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In there no place on the face of the earth where charity dwelt, where virtue has birth, Where bosoms in kindness and mercy will bloom, And the poor and the wretched shall ask and receive?

Is there no place on earth where a knock will bring a kind word to open the door? Ah! search the wild world wherever you can, There is an open door for the moneyless man.

Go look in the hall where chandelier light Drives off in its splendor the darkness of night; Where the rich, hanging velvet, in shadowy fold, Sweeps gracefully down, with its trimmings of gold, And mirrors of silver take up and renew In long gilded vistas the 'wondering view; Go there in your patches, and find if you can, A welcoming smile for the moneyless man.

Go look in your church of the cloud-reaching spire, Which gives back the sun his same look of fire, Where the arches and columns are gorgeous within, And the walls seem as pure as soul without sin; Go down to the aisle—see the rich and the great, And the walls seem as pure as soul without sin; Walk down in your patches, and find if you can, Who opens a pew for the moneyless man.

Go look to your judges, in dark flowing gown, With the scales wherein law weighs things quietly down; Where he frowns on the weak and smiles on the strong, And punishes right while he justifies wrong; Where jurors their lips on the Bible have laid, To render a verdict they've already made; Go there in the court room and find if you can, Any law for the case of the moneyless man.

Go look in the banks, where mammon has laid his hand, His hundreds and thousands of silver and gold; Where, sad from the hands of the starving and poor, Lies piled upon piles of the glittering ore; Walk up to the counter—ah, there you may stay, Till your hands have grown old and your eyes have turned gray; And you'll find at the bank not one of the crew, With money to lend to a moneyless man.

Then go to your hotel—no raven has led The wile who has suffered so long for her bread; Kneel down by her pallet and kiss the death frost From the lips of the angel your poverty led; Then turn in your agony upward to God, And bless while he smites you his chastening rod; And you'll find at the end of your life's little span, There's a welcome above for the moneyless man.

(By request.) A Word for the Married Folks.

BY C. DORA NICKERSON.

"Notice: Whereas my wife, Mary Jones, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

JOHN JONES.

There! that scrap from a newspaper always provokes a smile, a ripple of pity, and a touch of anger when I read it. Country papers print them over and over again. People read the paragraph, wonder who it was married, think it out, and the advertisement drops from memory. But I never read it without feeling that it would like to pull that man's ears till he found 'just cause or provocation' to better himself. Just think of it! A noble, broad shouldered man of this nineteenth century paying his hard earned money for such a complimentary notice as that!

It is lamentably true that the John Joneses are not the only ones who are to blame. The Marys often bear their lot sometimes more—many times less. It is fair to conclude that in nine cases out of ten, both are miserably blameless. But such advertisements are a disgrace to both parties, and when I read them, I invariably want to hunt up their marriage certificate, a love letter or two, a trifling quarrel, or the cause of the quarrel, and placing the whole in justice's scale see which will outweigh the other. Which party would blush with shame first, I wonder? Strange how men and women can forget!

"Without just cause or provocation" is the contradictory clause that provokes the smile, and it is the ripple of pity for his short sightedness. Of course there is no reasonable cause for leaving the husband of her youthful self, the home where her children have blossomed, and where the light of her conjugal affection illumined her wayward. No provocation for leaving so agreeable, self-sacrificing, magnanimous, patient and loving a companion! Of course she was troublesome and wasteful; that she was not his "favorite," perhaps she grew more withal; but she gained ground with him; no longer tried to make home agreeable, and at last, left perfect sunshine behind, with John bated in it of course, and took herself off, nobody knows where, leaving him the only advertiser in the fact—the ungrateful woman!

Oh John, John! in many, very many cases I have known where the husband took particular pains to specify that she had left his "bed and board," the bed was the very one her husband gave her in the "fitting one," when she left home with a slight of promised happiness at your side, shining out from love-lit eyes. And as for "board" there

Give up your idle lounging hours in store and office, take upon yourself the little home offices; it was once a pleasure for you to perform. Bring the Agnes sometimes a book for Freddie and Johnny; a bright bit of ribbon for darling little Minnie; and an occasional game for the amusement of you all during the long evenings. Don't forget the anniversaries and birthdays. Let the little ones make in the arms of his loving mother. The whole world is a vast field of graves. We have the places of the dead around us here in Shippensburg. Who among us have not experienced the sad event of the death of some loved one? as who open their eyes to the burning tears of sorrow we felt to flow from the inward anguish felt at the last sad sight of a departed dear mother, father, sister, brother or some cherished friend? Yes! we are all mourners and will remain so until we too are numbered with the great majority of men.

But, thank God, although we are mourners, we are not without hope. The birth of Jesus, whose coming into the world we celebrate to-day, has brought life and mortality into the world—gladness to the hearts of millions, whose faith in the great love of our Father in heaven, through the storms and vicissitudes of life to that better home, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where the glory of the Father is sung in anthems of praise by angels for ever and ever. Have we not even carried the light of the glorious life of God—Jesus the Redeemer of the world—had even a stable for his birth-place—that he might make all poor children good, rich and happy; but not only children—he also calls on all young men and women, even the best educated of the earth, to put on their girdles and to be ready for the end of time is near at hand, that they, too, even heavily laden with sin, may prepare to enjoy the rest which remains for the people of God, and which alone can be secured by the merits of the Son of God—Jesus the Redeemer of the world.

This is the 69th Christmas I have been permitted to see, whilst nearly all the comrades of my young days are dead, a fact that fills me with sadness, and I can never, without thought of the Redeemer of the world, having spared my life for the acquisition of a few dollars, and which I have been permitted to see, whilst nearly all the comrades of my young days are dead, a fact that fills me with sadness, and I can never, without thought of the Redeemer of the world, having spared my life for the acquisition of a few dollars, and which I have been permitted to see, whilst nearly all the comrades of my young days are dead, a fact that fills me with sadness, and I can never, without thought of the Redeemer of the world, having spared my life for the acquisition of a few dollars, and which I have been permitted to see, whilst nearly all the comrades of my young days are dead, a fact that fills me with sadness, and I can never, without thought of the Redeemer of the world, having spared my 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