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-: POETRY:-

"Dear Mother's Growing Old "

and nice.

after to morrow."

"Poor father," said she.

moments, and then spoke:

ex s or ce all these years."

regretted that he had not done so

One of his old clerks entered.

"At a pretty fair price, sir."

appears to be acquainted with."

"A tall man with black whiskers."

"Bid him enter, I will see him

When the gentleman entered the

room he reached his hand to Mr.

I cannot place you," he replied.

"Charles, can you forgive me the wrong-the injustice-of my words

to you? I've deeply repented my

"Certainiy, sir," said Charles; "do

Rotert Prince took Charles by the

rds from the minister, and they and I am only too glad to be able to

started up and said :

"Who is buying?"

"A stranger?"

Prince did not speak.

s buying let me know."

would like to see you.'

Prince, and said :

me, Mr. Prince?"

stranger with a smile.

came to the door and said:

"Yes, sir,"

"Come in."

things sell?"

wish I could see bim."

them at first. They had their temp-

tations and victories, but through all

A queer sensation 'tis to me-So queer it can't be told; And really feel that it may be: "Dear mother's growing old."

These words to me from sister came In writing round and bold; A world of ideas do they frame-"Dear mother's growing old."

I seem to see her old arm-chair, And 'cross the floor 'tis rolled; And picture her as sitting there-"Dear mother's growing old."

Her hair that once shone o'er her brow

With hue of beaten gold Is getting white as driven snow-"Dear mother's growing old,"

Her eyes they tell of weary days And lines of care have hold; They say to me in many ways-"Dear mother's growing old."

Her feeble strength and wavering hand

Can scarce her work unfold; And as she braids she skips a strand-"Dear mother's growing old."

I'm far from her on foreign sea, And by its blue waves lolled, Those words indeed are sad to me-"Dear mother's growing old."

POOR vs. RICH.

J. W. Vankirk in Peck's Sun, "No, you shall not marry my daughter."

against me besides my being poor ?" "Not in particular, but my daughter has higher aspirations, I hope"

"Did I not tell you we loved one "A more infatuation; and for the

second part my consent you shall

never have." "Bir!" and the young man drew himself proudly erect, "I am no fortane hunter. I ask for your daugh-

ter's base forevery her wealth." "an aun, young hou, the day my herself, so far as I am concerned."

"Very well, sir. Good day." "Good-afternoon

The above conversation took place in the library of one of the leading merchants in the town of L-Charles Parkham, a young man of promising talent requests of Robert l'rince his daugher's hand, and habeen refused, as related.

"Well, Laura. your father positively objects to our union."

"It is no more than I expected. Charles, Father has other views for

"Yes, so it seems. But, Laura, I do not wish to take you from the station in life which you hold. You know my position, and by marrying me you will have to give up many things which you now esteem the most ind.fferent luxuries."

"I am willing to give up all Charles Better happiness and poverty than richness and discontent Father and I had few tastes in common: the life he wished me to lead seemed so unreal"

"Laura,"-the young man hesitated, fearing to wound the listener, "your father said that if you married me be would make you a beggar."

"I cannot change my décision. am willing to follow you through good and bad fortune, Charles."

"Well, then, I will meet you at church on D- street, tomorrow teu. I will go now and make arrangements. One kies, and good-by till tomorrow, darling."

departed while Laura turned to the window and gazed after his retreat- here as of ol. ... ing figure, musing upon the coming change of her fortune. She was a

natural that the step she contemplat- gasped forth with tears in his eyes : daugerous. d should call up serious thoughts, at not once did she regret her de-The next day at the appointed action, and I do not wish you to sucour, Laura, enveloped in a heavy rifice anything for me." il, alighted from a cab before the arch door, where she was joined not mention it. We are all liable to Charles. A few, yet impressive err. My business has prospered,

e twain—no more parting till assist you in time of need."

Robert Prince took Charle stracing their steps to the street, hand and said; entered a crrriage, and after a "We have been poor and rich in directions from Charles, were our time; we know what it is to strive en rapidly to their destination. for the one, and suffer by the other. poetical part of life was past, Will you bring Laura and come and they had now entered into the live with me and comfort me in un

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a neat cottage, in the plainer portion come, Laura was only too happy to be of the city, which Charles hal rented and furnished. Here, though able to see and speak to her father,

Life was none of the ensiest with enghly humbled

A GREAT SNAKE AT LARGE

they persevered-hoping for brighter days to come. The business New York, Oct. 9 -A hungry bon it." his marriage, Charles dropped his angrity in the air and darted its denied, paper at the breakfast table, an said: tongue out viciously. A great crowd "You do not mean to say that I which scorn carls; while many a from the animal importing house of amazement "How I Charles Richie & Brother, in Park "I will make no distinction between face bright with smiles and his heart "Charles remained silent for a few for Hoboken on a handcart, there to They all handle about the same kind bright with flowing auroras? It is "Laura, although your father dealt be given a warm bath to infuse a put a little more water in their not outward condition that makes a harshly with us. If you have no ob little African heat into it. The whisky, but it contains no more man happy. jections I believe I will go and see if snake is the largest one in captivity poison than that which you purchase A man came to Rathschild, the I can aid bim. No doubt help from in America, and was brought here in the saloon where oil paintings great banker, and said: "For must any source will be acceptable now." last week on the steamer Faids, adorn the wall and high-priced mir- be a thoroughly happy man" He "Ob, Charles, do so if you think from Reiche & Brothers' Broman rors set off to an advantage fancy said, "Happy? Happy, SURGICAL & MECHANICAL DENTIST WM. E. HOUSWERTH. it will be right. I thought of that headquarters. It was taken by one bar fixings. It is all the same, when just as I am going to dine a at first, but did not wish to say any of their travelers in the Soudan. Fancy saloons must make plenty of man sends me a note, saying. If you

thing, as father has ignored our very The huge reptile has not had any- money in order to meet their expens don't send me £500 before to-morthing to eat for several weeks, and ses The day of the sale was a trying this morning Mr. Reiche resolved to "A law should be passed prohibit- out." Me happy?" Oh, I wish I one for Robert Prince. He was send it to Hoboken, where he has a ing the ratification that makes five could, by the power of the Lord Alchildless before, now be was panny- sort of an eating house for anacon- barrels of whisky out of one. Some mighty, break the infatuation of less. How bit erly be mourned the das. Just how it happened will whicky is put through a certain pro- those men who are neglecting the "But sir, have you snything loss of his "little Laura,"-felt the probably never be known, but as the cess whereby a large quantity of fuunjustness of his treatment, and boy and hand-cart were near the po- sel oil is taken out. This whisky is ing that there is to be something in wished her back to comfort him. He lice station the boy slipped on a bit purchased by rectifiers, who will the future for them of a workily nawould have written to her had be of apple skin. As he fell he let go draw perhapse and of a barrel but ture that will satisfy their souls known where to write, but from the of the cart handles. Up they went five gallons, fill it up with cologne The heart right, all is right. The another—that we wish your consent time she left his house he never tried The cart tipped backward, the box spirits, a large percentage of which heart wrong, all is wrong. But I to find her whereabouts. Now he rolled out on the walk and the great is fusel oil, and then add dregs to ask you to higher riches, to crowns ana'te burst through the slats on give it the proper color and taste. I that never fade, to investments that When the sale commenced he was top. In an instant it was spread was in the rectifying room of a whole always declare dividends .- Talmage

in the library. He did not feel like over the walk, going out to confront the crewd, so The boy stood palsied with fright. the comvensuer put several ounces he sat still and mused away the time He was immediately hemmed in by of carer, A. E. in a barrel of stuff the best he could. After a while a corious crowd, which grew larger there was a knock at the door. He momentarily. Very quickly several whisky. The was, he said, for the God's sake, give me just a little!" policemen were on the scene, but purpose of giving it a bead, make it The words came from a shrunken "Well, Thomas," said he, how do once sent to Mr. Reiche, but it was fasel oil to kill a half dezen men. "A stranger, a man whom no one "What kind of a looking man is boy contageously kept in front of the system. Men who drink any siles, furnished him by the crowd, he their better judgment and reason, "Is there snything I can do for succeeded in keeping it within a cir- and are scarcely responsible for what you, sir?" asked Thomas, as Mr. cle of fifty feet from where the box they do. Besides they are being "No-yes, if you can find out who he could not control the serpent men are stanted in their vigorous When the sale was over Thomas appeared. They were afraid the po- men are waisted. A law which al-

more than eight feet in the air. It chambers, and the results can be was thoroughly angry. Its eyes imagined. seemed to dart flashes of lightning ; "An old liquor man stated to me "I suppose you do not recollect ing its white teeth, and its tongue hold his trade and handle pure "Although your face looks familiar a series of hisses which served to mands for cheap whisky be had to keep the crowd still further off. It adulterate. These statements I am "Charles Parkham, sir," said the was beginning to make ready for a ready to prove. Show me a man spring for about half its length. The who adulterates his whisky and I "Charles Parkham!" ejeculated Mr. leader of the men advanced, and by will show you one that will not drink a judicious throwing of cloths, after that which he sells to others."-"Yes, sir," replied Charles. "I by five attempts, succeeded in covering Pittsburg Press. accident heard of your failure, and the reptile's head, and then the seven hurried at once to give you what as- men quickly sat down on its body

ned Charles, "I am ready to give carried it to the store.

The Chicago Mail boasts of a citizen of fine discrimination and delicacy, who, riding in the suburbs with his best girl, passed a stable in the door of which stood a couple of oulves, "See," said the young lady, those two cute little cowlets. "Those are not cowlets, Araminta they are bullets." And the procession moved rapidly on.

A German woman colliding with fellow traveler on the pavement, exolaimed: "I do Gut im himmel, is sel ll "No madam, its only a man.

ADULTERATED WHISKY.

"There is not one saloon in fifty not so luxuriout as at her father's, and they were the means of cheering in this city where you can get a pure come to support comfortably your Laura found everything comfortable the many otherwise lonely hours of drick of whiskey. I will make it household, you would not be con-Robert Prince whose pride was there stronger. Forty-nine out of every tented though your income rolled in

which Charles was in prospered, and constrictor, twenty-reven feet long. This remark was made by a repu- that many of those who fare sampbe was soon a rich man. Years and weighing nearly 200 pounds, lay table wholesale liquor man to a restmonsly every day are waspish and rolled on, and Charles moved from coiled up near the police station in porter of the Press last night. He dissatisfied, and overbearing, and his native city into another state. the City Hall park about 10 o'clock is ready, he says, to substantiate his foreboding, and cranky and uncom-One morning, about ten years after this morning. It reared its head statements by proof that cannot be promising; with a constrance

sale house and w days ago. I saw

they needed to exercise no effort to sparkle, sharp biting. A barrel of keep the crowd back. Word was at this kind of whisky contains enough fully twenty minutes before he ap- would just as willingly take a small appeared. He was accompanied by dose of poison as drink a glass of it, seven men. In the meantime the Step into a saloon and take a glass hot rays of the sun beating down on of this vile stuff and you will feel the the tar walk rapidly thawed out any evil results before you cross the torpidity that remained in the snake threshold. It acts directly on the and he began to move about. The brain, and is keanly felt throughout the reptile and with the aid of mis- amount of it become wild, lost to was broken open. But it was evident slowly poisoned to death. Young much longer, when Mr Reiche's men growth, and the energies of older licemen would shoot the reptile and lows men to mix up poison and sell "The man who bought the goods made all possible haste to capture it, it simply for the purpose of making The serpent was now resting on money should be repealed This its coils, with its huge head elevated whisky often finds its way into sick

its great mouth was wide open, show- a short time ago that he could not the drug store beseeching the prodarted forth viciously. It also gave goods, and in order to meet the de-

There is a citizen in Davenport. sistance I could. And now," contin- Then the eight men picked it up and lows, who is very fond of sucking eggs, and the other day, having reyou a deed for your property; giving The snake is very old and is ceived a present of a basket of nice flowing from his mouth, but he re-The kiss was given and Charles you your own time to pay for it. worth \$1,000. That it would have fresh ones from a farmer, he broke fused to go away, and the policeman You may consider yourself master bitten any person in its reach, one the end of one, and applying his lipof Mr. Reiche's men said, was be- began th suck it. Just as the pic- station. "This was the hardest speech Rob- youd a doubt. He was much afraid nie began to get interesting, and he ert Prince ever listened to. He was the reptile would get into the trees, was enjoying the treat, he discovered ing men," said the druggist, "but leading belle in the city, and it was almost speechless; but at last he where it would have been still more that all was not as it should be, when op un once gets its grasp on a Something with feet on it seemed to pause, and reflect before going down, and the gentleman not wishing to embarrass the stranger, spit it out on and the gentleman no longer believes in the saying: "If at fir. t you to make him tired.

don'd lose noddings

VAIN INVESTMENTS.

If you are not content with an infifty liquor dealers are selling whisky on you fifty or a hundred thousand which is neither more nor less than dollars a year. It is not what we poison. I would not drink it, sir. I get, it is what we are that makes us would not allow a good dog to drink appy or miserable. If that is not so, how do you account for the fact which wrath always lowers and a tip "Laura, I have bad news to assembled in a short time, but took cannot get good whisky in a fine on- time in the summer evening you se tell you, your fither has failed in extremely good care to keep at a re- loon where I am charged 25 cents a a laboring man going beme in his business; his sale takes place day spectful distance. The snake was glass?" inquired a bystander in shirt-sleeves, with a pail on his arm and a pickaxe over his shoulder, his row, and was started this morning fine saloons and 'boles in the wall, with hope, and the night of his toil

row night, I will blow your brains DR J. W. SEIP,

The Horrors of Morphine

faced man who stood in front of a drug shop on William Street, as he raised his band appealingly.

the druggist, as he closed the door in the man's face,

liceman appeared "What's the row?" he asked. eThis man is a morphine flend, eplied the dauggist, "and I can"

well him any." "Oh, for heaven's sake, give me just a little! See, I have the mon-

The policeman led the man away but ten minutes later he was back again. The policeman again app ared and dragged the man off in the

direction of the station house. "If you go home, I'll let you go, said the kind-hearted policeman.

The man promised to go directly home and started away. An hour afterward be was again in front of prietor to sell bim a small quantity of morphine.

This time another policeman hove in sight, and in response to the druggist's demands ordered the morphine "fiend" away. Threats were useless, and the policeman cuffed the man's cars. It was in vain; he still pleaded for the drug. Then the police nan shoved the man away. The latter seemed very feeble, and fell headlong to the pavement.

When he got up the blood was was compelled to take him to the

"They can talk about liquor ruinman he's gone .- New York Journal

There are men who would never the floor. It turned out to be a liz- be heard of outside of the town in zard an inch and a quarter in length which they reside were it not that their gall is the means of getting don't succeed, suck eggs." In fact their names in the papers. Probathe eight of an egg has a tendency bly the worst case of gall on record was that by a man displayed in Allegheny. A Pittsburg, Pa., gentle-"What's the price of sansages?" man advertised for a cook, and re-Dwendy cends a bound," "You ceived the following from the Alleasked twenty-five this morning." gheny man: "Dear sir. - I have seen "Ya; dot vas ven I bad some. Now your advertisement for a cook for I ain'd got none, I sells him for three days, in the papers; when you dwendy cends. Dat makes me a get what you want, please send the light" to which the traveler replied; rebudation for selling chesh, and I rest of the girls to me, as I don't care to advertise."

be fed for a week or so, and then to of goods. The cheap saloons may an illustration of the fact that it is DR E. W. TOOL.

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"I cannot give you any," replied

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