POETRY.

How Softly on the Bruised Heart.

BY C. D. STEWART.

How softly on the bruised heart
A word of kindness falls,
And to the dry and parched soul
The moistening tear drop calls;
Oh, if they knew, who walk the earth
Mid sorrow, grief and pain,
The power a word of kindness hath,
'Twere paradise again.

The weakest, and the poorest, may
This simple pittance give,
And bid delight to withered hearts
Return again and live;
O, what is life if love be lost?
If man's unkind to man:
Or what the heaven that waits beyond
This brief but mortal span?

As stars upon the tranquil sea
In mimic glory shine,
So words of kindness in the heart
Betray their source divine:
O, then, be kind, whoe'er thou art,
That breathest mortal breath,
And it shall brighten all thy life,
And sweeten every death.

Waste not a Moment.

BY CHARLES LESTER.

There is no time, in any clime,
That should be unemployed;
An active mind will never find
There's nothing dull and void.
All things that live, some charms will give,
If sought without delay;
From year to year I seem to hear
This truthful voice of Wisdom say,
Waste not a moment!

The singing birds, in simple words,
An ever truthful lesson, tell,
That indolence by no pretence,
Can fill our earthly mission well.
Go, watch them work, they never lurk,
In indolence about;
Throughout the day, you'll find that they,
While the light of day is out,
Waste not a moment!

If you at ease, your mind would please,
Let not the time be wasted;
But take a book, and through it look,
And when its sweets you've tasted,
Pursue it well, and on it dwell,
And find some truthful lay
To feed your mind, and then you'll find
The voice of Holy Truth will say,
Waste not a moment!

Heed not mankind, who are so blind
To look but at the covers;
Like maidens fair, who only care
For the appearance of their lovers;
But search for truth, aspiring youth,
"'Tis always worth your finding,"
My plain advice is small in price—
You'll find it 'neath the binding—
Waste not a moment!

In every hour we have the power
To do some little good;
If we a neighbor help to labor,
'Tis only doing what we should;
For we were sent with the intent,
Upon this fertile land,
Man and brother, help one another,
For 'tis thy God's command,
Waste not a moment!

A Practical Joke.

Not very long since, a small farmer in a little village in Somersetshire, who prided himself on his cheeses, in a fit of unwonted generosity—for he was a penurious man—sent to her majesty Queen Victoria a prime cheese. A person giving to practical jokes knowing this, bought an eighteen penny gilt chain, and sent in a letter, purporting to be from her majesty, appointing her "well beloved" mayor of the village, in the document exalted into a corporate town, but whereof he, the said mayor, formed the sole body and whole authority. The ignorant poor man swallowed the bait, and called the village together; gave an ox to be roasted whole, and walked at the head of the invited procession, wearing his chain of office; and for several weeks exhibited the insignia of royal autograph at church and at markets.—*Blackwood.*

Black Lead for Pencils.

The lead from which pencil points are made comes from the largest pencil plumbago mine in the world, Borrowdale, Cumberland, England. It is situated in a hill, and instead of being worked constantly, like other mines, is opened once a year, when a sufficient quantity is taken out to supply the world for the year to come, when it is again closed with strong doors, bars and locks until the next annual supply is required. From the time of Queen Elizabeth, it is said, that all the fine pencils in the world have been made of the black lead of this mine.

An Irishman, on arriving in this country took a fancy to the Yankee girls, and wrote to his wife, 'Dear Norah: These melancholly lines are to inform you that I died yesterday, and hope you are enjoying the same blessing. I recommend you to marry Jemmy O'Rourke, and take good care of the childer. From your affectionate husband till death.'

AGRICULTURAL.

Improved Farming.

It is admitted that we may learn the principles of farming by *study*,—then why in the name of common sense, may we not study books? Why should we be compelled to grope along in darkness, when we may walk firmly and securely would we but open our eyes? A young man comes into possession of a farm of poor light soil, upon which his predecessors raised by dint of hard labor, a small crop of hay and potatoes, and a smaller crop of stinted corn; now shall he toil on all his days in ploughing, sowing, and cropping his field, in the same way and with the same result? or rather would it not be better to farm a little by the book, to learn the nature of soils and the different effects and qualities of manure; to introduce the culture of other crops, and thus by a little book science double his produce and the value of his land at the same time? It is allowed that even those who have a horror of book knowledge, adopt improvements as soon as they can see them practised with success in their neighborhood; but they adopt *only* when they see them; and if all others were to do as they do, nothing new would ever take place amongst them. To be sure there are some new modes of cultivation and new articles of culture which find their way by this mode, but they are introduced too slowly; they do not keep pace with the improvements of the age; the good old way is adhered to, merely because it is old, and a thorough contempt is often felt for new things, and especially if they are taught by book, merely because they are new. It was this spirit and feeling that was the cause of many of our most valuable crops remaining for years out of cultivation in many parts of the country, while elsewhere they had been introduced and found to be of immense advantage to the cultivators of the soil; and the ruta baga and other roots are as yet but partially known, and scarcely tolerated even now. It was forty years after spinach was introduced into the gardens of the opulent, before it could be purchased in the Boston market; the pie plant or rhubarb, was twenty years in coming into favor; the tomato, nearly as long; while the sea kale, one of the most delicious vegetables known in England, has not yet been able to tempt a single cultivator. But this spirit is not confined to *our* farmers and gardeners; for the medical faculty at Paris proscribed as poisonous the potato, one hundred years after that plant had raised millions of vigorous troops, who, under Marlborough, had again and again beaten the finest armies of France.

And I repeat, how few of our farmers make any improvements, save those they see instituted by their nearest neighbors! But why a man may not as well learn from the results of his neighbor's experience and science, when studied in a book, as when seen on a farm, it is difficult to conceive; assuredly, the man who, entertaining a contempt for scientific cultivation merely because it is *book knowledge*, will soon find himself growing worse in his circumstances; while his enlightened neighbor will be taking advantage of the improvements arising from the study of the science of agriculture, and bettering his condition. To this science, obtained by reading and study, is Mr. Coke, of Hollham, indebted for the unparalleled increase in the value of his estate. Some sixty years ago, he inherited a tract of poor land in the county of Norfolk of the value of $8000 per annum, but by reading and study, has raised his income to $200,000, or 24 times its original value! But if he had only adopted what he *saw* his neighbors do, his whole estate would have been a vast rabbit barren.—*Farmers Register.*

Look to your Weeds.

There are few farms in the country, and pity it is that this can be said with truth, on which there are not more or less weeds that do not require close attention to prevent their seeding, or otherwise spreading in the course of the summer. There is the *thistle*, which should be repeatedly mowed, if in pasture land, or if among hoed crops, cut it wth the hoe as often as makes its appearance. There is the *Johnswort*, crowding out the valuable grasses, poisoning sheep, and giving horses chapped noses and legs, if they are so unlucky as to be white; be careful not to let this go to seed. There is the sweet elder, that is becoming far too common; we do not require it for distillation or to color wines, and if we allow the seeds to ripen we are preparing tribulation for ourselves and neighbors. There is the life-everlasting, a worthless intruder, that occupies the ground exclusively where it spreads, and that is rapidly, when it is once allowed a foothold. See that this weed is effectually demolished wherever it appears. Look on your spring sown grain, and if full of yellow blossoms you will probably find that charlock is in your fields, and if it is not pulled promptly and completely, you may find business for years in attempting vainly its extirpation. The crowfoot of your meadows, or the daisy of your pastures, must be looked to, else lean cattle may be expected when fat beasts should be looked for. In short, allow nothing to be in your fields that usurps the place of more valuable plants, lessens the amount of your crops, or renders your fields a place in which pests are multiplied to reduce your own profits, or vex the souls of your neighbors.

Gave him up.—"Are you an Odd Fellow?" "No sir! I've been married for a week!" "I mean, do you belong to the Order of Odd Fellows?" "No, no, I belong to the Order of Married Men." "Mercy, how dumb! Are you a *Mason?*" "No, I am a carpenter by trade." Worse and worse; are you a *Son of Temperance?*" "Bother you, no, I am a son of Mr. John Gosling." The querist went away.

Voluntary Return to Slavery.—A colored woman by the name of Ellody, who belongs to an estate entrusted to the management of Hugh Nelson, Esq., of Petersburg, Va. voluntarily returned to Richmond last week, in a vessel from Boston. She left the family of Mr. Ruft while visiting in Boston in September last—but the Richmond Times says she prefers servitude in Virginia to liberty in Boston.

Making a Mark.—A captain of a sloop at one of our wharves hired a Yankee, a "green hand," to assist in loading his sloop with corn. Just as the vessel was about to set sail, the Yankee, who was jingling the price of his day's work in his pantaloons, cried out from the wharf,—"Say, you capting! I lost your shovel overboard, but I cut a big notch on the rail fence around the starn, right over the spot where it went down, so't you'll your shovel when yeou come back."

A very good story is told of Barnum the museum man. He has recently opened an establishment in Philadelphia in front of which an immense canvass sign stretches across the street. The mayor informed him that the sign was in violation of a city ordinance, and would subject him to a fine of two dollars a day. Barnum at once employed an Irishman to work on his premises, at a dollar a day—his first duty in the morning being to enter a complaint against his master at the Mayor's office, for his swinging sign, for which he is entitled to one half the fine!

A fortune teller was arrested in Paris, and carried before the tribunal of correctional police. "You know how to read fortunes?" said the president, a man of great wit, but rather too fond of a joke for a magistrate. "I do sir," replied the sorcerer. "In this case," said the president, "you know the judgment we intend to pronounce?" "Yes." "Well what will happen to you?" "Nothing." "You are sure of that?" "Yes; you will acquit me." "Acquit you?" "There is no doubt of it "Why?" "Because, sir, if it had been your intention to condemn me, you would not have added irony to misfortune." The president, disconcerted, turned to his brother judges, and the sorcerer was discharged.

Giving in to His Better Half.

'Hey, hey! what's that? where, allow me to ask, are you going at this time of night, Mr. Snippe?' cried a lady, in notes of ominous sharpness.

'Out,' responded Snippe, with a heart broken expression, like an afflicted mouse.

'Out, Indeed! where's out, I'd like to know? where's out that you prefer it to the comfortable pleasures of your own fireside?'

'Out is nowhere in particular, but everywhere in general, to see what's going on. Everybody goes out, Mrs. Snippe, after tea, they do.'

'No, Mr. Snippe, everybody don't—do I go out, Mr. Snippe, without being able to say where I am going to? No, Mr. Snippe, you are not going out to frolic, and smoke, and drink, and riot round, upon my money. If you go out, I'll go out too. But you're not going out. Give me that hat, Mr. Snippe, and do you sit down there, quietly, like a sober respectable man.' And Snippe did.

A Miser.

A poor man once came to a miser and said, 'I have a boon to ask.'

'So have I,' said the miser; 'grant mine first, then will I comply with thine.'

'Agreed.'

'My request is,' said the miser, 'that you ask me for notning.'

Letting Out.

An Irish tailor making a gentleman's coat and vest too small, was ordered to take them home and let them out. Some days after, the gentleman enquiring for his garments, was told by the ninth part of an Irishman that his clothes happening to fit a countryman of his, he had *let them out* at a shilling a week.

Ruling Passion.

A lady's beauty is dear to her in every situation—in sickness, and even in death. Mrs. B—t, daughter of Dean S–h–e, was a very lovely woman; she was worn out with a long and painful sickness. As in her *last faintings*, her attendants were rubbing her temples with Hungary water, she begged them to desist, *for it would make her hair gray!*

A HINT TO BACHELORS.—A lady, named Mary Ann Eldridge, had occasion to send a note to a gentleman, and put two r's into her first name in the signature, thus: 'Marry Ann Eldridge.' The man was a bachelor, and consequently took the hint.

☞ Lady Blessington, who is eulogised by so many editors, was the daughter of a printer, named Power.

☞ 'What's that?' asked a schoolmaster, pointing to X. 'It's daddy's name.'—'No, you blockhead, it is X.' 'Taint X nuther! It is daddy's name, for I have seen him write it many a time.'

☞ The following most scandalous toast was given at the celebration of the Fourth in Chicopec, Mass:

Our Fire Companies.—May they be like old maids—always ready, yet never wanted.

'HIRAM, my boy, you must be more careful of yourself than you are. You have not the constitution of some. 'Don't believe a word on't father; I've got the constitution of a horse; there aint no break up or down in me. Dang it, if I don't believe I've got the constitution of the United States.'

ALL pleasure must be bought at the price of pain; the difference between the false pleasure and the true is just this: for the true, the price is paid before you enjoy it, for the false, after you enjoy it.

Men lose many excellent things, not because they want power to obtain them, but, spirit and resolution to undertak them.

Sir Boyle Roche, the blunderer, rose, one day in the Irish House of Commons, and said with a more serious and graver aspect than usual: 'Mr Speaker, the profligacy of the times is such, that little children, who can neither walk nor talk, may be seen running about the streets cursing their Maker!' This is another very evident mark of absence of mind, which we occasionally read of.

Thidias made the statue of Venus at Elis with one foot upon the shell of a tortoise, to signify two great duties of a virtuous woman, which are to keep at home, and be silent.

A Sensible Maxim.—An upright minister asks, *what* recommends a man; a corrupt minister, *who.*

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