

Miscellany.

TRIED GOLD.

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I.

Get the spindle and distaff ready,
God will send the flax ;
So makes the bee, from Summer flowers,
Honeycomb and wax.
Work the six days, pray all seven,
Trust the rest to the grace of heaven.

II.

Cast thy bread upon the waters,
Ask not gain or praise,
Thou shalt eat it fresh and sweet,
After many days.
Work the six days, pray all seven,
Trust the rest to the grace of heaven.

III.

Winds may blow, but the tree God
planteth
Taket h deeper root ;
Winds that shake it cannot break it.
It shall bear good fruit.
Work the six days, pray all seven,
Leave the rest to the grace of heaven.

IV.

Never wish for the tarnished wages,
Fraud and lying pay ;
Unto every evil-doer
Comes the evil day.
Work the six days, pray all seven,
Trust the rest to the grace of heaven.

V.

Go to the "well of living waters"
If thy spirit faints ;
Better it is to do with God
Than with all his saints.

Work the six days, pray all seven,
Trust the rest to the grace of heaven.

VI.

He doeth well who doeth his best,
He doeth well who strives ;
Noblest efforts may sometimes fail,—
Never noble lives.
Work the six days, pray all seven,
Trust the rest to the grace of heaven.

"A BRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE."

[We have received the following narrative from our venerable friend, John Mathewson, Esq., of Montreal, who, at the ripe age of more than fourscore years, still lingers on this side the river.—EDITOR, E. C.]

WHEN I resided in Londonderry, in the year 1820, an interesting circumstance occurred. A man named Atkinson was, with several others, concerned in a number of robberies. At length they committed a robbery and murder, about twenty miles from Londonderry. Three of the parties were arrested, and placed in jail, but soon after broke jail and escaped. In a short time two of them were captured, tried and executed.—Atkinson was still at large, and being a very powerful man, and known to be thoroughly armed, he was a terror to everybody. However, he was at last taken, when asleep, and brought back to Londonderry jail. After a short time he was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to be hung within 48 hours. In the course of the trial it appeared that Atkinson himself had been averse to the murder. One of the witnesses, the widow of the murdered man, testified