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## Poetical.

### BALLAD.

FROM THE GERMAN.

William and Mary sat down by a stream,  
Where a beech in the wild woods grew,  
Where the perfume of roses sweet breath  
And the besting in the forest were.

And the old story told of a love that should last  
Through a lifetime of gladness or sorrow,  
And the rainbow of hope and the rainbow of pain,  
And the rainbow of hope and the rainbow of pain.

She was fair as the snow, and pure as the dew,  
And her hair like the golden wheat,  
He was tall and broad, and his eyes were blue,  
With a bright eye that lovingly shone.

But the summer had passed, and the fall had come,  
And the leaves were falling all round,  
And the wind was cold, and the rain was sore,  
And the heart was heavy and the soul was bound.

They parted then, and the path was long,  
Through the woods and the fields and the stream,  
And the heart was heavy and the soul was bound,  
And the heart was heavy and the soul was bound.

But you have now found the trial of youth,  
From Mary's love, which never returns,  
For her spirit is in the hands of fate,  
And her heart is in the hands of fate.

The faithful love, and dimmed is her eye,  
And she is old, and the heart is sore,  
He is still the same, and his eyes are blue,  
With a bright eye that lovingly shone.

She knows that the love will have gone before,  
And the heart will be heavy and the soul will be bound,  
And the heart will be heavy and the soul will be bound,  
And the heart will be heavy and the soul will be bound.

A messenger, yesterday, pale and grim,  
Announced her life's pilgrimage ended,  
And she was laid in the earth, and the heart was bound,  
And the heart was heavy and the soul will be bound.

And the grave that had held but Wilhelm alone,  
Now contains his ashes and Mary's bones,  
And the heart is heavy and the soul will be bound,  
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glance, or a wine-taster the precise value of a Sherry by the nearest sip, so the detective once pounced upon the authors of the work of art under consideration, by the style of performance; if not upon the precise execution, upon the school to which he belongs. Having finished the toilette branch of the inquiry, he takes a short view of the parapet of your house, and makes an equally cursory view of the attic window listenings. His mind is made up, and at the most he will address you in these pertinent words:

"All right, sir. This is done by one of the dancing school."

"Impossible," exclaims your plundered partner. "Why, our children go to Montrose Pettis, No. 81, and I assure you he is a most respectable professor. And as to his pupils—"

The detective smiles and interrupts. "Dances?" he tells her, "is a name given to the sorts of burglars by whom you have been robbed; and every branch of the thieving profession is divided into gangs, with their own schools. From No. 23 to the end of the street the houses are finished. The thief made his way to the top of one of these, and crawled to your gutter."

"But we are twenty houses distant, and why did he not favor one of my neighbors?" you will ask.

"Either your own stories are not so practicable, or the ladies have not such valuable jewels."

"But how did the thieves know that?"

"By watching and inquiry. This affair may have been in preparation more than a month. Your house has been watched. The habits have been ascertained. They have found out when you dine—how long you remain in the dining room. A day is selected, while you are busy dining, and when your servants are busy waiting on you, the thing is done. Previously many journeys have been made over the roof to find out the best means of entering your house. The stairs are chosen; the robber gets in and creeps noiselessly, or 'dances' into the place to be robbed."

"Is there any chance of recovering my property?" you ask, anxiously, seeing the whole matter at a glance.

"I have no doubt," have sent some brother officer to watch the Fences' houses."

"Fences?"

"Fences," exclaims the detective, in reply to your innocent wife's inquiry, "are purchasers of stolen goods. Your jewels will soon be forced out of their settings and the gold melted."

A prophetic scream.

"We shall see, if at this unusual hour of the night, there is any bustle in or near any of these places; if any smoke is coming out of their furnaces, where the melting takes place. I shall go and seek out the precise 'garretter'—that's another name these plunderers give themselves when they are plotting the ring and your domestic by plotting the ring and took pick in their bed, I think I know the man."

The next morning you find all the suppositions verified. The detective calls and obliges you at breakfast (after a sleepless night) with a complete list of the stolen articles, and proceeds some of them for identification, in three months your wife gets nearly all her articles back except some of the gold; her dancs's innocence is fully established, and the thief is taken from his 'school' to spend a long holiday in a penal colony.

Sometimes they are called upon to invent a robbery so excellent that no human ingenuity appears, or ordinary officers, capable of finding the thief. The robber has left no trail—a trace. Every clue seems cut off—but the experience of a detective guides him into tracks invisible to other eyes. Not long since, a trunk was stolen in a fashionable hotel. The thief was so managed that no suspicion could rest on any one. The detective, sergeant, who had been sent for, fairly ordered, after making a minute examination, that he could afford no hope of elucidating the mystery. As he was leaving the bedroom, however, in which the plundered room was stowed, he picked up an ordinary shirt button from the carpet. He silently compared it with those on the shirts which the thief had left behind in the trunk. It did not match them. He said nothing but hung about the hotel for the rest of the day. Had he been narrowly watched he would have been seen at the pattern of a knife broken in the wristband without a button. His search was long and patient, but at length it was rewarded. One of the inmates of the house showed a deficiency in his dress, which no one but a detective would have dared. He looked as narrowly as he dared at the pattern of the remaining buttons. It corresponded with that of the little tell-tale he had picked up. He went deeper into the subject, got a trace of some of the stolen property, ascertained a connection between it and the suspected person, confronted him with the owner of the trunk, and finally succeeded in convicting him of the theft. At another house the lock of a portmanteau formed the clue. The detective employed in that case was for sometime employed indefatigably in seeking out knives with broken blades. At length he found one belonging to an underwriter, who proved to be the thief.

An Indiana Justice of the Peace, vindicated his claim to be called a social creature, by the subjoined gracious note, the correctness of which is vouchered for by the Huntington Herald:

"Compliments

"There is to be a grand picnic below Huntington on the 25th of May of the young people of Huntington and vicinity on that occasion I would be much pleased to have the admittance of your company if it would be agreeable and meet the approval of your attestation."

"Probably the reason why so little was written in the Dark Ages, was that people could not see, to write.

Shallow water makes great noise.

## "AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS."

By T. S. Arthur.

Harvey Green was a shrewd man of business—honest in all his dealings, yet ever exacting his own. He took no advantage of others, and was very careful not to let others take advantage of him. While acting on the present, "O, no man any thing," he never lost sight of a debtor, nor rested while the obligation remained in force. A natural result was that Harvey Green prospered in the things of this world—not that he became very rich, but so well off as to leave no reasonable want un-supplied.

As it happened, a few years ago, that a man named Wilkins, after an unsuccessful struggle with fortune, continued through six or seven years, failed in business. Few men had held longer, or suffered more, and what he had yielded to the pressure of circumstances, he sank down for a season prostrate in mind and body. Everything that he had was given up to the creditors—the property paid but a small percentage on the claims—and then he went forth into the world, all his business relations broken up, and under the heavy disadvantage of his situation, bravely sought to gain for his large dependent family things useful to their sustenance and growth in mind and body.

Among his creditors was Green. Now Wilkins belonged to the same church that numbered Green among its members. When the latter heard of the failure he sought to give him his large dependent family things useful to their sustenance and growth in mind and body.

"Wilkins is an honest man," said he to himself. "He'll pay me sooner or later. It did not take long to sell off, at a sad price, the stock of goods remaining in the hands of the debtor, for he threw no impediment in the way of those who sought to obtain their due."

"Ah, my friend," said the latter, on meeting with Green a few days after the closing up of his insolvent estate, "this is a sad business! But if God gives me strength, I will pay off every dollar of this debt before I die. An honest man can never sleep soundly while he owes his neighbor a farthing."

"The right spirit, brother Wilkins," answered Green, "the right spirit! Hold out to that declaration, and all will come out straight in the end. Though I can't very well let you out of my money, yet I will wait patiently until you are able to pay me. I always said you were an honest man, and I am sure you will make good my words."

"God helping me, I will," said the debtor; his voice trembled, and his eyes grew moist. O, how dark looked all in the future! What a cloud was on his path!

Yet scarcely had the words of his dependency on his heart.

The two men parted, and each took his homeward way—the debtor and the creditor. The one with countenance erect, self-complacent feelings and elastic step; the other said and depressed.

That night Mr. Green prayed, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." He said the words with a full heart, for he was in favor of his receiving from the penitent Wilkins the few hundred dollars owed him by that unhappy individual. There was no sympathy for him in his heart; no thought of terrible prostration of spirit; nothing of pity and forgiveness.

A self regard for his own interest completely absorbed all humane considerations.

Time passed on. Mr. Wilkins was no drone. An earnest, active man, he soon found employment—not very remunerative at first, but sufficiently so to enable him to secure many comforts for his family, and to give his children a liberal education.

One, two, three years glided by, and the growth of his children, his expenses increased, and kept so close a tread upon his income that he had not been able to pay off any of the old obligations; and he never lost sight of them, and never ceased to feel troubled on account of their existence.

"O, debt, debt, debt!" he would often sigh to himself. "What would I not give to be able to say, 'O, no man any thing.' But with my large family and limited income, what hope is there?"

This was his depressed state of mind one day Mr. Green called in to mind him. Many times before this unhappy man had been reminded of his debt.

"How are you getting on?" inquired the creditor, fixing his eyes steadily upon poor Mr. Wilkins, who felt a sense of suffocation, and he slightly quailed before his gaze.

"I have much to be thankful for," meekly answered the debtor. "My health has been good, and I have had steady employment."

"You are living very comfortably."

"And we are grateful to a kind Providence for our blessings."

Your salary is one thousand dollars a year."

"It is; and I have six children to support."

"You ought to save something. I've been easy with you a long time; it's three years now, and you haven't offered me one cent. If you'd pay me five or ten dollars at a time, the debt would have lessened. You ought to make some arrangement. You ought to save at least two hundred dollars from your salary, a goodly penny and have a large family as yours."

The eyes of Mr. Wilkins fell heavily to the floor; he felt as if a heavy weight had been laid upon his bosom. He made no reply, for what could he say?

"I have always upheld you as an honest man," remarked Green, in a tone of voice that implied an awakening doubt as to whether this view of the debtor's character was really correct.

"That is between Wilkins and my own conscience," said Wilkins, lifting his eyes from the floor, and looking with some sternness into the face of his persecuting creditor.

to pay my debt; and if so, when may I expect to receive something?"

"How much is the debt?" asked Wilkins.

"It was three hundred and seventy dollars at the time of your failure. Interest added, it now amounts to four hundred and fifty," said Green.

"There were other debts besides yours."

"Of course there were; but I have nothing to do with them."

"The whole amount of my indebtedness was twenty thousand dollars. The yearly interest on this debt is more than my yearly income. I cannot pay even the interest, much less the principal."

"But you can pay my small claim if you will; you could have paid it before this if the disposition had existed. You talk of consistency, but I'm afraid, brother Wilkins, in your case there is a very narrow foundation of honesty for consistency to rest upon. I don't put much faith in the professions of men who live after the fashion of the world, and yet refuse to pay their debts. I'm a plain prosaic individual, and you may have my mind freely."

"The tone of the creditor was harsh in the extreme."

"Perhaps," said Wilkins with forced calmness, "there may be less dishonesty in my withholding than in your demanding."

"Dishonesty! Do you dare?" The creditor's face flushed, and his lips quivered with indignation.

"There are ten creditors in all," said Wilkins, with regained composure. "Let me put you a question. I owe John Martin six hundred dollars. Suppose I had six hundred dollars, and little prospects of ever getting any more, and were to pay the whole of it over to John Martin, would you divide it equally between the hands of the creditors, would you deem that act right on my part? Or would you think Martin really honest to crowd and chafe me until in very desperation, as it were, I gave him the whole of what mainly belonged to others? Would you not say he had possessed himself of your property? I know as you would. And let me say to you plainly, that your present offer to get me to pay off your whole claim entire, regardless of others equally as much entitled to be paid as yourself, at all indications of unselfishness, or a genuine spirit of honesty. If I have any money to pay it, I will pay it to my creditors—and not to any one of them exclusively."

"To be charged thus by a man who was indebted to him—to be charged with dishonesty by the poor creature whose relation to society he regarded as essentially dishonest—this was too much for the self-complacency of Mr. Green. He rose up quickly, saying in a threatening tone:

"You will repent of this insult, sir! I have borne for years, believing you to be really honest; but for this forbearance I now meet with outrage. I shall forbear no longer. You are able to pay me, and I will find a way to compel you to do so."

Left alone with his troubled thoughts, poor Mr. Wilkins felt almost for the first time in which his creditors could extort the sum due them except by seizing upon his household furniture. That Green would do this, he had but too good reason to fear; for he had done it in other cases.

Yet scarcely had the words of his dependency on his heart.

"What do you propose doing?" asked Wilkins on meeting with his creditor a few days afterward.

"Get my money," was answered somewhat sternly.

"But I have nothing."

"We will soon see about that! Good morning."

Mr. Green imagined that the indignation felt toward Wilkins was directed against his dishonest spirit, was in fact, a righteous indignation, when his spring was in elasticity and rounded up, a shrewd eye was the day before the trial of his case with Wilkins, when he expected to get judgment by default, as no answer had been made by the defendant in the case.

And it was his purpose, as it had been from the beginning, to order an execution upon the matter was through court, and to lay upon any property that could be found.

Evening came, and Mr. Green sat with his children around him, in his pleasant home. A sweet little boy knelt before him, his pure hands clasped in prayer, while from his lips came musically the words taught by the Lord to his disciples, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." There seemed a deeper meaning in the words, murmured by innocent childhood, than had ever before reached his perceptions. His thoughts were stirred; new emotions awakened. The prayer was said, the little one arose from his knees and lifted his rosy lips for a kiss.

"Father," said he, turning back after going across the room, "I'm not going to let Harry Wilkins pay me for that sled. He got broke the next day after I let him have it."

"He bought it from you," said Mr. Green.

"I know he did; but then Harry's mother is poor, and he only gets a penny now and then. It takes him a long time to get a dollar, and then the sled is broken and no good to him. I have a great many more nice things than he has, and why should I want his pennies when he gets so few?"

"What made you think of this?" asked the father who was touched by the words of his child.

"It came into my mind just now as I was saying my prayer. I prayed, 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.' Now Harry Wilkins is my debtor is he not?"

"Yes, my son."

"Well, if I don't forgive him his debt, how can I expect God to forgive mine? If I pray to him to forgive me as I forgive Harry, and I don't forgive Harry at all, don't I ask God not to forgive me, father?"

The child spoke earnestly, and stood with his large, deep, calm eyes, fixed intently on his father's face. Almost involuntarily Mr. Green repeated these words: