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Select Poetry.

THE CHILDREN.

BY MARY HOWITT.

Beautiful the children's faces!
Spite of all that care and tears:
To my inmost heart appealing;
Calling forth love's tenderest feeling;
Sleeping all my soul with tears.
Eloquent the children's faces—
Poverty's lean look, which saith,
Save us! save us! we are surrounded;
Little knowledge sore confounds us:
Life is but a lingering death.
Give us light amid our darkness;
Let us know the good from ill;
Let us see all our blindness;
Love us, lead us, show us kindness—
You can make us what you will.
We are willing; if you are ready;
We would learn, if you would teach:
We have hearts that yearn towards duty;
We have minds alive to beauty;
Souls that any height can reach!
Raise us by your Christian knowledge;
Consecrate to man our powers;
Let us take our proper station;
We, the rising generation,
Let us stamp the age as ours!
We shall be what you make us;
Make us wise, and make us good!
Make us strong in time of trial;
Teach us temperance, self-denial,
Patience, kindness, fortitude!
Look into our childish faces;
See ye not our willing hearts?
Only love us—only lead us;
Only let us know you need us,
And we all will do our parts.
We are thousands—many thousands!
Every day our ranks increase;
Let us march beneath your banner,
We, the legion of true honor,
Combatants for love and peace!
Train us! try us! days slide onward,
They can ne'er be ours again:
Save us, save! from our undoing!
Save from ignorance and ruin;
Make us worthy to be men!
Send us to our weeping mothers,
Angel-stamped in heart and brow!
We may be our fathers' teachers:
We may be the mightiest preachers,
In the day that dawneth now!
Such the children's mute appealing!
All my inmost soul was airted;
And my heart was bowed with sadness,
When a cry like summer's gladness,
Said, "The children's prayer is heard!"
A gentleman on his way from
Boston to Vermont, stopped at a tavern
where he met an inquisitive country fel-
low, who said to him—
"Where have you come from if I may
be so bold?"
"Not bold at all—I come from Boston."
"Where are you going, if I may be so
bold?"
"I'm going to see the widow M."
"Are you a married man, if I may be so
bold?"
"I am a widower."
"Are you going to marry the widow M.,
if I may be so bold?"
"That is too confounded bold!"
"My hair is eighteen years older
than my whiskers," said a lawyer, "and I
cannot understand why my whiskers
should turn gray first." "Because you
have worked so much more with your
jaw than your brains."

A Select Story.

A KISSING HOLIDAY.

The English correspondent of the Commercial Advertiser gives the following description of one of the Easter Holidays, which he passed at a small town, in the heart of Staffordshire:

"On descending to the little parlor of the inn, on Monday morning, I perceived that all the household were in their gayest attire, and that no one entertained any serious notions of work or business. I had despatched my solitary breakfast of ham and eggs, and other country dainties, and was looking out with mixed feelings of delight and envy upon the prospect of a day when the door of my room was suddenly flung open, and six rosy-cheeked, ringletted young women entered, uttering very much, and looking very foolish at each other, and then to me."

"I am not vain—but, to give the devil his due, I am a rather handsome fellow—my mother has told me so a thousand times; so, upon the whole, I was rather gratified by the piece of admiring attention.—But to be left alone in a little parlor, with half a dozen girls, requires some nerve, and I confess I began to feel rather qualmish. I am rather bashful besides—very bashful.—and therefore had a mortal repugnance to being thus exhibited gratis, and so to put an end to the scene, I said in as careless a tone as I could command, "What's the matter, Mary?" "Well, sir," she answered, "I see you don't understand our ways, but you must sit in this chair, if you please." And she indicated a chair, which I had not perceived, in the back staves of which were entwined laurel, ivy and flowers.

Anxious to conciliate them, I complied with her request, resigning myself to my fate with desperate fortitude. Scarcely had I taken my seat when they lifted me up in the chair, as high as they could, three or four times, laughing most outrageously at my looks of bewildered horror. I gave myself up for lost; an unfortunate young man, who had strayed into a rustic wilderness, far from his home and his friends, entrapped, ensnared, and forcibly carried away by six violently pretty girls, but if I was horror struck at this proceeding, judge what was my consternation, when the leader of the assailants, that very Mary, who had brought my breakfast half an hour before, and leered upon me as only a charmingly wicked waiting woman can leer, advanced, seized me round the neck, and impressed upon my half parted lips a ferocious kiss! This was the climax. I defied destiny from that instant, and resolved to meet my fate like a martyr. "La, sir," said Mary, "I declare, you are quite alarmed; I must have another, just to bring you to your senses." And she 'had' another, and it did bring me to my senses. How soon one gets used to kissing! All my terror had vanished at the salute of the third damsel, and I repaid the 'lip service' of the sixth with interest—I got so fond of the sport, that I even wanted to repeat the performance, and would not have cared to employ the entire day in such pastime.

"Now, sir," said Mary, "you must know that this is our 'heaving day'; to day the young girls 'heave' the young men, whoever they can catch, gentle or simple; and to-morrow the young men heave us, if they can catch us, and then as don't get a kiss, man or woman, pays forfeit." I was also informed that it was customary to give some trifling gratuity to the ladies as a 'keepsake'; a practice to which I conformed, by giving them a trifle of money, which they did not keep long, and they left me well pleased with the success of their exploit, while I was no less so.

I rode in the mail coach to within about two miles of my friend's house, and walked the remaining distance. My road lay through narrow lanes, and across fields, until I came upon a small village. Hitherto I had not met a soul; but was walking merrily on, whistling or singing, in love with all the world, not omitting the most important item, in the aggregate—myself. But as I entered the straggling village I could perceive gowns, and many colored caps, flitting backward and forward, and had an intuitive consciousness of women, resolved on heaving achievements, lying in ambush behind impervious hedges; which filled me with strange trepidation. I proceeded, however, calling up a look of magnificent stow-off or I'll bite you expression, thinking in the innocence of my heart, to check too familiar advances by an assumed hauteur.

"I was miserably deceived, for a strong

built young lady, in a state of most barbarous health, came forward to meet me, with an artful carelessness of manner, evidently wishing to persuade me that I was unnoticed, and that she was only going to the spring for a pail of water; but when she arrived within grapping distance, she flung her pail away, clasped me ruthlessly around the waist, and before I could say 'alas,' she lifted me from my feet and kissed me with violence. She offered no apology for thus assaulting me on the Queen's highway, but laughed in my face immoderately, and called out, "Sukey, I've got him!"

"Oh dear! Oh dear! scarcely had she spoken, before Sukey, and Bet, and Polly, and a dozen others, sprang into being from invisible places, and I was surrounded by a laughing, shouting group of unfeeling, robust females. I expostulated and entreated in vain; I was pulled about, lifted up, and kissed without mercy, till, making a desperate rally, I burst from their embraces, and fled along the lane at the top of my speed, followed by derisive cheers from my baffled persecutors, and shouts of laughter from their husbands, fathers and brothers, who had left the Red Lion to see the sport."

The Sabbath.

"O, Sabbath! Needed for a world of innocence—without thee, what would this be but a world of sin? There would be no pause for consideration, no check to passion, no remission of toil, no balm of care! He who had withheld thee, would have forsaken the earth! Without thee, He had never given to us the Bible, the Gospel, the spirit! We salute, as thou comest to us in the name of the Lord—radiant in the sunshine of that dawn which broke over a nation's achieved work—marching downward in the track of time, a pillar of refreshing cloud and guiding flame, intervening with all thy light new beams of discovery and promise, until thou standest forth more far than when reflected in the dews and imbibed by the flowers of Eden—more awful than when the trumpet rung of thee Sinai! The Christian Sabbath! Like its Lord, it but rises again in Christianity, and henceforth regards the rising day. And never since the tomb of Jesus was burst open by Him who revived and rose, has this day awakened but as the light of seven days and with healing in its wings!—Never has it unfolded without some witness and welcome, some song and salutation! It has been the coronation day of martyrs, the first day of saints! It has been from the first until now the sublime custom of the churches of God! Still the outgoings of its morning and its evening rejoice! It is a day of heaven upon earth! Life's sweetest calm, poverty's birth right, labor's only rest! Nothing has such a hoard of antiquity on it! Nothing contains it such a history!—Nothing draws along with it such a glory! Nurse of virtue, seal of truth! The household's richest patrimony, the nation's noblest safeguard! The pledge of peace, the fountain of intelligence, the strength of law! The oracle of instruction, the ark of mercy! The patent of our manhood's spiritual greatness. The harbinger of our soul's sanctified perfection. The glory of religion, the watch-tower of immortality. The ladder set upon the earth and the top of it reacheth to heaven, with the angels of God ascending and descending upon it."—Hamilton.

Remember Me.

There are not two words in the language that call back a more faithful train of past remembrances of friendship, than these. Look through your library, and when you cast your eye upon a volume that contains the name of an old companion it will say—remember me. Have you an ancient album, the repository of the mementos of early affection! turn over its leaves, stained by the finger of time—sit down and ponder upon the names enrolled upon them; each says—remember me. Go into the crowded churchyard, among the marble tombs—read the simple and brief inscriptions that perpetuate the memory of the departed ones; they, too, have a voice that speaks to the hearts of the living and it says—remember me.—Walk in the hour of evening twilight, amid the scenes of your early rambles; the well known paths, the winding streams the overspreading trees, the green and gently sloping banks, will recall the dreams of pleasure, and the recollection of youthful companions; they, too, bear the treasured injunctions—remember me.

"Scotland forever!" exclaimed a Highland Soldier, at Waterloo.
"Ould Ireland for longer!" replied an Irishman.

A SISTER'S INFLUENCE.

A little boy of seven or eight years, had learned to swear. Whenever he heard a new form of profane language, he would treasure it up in his mind, and then glory in astonishing and distressing the servants, some of whom were pious, by his huge unheeded oaths.

After a time, a servant woman hearing him one day swear most shockingly, told it to his elder sister. She called him to her, their parents being absent, and told him of her distress at his wickedness. He wept, and most of all, when she spoke of their father, who was sure to administer rebuke and severe punishment. As he begged that his parents might not be told of it, she proposed not to tell, if he promised not to use such language again. The little fellow hesitated, and at length made the promise. It was faithfully kept. Though mingling with many evil companions, who often sought to make him swear, though in many respects sadly wicked himself, he never afterwards spoke a word which he knew to be profane. Exposure and punishment could only have restrained him for a time; he was much better was this sister's judicious course! Many a boy, whose precocious depravity fills his friends with horror, might be restrained by the prudent and affectionate efforts of an elder sister.

When this lad had reached the age of fourteen, the same sister sought him one day, and urged that he ought to become a Christian. She spoke of the uncertainty of life, and the hardening of heart and every way increased difficulty which comes with advancing years; of the pleasantness of piety, and the advantages he had enjoyed in a religious education. But he constantly replied laughingly, "O sister, don't talk about all that now; what is the use of bothering myself about religion now? Wait till I am grown up, sister, and then I'll see about it." Still she pleaded, and still he tried to laugh it off, till quite disheartened, she said, "Well, my dear, young brother, you know what you ought to do; I pray God that it may not be said of you at last, 'You knew your duty, and you did it not.' She turned away in despair, to weep and pray.

The boy walked off whistling a gay tune, but the tearful eye and tremulous voice of his living and dearly loved sister, made her last words sink into his heart, he could not forget them, he could not shake off the solemn impression. Though for two years long apparently reckless, he often remembered that earnest appeal, often trembled lest he should die, often almost determined to seek the Lord. His sister never had the heart to speak of it again; and it was not till several years after he became a professed Christian, that she knew how powerful, by God's blessing had been the impression produced by her tender and prayerful warning.

NEVER.

Never taste an atom when you are not hungry; it is suicidal.
Never stop to talk in a church aisle after service is over.
Never hire servants who go in pairs, as sisters, cousins, or any thing else.
Never blow your nose between your thumb and fingers.
Never deposit the results of a 'hawk' or cough on the sidewalk.
Never pick your nose and look at it.
Never open your handkerchief to inspect the product of a 'blow.'
Never speak of your father as 'the old man.'
Never reply to the epithet of a drunkard, a fool, or a fellow.
Never speak contemptuously of woman kind.
Never abuse one who was once your bosom friend, however bitter now.
Never smile at the expense of your religion or your Bible.
Never stand at the corner of a street.
Never take a second nap.
Never eat a hearty supper.
Never insult poverty.
Never eat between meals.

A doctor went to bleed a sick dandy, who languidly exclaimed:
"O, doctor you're a great butcher!"
To which the doctor rejoined:
"O, yes, I'm used to sticking calves."

Matrimony.

One of the most remarkable features connected with the interesting institution, is the successive changes it undergoes in course of its history. For the first six months it is all "ducky" sugar. As we enter our second olympiad, however, a change comes over not only our affections, but our apparel; we no longer talk preserves, while our ruffled shirts have much broader plaits than they could once boast of. When the young husband and wife first enter upon their new relation, how do they see what is before them in the shape of troubles, gridirons, cradles, rocking chairs, cholera infantum, bakers' bill, small shoes, paregoric and hobby horses. As they for the first time take possession of their new house, and enjoy its cheering aspect, its regularity and quiet, and its expression of domestic peace and joy, how little do they anticipate the trials and vicissitudes, the deep yet unseen fountains of joy and sorrow which lie in their way!

In a few years how changed! One after another has been added, in various ways to the company which began only with two, until at length they find themselves presiding over a numerous circle of children, and relatives, and domestically, the father and mother both involved in responsibilities, from which they would have shrunk, had they anticipated them at the outset. In a few years this happy circle must be broke in upon and scattered. Death comes and takes away Abramica a young lady, with pink bodice and black eyes, comes in and carries off Alexander; a third, determined to die a sailor's death ships before the mast of a canal; a fourth growing covetous, starts for California; while a fifth in all probability, gets his intestines kicked out by the sorrel ball.

At last the father and mother are left alone; and after fifty years of trouble, love and vexation, they find themselves worse off than when they first started. They are not only alone again, but they are alone without hope of any more company.

The Right Talk.

A straight cut writer gives the following advice to those young men who "depend on father" for their support, and take no interest whatever in business, but are regular drones in the hive, subsisting on that which is earned by others:

"Come, off with your coat, clinch the saw, the plow handles, the ave, the pickaxe, spade—anything that will enable you to stir your blood! Fly around and tear jacket, rather than be passive recipients of the old man's bounty! Sooner than play the dandy at dad's expense hire yourself out to some potato patch—let yourself stop hog holes, or watch the bars; and when you think yourself entitled to a resting spell, do it on your own hook! Get up in the morning—turn round at least twice before breakfast, help the old gentleman, give him now and then a generous lift in business, learn how to take the lead, and not depend forever on being led; and you have no idea how the discipline will benefit you. Do this and our word for it you will seem to breathe a new atmosphere possess a new frame, tread a new earth, wake to a new destiny—and you may then begin to aspire to manhood. Take off, then, that ring from your little finger, break your cane, shave your upper lip, wipe your nose, hold up your head, and by all means never again eat the bread of idleness nor depend on the exertions of your father for your living."

Curious Preaching.

The heads of the Mormon Church, give us some queer specimens of preaching. The following is from a late sermon by President Kimball:
"How long do you suppose it will take a little man like me—though I feel perfectly able to thrash any six common wicked men—if I am faithful in keeping the commandments of God, and true all the days of my life to my brethren, as I have been hitherto, and men to be more to get into the celestial kingdom of God with