

POETRY.

THE GAMBLER'S WIFE.

Dark was the night! How dark! No light! No fire!  
Cold on the hearth the last faint sparks expire:  
Shivering she watches by the cradle side  
For him who pledged his love—last year a bride!

"Hark! 'tis his footstep! No! 'tis past, 'tis gone!"  
Tinkled! "How wondrously the time crawls on!  
Why would he leave me thus? He once was kind,  
And I believed 't would last. How mad! How blind!"

"Rest thee, my babe—rest thou. 'Tis hunger's cry!  
Sleep, for there is no food! The fount is dry;  
Famine and cold their weary work have done;  
My heart must break! And thou!" The clock strikes one.

"Hark! 'tis the dice-box! Yes, he's there; he's there!  
For this, for this, he leaves me to despair!  
Leaves love, leaves truth; his wife his life! For what?  
The wretched smile, the villain and the get!"

"Yet I'll not curse him—No, 'tis all in vain;  
'Tis long to wait, but sure he'll come again!  
And I could starve and bless him, but for you,  
My child! My child! Oh friend!" The clock strikes two.

"Hark! how the sign-board creaks; the winds howl by;  
Mean, mean! a dirge swells through the cloudy sky!  
Hark! 'tis his knock! he comes! he comes once more!"  
'Tis but the lattice flap! Thy hope is o'er!

"Can he desert us thus? He knows I pray  
Night after night in loneliness to pray  
For his return; and yet he sees no tear!  
No, no. It cannot be. He will be here!"

Nearly more closely, dear one, to my heart!  
Thou 'st cold! thou 'st freezing! but we will not part.  
Husband! I die! Father, it is not he!  
Oh, God, protect my child!" The clock strikes three.

They're gone! they're gone! the glimmering spark hath fled!  
The wife and child are numbered with the dead.  
On the cold hearth, out-strethed in solemn rest,  
The babe lay frozen on its mother's breast!  
The gambler came at last; but all was o'er;  
Dead silence reigned around. The clock struck four!

REVIEW OF THE MONTREAL MARKET.

From the Commercial Messenger.

**ASHES.**—The demand has been improving, from several causes, and especially from the lightness of the stock in market. Quotations are:—for Pots, 29s. 6d. a 30s.; for Pearls, 30s. a 31s.

**FLOUR.**—The market is not well supplied, and the quantities at present arriving are less than the requirements of the trade, and freights are light. 3s. 9d. is still given for Canadian, at which price considerable quantities have changed hands during the week. American fine has been sold at from 30s. 6d. a 31s. 6d., cash; 32s., 90 days.

**WHEAT.**—Whatever quantity there is of this article easily finds buyers at 7s. per 60 lbs.; 7s. 1d. a 7s. 3d. has been obtained. This rate it will be unsafe for country dealers to act upon, as the demand is created from causes which are only temporary, and which, it is expected, will cease almost immediately.

**PROVISIONS.**—The stock of Pork is sufficiently heavy, and a disposition is evinced to seek for purchasers.

Hams may be quoted at 6jd. a 7d. per lb.—Lard at 5d. Butter at 7s. a 8s.—the demand being steady.

**GROCERIES.**—There are in demand, at fair prices. Young Hyson, of good quality, can be had at 3s. 6d. a 3s. 9d. Inferior qualities at 3s. 2jd. a 3s. 3d. per lb.

Sugars are nearly stationary, though tending to improvement.

**DRY GOODS.**—A great deal of business in this line has been done by auction for some time. There are still numbers of merchants from the country, in town, laying in their stocks of Fall and Winter articles, and although sales are taking place at very low rates, we do not imagine that the Fall business will turn out deficient in remunerating profits.

**MONEY AND EXCHANGE.**—The Banks are drawing at 10j per cent. Private Bills may be purchased at 9j. Upper Canada notes are at a discount of 2 a 2j per cent.

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