

Poetry.

BORN IN APRIL.

The girl that is born on an April day Has a right to be merry, lightsome gay...

Literature.

FATHER AND SON.

One evening in the month of March, 1788,—that dark time in Ireland's annals...

The child paused—"I'd like to give her a pen'orth of scuff and a piece of tobacco every week..."

Mr. Hewson laughed, and Billy prattled on, still seated on his knee; when a noise of footsteps on the ground...

"What took you round the house just now?" asked his master, in a careless manner.

Why, then, nothing in life, Sir, but that "What took me round the house, is it?"

"Then," said Mr. Hewson, smiling, to his wife, "the minute of time must have been reversed, and swine turned into men..."

"I ask your honor's pardon for disturbing you and the mistress; but I thought it right to come and tell you the bad news I heard."

"Oh, James, I beseech you, don't think of going. My mind is easy, Charlotte; I don't intend it; not that I suppose there would be much risk; but, all things considered, I think I'm just as comfortable at home."

"The steward's brow darkened, as he glanced nervously towards the end window, which jutted out in the gable, formed a deep angle in the outer wall."

"Thank you, Ma'am," said the steward hastily. "I can't stop—I'm in a hurry home, where I wanted to leave this brat to-night; but he would follow me. Come, Billy, come along this minute, you young rascal!"

"So you shall,—and what about old Peggy?"

and put by in his desk; for he suspected this some time past that gold was missing.

"Where is he now?" at length he asked in a hoarse voice. "Looked up safe in the inner store-room; the master intends sending me to go early to-morrow morning."

"Tell him to come in," said Mr. Hewson, in a solemn tone of sorrow, very different from his ordinary cheerful voice.

"I do, indeed, Gahan. The lad who was reared in my house, whom my wife watched over in health, and nursed in sickness—whom we loved almost as if he were our own son..."

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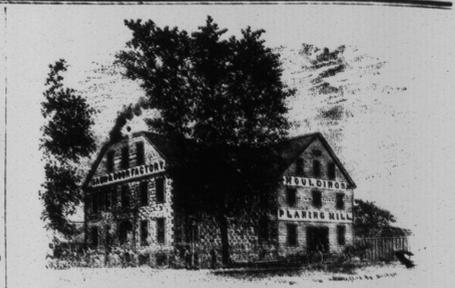
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