Poetry.

Consider the Lilies,

Go forth, if both body and soul have grown so fair, For a while leave the crown and the toll that has bound you, And give to kind nature your burden of care

the soft grasses, And list to the Iullaby song of the breeze,

"Margy, what's that you're thinking of?"

"I can't help it!" cried the girl passionately, twisting her fingers in the shawl fringe so that it snapped. "He's my father, and never was a better but for the drink — you know yourself; everybody says—and if you could hear that man up there laughing and boasting he'll hang him, Joe, you'd find it hard to keep your hands off him; but I don't ask you to so much as to touch a finger to him, only—if the boat turns over he can't swim. I heard him say so; and then father's saved, and nobody's the wiser; for the best boatman that ever was might have an actident on a squally evening like this."

"There, there, Margy, be still, poor girl; you don't know what you're saying," interposed Joe.
"Yes I do," said she passionately;

girl; you don't know what you're saying," interposed Joe.

"Yes I do," said she passionately; "any better notion of justice than mine. Besides, he added gravely, 'the old mans, bim I'll never live over the day, and that I swear, so choose between us. Hark?" she turned to listen. "I can't stay. She pressed her hand hard on his shoulder, looking up piteously in his face. "Joe, if you ever cared for me save that poor old man!" And before he could answer she was gone, leaving him looking after her like one in a dream.

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Joe clinched his hand on his oar. He was beginning to understand Margy's has tred for this man with his open exultation in the ruin he was going to work.

'I'm sorry for the old man,' he said, after a pause, 'and so are most folks about here. Wilson was known for a bully, and if Sawyer really done it, 'twas that—that and the drink, for when he's himself he wouldn't hurt a worm.

'You've no need to tell me what John Sawyer is,' said the other shortly. 'I knew him before you were born, before ever he came into these parts.

but you quietly out of the way—

Hey! d'ye mean to threaten me? said Groom, springing up, Just then the breaking gust struck hard on the boat's side, that left to her own guidance, had drifted round; she gave a lurch and a bound that sent the Groom, who in starting back lost his balance, overboard like a shot.

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hen, that's all.'

Can you do that? he said. That or a lifer. I tell you, my man, I saw it done.

You saw Sawyer kill Wilson? exclaimed
Joe, stopping short on his oars.

That or a lifer. I tell you, my man, I thoughts that had been in his heart seemed to be swept away, and before the second lightning bolt could tear the clouds he had thrown himself after Joe, stopping short on his oars. clouds
I saw him strike the blow that killed Groom.

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a good boatman hereabouts? For if I'm spilt, I can't swim,"

"Joe Gorton's your man," was the answer; 'the couldn't tip over if he tried couldn't Joe."

"Why don't you wait till to-morrow, stranger, if you're afeard o' the water? And them clouds over there do look kinder pesky," said the landlord of the Lakeside House, turning a practical eye on the gray mingling outline of lake and sky.

"Well, fact is," said the other, "I'm acquainted over in Milham, and if it's all the same to you"—with a wink—"I'd rather be there than here; so if you'll hunt up this Joe What's-his-name, I'll be obliged."

The landlord, resenting the wink and the implied insinuation, opened the door, and called out, rather sulkily, to some one in the next room: "Margy, rundown to to the water and tell Joe there's a passenger here!"

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one in the next room: "Margy, rundown to the water and tell Joe there's a passenger here!"

In another minute the house door was closed, and a tall slight figure, with a shawl over its head, might have been seen hurrying down to the waterside.

Joe Gorton, busy about his boat, heard his name called, and looking up, saw the girl Margy. The sharp wind had blown out stray locks of her crisp black harr from under the red shaw! but the neet icn the dilated eyes were not all the wind's work. She came close to the young boatman, who raised himself up, facing her.

"Joe," she said, "there's a passenger waiting up to the honse." She laid her hand on his arm, and glanced cautiously around before adding, in a whisper: "Joe if once that man reaches the other sade its all up with father!" and the says so; he's come supprose. It's father's chance close nog on't you take him across."

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"Do you mean that i should refuse to take him fast enough; what'

ducking here I shouldn't find myself in a hurry."

"Well, I'm as good as they'll average. I reckon, mister — I didn't hear your name," said Joe looking up inquiringly.

'Peter Groom is my name, and I ain't ashamed of it; it'll be pretty well known in these parts by this day week, I am thinking, and the man smile not pleasing to see.

'How's that?' said Joe, anxious to be tray no previous knowledge.

'I came to give evidence in a trial that is coming off in your county town, answered Groom, motioning to the Milham shore. I've traveled nigh five hundred miles on purpose to do it, and I'd travelie' live hundred miles on purpose to do it, and I'd travelie' live hundred more if 'twere needed.'

'Is it the Sawyer trial you mean?' askeed Joe, carelessly. 'People have been saying there ain't evidence enough to make a case, but I s' pose then there's something new turned up?'

'I should rather think so; something that'll hold John Sawyer as tight as his coffin.'

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ance's sake, if I can, replied Groom, with his own than by other's sophistries; a voice within him cried: If you leave this man to die, you are his murderer! The

him, and that comes to pretty nigh the same thing, I take it.

But how is it you've kept back all now for it but to strike out for the shore. along?

Luckily the Milham side was not very distant; still it was a hard stretch through

A LIFE FOR A LIFE.

The day was drawing towards its close, chill and raw. Lake Village was almost always gusty; but just now the wind was having its own way more than usual, and any passer through the long, bleak street happening to glance in at the window. There were the usual afternoon loafers, with the exception of one small, with the even was omething in Joe Gorton's with the exception of one small, with the even was omething in Joe Gorton's peet to the general interest.

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"Never you mind" answered the man addressed. "If know how to tell it when the right time comes; don't you be affected with the window; and your duck pond there don't look over agreeable just now. Who a good boatman hereabouts? For if I'm spilt, I can't swim,"

"Never you mind" anywere the man addressed to himself of the proposition of the propos

his passenger.

"Looks as if we should have a spell of weather." said the latter, glancing from the leaden water. "Hope you're what they cracked you up to be, tor if I got a ducking here I shouldn't find myself in a hurry."

"Looks as if we should have a spell of weather." said Groom, catching the sound but not the words, 'what's that you say?"

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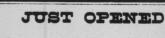
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