

The Poet's Corner.

The Editor's Dream. The editor sits in his wooden armchair. The light in his sanctum burns low: His visage is sad and deep-furrowed with care. His cheeks have a feverish glow.

His pen idly held in his still, nerveless hand, The sheet on his desk clean and white, His wandering senses he cannot command, He has written nothing to-night.

Again in the instant his pen-point is fed, He seizes the sheet once again; He strokes and he scratches his poor, weary head; His efforts, alas! are in vain.

His head glances to nod, and his eyes slowly close, He heard now his double-bass snore; In sweet sleep are ended his fierce mental throes But hark! there's a knock at the door.

The door bristly opens, a stranger steps in, A manuscript roll in his hand; His face wears a smirk, a self-satisfied grin, His manner is affable, bland.

"Beg pardon," he says—then a hem and a cough; The roll in his hand he unwraps, "A trifle," he says, "sir, I just have dashed off, 'Till help, sir, to fill up, perhaps."

The door opens again; 'tis an agent this time, "I came you this fine book to show: Just look at the binding! say, isn't it prime? You'll give me your name, sir, I know."

Another slips in—a caller well known! His eye o'er the sanctum floor ranges, Where papers, like leaves in the wood, are thick strewn;

"'Tis the fiend—he's in search of exchanges! And now comes a woman, arrayed in deep black, An angular, sharp-featured dame; She asks 'a donation for dear Parson Slack; How much shall I put 'gainst your name?'

And scarce has she gone when the musical voice Of the pedler, bright Italy's son, Cries, "Stick-us for five cent, you takes um you choice, Or one penny, signor, for one."

Next comes Reverend Jenkins, who wants a free purr, He's followed by Pat with a stick; "That fur did ye print that big lie on McDuff? Ye'll take it back, surr, mighty quick!"

A grave-looking person, with face a yard long, And a story as long as his face, Wants money for missions in Spain or Hong Kong, Or some other far-away place.

Another loud knock! 'tis humanity's friend,— That seedy and time-honored bore,— Who knows how the whole social structure to mend, And prates of the down-trodden poor.

The actress in satin and perfumed with musk Asks sweetly for puff in advance; The callow young poet comes breezy and brusque, Outraging the ear as he rants.

The regular comer—you all know him well— Comes next. He has nothing to say, But pesters and frets till one's ready to yell—"Great Scott! will he ne'er go away."

And now comes a motley, an unnumbered crowd, Each seeking a notice for some New-fangled contrivance, a cradle or shroud, A gin, locomotive or drum; A new kind of nostrum, drug, powder, or pill, A treatise on physics or law;

A peck of potatoes all dug from one hill, A hatchet, an axe or a saw; A model for steamboat, perhaps a big pear, Or rubbers for wading in slush, A coat that Napoleon at Waterloo wore, An overgrown pumpkin or squash.

But, hark! Hear the shouting! "More copy!" His eyes Open wide and with pleasure they gleam; A smile of relief wreathes his mouth as he cries, "Thank goodness! 'twas only a dream!"

—Boston Transcript.

An Unpleasant Experience.

While returning from Dakota a few days ago Mr. Charles Davis, of Lead-bury, the well known drover, had a somewhat unpleasant and costly experience. When leaving Chicago a stranger entered the car and took a seat beside him. A short time afterwards another stranger came straggling through the car and seemed to be the worse of liquor.

He accented the first man by saying that he owed him six dollars and demanded immediate payment. This man acknowledged the debt and taking some bills from his pocket asked Mr. Davis if he could change a ten. Mr. Davis replied that he thought he could and the stranger handed him his bill. Mr. Davis took his pocket book out and laid it down on the seat in front of him, and took from it the small bills and handed them to the man. Just as he was in the act of laying down the ten dollar bill that he had got, in the pocket book from whence he had taken the small bills, the second man, who was standing in the passage beside him, snatched the pocket book and the money. Mr. Davis grabbed his man by the hands when he noticed that he had the pocket book in the one hand and a revolver in the other.

The man for whom the change was made, jumped up, snatched the revolver and the pocket book from the other man's hands and rushed out of the door of the car and jumped off. Mr. Davis then let go his man to pursue the other when they both escaped. There were three others of the gang on board, who, under the pretense of pursuing the robbers also escaped from the car. The train was in motion at the time but was going very slow so the parties could easily jump off, and in the midst of the confusion they escaped, and their course after leaving the car was unobserved. The passengers were so much taken by surprise as well as frightened that none of them thought of rendering assistance until the whole thing was over, which occurred in much less time than it takes to tell it. The pocket book contained \$160. The ten-dollar bill which Mr. Davis received from the man fell upon the floor during the scuffle and he got it afterwards. What made him less suspicious was that the man who asked for the change had travelled in the same car with him from St. Paul, and had a through ticket to New York, and while he seemed to be a very agreeable travelling companion did not try to force acquaintance. The train by which they travelled stopped at Chicago several hours. During the delay Mr. Davis had some business to transact in the city, and in one place where he had occasion to pay out money he now remembers having noticed his fellow traveller in the same store, and he then no doubt saw the money and had the job fixed up. As soon as the robbery was committed, Mr. Davis had the train stopped, and the conductor telegraphed back to the Chief of Police of the city a description of the men, but he has not heard any more of them or the money since, and it is not likely that he will. On the same train between St. Paul and Chicago several other passengers had their pockets picked and small sums of money taken, and it is every way likely that the same parties took the money in both instances. Mr. Davis says he won't be caught in a similar trap twice, and the next stranger who asks him to change money will be likely to receive a cool reception. —Expositor.

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Words of Wisdom.

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An elevated purpose is a good and ennobling thing, but we cannot begin at the top of it. We must work up to it by the often difficult path of duty—of daily duty always very carefully performed. It is sustained by abundant facts that the greatest events of history, the vital incidents of the world's progress, have often after turmoil resulted in the word, the deed, the determination of a moment.

It requires but very few words from unbelieving lips to consign verbally to oblivion a great truth, a great body, a great system, a great man. But to sweep out of being the work which these have done in the world—that is a different affair. The storms of this world may sweep over us, and we may suffer the wreck of all our earthly hopes and possessions, but they cannot take from us what should be dearer to our souls than all perishable treasures—a calm, serene, immovable, rejoicing trust in heaven.

An Opportune Lesson.

Dr. A. Smith, of Mexico, N.Y., a gentleman who enjoys excellent health at the age of 81, and who is about to visit San Francisco, called upon us to mention his experience with tobacco, to the use of which he was formerly addicted as a matter of defence, all his companions being smokers or chewers. He used the most expensive Havana and Caracas cigars, which on examination he found to be highly charged with nicotine, and his health failed. Upon investigating the cause of his general debility he found it to be, not old age as he had fancied at 65, but tobacco; and when he gave up that he grew young and vigorous again, and he still enjoys excellent health. He has induced many, by the recital of his experience, to give up smoking or chewing, or both; and we hope this publication of that experience will have the effect of inducing a great many more to give up what sense, reason, experience, science and the Christian principle of doing all to the glory of God alike condemn.

Newspaper Laws.

We call the special attention of postmasters and subscribers to the following synopsis of the newspaper laws: 1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning a paper does not answer the law) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publishers for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it be taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made. 3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses. 5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them uncollected for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud. No article ever attained such unbounded popularity in so short a time as Burdock Blood Bitters, and that too during the existence of countless numbers of widely advertised bitters and blood purifiers. It is evident that this medicine begins its work at once, and leaves no desirable effect untraced.

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