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JESTS AND JINGLES.

A SUMMER SONNET.

Now doth the festive little fly
Begin to learn to skate,
And for his rink he freezes on
To some bald, glassy pate.The "skeeter," too, comes round again,
To show his right good-will
By dropping "round on us for lunch,
And sending in his bill.The bumble bee his duties now
No longer seeks to shirk;
He's sharpening up his business end—
He'll soon get in his work.He had a wheel,
The people said;
He couldn't ride—
'Twas in his head.Dog catchers have just come out.
Can't them fellows see
Now's the wrong time to begin?
Dogs now start to flea.The boy stood on the burning deck,
Because he was afraid
He couldn't swim to save his neck,
And that was why he stayed.

—Philadelphia Record.

Maud—That stupid fellow proposed to
me last night. He ought to have known
beforehand that I should refuse him.
Marie—Perhaps he did. —Brooklyn
Life.THIS FREAKISH WEATHER.
There's a wobbling in the universe
I cannot now explain.
The atoms are out of joint or worse
And need be set again.How could we have such freaks of
clime
Right in the edge of June
With mother earth on schedule time
And planets all in tune?Whoever saw mix-ups like these,
Such jumbings of the weather?
A drought, a rain, a scorch, a freeze,
All tumbled in together?The sun's all spots again; maybe
The world has slipped a cog.
And will rejoice once more when she
Strikes her familiar jog.

—Buffalo Courier.

A Lost Gem

Hannington paused a little, with a
troubled, downcast look.
"I can't understand it," he said at
last. "Kingscott is a scoundrel—I know
that; but why should he try to throw
suspicion on his niece?""To cover his own dishonesty, per-
haps.""If that is the case, I will make him
 rue it. He has done me harm enough
already. I'll have the truth out of him
now."
"Don't be too hasty, Jack," said Lady
Val, feeling the need for a little cau-
tion. "I only surmise.""Your surmises are very generally
near the truth, Val. I am much obliged
to you for letting me know," said Han-
nington. His languor had entirely dis-
appeared; there was a fire in his eye,
a new vigor in the tones of his voice.
"I must get to the bottom of this. Even
if I had no other reason, this would be
a good reason for my going to Torres-
muir at once. Whatever the cause has
been, no man has ever had cause to call
me dishonest."Lady Val was not displeased to see
him roused from his apathetic indiffer-
ence, but even she was surprised at the
decision and the energy which he sud-
denly manifested. She had reached his
most vulnerable part; an imputation on
his honor was evidently a thing which
he could not brook. To her astonish-
ment, he declared himself ready to
start for Scotland that night. He would
go by the express, he said, and sleep
in the train. He maintained that he was
perfectly well and strong, and that
there was no reason why anybody
should feel anxious respecting him. For
the time being, excitement had given
him back all his accustomed strength.
Capt. Rutherford almost gasped with
astonishment when Hannington—pale
faded, but self-possessed and resolved
in manner—emerged from the room
where he had shut himself up for so
many days. Charlie looked at Lady
Valencia with admiration, verging on
reverence. What a wonderful woman
she must be, he thought, when she could
so completely transform a man's course
of action and state of mind! Lady Val
did nearly all the necessary explana-
tion. Hannington scarcely said a word.
"Come, Charlie, we must be off," she
said, briskly. "Mr. Hannington is go-
ing out of town, and wants to pack.
Can we do anything more for you, Mr.
Hannington? No? Then—good-bye—
and good luck to you."She gave him her hand. He pressed
it silently, and there was a look in his
face which caused Charlie Rutherford
to turn away on a pretence of find-
ing a stick or umbrella. His absorption
in this task gave Hannington an oppor-
tunity of uttering a word or two that
otherwise would have been left unsaid.

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"If I have any good fortune, it will be
all owing to you," he murmured.
And Lady Val, with a momentary ser-
iousness and gravity which made her
face very sweet, answered in a still
lower tone. "God be with you, Jack!"
she said. "It is the old form of 'good-
bye,' you know—and it is the best wish
I have to give."They parted, with the same self-con-
tained gravity. Lady Val was escorted
to her own home by Charlie, whom she
dismissed at the door with brave, laugh-
ing words; and then she went up to her
own room to weep her heart out, and to
pray upon her knees for the reformation
of John Hannington's erring, sin-sick
son.Hannington got away by the express,
as he had intended to do, but not with-
out a struggle. With the magic of Lady
Val's presence removed, his spirits fell
once more to zero. In this depression of
mind, it was natural to him to think
of his usual sustainer and comforter—the
stimulants or the opiates on which he
had almost lived of late. But his new
resolution was sincere, and by a great
effort he mastered the craving which
seemed at first as if it would utterly
subdue him. He locked the bottles in a
cupboard, and in a moment of angry
desperation threw the key into the fire.
It was curious to him to observe the
feeling of lightness and relief that this
rather unreasonable action gave him.
The throwing away of the key was like
casting off bonds in which he had been
entangled.The journey northward was some-
what unfortunate. Snow had been fall-
ing heavily in some parts of the coun-
try, and a great drift impeded traffic in
the neighborhood of Carlisle. He was
so much hindered that he did not ar-
rive at Dunkeld until the afternoon of
the next day; and then it seemed to him
that the best thing was to take a room
at the hotel, and write a note that
night to Molly's father.The note was a difficult one to write,
but, all things considered, he did it
very well. There was more sincerity,
more humility in his letter, than Alan
Moncreiff had expected to find. It set
forth simply and unaffectedly that he
knew how badly he had behaved to his
wife—that he deeply regretted his con-
duct, and begged for an interview with
her. He dared not write to her herself,
he said, knowing that she was still weak
and ill, and fearing to startle her; but
he begged for her father's pardon and
her father's help.It was the first time in his life that
Hannington had ever written such a
letter, and without Lady Val's influence
it would never have been written at all.
But he was genuinely ashamed of him-
self, and anxious to be at peace with
his wife, and—it was hardly possible
that his motives should be free from
alloy—reinstated in the world's good
opinion. He had softer thoughts, too,
of Molly and his child; and, growing
stronger every hour, there was a con-
viction that his last chance had been
given to him, and that he must reform
his life or go to ruin once for all.His last chance! It was an easy thing
to say; and yet, as he thought of the
ties of good and evil were contained in
those three words! In a far deeper
sense than he imagined, he was indeed
having his last chance.Late in the evening a note was
brought to him. Mr. Moncreiff wrote
formally and coldly, but he fixed an
hour at which he would call upon Han-
nington at the hotel. They could then
talk freely, he said, and would consid-
er the advisability of the proposed in-
terview with Molly. The young man
drew a long breath of relief when he
read the words. Yes, he did want to
see Molly—he was beginning to wonder
how she looked and what she would
say to him—and a flood of shame filled his
heart at the remembrance of the past.
For, as Lady Val had said to Stella,
John Hannington had some sort of a
heart, some sort of a conscience, after
all; and if they were roused, the man
might still be saved.Mr. Moncreiff would come to him at 5
o'clock next day. He wondered why the
hour was so late, never suspecting that
Kingscott's influence had again been
exerted to fix it as late as possible.
Kingscott scented danger in the air,
and had resolved to make his escape
before Alan met John Hannington. But
he had a few last arrangements to make
and therefore had taken care to be
some hours before Molly's husband
could arrive at Torresmuir.Hannington grew nervous and uneasy
as the day went on, and soon after
luncheon he determined to go for a long
walk by way of working off his dis-
quietude. He went past Torresmuir, re-
solving to turn back in good time, so
as to be back at the hotel at 5 o'clock
precisely. A fancy took him to look
once more at Torresmuir, where his
meetings with Molly used to take place.
He reached the narrow lane which led
to the little hamlet, and walked slowly
up the ascending ground. The day,
which had been mild and cloudy, was
already closing in. The gathering dark-
ness made him scarcely aware of the ap-
proach of another wayfarer from an
opposite direction until the two were
almost face to face. And then Han-
nington roused himself from his re-
verie, and came to a sudden standstill,
barring the other man's advance."I've a word to say to you, Ralph
Kingscott," he said, in harsh, decided
tones.Ralph Kingscott also stopped short,
and the two men looked into each
other's eyes.

CHAPTER XL.

"What have you to say?" said Kings-
cott.There was a scarcely suppressed im-
patience in his tone. He glanced up
and down the narrow lane as if he
wanted to estimate his chances of
escape from his interlocutor."I want a good many things," replied
Hannington, doggedly. "You have sev-
eral matters to answer for—""Not to you, I think," said Kingscott,
with a laugh. "You surely have enough
to do in settling your own accounts.""I'll take care of my own accounts. I
want the truth of this story about
Molly. You know as well as I do that
she never took from her father's house
a farthing's worth that did not belong
to her. I mean that you—of all
people!—helped to throw suspicion upon
her.""There was no need to do that. The
matter was as clear as daylight. Who
would take her mother's jewels and
then, when she had a perfect right to
them. And as for money—we all
know how much you needed it—""Stop that!" said Hannington, har-
shly. "You had better not go on hav-
ing the whole story from Lady Valen-
cia Gilderoy—I know the proof on which
they relied; the finding of the ring whichBerlie had seen on your hand a short
time before. To Alan Moncreiff the
proof of Molly's guilt may seem pos-
itive; to me it is only a token of your
own guilt."Kingscott laughed, but his face had
turned pale.
"You are romancing," he said, con-
temptuously. "And I have no time to
listen. Let me pass; I shall see you
again, no doubt."

(To be Continued.)

GOOD OLD MIDDLESEX.

London township council met on June
3, all the members present. A com-
munication from S. F. Glass, re assess-
ment of kennel in 1894 was filed; no
power. A petition signed by R. M.
Bucke, M.D., and 91 others, re Canadian
Port Packing Company, was presented
and read. Moved by R. Dreaney, sec-
onded by J. R. Hodgins, that the coun-
cil will do nothing to obstruct the carry-
ing on of the said company's factory so
long as the conditions of the public
Health Act are complied with. Carried.
The reeve reported verbally that he had
settled the case of D. Lamont for dam-
ages for \$30, and that said amount had
been paid. Orders for the following
amounts were issued: R. Clark & Co.,
\$6.50, work on bridge on lot 1, con. 8,
and \$4.50, half cost of nineteen feet of
16 inch tile for east town line; W. Mills
& Co., \$2.81, lumber and posts for re-
pairing bridge, lot 7, con. 1; R. H. Smith,
\$14, repairing bridge, lot 27, con. 8, and
approach; G. B. Kennedy, \$8.75, repair-
ing bridge, lot 24, con. 9; A. Cumming,
\$1.80, inspecting and passing slaughter
house of R. S. Rockett, con. 4, con. 5,
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