

POETRY.

AN AUTUMNAL DAY.

A living, pulsing glow fills the world,  
And hushes me break  
My bonds, where slumber banners are unfurled,  
And I awake.  
The subtle wine of sun-glow fills the air,  
And o'er the plain  
The rising gold of glory everywhere  
Shimmers golden rain.  
Across the shades that dancing oak-boughs  
Fling,  
The yellow tide  
Cretes on, and melts to gold the dusky ring  
From its far side.  
The lance leaves of the cloveless flock the air  
With emerald glow,  
A thousand quivering jewels flutter there,  
And to and fro.  
The hangings majesty, princess of the wood,  
In blushing red,  
Because the pine bowed low from where he  
stood  
His kindly head.  
The entire hemlock, silent and alone,  
In garb of woe,  
Mourns still for grief it never can atone,  
In anguish low.  
The slender birches round their wanted tone,  
Light, glad and free;  
And send, as always, tidings of sweet perfume  
Across the sea.  
The beeches, hoary, monumental, tall,  
Stately and grand,  
Laugh while the oak bows to the fall  
Which they withstand.  
The dove of blue is blue from bound to bound  
Unmeasured, vast!  
A universe of circling worlds around—  
All ours at last.

A GIRL'S FORTUNE.

The millinery flowers drop down once more  
Sweet over the two that stood together,  
Parting there by the gateway bow,  
Still and sad in the soft May weather.  
He held her close for a last, long kiss,  
"I'll wait for you, dear," he said, "forever!  
No future hour shall be false to this;  
For mine is a love that can never sever!"  
The millinery flowers drop down once more  
Sweet over the two that stood together;  
But not the two that stood before,  
Parting there in the soft May weather!  
For the earth has changed its bloom again,  
And the love has changed that would alter  
But a year has come and gone since then!  
And this is the length of a girl's fortune!

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Teeth and the Brain.

Dr. Norman W. Kingsley read before the New York Odontological Society, recently, a paper on "The Teeth and the Brain," of which the following are the points he made in his address.  
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Laying aside all cases that may be due to an inherited tendency to follow or exaggerate some given type, together with those which are manifestly the result of disease, operating only through the primary cause, so far as any general disturbance of the development of the permanent teeth, showing particularly in their malposition, is directly traceable to a lesion or innervation of the trigeminal nerve; that it is an interference more or less prolonged with one of the prominent functions of that nerve, and operating in its origin; that while if a precocious or stimulated brain in infancy urges on and crowds the dental organs in advance of the growth of the jaws, the result is the scrofulous or power would be likely to have associated with it a retarded dentition, but with abundance of room. I examined the mouths of two hundred inmates of the Asylum for the Insane, and in the majority of cases I found the teeth crowded, and I did not find a single pronounced case of a V-shaped dental arch.  
There were very few cases of narrow palatine arch, only three or four of saddle shaped palates, that is of a palate approximated in the bicuspids region. There was very little irregularity in the position of the teeth; very few teeth were out of line, whatever that line was; and the malformations were generally confined to the six front teeth. There was no more irregularity, decay, loss of teeth, or neglect than would be found among the same number of youths taken at random from the streets. Recently, while spending a few weeks in Switzerland, I devoted some time to the examination of the dental condition of the inmates of the asylums and hospitals in Paris. I examined the mouths of a large number of idiots, and the results were in no way dissimilar to what I found on Randall's Island.  
I visited one asylum in London, and there found a larger number of V-shaped arches than I had seen in other institutions, perhaps about five per cent, but I did not see one so pronounced as I have treated in my private practice, the patient having a full intellectual development. The fact of seeing a so much larger number of deformed teeth when visiting the asylums, and the fact that nearly all the cases that I had seen were offspring of the nobility. No irregularity in the position of the dental organs is any evidence of idiocy in the individual.  
Irregularities of the teeth in childhood indicate more likely a precocity of mental development, and possibly a more brilliant intellect in the adult. It does prove a disturbed cerebral condition at some period of the child's history, or, if resulting from hereditary taint, shows such a condition in the progenitors which has originated in like causes, unless checked will become intensified by transmission under similar surrounding conditions, and the future history of that family will be mental degeneracy.  
**Show.**  
The world is crazy for show. There is not one perhaps in a thousand who does not fall back on his real, simple self for power to get through the world, and exact enjoyment as he goes along. There is no end to the spicing, the mince, the false airs, and the superficial airs. It requires rare courage, we admit, to live up to one's enlightened convictions in these days. Unless you consent to join in the general cheat, there is no room for you among the great mob of pretenders. If a man desires to live within his means, and is resolute in his purpose not to appear more than he really is, let him be applauded. There is something fresh and invigorating in such an example, and we should honor and uphold such a plan with all the energy in our power.

The Old Actor's Daughter.

"I should be almost inclined to enrage you, Marie, if you did such a thing."  
"Curse me! Oh, father!"  
There, there, Marie, do not weep. Of course, I don't mean that. But only for a moment, I have had a little of your regular engagement, and should have saved money. If you should go to the manager, as you propose, and tell him that we were suffering for food—that your father was lying sick in this miserable attic, he would tell you that I had squandered my money, and that now, in my helplessness, I must suffer the consequences of my folly.  
"Father, you accuse yourself wrongfully. You have reared and educated a family of three, and for many years have cared tenderly for poor mother, even through all the varied stages of consumption."  
The old actor's daughter sat silent and thoughtful for a time. She was revolving in her mind scenes and incidents of her father's life, and she was entirely ignorant. Let us describe them.  
It was a period of three months previous to the foregoing conversation. The father had just been laid in the cold grave, and the mother was, as now, unable to leave his room. The wife was hovering around their door; and Marie, timid in action, but brave in heart, had resolved to assist the parent she loved so dearly.  
It was a bitter winter's evening when she left her home with the purpose. The sharp blast cut her to the very heart, and she shivered in her mantle and hood. But she had read in the papers that girls were wanted for the ballet of one of the theatres. They were to appear at the stage door that morning, but she had been unable to get to the side at that time. She feared she would be too late; still she could but try.  
On reaching the stage door her heart almost failed, but her home again rose up before her, and she ventured to ask the porter.  
"Want to see the stage manager, eh?"  
"Yes, sir, if you please."  
"Better wait till to-morrow."  
"I tried to come to-day, sir, but could not."  
"Indeed? Oh, here he comes—you can apply to him now."  
That functionary happened to be passing, and hearing the words understood their import. He turned, and a searching look upon the poor girl, and was about to pass on. But he caught sight of her face in the twilight, and said, "Not bad-looking, if she is in rags. So you want an engagement, eh?"  
"Yes, sir, if you please," replied Marie.  
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Hefty Marvin.

When the British and Tories attacked New London, Connecticut, in 17—, and set a price on the head of Governor Griswold, he latter fled to the town of L—, where his cousin, Mrs. Marvin, hid him for some days in a secluded room. But at length the subtle foe discovered his retreat, and one sunny afternoon in May he was routed from his hiding-place by the tidings that a band of Tories were approaching to capture him.  
His only chance of escape was to reach the mouth of a little creek which emptied itself into the Connecticut river, just above the entrance of the latter into Long Island Sound. There he had a boat stowed, with two faithful attendants hidden beneath the high banks of the creek. The distance from the farm-house to the boat was two miles by the usual traveled road. But a little step past the farmer's orchards would bring him to the road, only a mile from the boat; and save a quarter's length of his fearful run for life.  
Just where the narrow path from the orchard opened into the road, Hefty Marvin sat with his two attendants, waiting the bleaching of the household linen. The long web of forty yards or more, which was diligently spun by the young daughters of the house, was whitened in May, and thus made ready for use. The business of bleaching was a regular one, and was usually done by the younger daughters of the family, who were not old enough to spin, or strong enough for the heavier work of the kitchen or dairy.  
The roll of linen was taken by the farmer or his stout "help" to a grassy place, beside a spring or meadow brook, where the sun and breeze would spread upon the green turf, to take the best of the sun and dry the dew at night. The little maiden who tended it, however, was not to be trusted.  
Thus sat Hefty Marvin, the young daughter of Governor Griswold's cousin, when her hunted friend sprang upon her, and she, in a moment, was his prisoner. Hefty Marvin was a timid child of about twelve years; yet thoughtful and wise beyond any of her elders. She had been taught to be obedient, and she was a true daughter of the Governor's house.  
The old man was stricken speechless for a moment, and the tears started to his eyes. But he was only upon the examination of the manuscript that he could convince himself that such was really the fact.  
"After a child, sir,"  
"Oh, only a child, sir. Do you sing?"  
"Yes, sir—very well."  
"Very well—do you think I might not. Do you dance?"  
"Yes, sir. Father was an actor, and he said I should be one too."  
"Oh! then you can come to-morrow and try it."  
"Thank you, I'll come."  
"Rehearsal will take place at half-past ten. Will you be there?"  
"I will be here, sir."  
"Bring your props with you."  
Poor Marie hesitated, and the manager observing this, said:  
"Oh, perhaps you don't know what I mean by props. Well, they are your feathers, jewels, ribbons, laces, ties, slippers, gloves, and so on. We only furnish the body of your dress."  
The poor girl hesitated, when the manager said:  
"Can't you furnish your own props?"  
"I fear not at first, sir," was the timid reply.  
The manager turned away, and Marie staggered toward the door, half-blinded with grief and disappointment. But she had passed it a gentle hand was laid upon her shoulder, and a sweet voice said:  
"My dear child, come and see me to-morrow as early as possible. Here is my address."  
Marie viewed the extended card, and turned her eyes toward the speaker. She was a brilliant creature, and her poor girl tried to stammer a reply, but could not. She left the theatre, and took her way homeward. She could not help thinking of the beautiful lady and her magnificent dress. What could she do?  
Even bright pictures of the future rose before her vision, and thus dulled the sharpness of her grief at the disappointment. "There is nothing like the water of our springs for making people fat!"  
One day when Perlet was perfectly soaking himself in a bath in the hope of an increase of weight, which seemed in no haste to declare itself, he heard a colloquy in the bathing cabinet next to his own, between the local Esculapian and a lady of enormous obesity.  
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