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THE HAPPY MIND.

From *Eliza Cook's Journal*.

Out upon the calf, I say,
Who turns his grumbling head away,
And quivers with his feed of hay,
Because it is not clover.
Give to me the happy mind,
That will ever seek and find
Something fair and something kind,
All the wide world over.

"The passing good to have an eye
That always manages to spy
Some star to bear it company,
Though planets may be hidden,
And Mrs. Eve was foolish, very,
Not to be well contented and merry,
With peach, plum, melon, grape and cherry,
When apples were forbidden.

We love rare flowers, but suppose
We're far from Italy's rich rose—
Must we then turn upon our nose
At lilies of the valley?
Can't we smell of something sweet,
In the "rough-patch" that we meet,
Cried and sold in city street,
By "Bally in our alley"?

Give me the heart that spreads its wings,
Like the free bird that soars and sings,
And sees the bright side of all things,
From "Boring Straits" to Dover.
It is a heart that never breaks,
It is a heart that never shakes,
All the wide world over.

We like to give old Care the slip,
And listen to the "crank and quip";
But when we have to "do our bit"
No fellowship is better:
But we must lack the gentle grace
That makes the best of human race,
Who cannot see a friendly face
In mischief, bound or free.

Our hungry eyes may faintly wish
To eat and drink and sleep and rest,
And that upon the silver dish
That holds a golden feast:
Yet if our table be not spread
With savory cheese and golden bread,
Be thankful, if we're always fed
As well the wide world over.

We may prefer Italian notes,
Or choose the melody that floats
About the sea in Venetian boats,
Half wild with our extolling;
But surely music may be found,
When some rough sailor heart is bound,
Strikes up his "cherry" "round and sound,"
With English folk-dancing.

We may be poor—but then I guess,
Our trouble and our pomp is less,
For they who wear a tulle dress
May never fear the rumping;
And though champagne foam never hums
Between our fingers and our thumbs,
Red apple rarely comes
To dine with plain stone dumplings.

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"This Hand never struck Me."

We recently heard the following most touching incident: A little boy had died. His body was laid out in a darkened, retired room, waiting to be laid away in the lone, cold grave.

His afflicted mother and bereaved little sister went in to look at the sweet face of the precious sleeper, for his face was beautiful even in death. As they stood gazing upon the little form of one so cherished and beloved, the little girl asked to take his hand. The mother at first did not think it best, but her child repeated the request, and seemed very anxious about it; she took the cold, bloodless hand of her sleeping boy, and placed it in the hand of his weeping sister.

The dear child looked at it a moment, caressed it fondly, and then looked up to her mother, through the tears of affection and love, and said, "Mother, this little hand never struck me."

What could be more touching and lovely?

Young readers, have you always been so gentle to your brothers and sisters, that were you to die, such a tribute as this could be paid to your memory? Could a brother or sister take your hand, and say, "This hand never struck me?"

What an alleviation to our grief when we are called to part with friends, to be able to remember only words and actions of mutual kindness and love. How bitter must be the sorrow, and how scalding the tears of remorse of an unkind child, as he looks upon the cold form, or stands at the grave of a brother or sister, a father or mother, towards whom he had manifested unkindness. Let us all remember what- ever we saw in this respect, that shall we also read—*Well Spring*.

Herschel and Newton were men of intellectual substance; Foucault and Wesley, of spiritual substance; Luther was a man of moral substance; Howard of benevolent substance. Some men are wealthy in substance because of their riches; some, because they are fat; but the wealthiest of all is the high, noble-minded man, influenced largely by spiritual force; for all men weigh in the moral world according to their energy, morality, goodness of heart, goodness of soul, and Christian humanity. All man's selfishness, assumption, pretensions, oppression, &c., detract from the true substance of the man, and deduct from his weight accordingly. Wellington, when he was born, perhaps did not weigh more than ten pounds, but when he died he weighed down all England and more than half of Europe. The same thought might be applied to our own Thos. Jefferson; and so of Newton, who hung lightly on the steel-yard when he went on his tour of investigation among the planets—but before he died he weighed the planets upon the steel-yard of his logic.

A WIFE'S DEVOTION; OR, THE CHIVALRY OF LOVE.

BY GEORGE S. RAYMOND.

For several years, during the early part of my life-campaign, I had always argued stoutly that woman's proper sphere was the kitchen, nursery, or drawing-room; and that she had no business whatever in the out-door world, unless it was to look after clothes-lines, young chickens and flower pots. Like a world full of other folks in pantaloons, I had considered woman only as a sort of pretty toy created for the especial amusement of us "lords of creation"; to be petted and caressed while the gloss and gilding remained, but flung coldly a side when care, old age, and our own heartless neglect should have dimmed their pristine lustre.

I am now—indeed I could not well be otherwise with my experience—and henceforth while I live, I will stoutly maintain against all comers, that woman is capable of being all that man can be; and, and more too—for a woman may be an angel; man—never, at least in this world.

I have told you months since, in the *Courier*, how I became convinced, and now, if you will listen only a few moments, I will tell you how I became fully converted to the doctrine that the sphere of woman's usefulness is not, nor ever can be, circumscribed within the narrow limits of any particular, or modern conventional bounds.

The long and desperate struggle which had for years been carried on between the Imperial Government of Brazil, and the revolted southern provinces, was drawing to a close; and I, who for nearly five years, had been almost constantly on the wing, or what amounted to about the same thing, on horse-back, in the patriot service, was on my way to join my little Brazilian wife, to whom I had been united some five months previously, and from whose side I had been summoned within three hours after our marriage, to lead my command against a body of Don Pedro Segundo's *lançeiros*, who were committing depredations in the neighborhood.

I had been severely wounded in the side and shoulder, and what with the exposure in our wild, uncomfutable camp, the entire lack of proper medical and surgical skill, and the slow fever which had for three weeks been consuming me—my iron constitution had given way at last, and I was as near dead as a man could well be, and maintain his seat in the saddle.

My horse, or rather that of my wife, was on the banks of the beautiful Uruguary, on the extreme western limits of the Brazilian Empire, and my way thither led across the serrated peaks, and through the wild passes of the Southern Brazilian Andes, a region swarming with every species of wild beasts, fierce savages, murderous banditti, who killed for mere pastime, and bands of Imperial troops more savage than brutes, Indians, or robbers.

Pleasant, very—don't you think it was, for an invalid scarce able to keep his seat in the saddle, and accompanied by only two negro slaves possessing but little more sense or reason than the horses they guided?

But I heeded not these things. I had but one thought, one hope or wish. I believed I must die, and all I wished for was to gain the home of my angel wife, she who had once snatched me from the very jaws of death. I would look into her dark, soulful eyes, listen to the low, flute-like tone of her loved voice, feel her soft, balmy breath upon my fevered cheek, press her Hebe-like form once more to my throbbing heart, and I should die content.

Seven long, tedious days went by, and I had struggled on thus far without coming in contact with wild beasts, savages, robbers, or Imperial soldiers, to within fifteen leagues of my journey's end; and then my overtasked energies could bear me no longer, and despatching the most intelligent of my servants to apprise my wife and her family of my situation, I lay down under the shelter of a shelving rock in one of the most rugged, desolate mountain passes I had ever seen, with but slight hopes of surviving till aid should arrive from my friends on the Uruguary.

It was near noon when the negro departed on his mission, and as I had promised him freedom and ten ounces in gold if he reached my wife's house that night, I knew he would not lose a moment, and I might expect relief before night next day, provided I lived till that time—which did not seem very probable, as within two hours I was half delirious—the hot blood driven to the extremities by the raging fever, seemed like leaping liquid currents of fire; while my very vitals appeared to scorch and crisp with the subtle heat, and my whole frame was racked with the most exquisite torture.

Twenty times during the afternoon I had sent the remaining slave to the stream which wound along the bottom of the ravine; for water to quench my burning thirst.

The sun was perhaps an hour above the horizon, when I was suddenly surrounded by a band of some twenty ferocious-looking brigands, who were traversing the

CHRISTIAN CUSTOMS IN NORWAY.

BY MRS L. M. CHILD.

One of my father's brothers, residing in Boston at the time when the yellow fever prevailed to such a frightful extent, became a victim to the pestilence. When the first symptoms appeared, his wife sent the children into the country, and herself remained to wait upon him. Her friends warned her against such rashness. They told her it would be death to her, and no benefit to him; for he would soon be too ill to know who attended him. These arguments made no impression on her affectionate heart; and she accordingly stayed and watched with unwearying care. This, however, did not avail to save him. He grew worse, and finally died. Those who were near him, and seen that the end was near. They now came to take the body. His wife refused to let it go. She told me she never knew how to account for it; though he was cold and rigid and to every appearance quite dead, there was a powerful impression on her mind that he was not extinct. The men were overborne by the strength of the conviction, though their reason was opposed to it.

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