

WILL YOU BUY?

Will you buy, will you buy?
Here is good variety:
Come and see what things there are
In life's wonderful bazaar.

Honour, riches, health and fame,
Various, your attention claim;
All before you tempting lie,—
Will you buy, will you buy?

Vigour would you take away?
Temperance is the price to pay;
Shun all greedy low excess,
And take the healthful happiness.

Knowledge would you rather choose?
Do not then the price refuse:
Persevere, think, study hard,
And knowledge shall be your reward.

Honour?—No, you turn aside,
Wisely the vain thing deride:
'Tis but a breath, though much pursued;
Spurn it, seek the smile of God.

Does glittering gold your heart allure?
The price is great, though mean and poor;
The worthless, dear-bought dross despise,
Let better bargains fix your eyes.

Does piety delight your breast?
Your choice is wisest, noblest, best:
Then learn to strive, and watch and pray,
And take the costly prize away.

The real worth of things thus learn,
The good pursue, the worthless spurn;
For these let others strive and sigh,
Those, whatsoe'er they cost you, buy.

THE YANKEE AND THE PIRATE.

THERE lived many years ago, on the eastern shore of Mount Desert, a large island off the coast of Maine, an