

Tuck, tuck, tuck. Food call.
K-a-r-r-e. Announcing presence of hawk.
Cut, cut, ca-da-cut. Announcement of egg laying.
Cluck, cluck, cluck. Call of young.
Kerr, kerr, kerr. Song of contentment of hen.
C-r-a-w-z-z-e. Quieting young chicks.
W-h-o-o-i-e (whistle). Expression of apprehension at night.
C-r-a-i-a-i-o-u. Terror and protest at capture.

To a Skeleton.

The lines, "To a Skeleton," is one of the finest things in all waif poetry. It was found pinned to a skeleton in one of the museums in London, and first published in the "Morning Chronicle" of that city, when a reward of fifty guineas was offered for the discovery of the author. Who the author was has never been known.

Behold this ruin, 'twas a skull,
Once of ethereal spirit full,
This narrow cell was life's retreat,
This space was thought's mysterious seat;
What beauteous visions filled this spot,
What dreams of pleasure long forgot,
Nor love, nor joy, nor hope, nor fear,
Have left one trace or record here.

Beneath this mouldering canopy
Once shone the bright and busy eye,
But start not at the dismal void,
If social love that eye employed,
If with no lawless fire it gleamed,
But through the dews of kindness beamed,
That eye shall i e forever bright
When stars and sun are sunk in night.

Within this hollow cavern hung
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue,
It falsehood's honey it disdained,
And where it could not praise, was chained,
If bold in virtues cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord never broke,
That silent tongue shall plead for thee
When time unveils eternity.

S y, did these fingers delve the mine,
Or with its envied rubies shine?
To hew the rock or wear the gem
Can little now avail to them.
But if the page of truth they sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer meed shall claim
Than all that waits on wealth or fame.

Avails it whether bare or shod,
These feet the path of duty trod,
If from the bowers of ease they fled
To seek affection's humble shed,
If grandeur's guilty bribe they spurned,
And home to virtue's cot returned,
These feet with angel's wings shall vie,
And tread the palace of the sky.

Who are the Happy?

"Young gentleman," said the Professor of Mental Philosophy in—University to his class, one day, "at the next recitation I wish each one to hand in a definition of true happiness, suggested by his personal experience."

Among the definitions handed in by these thoughtful young men were the following:

"True happiness is satisfaction with one's own self."

"True happiness is the enjoyment of life with the consciousness that no one is pained by it."

"True happiness is the possession of a sound body, in which is a sound mind, using its powers for the good of mankind."

"Happiness is a state of mind in which there is perfect harmony between one's self and others."

"True happiness does not exist in this world. Relative happiness is the result of having done right."

"Happiness to one man is misery to another. The happiest moment I ever experienced was when I gave my last dollar to a poorer man than myself. I would define it, then, as a feeling of self-approval at having done right."

"Happiness is the joy we feel without any effort made to obtain it."

"The truest happiness springs from conscious rectitude. It is the consciousness of perfect peace with God."

It would be hard to find a better definition than the last one.—*Ex.*

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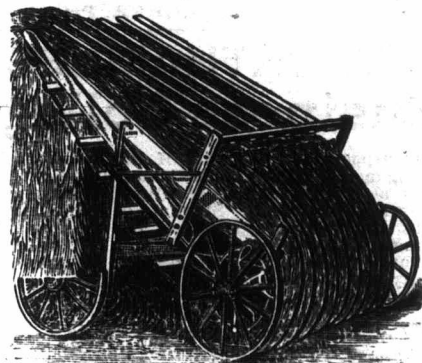


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