

UNCLE WALT

The Poetic Philosopher.

THE STAY AT HOME.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
 who never to himself hath said: "I'll go
 and see the game today?" If such there
 be, go mark him well, and call him down
 and make him yell, and hit him with a
 bale of hay. The man who doesn't take
 the games and little kids to see the games
 is fit for stratagems and spoils. He skips
 the best there is in life, the solace of this
 world of strife, the thing that comforts
 man who toils. He lives no better than
 a cow; he robs his children and his frau
 of gladness which is rightly theirs; he
 sets a bad example, too, and makes his
 fellow man feel blue by husbanding his
 business cares. O let your blooming
 business slide! Get on the cars and take
 a ride, out where the boys are playing
 ball! Forget a while your measly stocks
 and join the rooters throwing rocks, and
 shriek of the umpires' gall! I like those
 large, fat, buoyant men whose seem to grow
 quite young again, when looking at some
 rattling game. When life is shorn of all
 its fun, what profits boodle by the ton,
 what good is there in pomp or fame?

HE HAD NO TIME.

He had no time to chat with friends
 he had no time to stop and play
 He had no time to laugh and joke,
 he had no time to go away;
 A fortune he was out to make, and
 night and day he toiled right on,
 And when his children came to
 romp he promptly told them to be
 gone
 He had no time to rest, he said; he
 couldn't spare the time for fun,
 It grieved him that he had no sleep
 when there was so much to be
 done;
 It kept him busy stalking up the dollars
 and acquiring more
 And to the friends who came to call
 on him he barred the office door.
 He had no time for fishing trips,
 "I'll take them when I'm rich"
 said he
 When I have made my fortune, I
 will romp the children on my
 knee,
 I'll do my playing later on at present
 I must work away.
 He was a million dollars, but, we
 buried him the other day.

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