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### THE GOOD OLD WAY.

There was a nice young fellow  
As ever you did see;  
Like wise a nice young lady,  
And just as good as he;  
And so they chanced one day to meet,  
When they were feeling gay,  
And so, of course, they fell in love,  
The good old way.

He feared he should not get her,  
So he was feeling blue;  
And she was in conniption fits,  
For fear he would not, too;  
But such thin trouble did not last,  
I am real glad to say;  
They soon were married firm and fast  
The good old way.

Then were the gossips watching,  
The tattle-bags perplexed,  
And Mrs. Grundy itching,  
For what was coming next;  
Some thought they'd have a family,  
Some cod heads answered, nay,  
They raised ten children, yes, they did,  
The good old way.

They lived and helped each other,  
As they agreed before;  
And so God's blessing came to them,  
In basket and in store;  
They knew enough to save a cent,  
Safe, for a rainy day;  
And peacefully through life they went,  
The good old way.

They lived long, useful Christian lives,  
In all good honest pride;  
Till old Time banged them with his scythe,  
And then, of course, they died;  
They had great, splendid funerals,  
The best words folks could say;  
Then side by side we buried them,  
The good old way.

This is a song and sermon, too.  
And true memorial rhyme;  
And folks who live so just and true  
Are blessed, all the time;  
A splendid, loving, useful life,  
Such always find it pay,  
Who walk like these, my kith and kin,  
The good old way.

Their graves are green, they may be seen,  
Their monuments I see;  
And memory loves them back again,  
For all their love to me;  
Love rules the world with power and might,  
Love guides us home to stay,  
And Heaven shines bright to kindle light  
The good old way.

—Brooklyn Eagle

### RESIGNATION.

Epictetus, who lived one of the grand-  
est and happiest lives of any of the human  
race, said concerning the time of death:  
"If Death shall find me in the midst of  
these studies, it shall suffice me if I can  
lift up my hands to God and say, 'The  
means which thou gavest me for the per-  
ceiving of thy government, and for the  
following of the same have I not neg-  
lected; so far in me I have not dishonored  
thee. Behold how I have used my senses  
and my natural conceptions. Have I ever  
blamed thee? Was I ever offended at  
ought that happened, or did I desire it  
should happen otherwise? Did I ever de-  
sire to transgress my obligation? That  
thou didst beget me I thank thee for what  
thou gavest. I am content that I have  
used thy gifts so long. Take them again  
and set them in what place thou wilt, for  
thine were all things and thou gavest  
them me.'"

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manners, and bridled tongues, and every  
one has a tug to pull through.—*Golden  
Days.*