

## Poetry.

### REASONS FOR RISIBILITY.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Sweet coz, I'm happy when I can,  
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For he's at most a narrow span,  
At least a winter's day.  
If care could make the sunbeams wear  
A brighter, warmer hue,  
The evening sky look more blue—  
Then I should be a graver man;  
But since 'tis not the way,  
Sweet coz, I'm happy when I can,  
And merry when I may.

If sighs could make us sin the less,  
I've not yet glad—  
My mourning were the sage's dress,  
My gash should then be sad;  
But since the angel's wings are white,  
And e'en the young saints smile—  
Since virtue wears a bright of light,  
And vice a robe of guile—  
Since laughter is not under ban,  
Nor gladness clad in grey,  
Sweet coz, I'm happy when I can,  
And merry when I may.

I've seen the bideance and reel,  
And a sinner fast and pray—  
A knave at the top of Fortune's wheel,  
And a good man cast away—  
Wine, I have seen your grave one's qua;  
Might set our fleet afloat  
But I never heard a hearty laugh  
From out a villain's throat.  
And I never knew a mortal man  
Made sad a maiden's day—  
So coz, I'm happy when I can,  
And merry when I may.

## Miscellany.

### Western Game.

A great slaughter of wild game, animals and fowl, has taken place at the West, since the cold weather set in, allowing its transportation to different points. But remember, that the practice is very general in the pastures, lest the game be carried on to an extinction of those animals and feathered flocks most sought after. State legislatures are petitioned for the passage of laws for their protection. The Milwaukee Sentinel says, "few readers can have any idea of the enormous quantities of game sent East from Wisconsin and Illinois, during the cold weather. A few days ago, two hundred boxes of quail, averaging probably 100 to a box, were shipped from Janesville direct for New York; and the Sparta (Monroe) Watchman, of the 6th inst., states that within a short time previous two hundred deer, shot in that city, had been sent to New York. The effect of this will be to diminish very rapidly the quantity of game in our State, but greatly to enhance the price."

The Paw Paw (Mich.) Free Press, of the 14th inst., says that it is estimated that one thousand deer have been slain in Van Buren county within the last three months—and from the village of Paw Paw alone, during that time, six hundred venison have been shipped to market.

This year game law went into effect a few days ago. The Chicago Journal says: "We all know that, in the course of hunting, some game, whether we have been aiming at such, or not, can be killed in large numbers very readily, even by any凡and hand that has nerve enough to hold a club—and quail can be trapped, or otherwise taken, readily, almost without an effort, in immense quantities. These unseasonable meats, not fit for use at home, finding up the eastward express companies, at such seasons, to supply the seaboard epicure's demand, and it is well known to these companies, or some, at least, of their many messengers, that *tous* upon tons of game, after the 1st of January, in times of change of weather, have been spoiled in transit, and thrown away, entirely worthless."

These were the evils the game law was intended to prevent, and its provisions being thus salutary, offenders against it cannot well complain if its penalties are rigidly enforced.

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