

WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

Wealth and glory, and place and power,
What are they worth to me or you?
For the lease of life runs out in an hour,
And death stands ready to claim his due;
Sounding honors or heaps of gold,
What are they all when all is told?

A pain or a pleasure, a smile or a tear—
What does it matter which we claim?
For we step from the cradle into the bier.

A dark world goes on through a
Hours of gladness or hours of sorrow,
What does it matter to us to-morrow?

Truth or vow of friend—
Tender caresses or cruel sneers—
What do they matter to us in this end?
For the brief day dies and the long night nears.

Passionate kisses, or tears of gall,
The grave will open and cover them all.

Homeless vagrant, or honored guest,
Poor and humble, or rich and great,
All are raked with the world's unrest,
All must meet with the common fate.
Life from childhood till we are old,
What is it all when all is told?
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

HE WAS THE MAN.

Probably every one has his detractors, but it is not always that a man is innocently informed of the opinion which the world entertains concerning him. A stranger in New York desired to enter into negotiations with a farmer in a town in this State for the purchase of some live stock. Meeting a man driving an ox wagon, the stranger inquired:

"Can you inform me where Mr. West lives?"

"There are a number of Wests living here. Which do you mean?"

"The one owns some fine land."

"They all own pretty fine land."

"I don't know this man's Christian name, but he has oxen for sale."

"I guess any of 'em would sell if they could get their price."

"Yes, but this Mr. West is wealthy."

"They're all fine handed."

"But this West is said to be a close-fisted man and hard at bargaining."

"They're all of them kind of close-fisted."

"Well, I don't know as I can give any other quality by which you will know which West I am after. Oh, yes, I did hear that there was a story about that West once robbed his brother's horse-trust," said the traveler laughing. "Of course it was only a story."

The ox driver smiled grimly. "Well, stranger," said he slowly, "I reckon 'em the man."

Sam Jones, in speaking of converting hard-hearted newspaper men says he couldn't touch a College reporter with a ten-foot pole. He ought to have tried a 12-cent cigar.

The poet who asked, "Oh when can rest be found?" half-joking visited the store of a merchant who never advertised. He could just see one of this merchant's clerks he would not ask such a confounding question.

Dr. Holmes says that an ox-driver took a mule's team because he liked it better because his oxen grew up and down like the tails of women."

Dr. Holmes is half-right, as is often half-right. If he should ever get into a native briar patch he'd be horrified at his deposition; he would be surprised to find himself climbing up toward the blue vast of heaven making frantic efforts to catch his liver when he would be going ahead of him like the handle of a scythe that had tried to separate a couple of bunches of live gorsebushes.

The Man Who Advertising.

He just a bit outside, but not a whit shamed, and he looks it up and down when he comes home and."

And so on a接着 comes the sage— "I'm in the paper, at top of highest column of your want to make myself."

Start with your biggest business, it'll go a little better than the others, or follow me across the way."

I want to find a nice little cheap and kind of place—I'm going to use if advertising doesn't pay."

Now every spring and winter I ride to the press, and in the time of summer and fall,

And we copy in we print you pay me and read again and the man who advertises knows it all."

Then the paper man sits down and reads on his crown, and sits like a fool a fearful kind of stand,

Ever thinking me here waiting,

—We're columns made all top my business I could drop by fat and and sleek, and rich like me."

—Lynn Bean.

"That fence would panting badly

I think I'll do it myself. "You do it yourself, if you think it wants to be done badly" replied his wife.

Sam Jones, the Georgia evangelist who is engaged in saying impudent things about religion at revivals, at a good salary, was disgusted at arriving at Cartilage, at not being met at the depot by a committee and a band, and he made some remarks about the neglect. The *Streets' Enditor*, after publishing the remarks of the revivalist at being compelled to ride in a bus to a hotel adds: "Why should Sam kick? How would Christ, his master, have been received had he rode into Jerusalem in a palace car and have been met by a brass band and a committee on reception? No, no, Sammy you should have walked in, and the footsoles with the dust of humiliations upon you, tramped to the feet of Mt. Oliver and knelt at the humble door of Jesus Mary and Martha. Take your own medicine, Sammy—for once—when ever hard by Christ holding a camp meeting on the shores of Galilee with a wire fence around and a two-bit admittance fee with a lemonade stand attachment—for revenue only. The man who signs a salvo in position is eleven-tenths dog, without hair or tail; and the man who follows Christ in a sleeper, at the rate of one-hundred dollars per day, had better notify St. Peter when he is coming, so that he can put a watch over the pearly gates and other valuations, and be ready to entertain him in keeping with his importance when he arrives at the grand union depot in the New Jerusalem."

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds.

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