The Poet's Corner.

"I Want no Harp in Heaven."

[Reply of a little Italian minstrel boy when told of the glories of the celestial world.]

BY MRS. M. A. KIDDER.

"I want no harp in heaven," he said,
And he shuddered as he spoke,
While his swarthy fingers swept the strings
And his song on the welkin broke;
While his garments fluttered in the breeze
Till his shrunken breast was bare,
As he faced the crowd with a sickly smile
And braved the cold March air.

He had carried the harp for many a day,
And his back the burden knew,
And his tender heart the scornful jeers
Of many an idle crew.
He thought of the cruel old padrone,
Of the blows in anger given,
And in his innocence he thought
'Twould be the same in heaven.

He thought of his mother far away
On that sweet Italian shore,
And wondered if they would meet again
When his singing days were o'er.
He thought of the time when he had played
With his mates full many a day;
As he ate his bit on the cold stone steps,
And wiped the tears away.

"I may not sing and play up there,
But I'd like to bear the palm,
And rest, rest, rest, when my work is o'er,
In the sunny groves of balm;
I'd like to find my mother there,
And my brothers, sisters, seven;
And as God is good, the teacher says,
I shall have no harp in heaven!"

A Model Wife.

Jones was well aware that his wife was in the habit of rifling his pockets while he was asleep, but, like a wise man, he kept silence on the subject. One night, however, he awoke and caught her in the act.

'Ha,' he exclaimed, 'what are you doing, my dear?'

The lady started, her cheeks flushed, the pantaloons dropped from her grasp, and she was about to make a full confession when a bright idea entered head. Recovering her composure, she said:

'I was looking to see whether your pantaloons needed any buttons.'

'They do, they do, my dear,' he exclaimed, springing from bed; 'needed 'em for weeks, months, and I wondered why you didn't sew 'em on; but I waited, for I was sure you would come to it sometime. And how kind of you to get out of bed at this time of night to attend to 'em. Say what you will, there's nothing in the world like a good wife. Let me turn up the gas a little, so's you have all the light you want in sewing 'em on. Got your needle and thread and the buttons? No. Well, tell me where they are, and I'll get them for you.'

Mrs. Jones proceeded to sew on the buttons, while her husband sat on the edge of the bed and encouraged her with words of praise for her wifely care and thought for his comfort, occasionally remarking that, go where he would, he would always say there was nothing in the world like a good wife.

Then he went to the wardrobe and brought out several pairs of trousers, a coat, two or three old vests, and a number of shirts, from all of which buttons were missing, and cheerily observed:

'While we're at it we'll make a night of it.'

Two hours later, when Mrs. Jones, with a weary sigh, removed the thimble from her finger, Mr. Jones patted her on the cheek and said:

'I say it again, my dear, say it again, that wherever I go I will make it known, proclaim it from the housetops, about it in the highways and byways, that a wife who gets up in the middle of the night to sew buttons on her husband's clothes is priceless treasure, a crown to that husband, and an ornament to her sex.'

Then Mr. Jones, chuckling to himself, lay calmly down and slept the sleep of the just.'—[Detroit Free Press.

Home Adornments.

When we were cleaning house last spring we found a pair of fine black broadcloth pants, which were soiled but not much worn, which the 'good man' had thrown aside, not wishing to wear any more. We ripped them carefully apart and cleaned the cloth nicely, and found it was not faded, but would make capital material to embroider on. This was what we used for the lambrequins mentioned in 'Household Economies.' We have a small stamping outfit, and my daughter cut one of the pieces in points, and did her stamping, then embroidered them, putting a bunch of wild roses on the front points, daisies, on the ones on either side, and fuschies on the end ones. Another piece she embroidered in gold colored silk, using a pattern suitable for the color.

We also ripped an old velveteen dress skirt, and found some parts that were not soiled, which were utilized for small shelf lambrequins for the girls' room. The pattern used on this was wild roses, poppies and wheat. Some of the patterns were stamped, others were drawn from magazines on tissue paper and worked over the paper. In this way we have a number of handsome ornaments, with no money outlay except the embroidery silk, which is only a penny a skein. We get the men to make shelves if they have time; if not, the girls use the saw and hammer, and make them, perhaps not in a workmanlike manner, but when they are covered they answer every purpose.

We had an old-fashioned towel rack given us, which as soon as M——saw, she said could be converted into music stand. She took it to the barn and had a top wired on, as there was no way to nail it on. For a spread we bought two colors of felt, using the darker for the body, and the lighter for the border, cutting them in deep points and pinking them.—[Old School Teacher.

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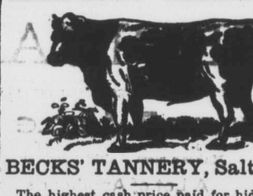

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