

ODDS AND ENDS IN POETRY.

The Little Sandman.

Say, when the little Sandman comes
to town,
You must receive him in your best
night-gown,
And nod your head and close your
eyes so bright,
For that will cause the Sandman great
delight.

Blue eyes and black, and eyes of hazel
brown,
Will open when the Sandman leaves
the town;
But you must waken with the early
light
To see the little Sandman fade from
sight.

Hush! hush! hush! you'll never hear
him creeping,
Hush! the little Sandman, he is quiet
as a mouse.
You will never know he's with you till
you're sleeping,
And then you'll dream he's creep-
ing through the house.
—Walter Beverley Crane.

Bo-peep.

What becomes of the baby-stars
That play all night at their game—
Bo-peep.
When the moon comes out with her sil-
ver bars,
And we little children are fast asleep?
Now, this is why, when the moon is
bright,
We scarcely see the little stars:
She puts them to sleep by her silver
light.
And fondles them close behind her
bars.

But when the moon has gone away,
And happy children sing their song,
The baby-stars come out to play,
And laugh and twinkle all night long.
They laugh and twinkle the livelong
night,
When we little children are fast
asleep;
When the moon no longer gives her
light,
The stars are playing their game—
Bo-peep!

—E. Norman Gunnison.

A Valentine.

If I could just steal a feather
From out of a butterfly's wing,
I'd make it into a pen to write
Of you, you dear little thing!
But I'd have to dip it in sunshine,
And into the bluest skies,
To write of your bonny, curling hair
And your beautiful, shining eyes.
I'd have to press from a rose leaf
The juice of the summer day,
Or a proper word of your dimpled
cheeks
I'm sure I never could say.
But still—with all Dame Nature's
help,
Can I ever write a line,
Which will be dainty and sweet enough
For you, pretty Valentine? —S. D.

Christmas Carol.

The earth has grown old with its bur-
den of care,
But at Christmas it is always young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous
and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth
on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.
It is coming, old earth, it is coming to-
night!
On the snowflakes that covered thy
sod;
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle
and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tells
out on the night,
That marked are the children of God.
On the sad and the lonely, the wretch-
ed and poor,
The voice of the Christ-child shall
fall;
And to every blind wanderer open the
door
Of a hope, that he dared not dream of
before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.
The feet of the humblest may walk in
the field,
Where the feet of the holiest have
trod.
This, this is the marvel to mortals re-
vealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christ-
mas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.
—Phillips Brooks.

My Valentine.

O valentines, flying all over the land!
O valentines skimming the sea!
Valentines rosy and golden and white!
Are none of you coming to me?
"Tee, tumin', tumin'!" a wee voice cries,
And two sweet lips press mine;
Ah, who in the whole wide world, I
ask
Has a lovelier valentine?

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