

Poetry.

A Woman's Question.

[From "Legends and Lyrics," a new volume just published in London, by Adelaide Anne Procter, daughter of Harry Cornwall.]

Before I turn my face to thee, Or place my hand in thine, Before I let my future give, Color and form to mine, Before I peril all for thee, question thy soul to-night for me.

I break all lighter bonds, nor feel A shadow of regret; Is there one link within the Past That holds thy spirit yet? Or is thy faith as clear and free as that which I can pledge to thee?

Does there within thy dimmest dreams A possible future shine, Wherein thy life could henceforth breathe, Untouched, unshaded by mine? If so, at any pain or cost, O, tell me before all is lost.

Look deeper still, If thou canst feel, Within thy inmost soul, That thou hast kept a portion back, While I have staked the whole, Let no false pity spare the blow, but in true mercy tell me so.

Is there within thy heart a need That mine cannot fulfil? One chord that any other had Could better wake or still? Speak now—lest at some future day my whole life wither and decay.

Lives there within thy nature hid The demon-spirit Change, Shedding a passing glory still? On all things new and strange? It may not be thy fault alone—but shield my heart against thy own.

Couldst thou withdraw thy hand one day, And answer to my claim, That fate, and to-day's mistake, Had not, had been to blame? Some sooner than thy conscience thus; but thou, O, surely, thou wilt warn me now.

Yes, answer not! dare not hear, The words would come too late, Yet I would spare thee all remorse, So, comfort thou, my fate; Whatever on my heart may fall—remember, I would risk it all.

past winter Mr. Henderson has had thousands of the young insects hatched under glass, and to try their power of mischief, has experimented with bugs only a quarter grown. The plants exposed showed unmistakable signs of disease on the fourth day.

These statements we regard as important. So much is evident: if the potato produced potatoes at all, when a healthy plant is shown, the insect applied, and the rot follows in four days with unerring certainty, there is good reason to suppose that the problem has been solved.

Mr. Henderson thinks there is no serious difficulty. If we put a stop to the planting of the eggs with the seed potato, we stop the propagation of the insect. The egg being invisible, any means applied should be thorough, and reach the whole surface of the potato.

Since writing the above, we have found of the insects in our jar, which had deserted the now rotten vines at work underground upon a sound young potato.—Boston Commercial.

Some Oaks in England.—The Parliament Oak in Clipston Park is said to be fifteen hundred years old. This park existed before the Conquest, and belongs to the Duke of Rutland.

Can a Man be his own Grandfather?—This query answered in the affirmative:—There was a widow and her daughter-in-law, and a man and his son, who were both grandfathers to the same child.

Novel Reading.—A whole family, brought to destitution in England, had all its misfortunes clearly traced by the authorities to an ungodly passion for novel reading.

Editor's Valericty.—A political editor at West, who appears to have become disgusted with the profession assigned to him, has written a letter to the proprietor.

Immoderate Desires.—All immoderate desires are enemies; as to health, so to peace. He that desires wants much as he that has nothing.

Notes & News.—How Southey Mapped Out his Time.—In associating with Southey, not only was it necessary to salutation to refrain from touching his books, but various rites, ceremonies, and usages must be rigidly observed.

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