

POETRY.

THE FIRE-SIDE.

DEAR CHILD, while the busy crowd,
The vain, the wealthy, and the proud,
In folly make advances;
Thou'rt singularly, and pride.
We call'd our choice, we'll step aside,
Nor join the giddy dance.

From the gay world, we'll oft retire
To our own family and fire,
Where love our hours employs;
No noisy neighbour enters here,
No intermeddling stranger near,
To spoil our heart-felt joys.

If solid happiness we prize,
Within our breast this jewel lies;
And they are souls who roam;
The world has nothing to bestow;
From our own selves, but thy sweet flow,
And that dear hut, our bower.

Of rest was Neely's dove bereft,
When, with impatient wings, she left
That safe retreat, the ark;
Giving her 'lln' elevation o'er,
The unshaken bird 'pon the wave
Explor'd the sacred bark.

Their souls snuff Hymen's gentle pow'rs,
We, who improve his golden lotus;
By sweet experience know,
That marriage, rightly understood,
Gives to the tender and the good
A paradise below.

Our babes shall richest comfort bring;
If it were right, they'll prove a spring
Whence pleasure never rise;
We'll form their minds, with studious care,
To all that's manly, good, and fair,
And train them for the skies.

While they our wisest hours engage,
They'll joy our youth, support our age,
And crown our happy hairs;
They'll grow in virtue every day,
And thus our fondest hopes repay,
And recompense our cares.

No borrowed joys, they're all our own,
While to the world we live unknown;
Or by the world forgot;
Monarchs! we envy not your state;
We look with pity on the great,
And bless our humbler lot.

Our portion is not large, indeed;
But then how little do we need!
For nature calls us few:
In this, the art of living lies,
To want no more than may suffice,
And make that little do.

We'll therefore tarry, with content,
What's kind Providence has sent,
Nor aim beyond our pow'r;
For if our stock be very small,
Tis prudence to enjoy it all,
Nor lose the present hour.

To be resign'd, when ills beset,
Patient, when favours are denied,
And pleas'd with say, "It is;"
Dear Chloe, this is wisdom's part;
This is that incense of the heart,
Whose fragrance smells to heav'n.

We'll ask no long protracted treat,
Since winter's here, is seldome sweet;
But, when our flesh is o'er,
Grateful friends round we'll arise,
Nor grudge our sons with envious eyes,
The reflux of our store.

Thus hand in hand, thro' life we'll go;
It's cheer'd path of joy and woe,
With cautious steps, we'll tread;
Quit its vicissitudes without a tear,
Without a trouble or a fear,
And mingle with the dead.

While conscience, like a faithful friend,
Shall thro' thy gloomy vale attend,
And cheer our dying breath;
Shall, when all other comforts cease,
Like a kind angel whisper peace,
And smooth the bed of death.

TADMOR.—1 Kings, iv, 18.

Palmira, in the Deserts of Arabia, or, as by the Scripture styled, Tadmor, in the Wilderness, was anciently a most superb city, 10 miles in circumference. In the Arabic translation of the Chronicles, it is mentioned as subsisting before the days of Solomon. But John of Antioch agrees with our version, and says, that Palmira or Tadmor was built by Solomon, in the third, I endeavoured to preserve it in due temper, by a scrupulous observance of the Divine commandments, and keeping, as the Apostle directs, a conscientious void of offence towards God and man. By these innocent means, I have arrived at the age of a Patriarch, with less injury to my health and constitution, than many experience at sixty. I am now, like the ripe corn, ready for the sickle of death, and like the misery of my Redeemer, have a strong impress of having translated into his garner.

and on the very spot where his father slew Goliath, a commemoration of that memorable action. That spot is the Syrian, and Palmyra the Greek name of this celebrated city. The country Arabs, even at this day, call it by the former name. John of Antioch assures us, that the structures here erected by Solomon, must have been demolished by Nebuchadnezzar, who, in his march to the siege of Jerusalem, destroyed this city. Tadmor is situated in a dreary desert, in the midst of tracts of barren uninhabited sands. It was once, however, the capital of a great kingdom, the emporium of the eastern world; and its merchants dealt with the Romans and the western nations, for the merchandise and luxuries of India and Arabia. According to late travellers who have visited it, this city now presents a most awful spectacle. It is no mere mass of most magnificent ruins. Towers, temples, palaces, obelisks, and capitolial monuments, captivate the eye by the grandeur of their remains, and the uncommon elegance of their ornaments. The spacious courts, at some of the stately structures, are at present bounded by about thirty or forty miserable families who have built huts of dirt amidst the fragments. Excepting their dwellings, all the rest is waste and silent. The hand of time has long ago tollled the last hour of this populous city, and its mouldering walls strike the mind with an irresistible conviction of the instability of human grandeur.

This mother's teat canst not break.—The agency of maternal influence, in the culture of the affections, those springs which put in motion the human machine, has been long noticed. That it might, also, bear directly upon the development of intellect, and the growth of the sterner virtues of manhood, is proved by the obligations of the great Bacon to his studious mother; and the acknowledged indebtedness of Washington to the decision, to the almost Lacedemonian culture, of his maternal guide.

The immeasurable force of first impressions, is on the side of the mother. An engine of uncomputed power is committed to her hand. If she fix her lever judiciously, though she may not, like Archimedes, aspire to move the earth, she may hope to raise one of the inhabitants of earth to heaven. Her danger will arise from delay in commencement of her operations, as well as from doing too little, or too much, after she has engaged in the work. As there is a medium in chemistry, between the exhausted receiver, and the compound blow &c. so, in early education, the inertness which undertakes nothing, and the impatience which attempts all things at once, may be equally indiscreet and fatal.

The parental fountain is unsealed to the eye of a mother; ere it has chosen a channel, or breathed a murmur. She may tinge with sweetness or bitterness the whole stream of future life. Other teachers have to contend with unhappy combinations of ideas; she rules the simple and plastic elements. Of her we may say, she hath "entered into the magazines of snow, and seen the treasures of the earth."

Antine Satires.—Reside where thou will, acquire knowledge and virtue, and they will stand thee in the place of ancestors: the man is he who can say, "See what I am," not he who says, "See what my father was." When God will display in broad day a virtue hidden in thine shade, he excites against it the tongue of the envious. If the flame did not catch every thing surrounding it, the exquisite perfume of the aloes would be unknown. This life is but a fragile segment; senseless is he who attaches himself to it; what is passed is dead; what is to come is hidden; thou hast only the moment in which thou breathest. Thy life is divided into two portions; consider well what they are: that which is gone, is a dream; that which remains, a wish.

Cardinal de Salis.—Archbishop of Seville, who reached the extraordinary age of 110 years, 8 months and 14 days, in the full enjoyment of every faculty, except strength and quickness of hearing, used to tell his friends, when asked what regimen he observed, "By being old when I was young, I find myself young now I am old. I led a studious, sober, but not a lazy, or sedentary life. My diet was sparing, though delicate, I rode or walked every day, except in rainy weather, when I exercised for a couple of hours. So far I took care for the body; and as to

the mind, I endeavoured to preserve it in due temper, by a scrupulous observance of the Divine commandments, and keeping, as the Apostle directs, a conscientious void of offence towards God and man. By these innocent means, I have arrived at the age of a Patriarch, with less injury to my health and constitution, than many experience at sixty. I am now, like the ripe corn, ready for the sickle of death, and like the misery of my Redeemer, have a strong impress of having translated into his garner.

CRAVEN AND DODGE.—The Hon. Mr. Gray of Boston, (now English,) celebrated as "the rich," and respected for his exemplary virtues, some time since, on his customary visit to the market, found a newly admitted lawyer seeking for a boy to carry home his meat. Mr. Gray, whose ordinary dress is plain and simple, and whom the lawyer did not know, stopped up and offered to take it home for him, which the Attorney immediately accepted; and on arriving at his house and laying down the meat where he was directed, the Attorney inquired how much he charged for carrying it? Mr. Gray replied, "He left it to his "generosity;" upon which he gave him a shilling, which he accepted with thanks, observing, that if he had at any time any market things to carry home, he would readily do it for him; and "if I should not happen to be there," said he, "just inquire for Billy Gray, and I will come immediately." It is unnecessary to add the surprise and mortification of the lawyer, on learning that a man worth a million of dollars, had performed this menial service for him; but it had its effect, for he never afterwards required the assistance of any one to aid him in performing his marketing, or to carry home his meat.

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POLITICS.—is that regulation of our conduct, which makes every thing decent, respectable, and becoming. It is more easily felt than understood—it is, not so difficult to perceive and point it out, in the characters of other people, as either to copy their pattern, or describe its qualities.

It flows from an evenness of soul, unperturbed by the tempest of cares, unmoved by the tide of guilty pleasures, not injured by the bleak winds of envy and malice, and unshattered by the storms of calamity.

It is the offspring of a refined mind, which, in its degree, like charity, suffereth long, is kind, edifieth not,怨言亦不自已, is not puffed up, 傲慢不居, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all things.

It makes every motion graceful, every look tender, every expression elegant, and every aⁿ generous. It renders instruction pleasant, takes up no edge of repugnance, gives a sanction to its sentiments, reflects a lustre on the virtues of the persons who possess it, and makes them more accomplished as men, as Christians, and as philosophers.

Edmund Castell.—one of the scholars of the seventeenth century, of whom England may be most justly proud, devoted his time and his eyesight to complete his Lexicon Heptagonon—a most extraordinary monument of learning and industry. It is important, however, for scholars to know, that the regular application of eighteen hours a day, for seventeen years, did not so far impair his constitution, as to prevent his reaching the advanced age of seventy-nine.

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