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Select Poetry.

WHAT IS HIS CREED.
He left a load of anthracite
In front of the poor widow's door,
When the deep snow froze and white,
Wrapped street and square, mountain and moor.

He took the lead;
He hid it well;
"What was his creed?"
"I cannot tell."

Blessed "in his basket abed his store,"
In sitting down and rising up;
When more he got he gave the more,
Withholding not the crust and cup.

In each good task,
"What was his creed?"
"I did not ask."
His charity was like the snow.

Soft, white and silent in its fall;
Not like the noisy winds that blow
From shivering trees the leaves—a pall
For flower and weed;

Dropping below;
"What was his creed?"
"The poor may know."
He had great faith in heaven of bread
For hungry people young and old,
And hope inspired, kind words he said
To those he sheltered from the cold.

For as we pray,
"What was his creed?"
"I cannot say."
In work he did not put his trust;
His faith in words he never writ;
He loved to share his cup and crust,
With all mankind who needed it.

In time of need
A friend was he,
"What was his creed?"
"He told not me."
He put his trust in Heaven, and he
Worked well with hand and head;
And what he gave in charity
Sweetened his sleep and daily bread.

Let us take heed
For life is brief,
"What was his creed?"
"What his belief."

Selected Story.

ELLA GOODWIN'S TRIAL.
BY ANNIE EROST.

"Going out again?"
Goodwin spoke in a frigid tone,
and her pretty face puckered up into a most dismal frown.

"I promised Charley I would step round for an hour or two and have a game of dominoes."

"Anything to get away from home?"
But Will Goodwin was already out of hearing. His wife uttered a fretful remark, addressed to the wall, to the effect that she was a fool for ever getting married.

She was a fool for ever getting married, and she was soon reading with an air of absorbed interest. Baby woke and made the fact shrilly known. An impatient cry she had opened it there came a tap at the door, and an elderly lady with a sweet, fair face, as Ella eagerly welcomed her and took off her wraps.

"I am always glad to see you, Ella," she said. "I will get his meals ready. He will be a little late, he goes to the store as soon as he swallows his breakfast, and he is always out in the evening. Now he is with his brother playing dominoes."

"You will come up if he cries, Jane," Ella said, and took down the domino box. "I think Harry is old enough to spare me in the evening." "Come, what is your highest?"

"Not all! But you speak in a bitter tone that pains me, Ella. It is not like you." "I feel bitter! I have no one to talk to but you, and I never complained before, but I am tired of being alone all the time. Baby fills the day, but none's don't fill the evening."

"Ella, since you have spoken to me, will you let me give you a word of advice?" "You know you may."

"Look in the mirror, dear, then look round the room." Ella obeyed. In the mirror she saw a slender figure, robed in a morning wrapper, without any collar or cuffs, and not precisely clean; a face pretty and expressive, with a wreath of golden hair loosely knotted into a comb and fastened with a single pearl and a comb, and a face like a snubnose. Will, who had eaten in a solitary state for more than a week, had a disordered work-table by his side, and the table was piled with miscellaneous articles, amongst which a bowl of bread and milk and a fire shovel figured conspicuously.

"A crimson flush rose on the young wife's cheek."

"What is the use of having things nice when nobody sees them but me, or dressing when Will is never at home?" "He might be at home more if things were nice and you were dressed."

"There was silence for a few moments—Then Ella spoke."

"I'll try it tonight. I suppose it is partly my fault. Before Harry was born, he was at home more, but I have been careless since then."

"You are a strong, I know, and baby is a care, but I would try to be dressed in the evening and have the room cheerful. Your piano looks as if it was never opened."

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A WOMAN'S COURAGE.

HOW THE STRIKE ENDED.

In the beginning of an autumn gloom, a young looking girl stood on a porch, half hidden by the branches of two stately elms. Much anxiety was depicted on her face, and she seemed to be listening to certain sounds that came from a busy city not far away. "I am not in the mood to go to the mill," she murmured to herself. "I have endeavored him, and he seems to have strength from my words. Courtyly says my name is mentioned with his, and that he is a very strong man, you know."

"So the doctor told her that a large body of men were approaching from the city. Then she descended to her bedroom and took a beautiful silver mounted pistol from a drawer in which had lain almost unused since her father's death.

"What! Kate, will you bid defiance to a Bridgely mob?"

"The words were spoken so close to her that Kate Bridgely turned abruptly and faced a man, whose stern look she had noticed with surprise.

"I do defy them, Uncle Jarvis," replied the girl in a firm voice. "My father died with and conquered a Bridgely mob in his day."

"And did that beautiful mill, the pride of this growing State?"

"And ultimately, for ought I know, the loss of his life by the underhanded work of the 'deafened' she said.

"I never clung to a belief, Kate, that the men would do me any harm, against your father's life. But, Kate, you must not imitate his rashness."

"Then what must I do?"

"Let me see your gun, and cutting, and contempt lurked therein."

"You must concede their point."

"Never! I bow to no mob? They may burn my mills and sow Bridgelyport with the seeds of their own death."

"Kate, your rashness amazes me," said her uncle. "Think! The men are on the edge of winter, a majority have families, and their demands for an increase of wages I must regard in some measure only as a demand for their own lives."

"But their demands are exorbitant—My men are willing to concede to my terms, but the baffled instigator of the disturbance listens to no proposals unless his work is completed."

"Whom do you refer to, Kate?" asked her uncle, appearing surprised.

"To David Beadle."

"Kate, you judge Mr. Beadle wrongfully, said Jarvis Bridgely, quickly but not without a start.

"Would to heaven that I did, for I have called him a friend for years," the girl replied with some feeling.

"Because—said she turned full upon her relative and looked him squarely in the eye—because I love Courtyly Dayton."

Jarvis Bridgely started, but uttered no exclamation of surprise.

"Did David Beadle ask your hand?" he asked.

"Yes; and I told him that another held it, with my heart in his keeping."

"What did he say?"

"I saw a glow gather on his face, and he blessed Courtyly Dayton. But it was the blessing the tigress bestowed on the robber of the mills. I have fattened David Beadle's whelp."

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