

SIC VITA—SUCH IS LIFE.

At the gate out of this state—Church of St. Mary Overy, London—stands a monument, a portion of whose inscription, consists of the first verse of the following poem, which is thought, and with some probability, to be the production of Quarles. [Annals of St. Mary Overy, by W. Taylor, p. 99.]

Like to the lily mask rose you see,
Or like the blossom on the tree,
Or like the morning of the day,
Or like the sun, or like the shade,
Or like the gourd which Jonah had;
Even so is man, whose thread is spun,
Like a fly's wing, and so it sways,
The rose with its blue bloom blusht,
The flower failing, the morning wasteth,
The sun sets the shadow flies.
The gourd he causeth, the man die.

Like to the green, that's newly sprang,
Or like the leaf that's just begun,
Or like a bird that's here to stay,
Or like the peacock dew of May,
Or like an hour, or like a span,
Or like a king, or like a swan,
Even such is man, who liveth by breath,
Is he, is there, in life in death?
The grass decayeth, the tale doth end,
The bird is down, the dews descend,
The hour is past, the span is gone,
The swan's next death: man's life is done.

Like to a bubble on a brook,
Or in a mirror—like a look,
Or like a chalice in the hand,
Or like a lily in the bough,
Or like a thimble, or like a cup,
Or like the gushing of a stream,
Even such is man, whose life is brief,
Is he, is there, in life in death?
The shrub's a flower, the vine's a bough,
The thistle's a flower, the vine's a bough;
The thistle's a flower, the vine's a bough;
The water glistens—man's life is done;

JOHN ALCOHOL, MY JOE.

John Alcock, my boy John,
We must have one now,
I'm makin' up my pocket John,
Which now I know they ain't;
I eat it all in treatin' John,
Because I loved you so;
But mark you how you've treated me,
John Alcock, my Joe.

JOHN ALCOHOL, my John,
We've been too long together,
So we must take one now, John,
For we must tumble down, John;
It's hard in hand we go,
So when we fall you now farewell,
John Alcock, my Joe?

VARIETY.

HOW TO IMPROVE AND TO BE HAPPY.

A correspondent sends us the following letter laid down for his own observation. They are excellent, and we particularly commend them to our youthful readers:

Be true; be kind; pay your debts;
Use your talents; give your time;
Give up all bad habits;

Never shrink from an unpleasant duty;

Always think in thought as well as action;

Bathe every morning and take plenty of exercise;

Be open to correction; if you are in the wrong, be willing to admit it;

Be virtuous in mind and body, and let your thoughts be always pure;

Be useful from the love of use, and not for the credit of being useful;

Improve yourself by all the means in your power, morally and physically;

In time of danger or trouble, think first and then act coolly and decisively;

Never be precipitate, or allow yourself to be led without first judging for yourself;

In studies, always consider the thoughts and ideas solely upon the subject before you;

Never be idle. Always have something to do;

Remember, however, that golden sands of time;

Always get up when you first awake in the morning; one hour at that time is worth two at night;

Do everything in a cool, quiet, and energetic manner; never allow lazy feelings to overcome you;

Children, in every possible way, train, but keep your mind and conscience clear and bright;

Never be ashamed of praying. "Call upon the Lord in thy trouble, and he will answer thee";

Persons! Never give up a thing until you have tried it; never give up a hope until you have given it up;

Never be impatient, or allow yourself to be led without first judging for yourself;

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