

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN.

SELECT POETRY.

OH, SING FOR ME OUR FAVORITE SONG.

Oh, sing to me our favorite song,  
My life is dark and sad,  
Thy gentle voice will cheer my soul,  
And make my bosom glad,  
Affection's fires again will glow,  
My pulse with feeling start,  
If but thy lips give forth the words  
Which once came from the heart!  
In other days when life was young,  
And years had shed no blight,  
When every pulse beat high with joy,  
And all of life was bright,  
Though happy in each passing hour,  
Yet happier by far  
When on my heaving bosom flashed  
One bright, particular star.

Up from these youthfully happy hours  
Sweet memories often throng;  
But dearest to this heart, but these,  
Comes back our favorite song.  
At early morn when nature greets  
With gladdest smile the day,  
While treading fields with dew-gems set  
I've listened to that lay;  
When evening dropped her shadowy veil  
And all of nature slept,  
You're sung for me those thrilling notes  
While twilight hush we kept;  
Full oft in years Old Time has snatched,  
In cloistered hall and bower,  
Thy presence and our favorite song  
Enlivened many an hour.

Those hours have fled! and on I've  
pressed  
With other forms to meet;  
I've listened oft to other songs,  
But ne'er to one more sweet:  
Still deeper changes sweep o'er life,  
Still other scenes engage,  
Till Time dims youth's sweet memories,  
And blots her glowing page,  
I'm altered now from what I was  
By scenes I've wandered through,  
Thy life has been a changing one,  
And thou art altered too—  
But sing, oh, sing our favorite song,  
My life seems dark and sad,  
Thy voice again will cheer my soul,  
And make my bosom glad!

MISCELLANEOUS.

OWNING THE COIN.

Simpkins was a good-hearted well-meaning sort of a man, but, somehow, he had contracted a habit of listlessness and inattention to business, which always kept him remarkably low in the pocket; and as he must live, and in order to do that, must have money to live with, he had frequent recourse to the pockets of his friends; and as a matter of course, never having much of the "kind" about him, he always forgot to repay the little favours he received from them. Being at one time particularly short and hard pressed for the "rhino," the idea occurred to him to apply to Mr. Percent, a cashier in one of the banks, for the sum of twenty dollars, which he said he wanted for a few days only, and for which he should be under great obligations.

Mr. Percent, considering the boon perfectly safe, and that the chance of making four per cent a month, should not be lost even for so small a sum of money, willingly consented. Weeks passed, and nothing was seen of Mr. Simpkins; Mr. Percent began to feel anxious, and determined to call on him; Mr. Simpkins promised to pay in a few days; a week passed, and still nothing of Mr. Simpkins; Mr. Percent began to be alarmed; he called on Mr. Simpkins often, urging him to pay and save his credit; every time he called, Simpkins made new promises, as often, of course, to be broken.

Mr. Percent at last thought of giving up the debt in despair, till just then a lucky idea shot through his brain. Simpkins is a cabinet maker; I want a good desk; Simpkins shall make it and I shall get my pay.

Filled with this grand idea, he made for Mr. S's shop with rapid strides, and communicated his wishes; Simpkins was delighted to have the opportunity to see him in that manner—was sorry he had not paid that little bill before, but would try and

make this desk so satisfactory as to obliterate the remembrance of former disappointment from his memory; Simpkins dilated so long upon the beauties of the forthcoming desk that Percent was in raptures, and wondered how he had been able to get along without it so long a time.

Every day would Percent call in, to see how it was progressing; he soon saw it grow gradually from the rough mahogany to the almost finished desk. One day he called in and inspecting it as usual remarked, that it seemed quite done, and desired to have it sent to his office. Simpkins assured him it wanted a few more finishing touches, but would be entirely finished by the next afternoon.

Full of hope and expectation, Percent rushed into the shop at the appointed time; there stood Simpkins, but no desk.

"Where's the desk?" were the first words of Percent.

"I sold it this morning," replied the erratic Simpkins.

Now, Mr. Percent was a member, in good standing, of the Orthodox Church, therefore it would not do for him to make any improper exclamations, under any circumstances; but had he not been so situated, there is no doubt but some horrid maledictions would have been showered on the head of poor Simpkins; as it was, when the words, "sold this morning," came out of the mouth of Simpkins, Percent shook with wrath, and with eyes darting vengeance, exclaimed, with the greatest vehemence:

"Now are you not a rascal, a villain, a pitiful scoundrel?"

"Well," replied poor Simpkins, "I believe I am, that's a fact!"

*Insolence of Prussian Officers*—Another instance as pendant to the one I lately reported of the improper use of their swords by the military upon unarmed persons occurred here (Berlin) last Saturday. A young artillery officer, followed by two dogs, was riding through the Brandenburger Thor, when some schoolboys took it into their heads to amuse themselves with his canine followers, which conduct so much displeased the military young gentleman that he drew his sword and cut one of the schoolboys over the head; the sword cut through his cap and wounded his skull; he slashed "and he rode away." A crowd of commiserating bystanders immediately assembled, and carried the poor boy to the house of the commandant of Berlin, who, doubtless, will investigate the matter, and that is the only plaster the poor boy will get from the authorities.

**LOOK ON THIS PICTURE AND THEN ON THAT.**—"Father is coming!" and little round faces grow long, and merry faces are hushed and hustled into the closet, and mamma glances nervously at the door, and baby is bribed with a lump of sugar to keep the peace; and father's business face relaxes not a muscle; and the little group huddle like timid sheep in a corner, and tea is despatched as silently as if speaking were prohibited by the statute book, and the children creep like culprits to bed, marveling that baby dare crow so loud, now that "FATHER HAS COME."

"Father is coming!" and bright eyes sparkle for joy, and tiny feet dance with glee, and eager faces press against the window-pane, and a bevy of rosy lips claim kisses at the door, and picture-books lie unrebuked on the table, and tops and balls and dolls and kites are discussed, and little Susy lays her soft cheek against the paternal whiskers with the most fearless abandon; and Charley gets a love-pat for his medal, and mamma's face grows radiant, and the evening paper is read, (not silently, but aloud), and tea and toast and time vanish with equal celerity, for jubilee has arrived, and FATHER HAS COME!

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1847 10	300	46 4 0	42
1848 23	100	14 5 2	10
1849 27	500	46 15 4	40

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A further cause of this rapid growth lies somewhat more below the surface, but is yet of importance. From inquiry we learn that no fire office possessing half the above revenue annually deposits its accounts with the Registrar-general.

The resources and balance-sheet of this great Company are, on the contrary, annually registered, and unmistakable evidence is thus given periodically of its capacity to meet its engagements. *Morning Herald*, December 26, 1855.

Indeed, the bonus of the "Royal" may be pronounced to be larger than any yet declared by the mass of the English offices. Here is an office which yields a fairly earnest and wholesome reversionary bonus of 80 per centum in its Life Branch, and in regard to fire operations, can make this very enviable boast, that it has exceeded the Fire business of all but two of the London Fire offices—viz. the receipt of nearly £130,000 per year in Fire premiums alone—some of which ancient offices have been in existence for a century!

Equally successful and singular in both departments. Indeed, the Life Department may be said to present results equally as worthy of mention. *Morning Chronicle*, November 28, 1855.

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