POETRY.

THE AULD CURLER'S PRAYER.

I'm bit a puir poited carle, Wi' siller none to spare, The auld broon coat is patched an' thin 'The shoon are brusten sair; There's nane sae plenty coal an' wood, The shelf is unco bare,

Wi' the frost i' the air. The wife misca's me to the folk, The barnies say I'm daft; Bit there's nae nae curlin' When the weather's warm an' saft. Of a' the soonds that God has gi'en.

There's nane sae sweet tae me,

Bit I'm prayin' aye for days

As when the bonny Blue Hone stane Gangs roaring tae the tee. Wi' withered airm, an' crookit back, That ance was straight an' strang, An' tremblin' limbs, an' blighted een, I cannot bide for lang; Bit set my foot upo' the ice,

My han' upo' the stane.

An' pairted youth an' I shall meet For ane short hour again. Then gie be bit anither day, Anither hour tae stan' Ance more a blythsome callant, Wi' the besom in his han';

An' when the pairtin' shot is played, I'll lay me doon an' dee, An' through the narrow port, my soul Shall rest upo' the tee.

SELECT STORY. AN UNBROKEN PROMISE.

A CASTAWAY.

PROLOGUE. CHAPTER I.

"Just fetch my coat out of the commercfor the 'bus. I am going by the eightforty-five."

"Is this yours, Mr. Baines?" pointing passage of the George Inn, at Cheesebor-

'Yes," replied Mr. Baines, "you ought to know, you have seen them so often." slowly, "there's a good deal of luggage of let's go and have a pool." the same pattern as is brought to this

house. The fancy line ain't what it was." rising at the same time; and the two "You are right, Sam," said Mr. Baines, officers walked off together. "it's overdone, it's - Hallo! what's that?" he cried, as a roar of land through the house. "Got a public dinner on, Sam?"

"No, not exactly," said Sam. "Yeomanry's out, and a fine out they are mak- Cleethorpe to his companion, as he opened ing of it. There is six hundred of them the door of the billiard room, and walked in one place, and another up and down into a perfect vapor-bath of tobacco the town; and there has been a review smoke. today, and the officers has been dining

ing just now." with yeomanry, Sam; my idea is, that the proper way to defend this-"

pone imparting his ideas for the national of a rival house, he hastened to climb the

Meanwhile, the stout major, whose iokes had evoked the laughter thus com- here. mented upon, had brought his speech some man, wearing the Crimean and In- filled. dian medals, had risen from his seat, and

body began ta. g, and the doors being themselves flirting with the good-looking

Only two men remained in the dinner room. Both were middle aged, but one not come across him yet." had retained his figure and an unmistakable soldier-like smartness, while the for home at once; this sort of thing won't other, close verging on corpulency, unbut- do for him." toned his jacket and flung himself back in his chair, with an air of one accustomed to subordinate everything to his personal comfort.

His companion watched these proceed- bit of a martinet?" ings with a certain amount of curiosity, gentleman-farming."

sixteen stone now, though I think you any longer; and as for the domesticity. I us." battered old London rake, like you."

ment." "Well, you see, Cleethorpe," said his say: shall we join the next pool?" companion, slowly expelling his smoke, find that to come down here to see you, are making such a tremendous row." dueced nice, gentlemanly fellow and a the room, where a little knot of men man of the world, and to mix with these were gathered together. by rubbing off the rust-"

little above the middle height, and ap- That's the second time you have spoiled parently not more than eighteen years of | my stroke!" which curled in natural and most unusual that charming, gentlemanly manner?" too full, and his forehead a little too nar- crops up when he's excited." joined to his throat, which they pro- thought he could do so unchecked."

complexion were too essentially feminine. young man has, I fancy, a spirit of his deed, but with perfect manly ease, and again." where he had been sitting during dinner. had formed again in the same place, and

must have dropped it under the table. more passionrte accents. "Keep back, Oh. here it is. Not coming to the billiard sir, will you? You have spoiled my room, Captain Cleethorpe? Do come, stroke again. That time, I believe you there is great fun going on; just going to did it on purpose." get up a pool, Captain Norman, and must have you; capital thing for you after dinner. I'll be your player, and take care you have plenty of exercise in walking

after your ball." And before either of them could reply, he had laughed and quitted the room. "That's a cheeky youth," said Captain new lot, isn't it? Which; not Travers." two of you now: this lad's name is Heriot. His father is an old army man, now a cried out, "Mr. Heriot, what is the mean-Major-general and a K. C. B., who has ing of all this?"

been out in India all his life, and has just retired from service. Goole is an old being with us, though I think I understood he is going into the regulars." "The cub is deuced good looking," said of passionate tears. Captain Norman, "but he'll want a good

deal of licking into shape." "I don't think that," said Captain Cleethorpe; "he is only a boy, you see, and cheeky as most boys are, but his Heriot?" said Captain Norman; some- their master may visit them at any time. thing, I know; a tremendous martinet,

his in either attacking or holding - I for- children's garden. get which - some pass during the Sikh ial room, Sam, and get my luggage ready and position, and that sort of thing, and valley. "Cleethorpe, on that leggy mare," to a number of queer-looking packages leaving her behind him, and she and this there must be something the matter in wrapped in leather, and secured with boy lived together till she died, about ten the regiment." And without dropping huge straps and, which were lying in the | years ago, and since then he has been ed- | the spud, Colonel Goole started down the ucated in France. That's what Goole | hill to meet him.

"All right," said Captain Cleethorpe,

CHAPTER II. IN THE BILLIARD ROOM.

"NICE atmosphere this," said Captain it is."

"Yes," said Captain Norman, waving that, by Jove! Any civilian mixed up in here afterwards. That was them haloo- his hand before him in the vain attempt it?" to clear away some of the smoke; "rather "Yeomanry, eh? I don't hold much | glad I'm not going home to-night-it | Travers and Mr. Heriot." clings about you so confoundedly, and the smell of stale smoke is the only one But Mr. Baines was compelled to post- thing Mrs. Norman makes a row about."

defence, as at that moment, the omnibus do for you to bring her to see me at the of pressing upon him, and spoiling his drove up, and seeing in it a representative | Bungalow; our parson's wife tells me my stroke in the game. At last, in the most place smells like the inside of a pipe. It is clearing off now a bit, or we are getting accused Heriot of having pushed his arm." accustomed to it. Let us see who are The billiard-room at the George was a

to a humorous conclusion, and sat down very large one, containing two tables, one and that then Taavers struck Heriot a amid the applause of his comrades. The at either end, and flanked around the blow." disinclination for more oratory, and the wall by stout horse-hair chairs. Billiards desire to smoke, now impelled most of were an instituion in Cheeseborough; the the officers to push away their chairs, town had produced one of the most celeand adjourn to the billiard room; no one, brated professional players' and no mathowever, ventured to move, until the ter what might be the season of the year, president, Lieut.-Col. Goole, a tall, hand- the room at the George was always well-

On the evening in question, the billiard bidding his brother officers good-night, room was even more full than usual; both and bowing right and left, had left the tables were occupied, the one with a game of pool, in which most of the officers, and Then all restraint was thrown off, every- some of the visitors at the officers mess, were engaged, the other by a match keenthrown open, the crowd of young men ly contested by four of the best players surged into the passage, and thence into in the town. All along the seats ranged the billiard room, while some, more highly round the wall, were men watching the

favored than the rest, sought the snug- play and discussing the merits of the gery behind the bar, and there amused players, or talking over the day's review. "Goole's not here, I suppose?" said Norman, as they seated themselves at the upper end of the room; at least, I have

"No," said Cleethorpe; "he cleared off

"Don't he like tobacco smoke?" "Oh, it isn't that a bit, but the fact is that Goole is a strict disciplinarian. "He's like your old friend Heriot; a

Well, yes," said Cleethorpe. and when they, were completed, said doesn't seem to understand that this is a with a laugh: By jove, Jack, this'll nev- quaisi-volunteer service, and that these er do! If you go on like this, you will men, who give up a certain amount of will have to pay three hundred pounds | their time and money, are not to be treatfor a charger to carry you. This all comes as mere privates of the line. For instance, of selling out early, and going in for Goole would think it quite derogatory to sit in this room while men in the regi-"Upon my word, I believe you are ment were so far forgetting themselves as right, Cleethorpe. I must ride close upon to play billiards in his august presence."

"Perhaps the major thinks so too?" are wrong about the selling out. I could said Norman; as he has taken himself not have stood that confounded 'stables' off, and you are the senior officer left to

was meant to be a home bird, and not a "The major has taken himself off because he has discussed one bottle of sherry have him out!" "Exactly," said Captain Cleethorpe, and two of claret, and makes it a rule lighting a cigar, and handing his case to never to take spirits after good wine," his friend, "exactly; the only wonder is said Cleethorpe; "and moreover, I do not to me, that you still remain in this regi- intend my dignity as senior officer to prever t my enjoying myself. What do you

"No," said Norman, lazily. "I am "there is nothing that I know of, so good | tired after all that bumping about this | and suddenly as to frighten Cleethorpe'e that you cannot get too much of it, and I morning; besides, those young fellows my old chum of so many years standing, "Hallo! what's that?" said Cleethorpe,

young fellows, who show me what the Above the hum arising around them, a present generation is like, does me good | thick voice was heard saying, in coarse, | could be passed upon any gentleman, and | He stopped as the door opened, and a Always jumping about in that infernal bear, and remain in the society of gentle-

age, with a small and singularly well- "That's that brute Travers, by the shaped head and handsome regular feat- voice," said Norman, raising himself up ures. So handsome was he, with his on his elbow, the better to look at the dark blue eyes and dark chestnut hair, group. "Whom is he speaking to in

ripples over his head, that even men, "I cannot see clearly, but to Heriot, I who are generally accustomed to scorn should fancy, by that graceful illusion to anything like personal beauty in one of the boy's French bringing up. Yes, it is. their own sex, were fain to admit that he I hear Heriot's shrill voice in reply, and was good-looking. Artists found his lips the strong foreign accent which always

row. but principally admired the shape | "That Travers is just the sort of fellow of his head, and the way in which it was | who would bully and swagger where he nounced classical and Byron-like, though | "He had better not try on such prac- proper notice of Mr. Travers' blow. they complained the delicate tints of his | tices with Heriot," said Cleethorpe. "That

There was, however, nothing effemin- own. At all events, if he takes after his ate in the young man's manner. He father, he would be one of the last to strode into the room without swagger in- stand any ... By jove, they are at it walked up to the tar end of the table As he spoke, the little knot of men

"You're a liar!" sound like a thud.

"You did." And immediately on the utterance of the words, there followed a dull, heavy

"I didn't," in Heriot's shrill accents.

Travers had hit out and caught Heriot on the cheek. Then, with something Norman, looking after him; "cheeky, that was more of a scream than an ordinbut deuced good looking. One of the ary exclamation, Heriot was rushing in upon his adversary, when the bystanders "No," said Cleethorpe. "Travers is laid hold of him, and Captain Cleethorpe. the great hulking fellow that sat within rushing up, pushed his way through the crowd, and taking the lad by the arm,

The boy, who was trembling with exeitement from head to foot, stared at him chum of his, which accounts for the lad vacantly for a moment, then said, incoherently, "he-I-" and then, to Cleethorpe's intense dismay, burst into a flood

CHAPTER III.

Every morning at six o'clock, the bell manners are generally pretty enough. in the turret of the stables attached to The sort of boy I think I should be proud | Lacklands, the pretty villa in the neighof," sald the captain, slowly puffing at his | borhood of Cheeseborough, where Lieut.gar. "I wonder what Sir Geoffry will Col. Goole resides, is rung for full five think of him? The lad hasn't seen his minutes, its shrill 'notes warning those father, he tells me, since he was a baby." who hear it, and who are in the Colonel's "What was it I heard about this old employ, that the day has begun, and that

This morning, for instance, he has been through the stables, has talked with the "Yes," said Cleethorpe; "when I saw gardener about the coming fruit crop, and him out in India he was a strict discip- consulted the sheperd as to the weather; linarian and a first class soldier. Kiman- and now, just as the clock is striking dine Heriot they used to call him out seven, is striding about with a spud in there, from some wonderful exploit of his hand, devising alterations in the

The sunlight is even now strong enough war. But Goole, who as I say, knows to dazzle his eyes, as he looks from the him very well, was telling me some other ground he has been marking out, and he things about him the other day. It ap- shades them with his hand before he can pears when he was last at home he mar- make out the figure of a man, mounted ried a goodish-looking woman with money on horseback, slowly anproaching up the everybody thought he would go on the he says to himself. "What can bring retired list; but he didn't. After some him here so early? He's not a man to little time he went out to India again, come out for a ride, or for breakfast;

"Good-morning, Cleethorpe, said the "Devilish interesting story," said Cap- Colonel, when he was within earshot of tain Normau, who was very nearly asleep, his friend; "what brings you out here so "Well, do you know," said the boots and roused himself with a start. "Now early? Something has happened, I sup-"You're right, sir," said Captain Cleethorpe, returning the salute.

> "Unpleasant?" "Very unpleasant!" "I thought so," said th

"A row in the billiard room of the George, last night." The Colonel's face darkened at these words, and he muttered, "Creditable

"No, sir; the quarrel was between Mr. "George Heriot!" replied the Colonel quickly; then shaking his head, "I'm

sorry for that. Go on." "Ah!" said Cleethorpe, "then it won't | "Travers several times accused Heriot most marked and offensive manner, he

> "Well, Cleethorne?" "I regret to say, sir, that upon this provocation, Heriot gave Travers the lie,

"A blow! struck George a blow?" said the Colonel, stopping short, and looking paid yet. up in horror at his friend. "By Jove, Cleethorpe, I am not a rich man, but I would have given five hundred pounds Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been sooner than this should have happened. Who were present at this scene?"

"Many, sir; quite a crowd. Captain Norman and , some dozen of the regiment, and several townspeople. One of the waiters and the marker were in the teething. It will relieve the poor little room, too, at the time; in fact as you will see from the sequel, it is impossible to hush the matter up." "Sequel! What, have you more to tell

"I have, indeed, and the worst part of

"By Jove, Cleethorpe," said the Colonel, who had fallen into deep thought, "Lord Okehampton will be furious when he hears of this; and if there's a meeting between these young men-" "You may spare yourself the trouble of

calculating the consequences of such a result, Colonel Goole; there will be no meeting." "No meeting; that's by your manage ment then, Cleethorpe," said the Colonel,

laying his hand on the Captain's arm; mutual retractions and apologies, eh? Cleverly managed, my friend." "I don't deserve your compliment, and I regret that you have quite misapprehended the state of affairs. Mr. Travers distinctly refuses to retract anything that

that he has said, or to apologise for the blow given to Mr. Heriot." "The deuce he does!" said the Colonel anxiously.

duelling are over, and rightly, too, I sup- health. pose, but-but a blow is a deuced awkward thing; George Heriot can't sit down under that; he must have him out, sir, he must

"That course bas already been suggested to Mr. Heriot," said Captain Clethorpe; "not by me, I am too old to be mixed up in such matters, but by some gentlemen more of his own standing in the regiment but Mr. Heriot won't fight."

"What!" cried the Colonel, so loudly horse: "won't fight?"

"He declines to ask Travers for satisfaction for the insult passed upon him. and to talk with the colonel, whs is a pointing as he spoke, to the other end of The young man is a favorite in the regiment, and his comrades hesitated before accepting his reply. It was pointed out that the insult was the grossest which common tones, "can't you stand still? one which it was impossible for him to young man entered the room. A man a French fashion, like a dancing master! men. Mr. Heriot did not attempt to argue

> "But didn't he give any reason for this extraordinary.conduct?" "Not the least in the world. He said he had a reason which satisfied himself, but which he could not explain."

"This is very bad, Cleethorpe." told you, I thought it better to keep clear | coming very sore. Swayne's Ointment of the affair last night; but this morning I went to the young man's room-I knew | ceration, and in most places removes the something of his father in India, as I told | tumors. At druggists, or by mail, for 25 you-and tried to represent to him the position in which he had placed himself. It was of no use. He still refuses to take

TO BE CONTINUED.

Did your uncle leave you anything?" No; not even an umbrella, and he borrowed my last one the day before he died.

He - Jenkins broke up his home to go "Come to hunt for my cigar-case," he again Travers' voice was heard above the with that woman. She - Who is she? | liards. Miss Peart - Why? Miss Yearsaid, as he prod his two brother officers; others, crying of this time in louder and He - Mrs. Jenkins.

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Ah, no it isn't! said the

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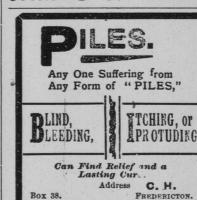
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