesiastes show how vain The very best of earthly gain. The Song how much we need to prize The treasure set above the skies. Isaiah, first of prophets, who Foretells the future of the Jew. Then Jeremiah, scorned by foes, Yet weeps for faithless Israel's woes. The Lamentations tell, in part, The sadness of this prophet's heart. Ezekiel tells, in mystic story, Departing and returning glory. Then Daniel, from the lion's den, By power Divine, is raised again. Hosea shows the father's heart Sogrieved for sin on Ephraim's part. And Joel tells of judgment near; The wicked nations quake and fear. Then Amos, from the herdsmen sent, Calls hardened sinners to repent. In Obadiah, Edom's fall Contains a warning word to all. Jonah, though prophet of the Lord, Yet fled to Tarshish from his word. Then Micah sings in sweetest lays The glory of millennial days. And Nahum tells the fear and gloom Of Nineveh and of her doom. Habakkuk, though the fig-tree fail, His faith and trust in God prevail. Then Zephaniah tells of grace, And love that comes in judgment's place. In Haggai in the latter days Speaks, "Consider well your ways." In Zechariah's wondrous book We find eight visions, if we look. Then Malachi, the last of all, Speaks sadly still of Israel's fall.

Select Tale.

THE SKELETON OF MRS. FITZ JAMES. Jim Mulligan was a self made man, and he always boasted that he was not "born with a silver spoon in his mouth," yet, with the inconceivable amount of money he had made, he had changed the name of Mulligan to that of James and called his good wife, Mary Ann, Marianna. One warm afternoon, Mrs. Fitz James and her intimate friend, Mrs. Jones, were sitting in the garden enjoying the cool breeze. Suddenly

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the sound of a fish horn was heard, and Mrs. Fitz James' florid complexion assumed a ghastly pallor. Mrs. Seymour inquired if she was ill. She replied that she was in excellent health, but a sound of a fish horn always affected her unpleasantly. As the well-known cry of "Mackerel," was heard, her agitation became painful to witness, and she implored her friends to accompany her to the drawing room. There was evidently a mystery connected with the fish-horn. The next morning Mrs. Fitz James arose very early; by seven o'clock she was sitting in the garden. Once more she heard the mournful cry. "Mackerel!" draw nearer and nearer, until a fish cart stood before the door. The vendor looked up and beheld the portly form of Mrs. Fitz James.

Then he approached the house, "My sister Mary Ann, by jingo!" "Bill Stokes," was the answer, in tones of agony, "for mercy's sake don't speak so loud! You may be overheard." "And suppose I am?" was the rejoinder. "But you are not pleased to see me. Ever since my arrival in Liverpool I have been trying to discover where it was you lived; and now I have succeeded you appear to be ashamed of your brother."

"It is true," was the reply of Mrs. Fitz James, "that we are relatives, but are our social relations. I am wealthy, and have fashionable friends who would cut my acquaintance if they knew of my low origin; therefore, I implore you never to sell fish in this neighborhood, or to blow your horn in this street; for the blood curdles in my brain every time I hear the awful sound. Take this five pound note; I will pay you the same amount weekly if you promise never to betray our relationship."

"Keep your money, woman!" was the indignant reply. "I am not ambitious to claim kindred with such a cold-hearted wretch. It is true, I am not a gentleman; but remember, although you are rich, you are not a lady. If ever you become poor, your refined friends will not associate with you, and you may yet be glad to acknowledge the fish vendor as your brother." Bill Stokes then departed, and much to Mrs. Fitz James' disgust, blew his horn with renewed vigor, and cried "Mackerel," in louder tones than ever. Prosperity had hardened Mrs. Fitz James' heart; yet her conscience reproached her when she reflected that she had disowned her brother, whose only sin was that of being a costermonger.

But she was fashionable and it was impossible for her to acknowledge such a low connection. If was very sultry and Bill Stokes was exhausted when his day's work was over. As he approached his humble dwelling he blew a loud blast on his horn; but now it was a welcome sound, for it announced to his wife and child the coming of the one they loved. But the father missed the little face at the window that always greeted him. His heart sank as he opened the door, for his wife was bending over the sick bed of the boy. He lost all hope when his wife whispered that the child was suffering from that dreadful malady, diphtheria. He endeavored to appear cheerful, sat down and tried to eat; but the food choked him, and he pushed the plate away.

Spoopendyke's Baby.

How that Gentleman Behaved on the Occasion of an Addition to the Family.

"Well, well, well," said Mr. Snoopendyke, with a grin that involved his whole head, and an effort at a tip-toe tread that shook the whole house, "and so it's a girl, my dear." Mrs. Snoopendyke smiled faintly and Mr. Snoopendyke picked up his babies.

"It's the image of you," she said, regarding with some trepidation Mr. Snoopendyke's method of handling the infant. "I don't see how you make that out," said Mr. Snoopendyke gravely. "I don't know when my nose looked like the thumb part of a boiled lobster claw. Do I understand you that my eyes bear any resemblance to the head of a screw?"

"I mean the general features," murmured Mrs. Snoopendyke. "The general features seem to be all mouth," retorted Mr. Snoopendyke, examining his acquisition. "If our general features are at all alike, my visage must remind you of an earthquake. Hi! kitchee! kitchee! What makes her fold her feet like that?"

"She can't help it," reasoned Mrs. Snoopendyke. "They'll straighten out in time." "No time like the present," quoted Mr. Snoopendyke, and he took his daughter's feet and commenced pulling her legs. "I don't want any hand-legged first in this family while I'm at the head of it."

Naturally the baby began to cry and Mr. Snoopendyke essayed to soothe it. "Hi! kitchee! kitchee! kitchee!" he chirruped. "Great Scott, what a cavern! Any idea how much this mouth weighs? Hi! kitchee! kitchee! You'll have to get that mouth rooted in before cold weather. What's the matter with her, anyway?"

"Perhaps you hurt her. Let me take her, please," pleaded helpless Mrs. Snoopendyke. "She is doing well enough. Hi! you! Hold up! Haven't you anything to catch this mouth in? It's spilling all over the neighborhood. Hi! Topsy. Genevieve. Cleopatra, dry up! I'm going to have trouble breaking this young one's temper. I can see that. Here! bend the other way once!" and Mr. Snoopendyke tried to straighten up his off-spring, with vent avail.

"Let her come to me, do, please," moaned Mrs. Snoopendyke, and Mr. Snoopendyke was forced to hand her over. "Well, that's a quiet baby," said he, nursing his knee and eyeing the infant. "What are those bumps over its eyes for? What propensities of intelligence do they represent?"

"You musn't talk so," remonstrated Mrs. Snoopendyke. "She is the handsomest child you ever saw." "Well, she's got to stop biting her nails before she goes any further with this procession. Here, take your hands out of your mouth, can't you? Why don't you put her hands down?"

Somes Foolish Thing.

Talking slang. Praising yourself. Wearing tight shoes. Tramping for a living. Borrowing newspapers. Getting mad at nothing. Kissing puddles in public. Living beyond your income. Trying to "cream" school children. Sleeping away the early morning hours.

Hunting for white-handed employment. Counting your money before its earned. Trying to do business without advertisement. Marrying a man for his splendid moustache. Endorsing notes for friends and acquaintances. Thinking it don't pay to economize in trifles. Playing the gallant to every woman but your wife.

Expecting to have money without working for it. Leaving off heavy fannels too early in the season. Wasting your smiles on every man but your husband. Lending an umbrella without biding it an eternal adieu. Exposing your ignorance by pretending to know everything. Moping through life when its just as easy to dance through it.

Getting married in live haste and repenting at dead leisure. Judging a man by the cut of his coat or a woman by the shade of her complexion. Envying other people their wealth when you might be hearing a plea for yourself. Falling in love with a woman's hair or teeth before you find out how much she paid for them.

Joining so many lodges and church societies that you have no time to become acquainted with your family. Turning up your nose at ordinary ways of earning an honest livelihood and waiting for some genteel job to turn up. Jumping at the conclusion that because you come of respectable stock, you won't die in the poor house, if you fail to provide more comfortable quarters elsewhere.—Albany Press.

It's All Right. A citizen of Detroit entered a Michigan avenue grocery the other day and said he wanted a private word with the proprietor. When they had retired to the desk he began:

"I want to make confession and reparation. Ever you remember of my buying sugar here two or three days ago?" "I do." "Well, in paying for it I worked off a counterfeit quarter on the clerk. It was a mean trick, and I came to tender you good money."

"Oh, don't mention it," replied the grocer. "But I want to make it right." "It's all right—all right. We know who passed the quarter on us, and that afternoon when your wife sent down a dollar bill and wanted a can of sardines I gave her that bad quarter with her change. Don't let your conscience trouble you at all—it's all right."

The short crop will make a corner on tobacco, and some speculative dealers will bite off more than they can chew. A little boy was asked by his mother to take a powder that he had prepared for him. "Bowder! powder!" said he. "Why mother, I'm not a gun."

What animal took the most luggage into the ark, and which took the least? The elephant, who took the trunk; while the fox and the rooster had only a comb and a brush between them. A teacher asked the smallest boy in the class: "Who was it that said 'It is not good for a man to be alone?'" The lad answered: "Daniel, sir; when he was in the lion's den." "Come, Robert, get up," said a father to his son, the other morning. "Remember that it is the early bird that catches the worm." "What do I care for worms?" replied the young hopeful. "Mother won't let me go a fishing."

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A Trifle Mixed. A fashionable young lady visited a cooking school the other afternoon, where her attention was equally divided between a new dress worn by an acquaintance and the directions for making a cake, upon returning home she undertook to write down the recipe for the cake for her mother, and the old lady was paralyzed when she read. "Take two pounds of flour, ten rows of ploating down the front, the whites of two eggs cut bias, a pint of milk, ruffled around the neck, half pound of currants with seven yards of best trimming graded lemon peel with Spanish lace fichu, stir wall and all a semi fitting pailot with visite sleeves, button the pan with Brazilian topaz necklaces, garnish with icing and jotted passementerie, bake in a moderately hot oven until the overskirt is tucked from the waist down on either side and finish with large satin bows." Her mother said she wouldn't eat such a cake and she thought these new fangled ideas in cooking ought to be frowned down.

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