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## Select Poetry.

### CHILDHOOD LAND.

There is a beautiful, far-off land,  
Lying in sunlit seas,  
But never a ship to that magic strand,  
Was fabled by fiftal breeze.  
For where her radiant shores unfold,  
Night stretches her purple bars,  
And fastens it in with her gates of gold,  
And guards it with sentry stars.

Over the fathomless summer skies,  
Snowy clouds come and go;  
Through ever valley that dreaming lies,  
Musical rivers flow.  
Mountain and forest, and glen and glade,  
By the soft south-wind fanned,  
Birds and blossoms that never fade,  
Brighten this fairy land.

Even vanished, forgotten day,  
Scatters its sunshine there;  
Buds unfolding that passed away,  
Are living more fresh and fair.  
Loving deeds that the hands have done,  
Sheaves of life's ripened grain;  
Work unfinished that souls begun,  
Made perfect, there live again.

Men have sought it for weary years,  
Yet ne'er to their yearning eyes  
The glow of the mystic light appears,  
Where the land of the beautiful lies.  
Yet all have wandered its bright vales,  
In the quiet of peaceful hours,  
Each heart the calm of its joy once knew  
And the sweet of its deathless flowers.

But hour to hour from the hidden shore,  
Our feet have been turning away,  
And days that faded can know no more,  
The light of its tender dawn.  
Yet we may find in the great Somewhere,  
Its stretches of pearl-white strand;  
The bloom, beauty that dwelling there,  
Makes Heaven the Childhood Land.

### IF YOU LOVE TELL ME SO.

If you love me, tell me so;  
I have read it in your eyes,  
I have heard it in your sighs,  
But my woman's heart replies,  
If you love me, tell me so.  
Should I give you yes or no?  
Nay, a girl may not confess  
That her answer would be "Yes,"  
To such questioning, unless  
He who loves her tells her so.  
If you love me, tell me so,  
Love gives strength to watch and wait,  
Trust gives heart for any fate,  
Poor or rich, unknown or great,  
If you love me, tell me so.

## Miscellaneous Reading.

### UGLY BARBARA; OR, A WOMAN'S HEART.

"Upon my word, Barbara, I think you grow uglier every day!" said Ernest Etherington coolly, as he lighted his cigar at the softly shining light beneath the rose-colored glass shade, and surveyed his tall cousin as he did so.

Barbara Moyle shrank back as if he had dealt her an actual corporeal blow. Poor Barbara! She had been watching all day for the tardy train to bring her handsome cousin from college. She had brushed her hair so carefully, and selected the very prettiest white dress, trimmed with blue ribbons, from her wholesome wardrobe, because she had once heard Ernest say that he liked white, and hung the coral-drops that Uncle Montague had sent her from India in her ears; and this was his verdict, after all!

"I can't help it!" cried Barbara passionately, while every drop of blood in her body seemed to concentrate itself at once in her burning cheeks. "I know I'm a great, ugly, gawky thing; but you oughtn't to twist me with it, Cousin Ernest."

Mrs. Etherington, kind, motherly soul that she was, was in the dining-room, busy with preserves and tart's unnumerable, to tempt her newly arrived son's appetite, when Barbara Moyle rushed in like a whirlwind.

"Aunt Effie, tell me; am I so very ugly?" "Goodness gracious!" cried Mrs. Etherington, nearly upsetting a glass dish of quince jelly in her amazement. "What has come to the child? What on earth do you mean, Barbara?"

"Ernest says I'm uglier than ever," sobbed the tall, ungainly girl, as she sank despairingly on the cushions in front of the looking-glass.

"He's only teasing you, dear," said Barbara, surveying herself with dolorous earnestness. A swarthy, not to say muddy complexion; heavy brown hair arranged very unbecomingly and great wine-dark eyes; lips too thick for beauty, and features whose heavy mould, however much it might promise for the future, was certainly grotesquely inappropriate for a girl of fifteen—all these returned no answering delight.

"I'm an ugly," sighed Barbara, "and Ernest only spoke the truth. Oh, Aunt Effie, I wish I were a man. An ugly woman is like a soundless instrument or a colorless flower. Men can fight against their own fate, and make themselves a place in the world; women are utterly helpless."

## A Thrilling Story.

We are indebted to the Portland *Argus* for the following thrilling story: "If we are not mistaken we have heard or read somewhere 'that truth is stranger than fiction.' An instance strictly true, has come to our knowledge which vividly illustrates that, and also exhibits with almost-startling effect, the danger of mob law."

A young Maine man, who is engaged in the commercial traveling business for a Chicago house, was recently traveling out in the far West, when he was taken possession of the train by two men who simply informed him that they were officers and wanted him. He expostulated, explained, demanded explanations, etc., but all in vain. No one on the train knew him, and there were those who did know the officers. All he could get out of them was that he was the man they wanted. In this way he was taken ninety miles into the interior. Upon his arrival he had no longer to remain in ignorance of his supposed offence, the whole village being out to welcome him with such cries as "Here's the d—d horse thief caught at last, and let's string him up."

The officers made some show of resistance, but the excited mob took possession of their victim and marched him into town, near the centre of which a noose was strung over the limb of a tree. Our friend thought it was all up with him sure. Expectation was received with astonishment. Everybody recognized him as a notorious horse-thief whose depredations in the vicinity had been long continued and extensive. A horse thief in that section is looked upon as something worse than an average murderer. There was not a pitying eye in the crowd and the universal howl was to lynch him. He tried to pray, but the commercial traveling business had ruined him for praying! While waiting under the noose a happy thought struck him! His Masonry! He was a Royal Arch-Mason.

In all that crowd there must be Masons. He gave the Grand Hailing Signal of distress! We are not at liberty to explain how it was done for several reasons, the chief one of which is we don't know! But he gave it, and in an instant one of the foremost of the citizens of town sprang to his side, and he gave some Masonic signals, and the prisoner was quickly surrounded with twenty or thirty determined men, who held the crowd at bay with drawn pistols. Our friend explained to the leading man who he was; they organized a committee of investigation; a telegraph to Chicago and verified all his statements; and the brutal mob slunk away heartily ashamed. Our friend was made as comfortable as possible by his Masonic friends, but he says he never experienced such intense anxiety as he did when he stood under that noose.

The above is strictly true in all essential points. We have the names of parties and places. The young man has one or two brothers living in this city. The man who rescued him proved to be an old friend of his father's.

Yes, indeed, if we have the right stuff in us, these failures at the outset are grand materials for success. To the feeble there are, of course, stumbling-blocks. The wretched weakling goes no farther; he lags behind, and subsides into a life of failure. And so of this winning process the number of the athletes in the great Olympics of life is restricted to few, and those are clear space in the arena. There is scarcely an old man among us—an old and successful man—who will not willingly admit that he was made by his failures, and that what he once thought his hard fate was in reality his good fortune. And thou, my bright-faced, bright-witted child, thou thinkest that thou canst carry Parnassus by storm, learn to possess thyself in patience. Not easy the lesson, I know; not cheering the knowledge that success is not attainable, *per saltum*, by a hop, step and a jump, but by arduous passages of gallant perseverance, toilsome efforts long sustained, and, most of all, by repeated failures. Hard, I know, is that last word grating harshly upon the ear of youth.—"Say then, that we mollify it a little,—that we strip it of its outer crustaceousness and asperity, and truthfully say we do so, my dear! For these failures are as I have said, stepping-stones to success, *grades of Parnassus*," at the worst, non-attainments of the desired end before that time. If success were to crown thine efforts now, where would be the great success of the hereafter? It is the brave resolution to "do better next time" that lays the substratum of all real greatness. Many a promising reputation has been prematurely destroyed by early success. The good sap runs out from the trunk into feeble offshoots or suckers. The hard discipline of the knife is wanted. I repeat that it is not pleasant; but when thou feelest the sharpness of the edge, think that all who have gone before thee have been lacerated in like manner.

"How bad you do look!"—Don't say that. Why not give the poor, sickly one an encouraging word, instead? It will be far better. You may be startled to find your friend, or your neighbor, or some stranger whom you meet, looking so ill.—But don't show your surprise; keep your self-possession and do not attempt to express sympathy by telling him he looks "poorly," or "terribly," or "shockingly."

One such word is sometimes enough to topple over all a poor fellow's courage and leave him shivering in depths of despondency. Speak cheerfully always to the sick. Look at the better side. Keep up their hope by leading them to see how well they are, rather than how sick they are.

(When does a besieged city most resemble a man?) When it is being shelled.

## Two Honest Men.

David Davis, one of the early citizens of Lewistown, Me., now gone to his reward was a most excellent Quaker—a man of unspotted integrity. Some time before his death he went to his son-in-law, A. Wakefield, and said to him: "I hear there is a pasture for sale (naming it) for \$100, and I believe I'll buy it." He bought it, but told the owner that sum for \$125, and paid the owner that sum for it. Shortly after, the person of whom Davis bought the pasture wanted a loan of \$40, and Davis granted him the loan, taking his note for that sum. Before long Davis was taken ill, and feeling that it was his last illness, he called Wakefield to his side, and said to him: "I have a note of \$40 against A., and I want thee, after I am gone, to destroy it."

Wakefield, wondering and asking an explanation, he said: "These know, I bought that pasture from A., and I didn't pay him as much as it was worth, and I don't feel that he ought to pay me that note."

"But," said Wakefield, "you paid him all and more than he asked for the land."

"Yes," said Davis, "that is true, but it makes no difference—it's worth \$40 more than I paid him, and I want that note destroyed."

Shortly after Davis passed away, and Wakefield in the performance of his duty as administrator, looking up the deceased's effects, came upon this note. It was a good note for forty dollars; but in accordance with the old Quaker's dying request, he threw it into the fire.

Not long after, A., of whom the pasture was bought, called on Wakefield. "You've got something against me, haven't you?" "What is it for?" said Wakefield. "I gave a note to Davis for \$40, money borrowed of him, and I want to pay it."

"I've no such note," said Wakefield. "But this estate certainly holds such a note against me."

Very soon Wakefield explained the mystery, and tears rolled down the astonished man's face as he learned that the note had been burned—a witness to the wonderful conscientiousness and integrity of the sure-footed Quaker, one of the worthy first settlers of Lewistown. Such men will do for any age—the more the better.

THE MORAL LUBRICATOR.—The great lubricator which make everything in human life run without friction, is good temper. As soon as this is exhausted, the journals of the human machine begin to heat and wear, and the intricate mechanism becomes noisy and ruinously wasteful of power. "The horse that frets, is the horse that sweats," is an old saying of horsemen, and is just as true of men as of horses. The man that allows himself to be irritated at every little thing that goes amiss in his business, or in the ordinary affairs of life, is a man that, as a rule, will accomplish little, and wear out early. He is a man for whom bile and despondency have a particular fondness, and for whom children have a particular aversion. He is a man with a perpetual thorn in his flesh, which pricks and wounds at the slightest movement; a man for whom life has little pleasure, and the future small hopes. To "keep jolly" under all provocations, is perhaps a task which only Dickens' Mark Tapley could perform.—We never have met Mark Tapley in our experience of human nature, but we have seen him closely approximated; and it would be well if people in general could approach more nearly that inimitable character. In all the phases, emergencies and occupations of human life, good temper is a commodity for which there is great demand; but in those which bring an individual into daily contact with others, it is perhaps in greatest demand and most limited supply.—*Scientific American.*

Bachelors, Look Out! A few weeks ago, a poor, lonely bachelor, who had never loved nor been loved, left his dreary home for the sake of a little exercise. The morning was bright and sunny and as he promenade in the Park he gazed along at the girls as they passed him and thought of his own wretched condition. As he saw their bright and smiling countenances, and the happy faces of their male companions, he could not but contrast his own loneliness and single misery. These thoughts weighed upon him, and he became quite melancholy. As he was standing on the sidewalk, gazing listlessly about, he saw a beautiful young lady coming toward him leading a venerable blind man. Unmindful of the danger she incurred from the passing vehicles, her whole thought was devoted to her charge, which she finally landed in safety on the sidewalk. 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