"A Little While."

"A little while" is whispered in my heart—
Yes, for a little while
We two must live asunder—far apart—
But for a little while.

Each hour that moves with swift or lingering feet,
Each calm or restless night,
But hastens on the hour when we shall meet
With rapturous delight.

This wearying loneliness of heart and soul,
This mourning, longing love,
These sad, sad records traced on memory's scroll,
Shall find no place above.

"A little while"—O then, my soul, be strong!
Droop not, nor loiter here!
The way is gloomy, but it is not long—
The end is drawing near.

Bear patiently the burden of thy grief,
Stayed by a heavenly arm;
And soon will come the time of sweet relief—
Thy sorrow's healing balm.

"A little while" is it? Then work and wait
To do thy Saviour's will,
Or thou wilt mourn when it is all too late
His bidding to fulfil.

If heaven be near, yet earth is nearer still—
Weep not thy life away!
But labor faithfully in hope until
The blest redeeming day.

—*Congregationalist.*

Hungry Johnny.

In the winter of 186— there lived in the city of C—— a poor boy whom we shall call Johnny. His father was dead, and his mother, a very wicked woman, occupied a cellar in one of the lanes or alleys of the city. As she was most of the time intoxicated, what little she could earn when sober was spent for liquor, instead of buying food and clothes for her little boy. So poor Johnny often went to bed cold and hungry. Very frequently, too, he might be seen going across the street to a low grog-shop, with a penny which he had begged to buy rum for his mother.

About the time our story begins Johnny's mother had found some washing to do, for which she had been paid partly in money and partly in bread. But the money was spent as before, and the crust that remained had made Johnny meals for two days.

Late on Sunday afternoon Johnny's mother aroused from her drunken stupor enough to know that her liquor was all drunk, and, calling her little boy, she said:

"Johnny, you must go and beg a penny to buy some whisky with.

"But," said Johnny, "I cannot go; it is very cold. And what shall I tell them I want the penny for, when they ask me?"

"Tell them you want to buy bread," said his mother.

Johnny began to cry. "Mother," said he, "I have no coat, no stockings, and my shoes are all worn out. I shall freeze to death."

This fanned the last spark of a mother's love in the drunken woman's heart, and she said:

"Well, Johnny, go and get Charley to go with you."

Charley was a boy four or five years older than he, who lived a little further up the ally.

So off the poor little fellow started in the cold, and finding Charley at home, he said:

"Charley, my mother wants me to go and beg a penny to buy liquor with. Will you go with me?"

"Why no, Johnny," exclaimed Charley, "you will freeze to death; it is so cold!"

"But I must go," said Johnny, "and if you will not go with me I must go alone," and he began to cry again as though his heart would break.

"Well, I will go with you, Johnny," said Charley at last.

Then they went up an avenue to a large church where they had been before. They went in and sat down between the stove-screen and the wall. Here they quietly waited for services to close, when they should have an opportunity to beg. Very soon Johnny heard the minister say, "God loves the truthful! God *loves* the *truthful!*" and he began to think, "I am not truthful; I have told a great many lies; I am very wicked."

Again the minister said, "God loves the truthful, but hates all liars!" Turning around, Johnny said, "Charley, I am very wicked, I've lied a great deal and God does not love me. Nobody loves me, not even my mother!"

But Charley replied, "Yes, Johnny, somebody loves you; *I* love you!"

"Charley, I'll never tell another lie as long as I live," said Johnny.

Presently the sermon was ended and the people began to pass out when little Johnny stepped up to a gentleman and said:

"Please give me a penny, sir?"

"What do you want of a penny?" he asked.

I will not tell a lie!" said Johnny to himself, and then answered, "My mother wants it to buy whiskey with."

The gentleman passed on without giving the money, and another came along. He held out his hand and asked:

"Will you give me a penny, sir?"

"What do you want of a penny?" inquired the man.

"God loves the truthful," thought Johnny, "and *I will not be a liar!*" "Mother wants it to buy whiskey with," he replied, and this man passed on.

Coming to the third he again asked for a penny. This gentleman took from his pocket and placed in his hand something which Johnny supposed was a penny, but when they came to the gas-light he found it was a two-shilling piece. For a moment his sad heart almost danced for joy as he exclaimed:

"What a nice breakfast I'll have, for I've had nothing to eat to-day."

When Johnny got home he found his mother had fallen asleep, so he crept away to his filthy straw, for this was all the bed he had. The next morning he awoke with a burning fever and was very ill. During the day he sent for Charley, to whom he repeated the words the minister had said the evening before, and told him how badly he felt because he had been so wicked, and had told so many falsehoods. The third day he had grown much worse and sent for Charley again. When he arrived Johnny said:

"I am very sick. I guess I am going to die and God does not love me! Nobody loves me, but you, Charley. I wish you would go and find the man that said, 'God loves the truthful!' Maybe he will tell me how to love God, and whether he will love me."

Charley found him, and they both went to the place where Johnny lived. As soon as he saw the minister he exclaimed:

"O, sir, I am so glad you have come. You said God loves the truthful, but I have been very wicked. I have told a great many lies. My mother used to tell me to. And now I am going to die, and God does not love me. No one loves me but Charley. Can't you tell me how to love God, and whether He will love me or not?"

Then the good man told him of the Saviour's love, how he loved him even when he was telling naughty untruths, and he only wanted him to give him all his heart, and then God would love him very much. Then the minister prayed, and while he prayed little Johnny prayed too, and when he rose from his knees his face beamed with new joy, and he cried out:

"Somebody loves me now! *Jesus loves me!* It seemed when you were praying as though the Saviour came down and lifted a great load from my heart, and now I am very happy! I am going home to live with Jesus! I shall not be wicked any more. I shall never feel hungry again. I shall never be cold!

Then he took Charley by the hand and made him promise he would never be as wicked as he had been, but that he would be good and love the Saviour. The minister then went away, promising to call again the next day. He went, but found Johnny lying cold and white as marble on his bed of straw. He had died about four o'clock that morning, and his spirit had gone to live with the God of truth forever.

I think Charley has kept his promise, for he is now one of the best boys in the mission-school of C.—*Presbyter.*

Spring Fashions.—Styles of Dresses, Hoops, &c.

In some articles of dress the change, since a year ago, is quite marked. The tilting hoops, which were adopted by the majority, have been banished from fashionable society, and they are at last voted a relic of bad taste, and an unbecoming style. The "tilters" have been followed by a much smaller hoop, and, when proportioned to the figure, the new ones are far more graceful both for in-door and out-door wear.

The gored dress, so long in fashion, will be the prevailing style for the coming season. It is made plain at the top—or with plaits at the back, according to taste. For the house the skirt is very wide at the bottom, with a long train. For reception this skirt is very suitable.

In street dresses there is a decided and apparently very popular change. The short dresses, with petticoat to match, are a great improvement upon the looped-up dresses, with trains which would sometimes escape from the best of loopers to sweep the streets. These short dresses require a sacque or jacket to be worn with them, and are generally made *en suite*. Shawls cannot be worn with them; they have too heavy a look, and are not graceful with the new short dresses.

The coat sleeve is still to some extent a favorite, but gradually the flowing sleeve is gaining popularity, and no doubt will have many admirers before the summer is over. Some of the designs for the sleeve are very pretty and novel. One is a half-flowing sleeve over a coat sleeve, or a coat-sleeve open on the outside and laced, with the loose-flowing sleeve falling gracefully over the elbow.

There are several different styles of the peplum basque, each having something in its favour. A short, loose sacque, a trifle shorter at the sides than the back and front, and beautifully trimmed, is very attractive.

The short dresses for the streets are made plain at the top, or with plaits at the back, both of which are fashionable. The skirt is usually cut with points around the bottom, and is worn over a plaited petticoat of the same material; but the petticoat is now often made plain, and when trimmed with graduated bands of velvet is very pretty, and many prefer it to the plaited. Everything in the way of dress is elaborately trimmed.

The spring styles in bonnets have not yet been brought out, except at the opening of the importers when the milliners gathered up all the novelties and ordered them home immediately, where they will be hidden until the general opening day. Some change has taken place in shapes, but it is not so great as many predicted in early winter. When the small bonnets of the past year made their appearance, the universal belief was that they would not be worn more than a season. But they have survived the winter, and the ladies declare they are almost as much in love with them as ever, especially when they remember the "coal-scuttle" or "sky-scraper," or the Quaker-like bonnet that hides the little "face divine." The fact that large bonnets would conceal much beautiful hair, natural or artificial, that now adorns the heads of the ladies will effectually keep them at their distance.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

Useful Receipts.

Cheap Beer.—To 12 quarts of cold water add ½ pint of strong hop tea, and 1½ pint of molasses. Mix well and bottle immediately. It will be fit for use next day if the whether is warm.

To Polish Mahogany.—Rub it with cold drawn linseed oil and polish by rubbing with a clean dry cloth. Furniture thus kept will be hard and smooth as glass, and will not be injured by hot water.

Bug Poison.—Proof spirits 1 pint; camphor 2 oz.; oil of turpentine 4 oz.; corrosive sublimate 1 oz.

Another.—2 oz. red arsenic; ½ lb. soap; ½ oz. camphor, dissolved in a teaspoonful of rectified spirits.—Make into a paste or cream.

To Preserve Furs.—1 pint of warm water; 12 grains corrisive sublimate—label the liquid 'poison.' Wash the furs with this and then dry.

Brunswick Black for Grates.—Melt 1 lb. common asphaltum, add ½ pint linseed oil, 1 quart turpentine.

Water proofing for Boots.—Linseed oil 1 pint, oil of turpentine or camphene 1 gill, yellow wax 4 oz. Burgandy pitch 4 oz.

Cheap Paint for Barns.—6 lbs. of melted pitch, 1 pint linseed oil, 1 lb. yellow ochre.

To Destroy Flies.—½ teaspoonful black pepper in powder, 1 teaspoonful of sugar, 1 tablespoonful of cream. Mix well together and place on a plate.

PREPARATION OF WHITEWASH.—Whitewash is one of the most valuable articles in the world when properly applied. It prevents not only the decay of wood, but conduces greatly to the healthiness of all buildings, whether of wood or stone. Out-buildings and fences, when not painted should be supplied once or twice every year with a good coat of whitewash, which should be prepared in the following way: Take a clean, water-tight barrel, or other suitable cask, and put into it half a bushel of lime. Slack it by pouring water over it, boiling hot, and in sufficient quantity to cover it five inches deep, and stir it briskly till thoroughly slacked. When the slacking has been effected, dissolve it into water, and add two pounds of sulphate of zinc, and one of common salt. These will cause the wash to harden, and prevent it cracking, which gives an unseemly appearance to the work. If desirable, a beautiful cream colour may be communicated to the above wash by adding three pounds of yellow ochre; or a good pearl or lead colour, by the addition of lamp, vine or ivory black. For fawn colour, add four pounds umber—Turkish or American, the latter is the cheapest—one pound Indian red, and one pound common lampblack. For common stone color add four pounds raw umber and two pounds lampblack. This wash may be applied with a common whitewash brush, and will be found much superior, both in appearance and durability, to common whitewash.

The Poor Man's Day.

"Hail Sabbath! thee I hail! the poor man's day."
—GRAHAM.

Up in the morning early, on with the best clothes, and the bright shoes cleaned last night. It is the Sabbath day—the blessed day—the happy day—the poor man's day—the best of all the seven. On this sweet day the toiling father, who has been working all the week is at *home*. The little ones can climb his knee, and prattle to him, and the elder children can get their books and read to him, and the mother can spread a white cloth and lay her neat breakfast, and they can all eat the meal together in peace and thankfulness. Then off go the children to the Sabbath School, and the parents an hour later, have banked up the fire, and are off to worship. Oh! the comfort of the solemn soothing service to the weary heart, and toil-worn frame, the prayer that seems to open Heaven's gate, the praises that bear the soul to heaven itself; the meditation that comforts and strengthens; and then the return home, parents and children so happy. The cheerful meal that the good mother (it is winter) has left simmering in the pot on the hob. How they thank God for it and for every social enjoyment. Then the afternoon's quiet reading, while the children are again off to school.

Then the evening worship, a filling up of the measure of spiritual good. The pleasant walks to and fro to the House of God in company; the kindly feelings and loving thoughts, that have blest and purified their minds, the rest that has refreshed their bodies; well may all, who know what true joy is, exclaim:—

"Oh! day most holy, calm, and bright,
The fruit of this, the next world's bud;
The charter of supreme delight,
Writ by a friend and with his blood:
Dark were the week without thy light."
—REV. GEO. HERBERT.

"DIDN'T you suppose that I kept a Bible?" "No, I didn't think that you kept God's word, as I knew that you never kept your own.

Agriculture.

Cranberry Culture.

"To make the desert blossom as the rose" is or ought to be, the ultimate object of agriculture, and that science does not bound its aim merely to raising fertile lands to their highest point of cultivation, but also devotes itself to conquering those obstacles which opposing nature plants around her waste recesses. Those who are conversant with the cedar swamps of New Jersey can hardly conceive of any spots of earth more unpropitious, or more unlikely to prove valuable to the husbandman, yet these very "dismal swamps" and their threatening, sturdy, obstructive growth of trees, with their "roots set tuskwise," as if in defiance of man's endurance, have been conquered, and promise to yield abundant harvests of one of those luxuries which our increasing civilization is so rapidly changing into the necessities of life. During the past few years individual exertion has repeatedly shown, beyond the possibility of refutation, that these unconquerable thickets furnish the soil best adapted to the cultivation of the cranberry. A tract of twenty-eight acres of such unimproved land was purchased less than five years ago by its present owner for eight dollars per acre, and the fortunate experimentalist realized in 1865 a net profit of ten thousand dollars, and from the same plantation in the following year a net profit of more than six thousand dollars. Numerous farmers have made a like experiment with uniformly successful results, and more recently companies have been formed for conducting the business on a more extensive scale. Cranberries are in great and growing demand as a most agreeable adjunct to the dinner-tables of this country, and there is a market for them in Europe also for culinary purposes. Four hundred bushels per acre have been raised in repeated instances, but forty is the ordinary average yield. The estimate, and it may be presumed as sufficiently low, upon which calculations for the future profit are based, seem to be as follows: For the first crop, three years after planting, thirty-five bushels per acre; second crop averaging fifty bushels, and the third crop seventy-five bushels, and the fourth crop, when the plant becomes six years old, one hundred bushels per acre.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Butter-Making—Cleanliness Imperative.

It is a most noticeable fact that a great deal of butter brought to our local market is far from being good. Westminster Township furnishes the largest proportion of really good butter. When in Devonshire, some years since, we visited several large dairies, and observed that not only were the dairy houses and utensils kept scrupulously clean, and well supplied with pure spring water, but also that the cows' udders were washed before milking in the morning, and that the dairy maids had clean hands. Glass or glazed milk pans are to be preferred to metal; they should be washed first in boiling hot water, with a piece of muslin on the end of a stick—afterwards rinsed in clear spring water, and allowed to dry without being touched by a cloth of any kind. The milk should be strained into the pans through fine muslin. Cream should not be allowed to accumulate till it turns sour, as is too often the case. It is better to churn every other day, if really good butter is desired; the cream should be at a temperature of 55° to 60° when the butter comes, and the buttermilk should be worked out thoroughly with a wooden spoon, and clean cold spring water; the hands should never come in contact with the butter or cream during any part of the process. Another evil is, that too much salt—and that often of bad quality—is added. For fresh butter, in rolls, make a mixture of one lb. of the finest diary salt, pounded fine, with four ounces of pulverized loaf sugar. One ounce of this mixture is sufficient to add to each pound of butter. The cream should be taken off the milk before it turns sour.

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