

The Town of Nogood.

My friend, have you heard of the town of Nogood
On the banks of the river Slow,
Where blooms the Waitawhile flower fair,
Where the sometimeorother scents the air,
And the soft Goeasys grow?

It lies in the valley of Whatstheuse,
In the province of Letherslide;
That tired feeling is native there,
It's the home of the reckless I don't care,
Where the Giveitups abide.

It stands at the bottom of Lazy Hill,
And is easy to reach, I declare;
You've only to fold up your hands and glide
Down the slope of Weakwill's toboggan slide
To be landed quickly there.

The town is as old as the human race,
And it grows with the flight of years,
It is wrapped in the fog of idlers' dreams,
Its streets are paved with discarded schemes
And sprinkled with useless tears.

The town of Nogood is all hedged about
By the mountains of Despair;
No sentinel stands on its gloomy walls,
No trumpet to battle and triumph calls,
For cowards alone are there.

My friend from the dead-alive town Nogood,
If you would keep far away,
Just follow your duty through good and ill,
Take this for your motto, "I can, I will,"
And live up to it each day.

—*The Lantern.*

An editor compliments a brother editor thus:
"Mr. Brown is a clear thinker, a ready writer
and a first-rate fellow to boot."—*Ex.*

Oft, seeds of thought sown by mysterious hands
Within the garden of receptive minds
Take root and grow like plants in virgin soil
And bear the brightest flowers ever seen.
But if their seeds from wisdom's glorious realm,
Fall into minds all gross and dull
Where light of genius never shines,
Like grains that fall upon the rock,
Or by the wayside where the ground is hard,
Unnurtured they never germinate;
And the great possibilities they hold
Are never to the world made known.

—*The Athenæum.*

Evo.ution, quoth the monkey,
Ma'kes all mankind our lin;
There's no chance at all about it,
Tails we lose and heads they win.—*Ex.*

While Moses was not a college man
And never played foot-ball—
In rushes he was said to be
The first one of them all.

Straight is the line of duty,
Curved is the line of beauty;
Follow the first, and thou shalt see
The latter ever following thee.

It has been estimated that in England one man
in 5,000 attends college; in Germany, one in
213; in Scotland, one in 525; and in America,
one in 2,000.—*Ex.*

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