The Old Clown.

The lights were out in the circus tent,
And the old clown sat alone;
Amid the life of the dressing room,
He bowed his head with a groan;
And no one se-med to see the tears
Thatdewed his powdered face—
Around were spangles, hoops and stars,
And a sea af gauze and lace;
At d many a laugh rang loudly out,
For it was a merry place!

For many a year he'd made the world

Around him laugh with glee;
As jester king of the sawdust ring,
No rival e'er had he.
And hundreds going from the show
Laughed at his latest jest,
And said that he in the ring that night
Was seen at his merriest;
But still the old clown sat alone,
With his head upon his breast.

The world knew not the grief that filled
The heart of the good old clown—
That while he cracked his many jokes
A sorrow weighed him down;
Nor had it seen the brief dispatch
Which he in tears had read
Ere into the ring, his songe to sing,
He came with merry tread;
And all the people shouted while
His baby afar lay dead!

He sat alone till a little child,

A sweet and winsome thing,
With deep blue eyes and golden hair,
The farry of the ring,
Ran to him like a young gazelle—
Oh, 'twas a sight to see!—
And raised his head with roguish lands, And climbed upon his knee:
Then threw her arms around his neck,
Laughing: "How gay are we!"

The old clown kissed a rosy cheek
And smoothed a golden curl,
Then to his bosom closely pressed,
With a sigh, the little girl.
O'Tiny Tess, the world to-night
Knelt at the jester's shrine,
The manager has told me that
Myself I did outshine,
Vet all the while I sequed to feel

Myself I did outshine, Yet all the while I seemed to feel A baby's hand in mine!

"I knew that in a little crib
A thousand miles away,
By a mother watched with tearful eyes,
A lifeless baby lay.
Methought I heard a feeble voice,
And then I seemed to see
Two tmy hands I've often kiss'd
Go out in search of me;
And here ten thousand people, Tess,
Laughed at the old clown's glee!

"They say the clown is but a fool,

"They say the clown is but a fool, Whose kingdom is the ring; They come to hear his studied jests. They flock to hear him sing.

O God! they think that not behind The showman's pleasing art.
Or 'neath the pow ler and the cap, Can beat a father's leart! I played one roll for them to night, To you another part!"

The voice grey still, the powdered face Bent over Tiny Tess, The little child was clasped anew In the spungled fool? carees. The moments waned, but neither stirred; "Thee?" school: "?" e moments wanted, one They're sleeping," someone said . ey dimmed the lights in the dressing-

And walked with noiseless tread; Id no one lau hed, and no one sang, For the good old clown was dead!

That Lampblack.

"Coming events cast their shadows beone-story school at that time in a small one-story school at that time in a small one-story school-house, painted red outside, and with no paint of any kind upon its interior. It was rather a dilapidated building bearing, distincts the

absolutely inexcusable.

If, in response to a passionate and carnest appeal to a young woman that she should illuminate your dismal loneling the cover, slip the box back in the instronsers pocket, and apparently resume his studies. Unfortunately he had not entirely escaped the notice of our hawk-eyed teacher who sat at his deek pouring over acopy of Paley's Moral Philosophy, and as Will rashly ventured on a sixth exposition of his treasure, he was sixth exposition of his treasure, he was a with the should throw the whole thing up. Such a reply would say 'Yes,' and you should say 'Thank you,' the chances with rapid strides and wrathful, seized with rapid strides and wrathful, seized with rapid strides and wrathful, seized will by the collar with one hand and the

ter, he marched triumphantly to the stove, and opening the door threw the real value of a woman's love. The propost inside, while Will dove under the desk and became highly excited. Have with the eyes, the eyes perchance the ing thus summarily disposed of the box, the teacher, with his hands clasped behind him, legs extended like a pair of divider and an article like a pair of dividers and an air of calm determina-

Only.

Only one drop of water at a time, that had found its way from the mighty ocean through the dike, and was slowly wearing a little channel, Only one drop! Yet if that little child, in her morning ramble had not noticed it, who can tell what terrible results might have followed? The dam might have been undermined, the district laid under water, and mined, the district laid under water, and

many precions lives have been lost.
Only a gentle breeze! But how many aching brows hath it fanned, how many hearts cheered by its gentle touch.
Only a frown! But it left a sad

dreary ache in that child's heart, and the quivering lips and tearful eyes told how keenly he felt it. Only a smile! But it cheered a brok-

en heart, and engendered a ray of hope. Only a word! But it carried the poisonous breath of slander, assailing the character. Oh, how it pierced the lonely heart !

Only one glass! And how many have filled a drunkard's grave through its influence! How many homes made des-

We respond to the following request

sedition was Will Wallace. He was the biggest boy in the school—a large-jointed, raw-boned, yellow-haired chap who owned a gun, and whose father was one of the richest men in the place. This made Will an authority on all except literary matters, in which his deficiency was painful.

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"Yes I am. The time has come when we laboring men are torced to protect ourselves; and I've half a mind to join for the sake of the great principle involved, if for no other reason."

"So you're in sympathy with the great striking element, are you? Well its strikes me that the clock is striking a pour part of the country against the creating distributed over the country against the rights all over the country against the grinding heel of monopoly."

"In answering all others, the particular times and circumstances must be considered. The person passes you the butter, it is proper at the creating distributed to a prove the country against the grinding heel of monopoly."

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np-black box with the other. Giving same expression with which he would ac-Will a shaking which made his teeth chat- knowledge a butter dish or the return of

Our Wealthy Men.

Much has been said in newspapers of men who have made large fortunes in comparatively a few years in various business industries. Many of these articles are written by correspondents of promining this eyes toward heaven was lost in meditation. A visible stillness ensued, not a boy coughed, Will peered anxiously from beneath his desk with suspense written upon every lineament. Time rolled on. Presently there was a sound like the breaking up of the foundations of nature. The scene cannot be more than weakly described. The old stove reared right upon its hind legs, balanced itself there for a moment, fainted, and fell backwards in a heap of unrecognisable ruins. The air was filled with smoke, soot, shricks, ashes, kindling-wood, groans, fire, books, plaster, falling stove-pipes and the silvery jingle of shivered window-glass, together with oaths, dinner kettles, and other things too numerous to mention. The Much has been said in newspapers with oaths, dinner kettles, and other men) more prominently than Dr G. G. things too numerous to mention. The things too numerous to mention.

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Four doctors were telegraphed for from out of town.
The school committee went down and disspected the building Sunday noon between the services, and after an animated discussion they agreed that it "wa'n't no use to try and fix up the school house again that winter even if they could find another teacher."

We had vacation all winter. I saw the teacher about four weeks after the "event." He was dressed up in a suit of court plaster, and wore a wig and a set of false teeth.

Will generally left his powder at home after this event, which cast its shadow behind.

X. РЕСТМОВЕ.

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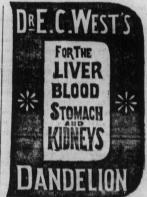
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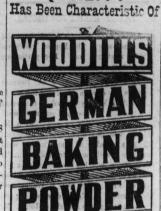
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