

Poetry.
THE SLEEPING CHILD.

BY VICTOR HUGO.

In the dusk, a child
Nests on the floor side,
Sleeps the child in shadow
Of his mother's bed;
Soothly he repose,
And his lids of roses,
Close to earth inclined
On the earth's crease.

Many a dream is with him,
Fresh from infamy;
Spangled over with diamonds,
Seems the ocean bed;
Sons and daughters sleep
Troops of ladies fair,
Souls of infants bear,
In their charming head.

An enchanting vision:
Lo, a rill up-springs,
And from out its bosom,
Comes a voice that sings/
Loverlier these appear
Sire and sister dear,
While his mother near
Pumes her new born wings.

But a brighter vision:
Yet his eyes behold;
Fools and knaves sleep,
Each an infant;
Lakes in shadows sleeping,
Silver fishes leaping,
And the waters creeping
Through the reeds of gold.

Sleumber on, sweet infant,
Sleumber peacefully;
They young soul yet knows not
What thy lot may be;

Lake and ocean weep,

Down the stars sleep,

The sun is born to sleep,

What is all to thee?

Those last slumber by the way;
The sun is born to sleep,

Nights from death, caught from care,

The cold hand of sorrow,

On thy bony, unbroken yet,

Where young truth and candor sit,

New with rugged and hard w^t,

That last word "to morrow."

—VARIETY.

In CASABLANCA.—There is nothing in this world like a good happy disposition; it will sustain one through almost any adverse fortune. It is within ourselves that we find strength when trouble comes, and we are put to the test. We can find a good example in a Frenchman; he is generally ready for any emergency, and always looks forward to his future; in his bringing us; whatever his luck may be, still he continues to good spirits. He will manage to kick off with his heels upon a Sunday all the cares of a week—and then be ready for another.

I remember of reading in the Boston Post, some twenty years ago, a short paragraph, which I have always remembered, and trust, profited by it. Here it is: "Nothing is a misery, unless our weakness approves it."—A very just estimate, and more fitting to ourselves as it makes us to others.

Good old Burton, in his Anatomy of Melancholy, thus quotes one Macilius Titinus:—"Live misery, O, my friends, free from cares, perplexity, and grief; and let life live itself." Again, "Agree to request you to be merry; if anything troubles your hearts or vex your souls, neglect and content it—let it pass. And this I enjoin upon you, not as a divine alone, but as a physician; for without contentment, which is the life and quintessence of physician, no physician can be useful; and used and applied to prolong the life of man is dull, dead, and of no force." And I say with this jolly old "brisk," be merry.

How Much Tobacco is eaten.—The present annual production of tobacco, is estimated to be 4,000,000,000 pounds! This is an hundred thousand, or hundred. Suppose it all made into cigars, one hundred to the pound, it would produce 40,000,000,000. Four hundred million of cigars!

With this amount of tobacco, it would cost to out the sum of ten cents a pound, and we have 40,000,000,000 dollars expended every year in producing an enormous, deleterious weed. At least one and a half times as much is required to manufacture it into marketable form, and dispose of it at a profit. In a few years, we shall see, when the human family expand to nearly one thousand millions of dollars in the gratification of an acquired habit, of one dollar for every man, woman, and child, upon the earth!

This sum would build two railroads around the earth, at the cost of twenty thousand dollars per mile, or sixteen railroads from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It would build one hundred thousand churches, costing \$10,000 each, or half a million of dwelling, costing \$1000 each. It would employ one million of potters and one million of teachers, giving each a salary of \$500. It would support three and one-third millions of families, and give them a comfortable existence.

We have, however, to fill out the picture. Is there an annual outlay to increase or decrease in future?—Reader, how much do you contribute to this fund?—Agricultural.

Lightning Wires.—Electricity, besides carrying our messages, now promises to give us the means of exploring the great deep. A happy application of the electric light has recently been made in Europe, by which the divers can easily descend with their lights to the water. A lamp is formed, called a glass cylinder, with the wires connected, and the glass cylinder is easily bent to bear the pressure at a depth of 200 feet. It can be carried in the hand, and is lighted by turning a screw, which brings the wires into contact, and gives an instant glow, equal to a bright, powerful lamp, to illuminate a circle of forty feet radius. By one of these lights, sunk thirty feet above the water, a swimmer can be seen ten feet below the surface.

Salt Lake.—A salt lake has been discovered about 10 miles from St. Louis, by W. H. Ingraham, who was attached to the Pacific Railroad Survey. Mr. Ingraham says, that around the edge of the lake the salt can be gathered in baskets of as good a quality as ever found in any part of the United States. Near the lake there are large beds of coal of the first quality.

The six degrees of crime are thus defined:—Who steals a million is only a Financier. Who steals half a million is only a defaulter. Who steals a quarter of a million is a swindler. Who steals a hundred thousand is a rogue. Who steals fifty thousand is a knave. But who steals a pair of boots or a loaf of bread is a scoundrel of the deepest dye, and deserves to be hanged.

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