The Poet's Corner.

We Can Make Home Happy.

Though we may not change the cottage,
For a mansion tall and grand,
Or exchange a little grass-plot
For a boundless stretch of land—
Yet there's something brighter, dearer,
Than the wealth we'd thus command.

Though we have no means to purchase
Costly pictures, rich and rare—
Though we have no silken hangings
For the walls so cold and bare—
We can hang them o'er with garlands,
For flowers bloom everywhere.

We can always make home cheerful,
If the right course we begin;
We can make its inmates happy,
And their truest blessings win;
It will make the small room brighter
If we let the sunshine in.

We can gather round the fireside
When the evening hours are long;
We can blend our hearts and voices
In a happy social song;
We can guide some erring brother,
Lead him from the path of wrong.

We may fill our home with music,
And with sunshine brimming over;
If against all dark intruders
We will firmly shut the door—
Yet should evil shadows enter,
We must love each other more.

There are treasures for the lowly
Which the grandest fail to find;
There's a chain of sweet affection
Binding friends of kindred mind—
We may reap the choicest blessings
From the poorest lot assigned.

The House With Closets.

How dear to the heart of the housekeeping woman,
Are comforts of which so few architects tell;
Nice children, good servants, and plenty of room in
The well fitted mansion in which they must dwell.

But first of the blessings kind Fortune can give her,
If she in the city or country abide,
Is that which she longs for and covets forever,
The big, airy closet, her joy and her pride—
The roomy, clean closet, the well-ordered closet,
The big, airy closet, her joy and her pride.

The house may be perfect from garret to cellar,
Well lighted, well aired, with cold water and hot;
And yet, to the eye of the feminine dweller,
If closetless, all is as if it were not.
How oft she has sunk like a dove that is wounded,
How oft she has secretly grumbled and sighed,
Because she saw not, though with all else surrounded,
The big, airy closet, her joy and her pride!
The roomy, clean closet, the well ordered closet,
The big, airy closet, her joy and her pride.

Fond husband, who fain would have home be an Eden,
For you and your Eves all complete as a whole,
To read in, to write in, to sleep in, to feed in,
Forget not the closets so dear to the soul;
But build them in corners, in nooks and in crannies,
Wherever a closet may harbor or hide,
And give to your Marys, your Katies, your Annies
The big, airy closets, their joy and their pride—
The roomy, clean closets, the well ordered closets,
The big, airy closets, their joy and their pride.

Some Scotch Anecdotes.

A poor old woman called a few days ago on a Glencluce weaver, who besides his common trade, acts as a "dentist." After the tooth was extracted, the old woman regretted she could not reward the doctor with the usual fee, stating as a reason that the Poor Board allowed her only a shilling a week. "Indeed," said the dentist; "If that's a ye get, ye might just sit doon again, an' let every tooth in your head be pu'd out!"

A GOOD-NATURED CLIENT.—A certain Scotch magistrate, well known for his pleasantry and good humor, stepped into the chambers of a law agent, to enquire into the progress of a law plea. He was told that defences had been given in, and that it would be next necessary to lodge replies. "After that, I suppose," rejoined the magistrate, "comes the money-plies, which, mae doot, ye'll reckon the best o' plies."

An Aberdeenshire Laird, who kept a very good poultry yard, strangely enough could not command a fresh egg for his breakfast. One day, however, he met his grieve's wife going towards the market, and very suspiciously, with a nice basket. On passing, and speaking a word, he discovered that the basket was full of beautiful white egg. The next time he talked with his grieve he said to him, "James, I like you very well, and I think you serve me faithfully; but I cannot say that I admire your wife." To which the cool reply was, "Deed, I'm na surprised at that, for I dinna muckle admire her mysel."

A SCOTCH NICKNAME.—In the Justice of Peace Court, Paisley, Davie Drawloom, on honest weaver, was summoned to appear, to answer for a debt which he saw sure was paid, but for which he omitted to take a receipt. The pursuer was well known in the neighborhood to be a "loomy customer," and he used many specious arguments against poor Davie, before "their honors," that Davie lost all patience, and cried out, in the bitterness of his wrath. "Haud thy tongue, noo, Tam; haud thy tongue; else I'll gie thee a name that nae ither body in Paisley will gie thee." "What dare you call me you worthless creature; I defy you to call me anything that's bad." "Haud thy tongue, noo, or else I'll let it out. I'll gie thee a name that nae ither that kens thee will gie thee." "What name dare you give me, sir?" "Honest man—but I'm no' obleeg'd to gar the folk believe it."

Fun and Fancy.

Epitaph said to be copied from a tombstone in the cemetery of Montmartre:—"Here lies Joseph X., who for twenty years after the death of his wife, lived in the society of his mother-in-law, and died in the certain hope of a better world beyond.

A service was recently announced at St. Matthew's, Sydenham, London, "for children of the upper classes." Whereupon the following amendment to the well-known saying was promptly offered by a newspaper commentator: "Suffer little children of the upper classes to come unto me."

Some people's ideas of mortality are a little mixed. Lord Alvanley spoke of a friend of his as a foolish sort of fellow who had "muddled away his fortune by paying his tradesmen's bills," and Pelham used to argue that it was a very respectable thing to be arrested for debt, because it showed plainly that the arrested party had once had credit.

As a lady was wending his way through a narrow passage at the top of Charlotte street, Glasgow, he meta pretty girl, and said to her. "Please, my dear, what do you call this passage?" "Balaam's passage," she replied. "Ah, then," said he "I am like Balaam—stopped by an angel." "And I," rejoined the girl, as she pushed past him "am like the angel—stopped by an ass."

Here we have a poet. He writes for the country newspaper. The paper does not pay him for writing. He writes for glory. See how pale and thin he is. Perhaps glory does not agree with him. At night he walks without a hat to let the starlight soak into his brain. He was not born a genius. At a very early age he fell out of the garret window, and when they picked him up he was a poet. Poets are therefore made, not born. This is why flats are built eight and ten stories high.

HOUSEHOLD FABLES.—How many thumbs? snillingly asks the sitting room carpet, looking up at its colleague, the battered stove pipe. With a wink in the disjointed elbow, the stove pipe, riviting its gaze on its friend replies, "Only three, but I've raked enough skin off the other knuckles to make a pair of boots." Chuckling responds the carpet, not so well as you did last year. I got a couple of finger nails, two whole trousers' knees, started a good crop of hang nails on every finger in the house, and I think I have a divorce suit pending." "That's a pretty good spread," replies the pipe, and then, turning to an exhausted tack hammer that was resting itself on the window sill, asked, "How is your score?" "Oh, don't ask me," gasped the tackhammer, "I've been busier than the master's gavel on a chapter night. I haven't missed but one knuckle since I started in, and then I caught the ball of a thumb, plump centre, and raised a blood blister as big as a walnut." And then the graceless trio smiled in silent chorus, and an old rheumatic mop that was standing on the porch listening to the conversation through the key-hole, bumped itself against the door in an ecstasy of delight and fell fainting across the wheelbarrow with one leg that was waiting on the walk for somebody to come along and fall over it.

A Good Name.

How true it is that a good name is a capital in itself. Such a capital, like every solid accumulation, is not built in a day, but is the result of years of continuance in well-doing. No man can hope by a spurt of good nature or honorable dealing to acquire an enviable reputation which is implied in the possession of a "good name." Little things done and observed in a service of years, the trifles of which life is made up; if done conscientiously, are what contribute to the result, and win for a man the confidence of his fellows; and when one has thus acquired this good name, men seek him in business, rely on his word and prefer his goods. Such a capital is within the reach of the poorest. It commands confidence, and helps one in securing all that is desirable in life, and as it is to be acquired without an outlay, does not depend upon birth or influence for its attainment. It is wonderful so many prefer to travel by crooked ways, which, though they may seem short cuts to success, do not lead in that direction at all. Let every young man strive to add a good name to his other capital.

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3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.

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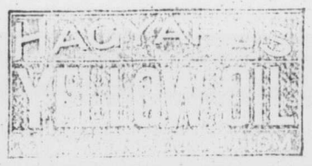

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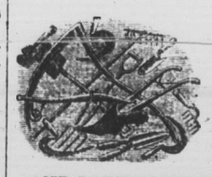

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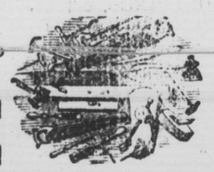

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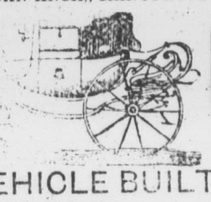

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