

# The Middleburgh Post.

VERTICAL

Idleworth has me  
in West street  
has begun the  
house near the west  
is erecting an  
and other

T. H. HARTER.

He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot is a fool; he that dare not is a slave.

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### POETRY.

#### The Music of the Rain.

Falling, falling, on the house-tops,  
With a music quaint and rare,  
Like the sound of human heart-throbs  
On the silent midnight air,  
Or the tears of angels falling  
When they weep with those who weep  
Or the lullaby of mothers  
When they rock their babes to sleep.

Like the drowsy wine of poppies,  
With its weird, enchanting power,  
Coming to the weary listener  
Like the dew to drooping flower:  
Like a calm sleep to those who suffer,  
Or the tear to those who mourn;  
Like remembered words of loved ones,  
From our aching bosoms torn.

Strangely sweet, bewitching music,  
All entrained my senses lie,  
As I watch the mystic future  
With a shallow Past go by,  
While a calm and holy quiet  
Steals upon my heart and brain,  
Then I fall asleep, still listening  
To the murmur of the rain.

So, mayhap, sometime hereafter  
I shall lay me down to rest,  
Overweary, and shall listen  
For the music I loved best;  
When in gentle cadence falling  
Through the midnight silence deep,  
Softly soothe my troubled spirit,  
While it lulls me into sleep.

When, at last my soul has fallen  
Into sweetest, glad repose,  
That on earth sunshine or shadow  
No awakening ever knows—  
Like the voice of waiting angels,  
Or the vesper bells in toll,  
May the softly falling raindrops  
Chant a requiem for my soul.

#### An Episode in a Farmer's Life.

To the city  
Farmer Chitty,  
Plain, but gritty,  
Came one day.  
And he wandered,  
And he pondered,  
On his way.

Thus while gazing  
At amazing  
Sights, and praising  
All he saw;  
He was taken—  
Hand was shaken  
By mistake  
Mrs. Shaw.

Why to right it,  
And requite it,  
Him invited  
To a smile;  
And the farmer  
Grew a warmer  
Friend the while.

Soon, elated,  
And inflated,  
Chitty waited  
For the deal:  
When some axes  
Showed their faces—  
Two hard cases  
Made him squeal.

In the city  
Stood the gritty  
Farmer Chitty  
Cursing all  
Not a penny  
Of the many  
Had he, any  
More to call.

Home returning  
Through the burning  
Sand, and learning  
How to tramp.  
Spouse she took him  
And she shook him,  
Grit forsook him,  
And she wouldn't believe a blamed  
word he said in explanation.  
—Texas Siftings.

#### A YANKEE FARMER'S MAXIMS.

Take pleasure in your work.  
Think small things important.  
Don't let fowls roost in trees.  
Have your stock well sheltered.  
Keep up with the improvements.  
Don't let fences sag and fall down.  
Never go to town without business.

Don't ruin stock by low fencing  
and bad fencing.  
Don't hang harness in the dust,  
nor forget to oil axes.  
Don't leave wagons, tools and  
farm implements exposed to the  
weather.  
Don't be stingy and penurious,  
but practice old-fashioned, honest  
and honorable economy.

If Satan ever laughs it must be at  
hypocrites. They are the greatest  
foes he has. They serve him bet-  
ter than any others, but receive no  
wages. Nay, what is still more ex-  
traordinary, they submit to more  
mortification than the sincerest  
Christian.

Charity is one of the noblest vir-  
tues that links earth with perfection.

### THEN AND NOW.

"My dear," said Mrs. Popperman to her husband last evening, "I was looking over a bundle of old letters to-day, and found this one which you wrote to me before we were married, when you were young and sentimental."

"What does it say?"

"I'll read it."

"Sweet idol of my heart. If thou wilt place thy hand in mine, and say, dear love, I'll be thy bride, we'll fly away to some far realm—we'll fly to sunny Italy, and 'neath soft, coral seas we'll bask and sing and dream of naught but love. Rich and cozy paintings by old masters shall adorn the walls of the castle I'll give thee. Thy bath shall be of milk. A box at the opera shall be at thy command, and royalty shall be thy daily visitor. Sweet strains of music shall fill the air, and warbling birds shall wake thee from thy morning slumber. Dost thou accept? Say yes, and fly, oh! fly with me."

"And I flew," said Mrs. Popperman. "But if I had been as fly as I am now, I wouldn't have flown."

"Why not, dear?"

"Why not? Have you done as you promised in that letter? When we were married, did we fly to sunny Italy and bask 'neath soft coral seas, or did we go to Hoboken and spend two weeks fishing for eels on the edge of the wharf?"

"Well, yes."

"And how about the pictures? You know very well that every rich and costly painting in this house is a chromo from the tea store."

"Well."

"Thy bath shall be of milk. Do I bathe in milk? Do I bathe in milk, or isn't it like pulling teeth every morning to get ten cents out of you to buy milk for the baby?"

"Kinder."

"Royalty shall be thy daily visitor. The only daily visitors I have are book agents and clam peddlers."

"Taint my fault?"

"Sweet strains of music shall greet at eventide. The only chance I have to listen to sweet strains of music is when you and I go out walking at night and follow a monkey and a hand-organ around the block."

"Oh, I am so sleepy."

"I don't care if you are. Where are the warbling birds you promised me? I hear Mrs. Maginis's crowing roosters next door every morning. Perhaps they are what you meant."

"Well, never mind."

"But I will mind. I was to have a box at the opera. Where is it? The only time I go to an opera is when you get bill-poster's tickets to a dime museum."

"It's too bad."

"It is really too bad. And then you said we'd talk and dream of naught but love. Since I married you we've talked and dreamt of naught but rent. Good-night, sir, and Mrs. Popperman turning out the gas and jumping into bed, leaving Mr. Popperman to bark his shins against the bureau in trying to grope to bed in the dark.

Ungatefulness is the very poison of manhood.  
Doctor's motto—Patients and long suffering.  
Politeness is prudence; impoliteness is stupidity.  
What is the worst seat to hold one up? Conceit.  
One always has time enough if he will apply it well.  
Talk to the point, and stop when you have reached it.  
Morning for work, evening for thought, and night for repose.  
Why is a prudent man like a pin? Because his head prevents him going too far.  
Envy is a passion so full of cowardice and shame, that nobody ever had the confidence to own it.  
Be brief, for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.  
A Bethlehem man is the father of two sets of twins.  
There were thirty-three deaths in Alleghany City last week.  
Two kilns containing a million bricks are being burnt at Huntingdon.  
A roocoon killed 62 turkeys in one night in West Gosden, Chester county.

### AN INCIDENT THAT MADE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE REFLECT.

"Brandy is dead!"

So the men said, so the women said, and so the children called to each other as a piece of news.

A drunken, good-for-nothing, A so-called man whose brain had become dissolved in liquor, whose mind was enfeebled, and who had disappointed everybody by not dying in the gutter, instead of having the roof of a tenement house over his head.

Why should anyone grieve when such a vagabond passes away? The world may owe him room for his bones to rest, but nothing further.

So in "Brandy's" case men said that he was well out of the way, and women clattered their dishes in the rooms below, and cared not for the presence of the dead.

When the undertaker came to bear the body away a dozen people crowded into the room, and among them was a boot-black. Some said that "Brandy" looked well in a coffin; others spoke lightly about his face having at last lost its ruby color, and the dead paper was no more than a dog in their minds, and why should he have been? One can be a man or he can be a vagabond. If he becomes a vagabond let him lose the respect of men. All had a heartless remark except the boot-black. He stood at the head of the coffin and looked from face to face and said:

"Brandy was low-down, and he died like a beast, and you are all sneering at him! Did any one among you ever give him a chance? Did he have a home when he was a boy? Did men try to encourage him and guide him aright? Is there a man in this room who ever took him by the hand and spoke one kind word? Didn't everybody abuse and ill-treat him? Didn't everybody look upon him as a dog?"

There was no answer.

"Aye! Brandy was low-down!" whispered the boy as he laid his hand on the coffin. "He was ragged and hungry, and poor and homeless, and without one single friend. What man among you could have stood out against it any better? Poor old man! They know all about it in heaven! Let me help to carry him down."

And when the dead had been driven away, and the poor boy had disappeared, more than one man said:

"After all, we might have made it easier for the poor old man. I wonder that some of us never sought to make a man of him, instead of helping him down."

Every man who has to live by his own exertions should be the master of a trade and the owner of his own home. We wish that we could make every young man in the land appreciate the importance of, early in life, after he has acquired a trade, setting to work to secure a modest and comfortable home for himself and little ones—if he shall be thus blessed. Any wage-worker of steady and industrious habits, in the possession of a trade and the owner of a little home to live in, has reached the highway that leads to future competence. The greatest obstacle to the progress and prosperity of the mechanic is the constant drain which the landlord makes upon his meagre income. The man who makes from \$500 to \$900 a year, has to pay more than one fourth of his wages for rent, if he desires that his family have a comfortable and respectable home. Even at these figures the houses that are usually for rent lack the modern conveniences, and are objectionable, both as to situation and sanitary arrangements. The demand for the right kind of rented homes is in most cities greater than the supply, and for that reason the first step on the part of the mechanic toward comfort and independence, is to own his own house. He must pay out as much in rent every eight years, as will secure a good home, and such being the case, if he continues to rent, there is but little chance in life for the accumulation of money. The true policy for any young man and his wife, is to practice the most rigid economy, until a home is assured. They must begin the task early in life, or never. If they defer it until they get older and have larger and more expensive families, the home will never be acquired. Once a saving working man becomes his own landlord, he can save each year a sum equal to his rent at least, and this, continued for a period of years, must bring a competence if a judicious use is made of the money. It may not be possible for all mechanics to obtain homes of their own, but many with a little effort and self-denial certainly can succeed.

### SOME FAMILIAR WORDS AND WHERE THEY CAME FROM

Every young reader has heard pussy called Tabby, but all do not know that tabby cat was named after Atab, a famous street in the old city of Bagdad. On this street the merchants sold a beautiful watered silk called atabi. In modern days this silk has been styled talata. The wavy markings of the silk were thought to resemble pussy's coat of fur.

Jet derives its name from a river in Lycia—the Gagates—in the bed of which were found smooth black stones called gnet, of which jewelry is made.

A pamphlet is a book bound in paper. A long, long time ago a learned Greek lady wrote the history of the world in thirty-five little books, which, after her, were called Pamphylia.

Hunbug is a bit of fun aimed at Hamburg, in Germany, which city was once rather famous for getting up sensations which turned out to be nothing very wonderful after all. Hamburg news was bunbug.

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He travels safe and not unpleasant who is guarded by poverty and guided by love.

Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who know the least.

### AN INTERESTING LIST.

A list of girls for the consideration of young men contemplating marriage:

A good girl to have—Sal Vation  
A disagreeable girl—Annie Mossy  
A fighting girl—Hettie Rodoxy.  
A very sweet girl—Carrie Mel.  
A very pleasant girl—Jennie Rosity.

A "summer" girl—Helen Blazes.  
A sick girl—Sallie Vate.  
A smooth girl—Amelia Ration.  
A seedy girl—Cora Ander.  
One of the best girls—Ella Gant.  
A clear case of girl—E. Lucy Date.  
A geometrical girl—Polly Fun.  
A flower girl—Rhoda Dendrom.  
A musical girl—Sarah Nade.  
A profound girl—Mettie Physics.  
A star girl—Meta Oric.  
A clinging girl—Jessie Mine.  
A nervous girl—Hester Teal.  
A muscular girl—Callie Sthenics.  
A lively girl—Annie Mation.  
An uncertain girl—Eva Noscent.  
A sad girl—Ella G.  
A serene girl—Mollie Fy.  
A great big girl—Ellie Phant.  
A warlike girl—Millie Tary.  
A medical girl—Ella Campene.  
A undeveloped girl—Lillie Putian.  
The passing girl—Jennie Ration.  
A grammatical girl—Ettie Mology  
A fat girl—Addie Pose.  
A city girl—Minnie Apolis.  
A light girl—Carry Seen.  
A band girl—Clara Net.  
A drunken girl—Saul Linn.  
A volatile girl—Sal Amonia.  
A drawing girl—Linnie Ment.  
A mechanic's girl—Kit O'Tools.  
The meager girl—Anna Conda.  
A noisy girl—Katie Did.  
Our country's—Lib Ery.  
A dentist's girl—Sasie Dont.  
The best girl of all—Your own.

### OWN YOUR OWN HOME.

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### WHY HE LEFT THE CHURCH.

"Yes, I has gibben up my bench in de church," said a colored brother "I kin't ford ter blong ter a congregation what employs such a thief ob a preacher. I's don wid him, an I don 'low him ter speak ter none ob my family"

"Your preacher is a bad man I suppose."

"Well, I reck'n he is. Dat man ain't hones'."

"Have you proof of his dishonesty?"

"I reckon I has. Tother night I went down ter de hen house, habin' hearn a mighty flutterin' among de chickens, an' who should I find but der preacher, a helpin' hisself to de chickens. Dat's why I say he ain't hones'. In fact, sir, I've almost 'vinced dat dar's suttlin' wrong wid de man."

"...but what time was it when you went to the hen house?"

"'Bout 3 o'clock in de mornin', sah."

"And you found the minister there?"

"Yes sah; foun' him 'li' in down de chickens, an' dat's why I've foun' fault wid de church."

"Does the hen house belong to you?"

"No, sah; it belongs ter Mr. Jackson."

"Well, what were you doing there?"

"'Huh?'"

"I say, what business had you at the hen house at that early hour?"

"What business I had? Why, sah, I—why, sah, I heard de chickens 'foll' an' went dar. I didn't want none ob de chickens, sah. I've got all de chickens I wants, I hap-pened to be outer bed at de time."

"What work are you engaged in?"

"'Huh?'"

"I say, what's your business?"

"I has been a preacher."

"Why did you happen to be out of bed at 3 o'clock?"

"I got up ter gorge in 'arly pra'r, sah. De pra'r oh de 'arly riser is de soones' answered."

"If you wanted to pray, what made you go to the hen house?"

"'Huh?'"

"You heard what I said."

"Well, I went dar ter see dat de chickens was all right."

"And you found the preacher there?"

"Yes, sah."

"What did you say to him?"

"'Huh?'"

"You know very well what I asked."

"What did I say ter him? Why, sah, I telt him to turn loose de do-nicker hen. Dat's what I said."

"Why did you want him to turn loose the hen?"

"'Huh?'"

"I wanted de hen myself, sah."

"Then you are as much of a thief as he is."

"No I ain't 'case we don't long to de same church. I see a Methodist, I is. Dat man is a Baptist. Anyhow it gin me such a disgust dat I quit de church. Dat's sufficient I see a gwine to try some odder 'igion, 'case all dat I has tried is dishonors'. Whenever I fin' a church dat'll keep me from stealin', dat's mine. Up ter dis time I ain't foun' it. I ain't got no confidence in a nigger, nohow."

There are a set of malicious, prating, prudent gossips, both male and female, who murder character to kill them; and will rob a young fellow of his good name before he has years to know the value of it.

Sin is never at a stay; if we do not retreat from it we shall advance in it; and the further on we go the more we have to come back.

Praise never gives us much pleasure unless it occur with our opinion, and extol us for those qualities in which we chiefly excel.

Plato, hearing that some asserted he was a very bad man, said: "I shall take care so to live that nobody will believe them"

The proud have no friends; not in prosperity, for then they know nobody; and not in adversity, for then no one knows them.

The prodigal robs his heir; the miser robs himself. The middle way is, justice to ourselves and others.

Gaiety is not a proof that the heart is at ease, for often in the midst of laughter the heart is sad.

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