

As the Hart Panteth After the Water Brooks.

Like as the hart with fevered lips
Seeketh the shady nooks,
Panting and leaping at the sound
Of flowing water brooke,

So thou, my soul, in searching through
The universe abroad,
Art hungry for the bread of life
And thirsty for thy God.

Oft as kind nature broodeth o'er
The shephord with his sheep,
 wooing them to her fond embrace
In sweet, refreshing sleep,

So thou, Oh Father I givest to
Thy children waking dreams,
Of that blest Eden, where the soul
Quaffs from eternal streams.

Oft in some pressing need of life
My cup is over-filled,
When on my soul the cooling dews
Of heaven are distilled;

And in the lull of water brooks
I take my thirst at length,—
While to some other favored lips,
I hold my cup of strength).

—Mrs. M. L. W. Toule.

A Prevalent Offence.

It is probably no exaggeration to say that two-thirds of all the talk floating about through society regarding persons and families is absolutely without foundation. Over every community one may observe at times this mist of misrepresentation and misunderstanding, sufficiently tangible to blur the outline and harmony of things, but never tangible enough to be traced back to its origin so that responsibility can be fastened.

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arson or theft. Society stands in great need of sound education regarding personal responsibility for talk which affects the character or standing of others.—Christian Union.

True Courtesy.

True courtesy is "the beauty of the heart." How well it is that no one class has a monopoly in this kind of beauty; that while favourable circumstances undoubtedly do render good manners more common among persons moving in higher rather than in lower spheres, there should be no positive hindrance to the poorest classes having good manners.

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'After the lady had passed on he turned to his companion and said, "I say, Jim, it's the first time I ever had anybody ask my parding, and it's kind of took me off my feet."—Day of Days.

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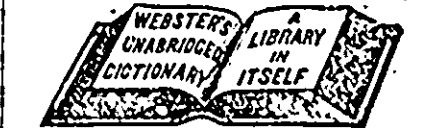
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