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THE POET'S CORNER.

Drunk and disorderly—so it was said, Into the court-room the culprit was led, There on her dark and unwomanly face Glared the signs of her shame and disgrace. Solved with the mud of her depths she had lain—

All the sweet instincts of modesty slain— Standing so boldly there, Waiting so coldly there, Hearing her sentence with sudden disdain.

Sternly the justice looked down from his Down at the woman who stood at his feet; Wondering how she had wandered so far From the clear heights where the virtuous are.

Ab, how unwomanly she seemed in the gloom, There in that dismal and crowded court-room, Treading unthinkingly, Going unshrinkingly

On to the depths of her terrible doom! Suddenly, strangely, his features grew mild— There on her breast lay a pure little child, Smiling at him with such innocent eyes, Blue in their depths as the bonny blue skies.

Over her shoulder it struggled to climb, Sweetly unconscious of sorrow or crime, Laughing so merrily, Beautiful, verily—

Fair as a lily found in the slime. Softly he spoke to the woman—and then Out from that dim, noisy court-room again Bore she her baby, with faltering tread— Freed for the sake of that innocent head.

Backward looked over her shoulder and smiled; Lying so sweetly there— Cursed so completely there

By the foul touch of those fingers defiled. Sadly the justice bent over his book, Asking himself, as he thought of that look, Through what dark pathways of sin and deceit Fortune would carry those small, winsome feet.

Ab, that a blossom so tender should rest There on that hard and unwomanly breast! One so unworldly

Crowned with the beautiful! Sin by the glory of motherhood blest. Think of it, fathers, when sweet eyes of brown Watch thro' the window your coming from town.

Pump little feet patter over the floor, Eager to meet your warm kiss at the door; To meet your hands draw your chair to its side—

Fairy-like forms clamber up to your face— Cherished so carefully, Nurtured so prayerfully,

Kept from all knowledge of shame or disgrace. Dream of it, mother, when lullabies sung Over the cradle so tenderly swung, Blend with the laugh of the baby that lies Warm in the light of your watchful blue eyes:

Ab, but how proudly you guard her from harm, Keeping her safe from all thought of alarm—

Close to your heart in your sheltering arm.

THE FASHIONS.

A Variety of Settings that Will Interest the Fair Sex.

The Bolero hat still takes the lead in favoritism, and exhibits continually new and striking combinations of coloring.

One of the latest is of black and yellow, with long black streamers and a bow of yellow inside the brim, the outside, as usual, heavy with feathers.

The woman who finds that the lacing in the back of her corsets will show through her bodice finds the remedy in choosing another lace; the chances are that she has a round cord, or else somebody has convinced her that a rubber lace is desirable.

What she wants to do is to pay 50 cents for a long flat silk lace which will wear out any of the others, and will never announce its existence except by being easy to pull when she wishes to tighten her stays.

Tea jackets of bright colors are very popular for wearing over dark skirts and are made of a great variety of materials.

They are slipped on for breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner as well. Those designed for morning wear are usually of cashmere or navy's veiling, fitting to the figure at the back, but loose in front, with a soft fall of lace from the throat down, and three-quarter sleeves.

Those for more dressy occasions are of brocade, sarah, or velvet, also trimmed with lace, longer in front than at the back, and varied in countless picturesque and unique effects.

One very popular style is a zouave of red velvet, made sleeveless and richly embroidered in gold or red cloth braided with black; and soft silk, lined and edged with lace, as well as softy folded crossing bodies in the same material, elaborately trimmed with lace, are worn on dressy occasions.

English women have been credited with not paying sufficient attention to the daintiness of those garments whose essential purpose is practical rather than ornamental; but a change in manufacturing itself in this direction of late.

Their fashionable lingerie is now characterized by exquisite fineness of material and delicacy and daintiness of decoration.

Every garment must be hand sewn, and Valenciennes and tulle lace are the most popular trimmings. Most of the night gowns are in muslin cloth, which is delightfully soft, to wear with large, picturesque frills at throat and wrists, held in place by pale tinted ribbon.

Some few women wear them in fine colored cottons of delicate tints, and white night gowns with broad sailor collars bordered with a color and with the monogram embroidered in one corner are in great demand.

Silk undergarments in colors find in their consideration, and only an occasional gown of black sarah, with trimmings of Valenciennes lace, is seen.

For chemises and drawers the trimmings are adapted for day and evening wear, the former being usually arranged in V shape to correspond with the evening bodice.

One in French cambric, hand embroidered, has a square front made entirely of insertion with rows of pale blue ribbon run in and out, and tied in dainty shoulder knots.

Under petticoats are exquisite little affairs, almost Frenchy in appearance, and fashioned of silk or whitelawn. Those

FARM AND GARDEN.

A Valuable Plant: A list paid \$1,500 for the original plant of the chrysanthemum named Mrs. Stephens variety, but he managed to make them him \$10,000 just the same.

It was one of the collection sent from Japan to this country by a Japanese student who became acquainted with Mrs. Hardy. This variety is said to be especially beautiful and novel.

How to Grow the Chrysanthemum. The chrysanthemum fades fast, and each spring new and thrifty plants will be propagated by slips.

In February a vigorous growth will begin, and then is the time to propagate the new stock of flowering plants. Cut the tender shoots just below a joint, three to five inches long; set in a bed of sand, or even sandy soil will do. Keep the bed damp but not saturated; protect by some shading from the hot sunbines, but do not cover at night nor on cloudy or damp days.

In a month to six weeks good roots will be established. Set the young plants in the open ground, or in small pots until sturdy and vigorous, then transplant to the permanent place. The most important part of the successful cultivation of the chrysanthemum begins at this point.

Never allow these young plants to receive any check, but keep them growing continuously. Cool, moist weather is the climate the chrysanthemum thrives in best, inducing a thrifty growth, which keeps the wood in a soft and brittle condition; hot and dry weather hardens the wood, and flowering begins at once.

To Much Land. Farms are too large as a rule. One hundred acres are enough for any farm. This amount of land well cultivated will produce more and better crops than two hundred acres half cultivated.

With this land the farmer with one hired man can do all the work, except in harvest, when he will need an extra man. He would find time to cut brush along the fences and clean out the fence corners, blast and draw off large stones that he has worked over for twenty years or more, pull the stumps and get them out of the way of the plow and mowing machines, and do other things that he would not have time to do if he had more land.

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RELIGIOUS NOTES.

A Case for Moral Courage. One kind of moral courage, says an exchange, and a very important one, is often found early wanting in the lives of many excellent people.

While they are brave enough to endure physical suffering with a word of complaint; while they are generally prompt to take up and carry every cross which the Master places in their way, and while in all other cases they are really faithful to Christian duty and endure hardness as soldiers of Jesus Christ, they lack the moral courage to resist a display in modes of living that are entirely beyond their means.

An ambition for a better style of living is not necessarily sinful. It may imply nothing more than a laudable self-respect, a desire to gratify which, without a neglect of duty, is commendable. The world moves upward and heaven is just above that way.

But we are wrong in the matter, and dishonor our Christian profession, when we endeavor upon means not ours to imitate the selfish and silly display of our more wealthy neighbors. To do this is an indication of a lack of moral courage, if not of saving grace. The blessing of the Lord matcheth well its end manifested in temporal blessings to those not too greedy.

The Religion We Want. We want a religion not merely of creeds, but of conduct; religion that leads the step and gives gentleness to the voice, that checks the impatient word and hasty rebuke; a religion that is respectful to superiors, courteous to inferiors and considerate to friends; a religion not merely for the church and the Sabbath, but that lives in the family, and keeps the husband from being cross if his dinner is late, and the wife from fretting if the husband sometimes forgets the scraper and the door mat; that keeps the mother patient if the baby is fretful, and can amuse and interest the children as well as govern and instruct them; that cares for the comfort and welfare of all named in the country. Every Christian should live as to be able, with the good Methodist brother, to say: "If you don't believe I am a Christian, ask my wife." We want a religion not merely for the prayer meeting and public profession, but for the home, the counting-house, for the market of business, for the entire life, one that shall smooth the rough places of the world and make daily life bright and better, cherishing the spirit of heaven here, and to preparing for heaven hereafter.

To THE EDITOR.—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address.

Respectfully, Dr. P. A. SLOCUM, 174 W. Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont.

The Editor Rebutted. It is difficult to realize that our own geese are not necessarily swans. It was a young man who, as the saying goes, had his manuscript rejected by all the best magazines in the country, but the slught had occurred once too often, and he retaliated. In an evil hour an editor sent back one of his longest poems, the receipt of which the author acknowledged by the following letter:—"Sir,—I have received my poem, and I sincerely desire that I would never send you a line from my pen as long as I live. I should like to have your office made out of nothing but parashy, hubery, and corruption. Comptant judges have read that poem and there isn't a sole in town that won't tell you it is the best of anything I ever done. I scorn the hole lot of you. If I had a pocket full of money I guess my poems would get read and printed, too. This is all I've got to say except that when my name is known, and you beg me on your bended knees to write for your miserable little paper I'll scorn you then as I do now."

Mrs. Johnson's Misunderstood Her. Mistress of the House (widow)—"Well, Johnson, of course I'm very sorry to lose you, at the same time I must congratulate you on your good fortune in having this money left you. (Pleasantly) I suppose you'll be looking out for a wife now."

Johnson—"Well, mum, begin your pardon, and I'm sure I feel greatly honored at what you propose, but—er—I am engaged to a young woman already."

He Paid Up. "Dan," said a contractor to one of his trusted employees, "when you are down sitting about the line this morning I wish you would mention to Dempsey that I would like to have that little bill paid. You needn't press it, you know, but just mention it to him in an off-hand manner."

"Yes, sorr."

"I got the money from Dempsey, sorr."

"I'm very glad; you merely alluded to it in an off-hand way, I suppose?"

"Yes, sorr; I handed him the bill and told him if he didn't pay it I would let off my hand and give him something he wouldn't forget for a while, and he paid it at wasser."

Don't Swear. When you break some fancy article prized by your wife, don't swear, but go to your druggist, get a bottle of STIX, mend it and make it almost equal to new.

East Huron Spring Show will be held in Brussels on Friday, April 18th.

For an informal or family breakfast, cream tinted damask cloths with borders in bright colors are liked. The napkins match, and are finished with fringe.

Beauty

Is desired and admired by all. Among the things which may best be done to enhance personal beauty is the daily use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. No matter what the color of the hair, this preparation gives it a lustre and pliancy that adds greatly to its charm. Should the hair be thin, harsh, dry, or turning gray, Ayer's Hair Vigor will restore the color, bring out a new growth, and render the old soft and shiny. For keeping the scalp clean, cool, and healthy, there is no better preparation in the market.

I am free to confess that a trial of Ayer's Hair Vigor has convinced me that it is a genuine article. Its use has not only caused the hair of my wife and daughter to be

Abundant and Glossy, but it has given my rather stunted mustache a respectable length and appearance."—R. Britton, Oakland, Ohio.

"My hair was coming out (without any assistance from my wife, either) I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, using only one bottle, and I now have as fine a head of hair as any one could wish for."—R. T. Schmitt, Dickson, Tenn.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor in my family for a number of years, and regard it as the best hair preparation I know of. It keeps the hair clean, soft and lively, and preserves the original color. My wife has used it for a long time with most satisfactory results."—Benjamin M. Johnson, M. D., Thomas Hill, Mo.

"My hair was becoming harsh and dry, but after using half a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor it grew black and glossy. I cannot express the joy and gratitude I feel."—Mabel C. Hardy, Delavan, Ill.

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