

POETRY.

A WIFE'S APPEAL TO HER HUSBAND.

You took me Henry, when a girl, unto your home and heart,
To bear in all your fate a fond and faithful part;
And tell me, have I ever tried that duty to forego—
Or pined there was not joy for me, when you were sunk in woe!

No—I would rather share your grief than any other's glee,
For though you're nothing to the world, you're all the world to me.
You make a palace of my shed—this rough-hewn bench a throne—
There's sunlight for me in your smile, and music in your tone.

I look upon you when you sleep, my eyes with tears grow dim,
I cry "O Parent of the poor, look down from heaven on him!
Behold him toil from day to day exhausting strength and soul—
Look down with mercy on him, Lord, for thou canst make him whole!"

And when at last relieving sleep has on my eyelids smiled,
How oft are they forbade to close in slumber, by my child!
I take the little murmur that spoils my span of rest,
And feel it as a part of thee I lull upon my breast.

There's only one return I crave, — I may not need it long,
And it may soothe thee when I'm where the wretched feel no wrong!
I ask not for a kinder tone—for thou wert ever kind;
I ask not for less frugal fare—my fare I do not mind;

I ask not for more gay attire—if such as I have got
Suffice to make me far to thee, for more I murmur not;
But I would ask some share of hours that you at clubs bestow—
Of knowledge that you prize so much, may I not something know?

Subtract from meetings among men, each eve, an hour for me—
Make me companion of your soul, as I may surely be!
If you will read, I'll sit and work; then think when you're away—
Lest tedious I shall find the time, dear Henry, of your stay.

A meet companion soon I'll be for e'en your studious hours,
And teacher of those little ones you call your cottage flowers;
And if we be not rich and great, we may be wise and kind;
And as my heart can warm your heart, so may my mind your mind.

MISCELLANY.

RULES FOR YOUNG SHOP KEEPERS.

1. Choose a good and commanding situation, even at a higher rate of premium; for no money is so well laid out as for a situation, providing good use be made of it.

2. Open your shop at seven o'clock every morning, that no obstruction may be opposed to your customers.

3. Clean and set out your windows with your own hands, that you may expose for sale the articles that are most saleable, and which you want most to sell.

4. Sweep before your house, and if required, open a foot way from the opposite side of the street, that passengers may think of you while crossing, and that all your neighbours may be sensible of your diligence.

5. Wear an apron, if such be the custom of your business, and deem it as a badge of distinction which will procure you respect and credit.

6. Apply your first return of ready money to pay debts before they are due, and give such transactions suitable emphasis, by claiming discount.

7. Always be found at home, and in some

way employed, and remember that your meddling neighbours have their eyes open upon you, and are constantly judging you by your appearances.

8. Re-weigh and re-measure all your stock rather than let it be supposed you have nothing to do.

9. Keep some article cheap, that you may draw customers and enlarge your intercourse.

10. Keep up the exact quality or flavour of all the articles which you find are approved by your customers, and by this means you will enjoy their preference.

11. Buy for ready money as often as you have any to spare; and when you take credit, pay to a day, and unasked.

12. No advantage will ever arise to you from any ostentatious display of expenditure.

13. Beware of the odds and ends of a stock, of spoiled goods, and of waste; for it is in such things that your profits lie.

14. In securing your customers be firm and obliging, and never loose your temper.

15. Always be seen at church and never at a gaming-table: and seldom at theatres, or at places of amusement.

16. Prefer a prudent and discreet wife, to a rich and showy one.

17. Spend your evenings by your own fire-side, and shun a public house or a sottish club as you would a bad debt.

18. Subscribe with your neighbours to a library, to improve your mind, that you may be qualified to use your future affluence with credit to yourself and advantage to the public.

19. Take stock every year, estimate your profits, and do not spend above one fourth.

20. Avoid the common folly of expending your precious capital upon a costly architectural front. Such things operate on the world like paint on a woman's cheek, repelling beholders instead of attracting them.

21. Every pound wasted by a young tradesman is two pounds lost at the end of three years, and two hundred and fifty-six at the end of twenty-four years.

22. To avoid being robbed and ruined, by apprentices and assistants, never allow them to go from home in the evening; and the restriction will prove equally useful to masters and servants.

23. Remember that prudent purchasers avoid the shop of an extravagant and ostentatious trader; for they justly consider, that if they deal with him they must contribute to his follies.

24. Let these be your Rules, and you may soon realize all your stock, and take discount for prompt payment on all purchases.

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.—An Irish hawkler of china lately called upon a witty Hebrew in Hull, offered him what he was pleased to designate a splendid set of his ware for a mere nothing, a sum of three pounds, ten shillings, or thereabouts. The Jew, seeing at once that the articles were not worth more than eight or ten shillings, drew a showy pinchbeck watch, with a common steel chain, from his sob, and expressed his desire to exchange, observing at the same time that the watch cost some six guineas, but as he liked the Irishman's countenance, he would readily give him credit for the difference. Pat snapped at the bait, pocketed the watch, threw the basket into the bargain, and promising to pay as soon as he was able departed. A few weeks elapsed, and they met again. In the meantime the Irishman had discovered that all is not gold that glitters, but imagining he had still the best of it, he thus addressed the descendant of Abraham, "By the powers, master Jew, the best part of the china I sold you, was the basket. "Very good, mine friend," said the Hebrew, not to be outdone in courtesy, "and the best part of the watch I sold you was the chain."—*Sheffield Independent.*

IRELAND.—EXTERMINATING SYSTEM!—Six-and-twenty Catholic families, comprising upwards of 200 persons, have been driven by Lord Beresford, during the last week, off his estate in Clonogall, for no other reason but because they were Roman Catholics! They had no votes, so therefore could not have sinned politically against his Lordship, by opposing his nominee.

SHOCKING CASE.—Wednesday morning, about six o'clock, a middle aged woman, residing with her brother in West Nicolson Street, was discovered impaled on iron pikes constituting the railing before the house. It is understood that for some months previous the poor woman had shown symptoms of mental derangement; and it is supposed that in a paroxysm of the disease, she had leaped out of her bed-room window, three stories from the ground, and alighted on the pikes directly in the abdomen, and became transfixed in the shocking manner she was found.—*Scotsman, Nov. 14.*

PROVIDING FOR THE WORST.—The Journal de Calais states that an inhabitant of Southampton has recently been amusing himself by filling 41,000 bottles with 6,000 copies of an abridgement of "Universal History." These bottles, well corked and sealed, have, by his order, been placed in deep cavities in the icy caverns of Greenland, in the hope, should a partial destruction of the globe again ensue, that they may survive the wreck and enlighten future ages, who would otherwise be ignorant of the events which have come to pass in this world. It is not stated what language this bottle conjurer has chosen to preserve the knowledge of the present race of mankind.

UNITED STATES.—STARVATION.—The N. Y. Journal of Commerce says, We see it is stated in one of the papers that the supply of flour in this market is only sufficient for ninety days consumption. It becomes a serious question what shall we do after the flour is all gone. We must have something to eat. Then the supply of coal is short too, so that he that escapes from famine may expect to be stiffened by Jack Frost. Notwithstanding all this, our citizens are as blithe and cheerful as if the end of the bread and butter were not at hand. No one even suggests the propriety of the common council putting us on short allowance. In such terrible straits we turn to the genius of Free Trade for help, and we are happy to announce that several cargoes of grain are on their way from the well stored graineries of Europe, and that within the ninety days to which it is said our present stock will last, a good many cargoes may possibly arrive. We also happened to know that one of our dealers sent out a liberal sum by the Liverpool packet which sailed yesterday, for the purpose of buying Irish butter to put on our German bread the moment we get it baked.

A TRUE SHOT.—It is said of the celebrated David Crocket, of Kentucky, that he has been known to send a rifle ball through the same hole nine times in ten successive fires.

EPITAPH ON AN EXCISE OFFICER.

Here Archy C——d snugly lies,
As quiet as any hermit,—
Death seized him as his lawful prize,
For he could show nae PERMIT.

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