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SELECT POETRY.

A Merry Heart.

'Tis well to have a merry heart, However short we stay, There's wisdom in a merry heart, Whatever the world may say!

A Sketch.

THE USURER'S GIFT.

A few months ago, in London, an old man sat in a large parlour room in one of the streets near Soho Square. Everything in the apartment was brown with age and neglect.

On personal security," continued the latter, with a sinister impatience, beginning to arrange his writing materials for a letter. "I will give you any discount," said the young man, eagerly. "My prospects are good; I can—"

He turned abruptly round. He was in no humor for the converse of casual acquaintances. Nor was it any gay conviviality of happier days whose face now greeted him.

make an effort such as my position requires. This day I have spent my last shilling. I am too proud to beg, and to borrow is to beg when a man is known to be in your distress.

West paused abruptly, for the singular expression of the young lady's features filled him with astonishment. "You do not know, then—?" she began. "I am a beggar!"

with involuntary interest the noble countenance of Bernard, which, though it still bore traces of great suffering, was no longer wild and haggard, as at his interview with the money lender.

West did not discourage the illusion.—Nay, the enthusiasm of the charming woman before him was contagious. "Thank you, your father's disinterested liberality," he resumed, "I am now in comparatively prosperous circumstances. I came not merely to discharge a debt; believe me, it is no common gratitude I feel! Doubtless you inherit all your father's wealth; doubtless it is but little service I can ever hope to render you; yet I venture to entreat you never to forget that you possess one friend of absolute devotion, ready at all times to sacrifice himself in every way to your wishes and to your happiness."

of love is, in my esteem, worth more than all the applause of an age, or all the wealth of an empire! The dark stranger paused for an instant, as if in meditation, then abruptly continued: "I take your inheritance, fair child!—I rob the orphan and the fatherless!"

At a meeting of the American Academy, December 1849, a paper was read by Dr. H. J. Bowditch, on the animal and vegetable parasites infesting the teeth, with the effects of different agents in causing their removal and destruction.

HEATHEN TRADITIONS OF THE AFTER LIFE. The traditions and opinions of mankind concerning the state after death, have apart from written revelation, so great a uniformity, that the candid enquirer must of necessity attribute them to one fountain-head.

There is a plant growing in the springs of Ireland, which not only flowers, but bears seeds in water hot enough to boil an egg.