THE POET'S CORNER

What's the Use?

If you meant to catch a robin,
And instead you get a crow,
Is there any use in whining,
In lamenting and repining,
Now I really want to know?

If you thought you had an orange,
And it proved a lemon sour,
Would it change the acid flavor
To a sweet and pleasant savor
If you scolded for an hour?

If a friend would prove unfaithful
That you thought was leal and true,
Can you win him back by fretting
At your comrades, quite forgetting
They have not played false to you?

Will it ever lighten trouble,
Ever help you in disgrace,
Will it make you strong and able,
If you, like the man in fable,
Spoil your nose to spite your face?

Sighing fills no purse with dollars;
Weeping neither makes nor mends;
If today we court Dame Sorrow,
She will clasp us fast to morrow,
While we search in vain for friends.

So we'll keep our faces cheery;
We will crush our sorrows dumb
And with strong hearts for life's burdens,
We will win sweet heaven's guerdons,
Taking each howe'er they come.

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Amber wards off erysipelas and all soreness of the throat.

The Neapolitans still wear amulets of coral to avert the evil eye.

An agate is said to quench thirst and to turn away storm and lightning.

The bery was once supposed to increase conjugal love and to cure distemper and leprosy.

According to modern etiquette, the amethyst is the only stone which may be worn during mourning.

Turquois, according to Boethius, especially protects against falls, and heals differences between man and wife.

Sard, cornelian and the stone bezoar, mentioned by Lord Lytton, especially stanch all flux blood and cure serpents' bites.

Topaz—the gold stone of the ancients—was much valued by them for medicinal purposes, for dispelling enchantment and for calming frenzy.

The kingly diamond, which has become the appanage of aristocracy, is the symbol of justice, innocence, constancy and impassivity of fate.

The now humble garnet and the oblong carbuncle share the favors of their parent, the ruby, the latter of the two being famous for its light giving properties in the dark.

The sapphire, so useful once to the necromancer, or the holy stone, as it was called, was among the ancients the emblem of chastity and securing the granting of all prayers. The pagans dedicated it to Apollo.

The ruby, the live coal of the Greek, is not less emblematical and potent, and the Brahmin traditions speak wonders of the abodes of gods, lighted by enormous rubies and emeralds.

The veneration of the Peruvians for the green emerald, dedicated to Mercury by the ancients, is well known, and the worshipers of Mantu still believe that the mines whence are extracted all the daughters of the mother gem are guarded by terrible genii, dragons and other one eyed people.

The peerless, starry opal, that child of love, as it has been called, far from being anunlucky stone, as it is now supposed to be, was once believed by Albertus Magnus, Marbodeus and others, to rejoice the heart of its owner by rendering him lovable and bestowing upon him the gift of invisibility.

The Koh-i-Noor was for centuries the taliman of India; and when, years ago, the governor of Borneo offered $500,000, two equipped war brigs and numbers of cannon for the famous stone of Matan, the rajah refused, on the plea that the fortunes of his family were connected with it, and that the water in which it was dipped cured all diseases.

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TEMPERANCE WORK.

Items from All Over Concerning the Cause.

"The struggle between the church, school and library on the one side, and the liquor traffic on the other, is one phase of the warfare between heaven and hell.—[Chas. Buxton, M.P.

The Bishop of Salford says that of about every six funerals in Manchester, one is that of a pauper. More than half the poverty and misery of the city is, in his opinion, due to drunkenness.

British seamen continue to grow more temperate, and the committee of the Liverpool Sailors' Home testify that the example set by the more sober Scandinavians, has contributed very largely to this result.

An unfortunate affray occurred in Windsor some days ago. Two men who had been drinking in the bar had a quarrel, and one of them plunged a knife into his companion's body. The injury is likely to have a fatal result.

An exchange states the brandy cigarette is the latest device of the devil for ruining the youth. It is made of tobacco that has been soaked in brandy, and the smoker is enabled to keep mildly intoxicated without touching a drop of liquor.

In Hamilton city recently, twenty one liquor sellers were charged with violation of the Crook's Act, most of them having sold liquor on Saturday nights and Sundays. Every man of them pleaded guilty, and was fined $20 and costs.

A great Scott Act Convention was held recently at North Sydney, Cape Breton. Officers were appointed and steps taken to secure a thorough enforcement of the law throughout the country. A fund of about $1,000 was raised to cover the expenses of prosecuting violators.

I claim, as a citizen, the right to legislate whenever my rights are invaded by the social acts of others. If anything invades my social rights, certainly the traffic in strong drink does. It destroys my primary right to security by constantly creating and stimulating social disorders.—Lord Stanhope.

"If the community has no reason to be surprised at the combination of the Licensed Victuallers, they assuredly have no reason to be surprised at the rise of the Alliance. The ultimate issue of the struggle is certain. If anyone doubts the preponderance of good over evil in human nature, he has only to study the history of moral crusades. The enthusiastic energy and self-devotion with which a moral cause inspires its soldiers always have prevailed, and always will prevail, over any amount of self-interest or material power, arrayed on the other side. The Alliance is already powerful and growing in power. It will conquer." Prof Goldwin Smith, in a letter on the United Kingdom Alliance.

LET ALL THE PEOPLE SAY AMEN.—Preaching at Bristol recently the Rev S. J. Whitmee said, he hoped the time was rapidly coming when immorality would so stamp a man with infamy that no prince of Royal blood, no peer of the realm, no member of Parliament, no judge upon the Bench, no public official of any kind, known to be of impure life would be tolerated in decent society. He hoped the time would soon come when the homes of respectable people would be closed to immoral men, whatever might be their social position, and when Christian ladies would refuse to receive introductions to such men. -- British Weekly.

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Nerved by Love.

Many a man is nerved to long endurance, to the patient bearing of heavy burdens and to daily sufferance of vexatious circumstances, by the tonic effects of an earthly love. The same is true of many women, probably of more women than men. Love for some one whom we can actually see, fortified by the direct assurances that the love is reciprocated, will make us indifferent to trouble, or at least brave in meeting it. And yet such love at its best is cold indeed, compared with the ineffable passion wherewith God loves his creatures; and the offer of salvation through Christ is a continual reiteration and assurance of that love. Those who can rise to the realization of this wondrous truth, and whose hearts go out in a responsive love to God, have the one never-failing support in every hour of need. With or without an earthly affection, they who lean with loving trust on God are proof against all the trying circumstances and incidents of life.

Round Shoulders.

A stooping figure and a halting gait, accompanied by the unavoidable weakness of lungs incidental to a narrow chest, may be entirely cured by the very simple and easily performed exercise of raising one's self upon the toes leisurely in a perpendicular several times daily. To take this exercise properly one must take a perfect position, with the heels together and the toes at an angle of 45 degrees. Then drop the arms lifelessly by the sides animating and raising the chest to its full capacity muscularly, the chin well drawn in and the crown of the head feeling, as our professor used to put it, as if attached to a string suspended from the ceiling above. Slowly raise upon the balls of both feet to the greatest possible height, thereby exercising all the muscles of the legs and body; come again into the standing position, without swaying the body backward out of the perfect line. Repeat the same exercise, first on one foot, then on the other. It is wonderful what a straightening out power this exercise has upon round shoulders and crooked backs, and one will be surprised to note how soon the lungs begin to show the effect of such expansive development.

Her Little Way.

If there ever was a woman who gave a man a commission in a simple, direct way, the writer of these lines has failed to discover such a woman during the many years that he has spent in the study of the foibles of womankind. When she bethinks her of something she wants, after her husband has escaped from the house and is running to get his car, she races wildly to the door and shrieks out as he is turning the corner: "Oh, John! I forgot something, dear. I'm sorry to detain you, but if you'll just remember to get me a spool of white thread on your way home. I wouldn't trouble you, dear, but I really must finish baby's aprons today, or I can't get them done this week, and she needs them so badly. I thought sure that I had several spools of white thread, but I can't seem to find them, and, of course, if I'd known I was out I'd have got some yesterday when I was in the city, but then, as I've said, I thought I had plenty, and I just know I did have several spools, and where they've gone I don't know. I hope it won't be any trouble to you, dear; it won't take but just a moment, you know, and I really must—oh, the number? Yes, dear, get either 36 or 40, but 40 if you can, although 36 would do, still it's pretty coarse, and I've been using 40, and—oh, well, if they haven't one, get the other, only be sure and—What's that? Your car has gone? Oh, I'm so sorry! Well, it'll be but ten minutes until the next comes, and you've plenty of time to get that. Good day, and remember to" —Drake's Magazine.

"He Never Smiled Again!"

No "hardly ever" about it. He had an attack of what people call "biliousness," and to smile was impossible. Yet a man may "smile and smile, and be a villain still, still he was no villain, but a plain, blunt, honest man, that needed d remedy such as Dr Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which never fail to cure biliousness and diseased or torpid liver, dyspepsia and chronic constipation. Of druggists.

WOMAN'S SPHERE.—Mr Waters' Bill in favor of extending the political franchise to those classes of women which at present enjoy the power of voting in municipal affairs, has been once more defeated in the Ontario Assembly. The argument against the measure was as able as the advancing intelligence of the world will permit, but when boiled down to its essential elements it meant that women should be denied full political rights because they are—women. The majority of the House echoed and endorsed the elderly opponent of the Bill who admonished the women folks to stay at home and mind the babies, which function, he hinted, was their real and only one. In this he was astray, to our thinking. The domestic realm is, of course, woman's special charge, but there are babies in the political world, too, that require looking after in a motherly fashion, for there are wrongs in the political world which have a most intimate influence on the home. One of the greatest questions of the present day in the liquor traffic, and where is the home that does not suffer more or less from it? Should woman, the chief sufferer, have nothing to say upon this question? And what can she say effectively without the ballot in her hand?

Considerate Charity.

It is true charity to give in such a way that the recipient will not feel under any obligation to the giver, and, if that cannot be done, to give as kindly as possible.

A coal-dealer in the suburbs of Boston was called upon at his office by a poor, hard-working woman, and requested to send a basket of coal to her home.

"We do not deliver so small a quantity," was the merchant's reply. "It is our invariable rule never to deliver less than a quarter of a ton."

"But I cannot pay for so much," was the pitiful confession, "and I have left my childsen at home in a fireless room. What am I to do."

"Well," replied the dealer, a kindlier light beaming in his eye, "I cannot depart from my rules as to quantity." Then turning to his clerk, he continued, "John, have a quarter of a ton of coal sent to the woman's address as soon as possible."

"But I cannot pay for so much," she expostulated.

"I already understand that you can't, so I will charge it to the children. Give yourself no more uneasiness about the debt than they will be liable to do. Good morning.

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The House Cellars.

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