

POETRY

"Dear Mother's Growing Old"
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."

POOR vs. RICH

J. W. Vankirk in Peek's Sun.
"No, you shall not marry my daughter."
"Sir, have you anything against me besides my being poor?"
"Sir, I am not a fortune hunter. I ask for your daughter's hand, for her wealth."

of the city, which Charles had rented and furnished. Here, though not so luxurious as at her father's, Laura found everything comfortable and nice.
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