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Poetry.

A TANGLED SKEIN.

Life is but a tangled skein, Fall of trouble, toil and travail, Knots that puzzle heart and brain. We must study to unravel; _ Slowly, Slowly,

Bending lowly O'r our task and trusting wholly Unto Him, whose loving hand Helps us smooth each twisted strand.

In our hands at early morn, And at night when darkness lingers, Still the distaff must be borne, While the thread slips through or

fingers Lightly, lightly, Twisting tightly Colors that shall gleam out brightly When the fabr o feels the strain Of misfortune grief and pain.

He who lack of skill or thought Is in awkwardness betraving. Will the lines of grace distort. By the friction surely fraying

Thread so tender Fine and slender. Stands accused as an offender, And himself alone must blame For the knots that gave his shame

Some may wind a silken thread, Soft and smooth and beautiful; Others flax may hold instead, Or the coarse and shaggy wool; But if ever

Our endeavor From the stains of sin to sever. We may weave them bright and fair In the robes that angels wear.

Life's a complex skein indeed, Full of trouble, toil and travail. More than human help we need All its mazes to unravel,

Slowly, slowly, Bending lowly O'er our task, and trusting wholly In God's love, we patience gain As we wind the tangled skein.

DAILY DYING.

The maple does not shed its leaves In one tempestuous scarlet rain. Butsoftly, when th' sout a win I grieves Slow, wondering o'er wood and plain, One by one they waver through The indian summer's hazy blue, And drop at last on the forest mold. Coral, and ruby, and burning gold.

Our death is gradual like these, We die with every waning day: There is no waft of sorrow's breeze But bears some heart-leaf slow away!

Up and on to the vast To Be, Our life is going eternally! Less of life than we had last year Throbs in your veins, and throbs in mine,

But the way to heaven is growing And the gates of the city fairer shine,

Wide they will open for you and me

For The Post.

REBEL PRISONS.

BY DR. R. ROTHROCK.

The prison at Andersonville was situated on two hillsides, and thro' branch, as it was called. There en-it had all been trampled out consolate, and crestfallen. Our squads were ordered to take Those who could summon the ween the brook, or branch, on the comfortable circumstances. north side, and was used by the ecome pestilent with a dreadful

we lay down in the rain and dirt, on the filthy hill-side, to endeavor to get rest. But when sleep visited us, it was with an accompaniment of horrid dreams and fancies, more than realized in the horrors of the future, and familiar now, more or less, to the whole civilized world.

With burdened bearts we relized how hard was our position.

The first morning after our arrival about twenty pounds of bacon and a bushel of Indian meal was given me to distribute among ninety

We had no wood to cook with when two of my comrades, with my-

on got some johnny-cake made.

on and and rain, and thue settled in this manner.







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down, experiencing the common life of hunger and privations of pris-

with readiness to their circumstan- rations for the whole number.

unalterable fate, against which it is drew at the gate from the prison auuseless to strive, or where it is death thorities. The sergeants of nineties to repine, softens much of the suf- issued to sergeants of thirty or terferiogs otherwise upendurable in such to suit convenience, and facilitate a life. In no position is this adap the distribution of rations.

tability more fruitful of good results The rations were brought into to its possesson then in prison. It camp by mule teams, driven by necan enable the luckless prisoner to groes, or, more secommonly, by priextract whatever of comfort there may be in the barren species of ex- purpose. istence which surrounds him, and mitigates the mental torments and titled to an extra ration for his pains endured by those who are trouble. I resigned however, my suddenly thrown upon their own position as sergeant of ninety beresources, amid the acutest suffer. fore I had held it twenty four hours, ings which squalld misery can in as I had foreseen that the position

uselest repinings, others set them. ration, which would not have beneselves resolutely at work, like Rob. fited me. It was a task, however, ison Cruso, to develope the resource which many among a multitude of es of their surroundings into all hungry months were ready to take comforts they could force them to upon themselves, and but very few

Originally the interior of the prist partial manner, ply the want of fuel demanded by with credit. the prisoners.

stumps of the trees which had been a difficulty among hands in the near cut down for fuel.

A limited number of those who branches of trees, thatched with cept wood, of which by chance we pitch-pine to shed the rain.

The common shelter was, however constructed with old worn-out blank were miserably inadequate to anyets, old shirts &c. &c. while a majority by far had no shelter at all. or burrowed for want of one in the first month, were little over a pint and that being be was in town he of earth; a youth to fortune and

blankets pinned together with wood. priate name of chicken feed. en pegs, stretched upon a ridgepole running across two uprights stuck of salt. into the ground, in imitation of an At first becon was issued in small gether, with both ends stuck into to ninety men, but, after the first the ground, forming a semi-circle, of July, this ; was dropped almost Over three of these a blanket was entirely from prison rations. stretched. A hole was then made Sometimes, instead of Indian And the day that our latest treasures into the ground three feet deep meal, we got rice or beans; but each under the space sheltered by the bean had an occupant in the shape of blankets. Those, as a rebel surgeon a grub or worm. one day remarked, were little better than graves.

When there was a sudden shower, as was often the case, these holes batter; then a little meal was would suddenly fill with water, situated as most of them were on the plate or half of a canteen, to keep the centre ran a singgish brook, side of a hill. All over camp men might be seen crawling out of holes ter was then placed in a plate or were no signs of vegetation in the like balf drowned kittens, wet dis-

positions near the brook, on the philosophy to laugh at the ludicrous borders, and partially in a marky view of their troubles, would find eat the dough or batter raw. slough or swamp. This was be- out but little comfort in such un-

These shelters were, at best, but prisoners as a "sink," until it had poor protection aginst rain or tropical sun ; but, as poor as they were, many who had blankets could not, Sadly thinking of home, and its though surrounded by woods on the dreadful contrast here, that night exterior of the prison, get the neces- punched holes. sary poles or branches to construct

> Under such circumstances the unlucky prisoner burrowed in the able. earth, or laid exposed to the fury of the rain and sun, and often chilly nights and mornings.

this respect, thousands of acres of group together to concect a Johnny woodland surrounded us, but they cake. would not allow us to gather wood to cook our scanty meals.

self, succeeded in buying six or sev- bust men sit down to their raw grub, bellows, blowing up the fire ; anothon small pieces for two dollars, and and could not masticate the little er held, extended on a split stick, that was given to them on account the Johnny-cake, varying its posi-At our coming into the stockade of their mouths being afflicted with tion to suit the blaze or coals; while ere were about ten thousand prist the scurvy. They would pull out a a third split sticks &c. fed the fire. mers, increased as already stated to dozen or more of their teeth with In this manner, at certain hours of asked the youngest apprantice what their fingers and the blood drop to the day, could be seen groups of his rule for punctuation was Said The next day three others with the ground. It was indeed a pitia- men all over the stockade, with aux- the boy : "I set up as long as I can nyself formed a mess together; and ble sight, and horrible to behold, lety printed on their festures, in hold my breath, and then I put in a burglar, as he picks the lock. aking two of our tattered blankets, Is it possible that men calling them- pitch-pine smoke; the ficunan on comma; when I gape. I insert a structed a temporary shelter selves human trust their fellow man his hands and knees, blooing qutil semigolon; and when I want to overtime." And yet we see very lit-

The organization in camp for the issue of rations was as follows :

The men were divided into squads character in mon that adapts itself pointed a chief sergeant, who drew down the fireman's threat.

Every twenty-four hours, these This adaptability to inevitable sergeants issued rations, which they

soners paroled and detailed for the

A sergeant of ninety men was en required a great deal of work, and I While some passed their time in did not believe in taking an extra qualified to fill in an honorable, im-

on had been densely wooded with When men are cut down to starva pitch-pine, in which that country tion rations, they are not always ed they do as children do; they cry. devil gets naughty little boys?" abounds; but at the time of our discriminating in attaching blame to arrival it had been, with the excep- the proper source, which made the tion of some felled logs, cut to sup- place all the more difficult to fill devils.

This I early foresaw, and, there-The camp at that time was almost fore, left the position to some one dependent upon the roots and else to fill. I knew there would be future. .

During the first month of our imwere among the first arrivals had prisonment the rations were better constructed rude shelters of the than at any subsequent period, exgot none.

Yet even at this time the rations thing like a healthy organization. Our rations per day, during the An aristocratic shelter, which few the core, which was made into mush, could indulge in, was made of two and which we called by the appro-

Once a weektwe got a teast

A tent : or two poles were tied tos quantities of fifteen to twenty pounds

Our modes of cooking were entirely primitive. The meal was stirred into water, making a thick sprinkled on the bottom of the the batter from sticking. The batcanteen, which was set up atan angle of forty-five degrees, to be cooked before a fire. But half the time we had no wood to make fire, and we

Then the front of the cake was done brown," the plate was fixed npon a split stick, and held over the coals until it was baked or burned upon the bottom.

Our meal we often sifted through a half of a canteen, into which. we

But even this coarse sieve left us so little of meal for food, it was gradually abandoned as impractic-

In sheer encessity of hunger, we sacrificed quality to quantity.

It was an amusing scene, some We thought the rabels tyrants in times, when three or four would

One split wood with a smal wedge and a jack-knife, another Men in the stockade were afflicted atirred up meal, while a third got with chronic diarrhoes, dysentery, a little fire ready. The process of scurvy, and all, or nearly all kinds of baking brought out the amusing diseases the human body is heir to. | feature of the group. One, on his I saw quite often apparently ro hands and knees, acted as a pair of

making white furrows on his smokebegrimed face ; sweating, puffing, We soon became conversant with of ninety, over which one of the choking with smoke, especially the ways and means of the prison. | number was appointed as sergeant, when, as was often the case, an un-There is a certain flexibility of Over three nineties was also ap lucky gust of wind I lew the smoke

To be Continued.

French Idea of Women. Women have no worse enemies

that women. One must be a woman to know

how to revenge. Woman corce is only what she does not know.

Woman is a creature between man and the angels. Woman is more constant in hatred

than in love. Most women curse sin before em

bracing penitence. Women who have not fine teeth expense. only laugh with their eyes.

ly a suspension of hostilities. as men ask if a woman is pretty. When woman is no longer attrac-

tive she ceases to be inconstant. Women never weep more bitterly than when they weep for spite.

The most chaste woman may be the most voluptuous, if she loves. When a woman cannot be reveng-

A woman and her servent, acting in accord, would outwit a dozen A woman gives the audacity which

her beauty prompts us to be guilty Women like balls and assemblies as a hunter likes a place where game

abounds. Woman is a charming creature, who changes her heart as easily as her gloves.

He was Very Particular, but Forgot ing more than any other kind of Something.

old woman was bound and determine servant to kill and skin the fox. ed to have a new bed-room carpet, "Here rests his head upon the lap of Indian meal, the cob ground with thought he'd take it home and sur- fame unknown. Too much benzine prise ber, he added that he wanted erept underneath his girth, and room seven by eleven.

"You mean ingrain," said t

"Well, I s'pose it's all the same How much is that piece?" "Seventy cents a yard."

"Awful steep, but kinder purty. How long will it wear ?"

"Oh, ten or twelve years." "Can it be turned ?"

"Yes."

"Anything to get out of repair ?" "Nothing." · Will the colors fade ?"

"They are warranted not to." "Seventy couts a yard, ch ! Well rather like it. Can the old wo man sew it together ?"

"Oh, yes." And I can nail it down, I reckon? "You can."

The number of yards required rushing in he called out :

remembered that I didn't ask you over. whether the blamed thing would

How dear to my heart is the school I attended,

And how I remember so distant and dim,

that I bended And carefully put under him !

That red-headed Bill, and the pin

And how I recall the surprise of the master When bill gave a yell, and sprang up with the pin

So high that his bullet head busted the plaster Above, and the scholars all set up a

That active boy, Billy, that high leaping Billy! That loud-shouting Billy, that sat on a pin.

A stranger in a printing office red in the face, tears municip down speed I make a paragraph."

Man is never satisfied. He now wants a postal card with a flap. blowing, coughing, crying and Next thing we keer he'll be clam- I H. BORDNER, oring for one with a hip pocket .-Nor. Herald.

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"Yes," said the farmer, "barbed wire fence is expensive, but the hired man doesn't stop and rest for five minutes on the top of it every time he has to climb it."

An exchange remarks that no mancan afford to make a fool of himself. Our contemporary fogets however, that some men are utterly reckless of

A boy defined salt as "the stuff Friendship between women is on- that makes potatoes taste bad when you don't put it on." He was twin Women ask if a man is discreet, brother of the boy who said that pins had saved great numbers of Lves by not being swallowed.

Recent boarding house statistics lead to the conclusion that butter was invented by Mr. Strong, of ancient Grecce.

Clergymen, who has caught a boy stealing : "Don't you know that the Boy- 'I know it now." A New York jeweler has sold a

\$1,200 pair of garters. The purchaser must anticipate very wet weather and extremely sloppy Professional business promptly attended to streets this summer. The first circus started out from

Putnam county, N. Y., in 1827 or 1828. We supposed the circus jokes of 1882 were much older than fiftyfour years. The Englishman enjoys fox-hunt-

work. He has a horse to carry him, of Adamstorg and vicioity.

and a dog to do the smelling, and a sept. 4.73. After he had explained that the and a dog to do the smelling, and a

enough Inham carpet to cover a played the mischief with his temperate zone. his property" wore a red shirt, and

had his brindle bull behind him. The old lady came down to breakfast in a bad humor, and sharply addressing her son, said : "Charley, did you leave that whisky bottle on the parlor table ?" "No, I guess dad left it." "Why, do you think your father left it?' "Cause it's emp-

Ho was a fine-looking man, and be proudly strutted down the sidewalk with the air of proprietorship in every movement. "Beg pardon, sir," a'd a stranger as he stepped up to him, bat in hand, in utmost humility, 'do I have your permission to renain in town over night,"

Clara writes : "I am thirty years were cut off, rolled up and paid for old and have never yet had an offer and the buyer soon departed. Two of marriage. What are the young hours had passed and his call had men afraid of?" Perhaps Clara's been forgotten, when he drove up to father has kept a ferocious dog durthe store, leaped to the walk, and ing the past twelve years. But as she confesses to being thirty years "Hang me, if I hada't' got four old, the man can sell or shoot the miles out of town when I suddenly animal now. The danger is now

The latest joke about King Kalakana, of the Sandwich Island, is that he cannat help being a good man,

The reason assigned is that his ancestors ate so much missionary in their time that it worked into their system, and was transmitted to their descendants. Missionaries who are eaten are, after all, not wasted, it would appear.

"Well, my little man, aren't you barefooted rather early this season?' said a benevolent gentleman to a New Haven youngster this morning. "Gness not. Wuz born barefoot, wuz." "I declare, so you was. What a pity : what a pity. Well, Nature is unkind to the poor, really," and he gave the youngster a dime to atone for the neglect of the "mother of us all."

A weather report-A clap of thun-

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