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### Poetry.

#### DOES ANY ONE CARE FOR FATHER?

Does any one care for father? Does any one think of the one Upon whose tired, bent shoulders The cares of the family come? The father who strives for your comfort, And toils on from day unto day, Although his step ever grows slower, And his dark locks are turning gray?

Does any one think of the due-bills He's called upon daily to pay? Milliner bills, college bills, book-bills— There are some kinds of bills every day;

Like a patient horse in a treadmill, He works on from morning till night; Does any one think he is tired? Does any one make his home bright?

Is it right, just because he looks troubled, To say he's as cross as a bear? Kind words, little actions, and kindness Might banish his burden of care. 'Tis for you he's ever so anxious; He will toil for you while he may live; He returns he only asks kindness, And such pay is easy to give

#### THE SONGSTER.

The cow and heron sweetly sing, So does full many a bird. But naught is there that flaps a wing At least naught that we've heard, That for one moment can compare With songster Thomas A.

To hear him sing does banish care, And drive it far away. The bull frog 'e'n, whose tuneful voice, So oft has charmed the ear, When he in springtime does rejoice, To Tom cannot come near.

Nor can Gramalkin's sweetest note, Borne on the midnight air, As from the backyard it does float, With Tommy's notes compare.

His voice—but how our pen does strike— 'Tis quite beyond its art, To tell to you what it is like, Goes right home to the heart, And makes you think a whistling buoy And fog horn more at hand

The proper thing free from alloy, Is this, this songster grand.

Of Dan McCarty's great exploit, He does delight to sing, Or of the good ship Hanford Wright, Of those the welkin ring, As he of "Teddy Regan" tells, And of his Winnie gay, With howls and groans and dreadful yells, Heard full a mile away.

#### An Admirer.

THE "ADA G." (June 25th, 1898.)

The Ada G. again is "out," Though old, she still is staunch and stout, And un surpassed beyond a doubt; For though some boats are faster, (When light) when e'er they start to tow, They for the Ada grow too slow (For mind this is no idle blow). At towing, none have passed her.

And lucky little John McKane As master of her still does reign; Poor John is now a sighing swain; 'Tis sad to note his anguish, When e'er through Foxes' Reach we sail A winsome damsel does us hail; It is this dashing, gay female, For whom poor John does languish.

How strange that one so blest as he Should languish for captivity Full forty years he has sailed free, But won't sail such longer. For soon, alas! will Hymen's chain Anchor the gallant John McKane. For freedom then he'll strive in vain, But than him 'twill prove stronger.

But now to love and John, Adieu! The foremost members of our crew Are Chief Mate Shields a boatman true, With Franklin Allen second; While Dennis Lynch is helmsman bold, A better seaman never rolled Along a deck, or shallow "holed," We've seven souls all reckoned.

Joe Turner is chief engineer; With him to drive and John to steer For nothing do we have a fear, No sir, we are not lying! John sounds the gong to let her go, When, like an arrow from a bow, Responding to the summons, Joe Does send our old ship flying.

Beneath a mighty press of steam Like lightning nods our walking beam, While like to fancy or a dream She flies, for few are fleetier.

Beside those named there's Albert A. And Arthur G. and Robert K. And three Johns—one from Jemseg gay; All round 'tis hard to beat her.

#### —WOODVILLE.

Pedagogue (severely)—Now, sir, for the last time, what's the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle equivalent to?

Boy (desperately)—It's equivalent to a lickin' fer me, sir. Go ahead.—London Fun.

When little Herman first saw his twin brothers, he looked at them a minute and then asked, "Mamma, did you send for samples?"—Youth's Companion.

### TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

Contributed by the I. O. G. T.

All lodges, and others interested in temperance work, are earnestly solicited to contribute for this column. Correspondence to be sent to Secretary, Cambridge Union Lodge; McDonalds Corner.

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(W. E. B.)

#### HIS HARD LESSON.

"Of course you intend to vote the prohibition ticket, Henry?"

"Of course I don't."

"You don't? Not vote for the temperance ticket?"

"No."

"You astonish me! A temperance man too! I thought you had more interest in the matter than to let that go."

"I have too much interest in my business to do so. Now, see here, Mary, don't look at me like that. I am no worse than other men. You know I am a temperance man, but I must consider my business, and it hurts a man to be too strong a temperance man."

"Well, then, I would be hurt; I would do right and take the consequences."

"Oh, that's very easy for you to say, but it's another thing for me to do it. I'm willing to do anything in reason, but I can't be a saint."

"So you'll vote with the whiskey-men?"

"I shall vote with the same party I have voted with for years."

"Yes, the party that has licensed these saloons. I think you will have to answer for your share in the business, then."

"Nonsense, Mary; don't be so extreme."

And Mr. Lane, influential and official member of the church went to his store in a slightly ruffled state.

He met a lady on his way who bade him good-morning.

"It's terrible, isn't it?" she said, making a slight gesture toward the saloon close at hand, where a man was sweeping out the accumulated filth. "These places are all along the best streets, and one cannot avoid them. I hope the new party will be strong enough to do away with the whole business before long. That is your party, I suppose, Mr. Lane?"

"You ladies seem to be going into politics in earnest," he answered, evasively, "my wife talked nothing else at breakfast," and he raised his hat and passed on.

But he did not feel altogether comfortable. He had known this lady, Mrs. Lewis ever since she was a child—her husband, too, a fine man, but he would drink sometimes. Mr. Lane wondered if he was at it now.

He remembered that Mrs. Lewis had come out of a drug store; she had looked pale too, and it was strange her being out so early in the morning. He had not thought of it before, but he had not seen Lewis in some days. That must be the trouble. Why couldn't the man be a man, and let liquor alone, he asked himself, impatiently. Then, like a flash there came the remembrance of a pale face and he seemed to hear the words, "You don't know what a struggle I have every day of my life. Oh, if the saloons were only closed."

Mr. Lane hurried on to his store and cast aside all thought of the matter in attention to business.

In the afternoon, as he was passing along the street, he came suddenly to a knot of excited people. Two policemen stood there grim and silent. The men were speaking in low, quick tones.

"He's dead!" said one; "I'm sure of it. The bullet went through his brain, they said."

A young man stood in the doorway, motioning the people back from the closed door. His face was deathly white, and there was blood on his hands and on the pieces of goods he still held mechanically.

Mr. Lane started when he saw him. It was Lewis brother and this was Lewis' store.

"What's it? What is it?" he asked, excitedly.

The young man opened his lips, but made no sound.

"Lewis has shot himself," said a man at his elbow, in a low tone. "He has been on sabbre for a week, and he got away from home, came here and shot himself. I beg pardon for being so blunt about it, did not know you were a friend of his," for Mr. Lane had grown frightfully pale.

"Lewis shot himself," he said, slowly. He could not make it out. Why he had been almost like a son to this middle aged man standing there half paralyzed by the terrible news.

It could not be. Men did shoot them-

selves; he saw it every day in the papers, but not like this. Why he knew this man—such a handsome, smart young fellow, and now he had shot himself!

"You don't know what a struggle I have every day of my life. Oh! if the saloons were only closed."

The words flashed through his mind. He looked around at the grim policemen, the white-faced young man with the blood on his hands, and the hot sun glaring down on them all; then over across the street a big white sign "Wines and Liquors."

He felt a sickening feeling of terror. "You had better come in here and sit down a minute," said the man at his elbow.

He shook his head. "His father and I were friends, you see, and I've known him since he was a boy," he said, by way of explanation. Then he turned and walked slowly down the street.

An acquaintance met him, rushing along the street.

"Where is Dr. Hammond's office? You know about Lewis? Terrible, isn't it?—and I believe it's killed his wife."

He rushed on, and Mr. Lane went slowly on toward home.

His wife met him at the door.

"Have you heard?" she cried. "They've sent for me; they think his wife is dying," and she stepped into the carriage that stood waiting.

"Mr. Lane will never forget the hours that followed.

"I am glad Stella lived, Mary," he said that night. "I could not have endured it if she had died too. I helped to kill her husband, for I voted for the men that licensed the saloons, but I'll never do it again, never, if it takes my last cent to be a prohibitionist. It has been a terrible waking up for me, but I'll never countenance half-way work in the matter. The saloons must be closed."

And when men get it down deep in their hearts, as he has, they will be closed.

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