

Our Casket.

JEWELS.

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

Among the beautiful pictures
That hang on memory's wall,
Is one of a dim old forest,
That seemeth the best of all;
Not for its gnarled oaks olden
Dark with the mistletoe;
Not for the violets golden
That sprinkle the vale below;
Not for the milk-white lilies
That lean from the fragrant hedge,
Not for the vines on the upland,
Where the bright red berries rest;
Nor the pink, nor the pale, sweet cowslip;
It seems to me the best.

I once had a little brother
With eyes that were dark and deep—
In the lap of that olden forest
He lieth in peace asleep.
Light as the down of the thistle,
Free as the wind that blows,
We roved there the beautiful summers—
The summers of long ago.
But his feet on the hills grew weary,
And one of the autumn days
I made for my little brother
A bed of the yellow leaves.

Sweetly his pale arms folded
My neck in sweet embrace,
As the light of immortal beauty
Silently covered his face:
And when the arrows of sunset
Lodged in the tree-tops bright,
He fell, in the saint-like beauty,
Asleep by the gates of light.
Therefore, of all the pictures,
That hang on memory's wall,
The one of the dim old forest
Seemeth the best of all.

—Alice Carey.

Grim war has slain his millions,
Plague filled his myriad graves,
And thousands have gone down to death
Beneath the ocean waves.

The mountain-rending earthquake
Hath many, many slain,
And fire and famine seized their prey
In city, town and plain.

But Drink, that arch-destroyer,
Has slaughtered more by far,
Than earthquake, famine, fire and flood,
And pestilence and war.

Scandal will rub out like dirt when it is dry.
Bad temper is its own scourge. Few things are bitterer than
to feel bitter. A man's venom poisons himself more than his victim.
Never hold anyone by the button, or the hand, in order to be
heard out; for if people are unwilling to hear you, you had better
hold your tongue than them.

There is little pleasure in the world that is true and sincere
besides the pleasure of doing our duty and doing good; I am sure
no other is comparable to this.

BITS OF TINSEL.

Our babies—with all their faults we love them still; not noisy.
Has it ever occurred that a milk pitcher is generally a good fly
catcher?

Some one who believes that "brevity is the soul of wit," writes:
"Don't eat Q cumpers. They'll W up."

It is a singular thing, but the most pleasing period of a dentist's
life is when he looks down in the mouth.

Recently a Paris lady abruptly entered her kitchen, and she saw
the cook skimming the soup with a silver spoon. She said to her:
"Francois, I expressly forbade you to use silver in the kitchen."
"But, madam, the spoon was dirty."

"Dar is many a rule," says Uncle Sam, "wat won't work bofe ways.
Whisky will produce a headache, but a headache won't produce
whisky."

"Wush you'd take these pale ingoins away from here," said a
rural Arkansaw man, pointing to a vase of celery, "an' fetch some
that's got some 'git up an' git' in 'em."

Several ladies lost their house plants by freezing last winter.
There is no excuse for such negligence. Three tons of coal at eight
dollars per ton will carry a dollar's worth of house plants through
the winter safely.

Two gentlemen were talking the other day about their success
in life. One remarked that when he came to Baltimore, just after
the war, he didn't have a second shirt to his back. "That's noth-
ing," replied the other. "When I came to Baltimore I did not have
any shirt to my back at all." He was born there.

A lady had in her employ an excellent girl, who had one fault.
Her face was always in a smudge. Mrs. — tried to tell her to
wash her face without offending her, and at last she resorted to
strategy: "Do you know, Bridget," she remarked in a confidential
manner, "it is said if you wash your face every day in hot, soapy
water it will make you beautiful?" "Will it?" answered the wily
Bridget; "sure it's a wonder ye never tried it, ma'am."

A GOOD RESOLUTION.

THE TRIAL PLEDGE.

BY God's help, I am determined to ABSTAIN from
all kinds of INTOXICATING LIQUORS, as a
beverage, for the space of _____ and
at the end of that time I shall consider whether I should
renew my promise.

(Name)

(Residence)

Date 188

P.S.—After thus recording your Resolution, you should enquire where and when the
Temperance Meetings are held, and attend them. If you don't make the teetotalers your
companions, and avoid your old drinking associates, you will be in great danger of again
falling into your drinking habits. J. Liversy Preston.

A BETTER RESOLUTION.

THE PLEDGE OF SAFETY.

BY God's help, I am determined to ABSTAIN PER-
PETUALLY from all kinds of Intoxicating Liquors,
as a beverage, and to do all I can to promote the cause
of Temperance.

(Name)

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P.S. Signing this Pledge, if you keep it, will be the best day's work you ever did in
your life.