

Languid, perspiring, tortured, tumid, they
 With limbs that totter take their devious way,
 With tongues that stammer and with faces pale.
 But greed would yet more potently prevail ;
 The broken, battered body is her own—
 What if the soul herself were overthrown,
 And bound to earth in greed's unholy snare !
 That we inherit of diviner air.
 Then, if it might, the flood of greed would roll
 E'en o'er the members of the immortal soul !

In these *fin de siècle* days, and even in this New World, the epicure still lives to eat. Luxury is queen at every feast, and even grim necessity at the poor man's board has decked herself out lavishly and temptingly.

The great world certainly uses its thinking power and expends much of its strength in solving the problem "Upon what shall I dine?" As something absurdly "New under the sun," the old nursery rhyme, "Four-and-twenty blackbirds baked in pie," was taken out of rhymeland and made into a fact, in the history of Gotham a few months ago.

Leo XIII., looking backward from the threshold of his 90th milestone, deems time none too precious to outline a *menu carte* for the younger world to study; his long life a good criterion of the results of "plain living" and "high thinking." We have reprinted this poem of the Pope as translated by Andrew Lang, thinking it might prove of passing interest to those of our readers who have not already seen it, knowing that the subject of dietetics, be it "served up" in poetry or prose, is of concern to the modern physician.

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ACCESSIONS TO OUR STAFF.

THE Department of Surgery in this journal, which was under the charge of our lamented colleague, the late Dr. Strange, will in future be conducted by Dr. Bruce L. Riordan, and associated with him will be Dr. F. N. G. Starr. The trustees of Toronto General Hospital have selected Dr. Riordan to fill the vacant place of Dr. Strange, as surgeon on the visiting staff of that institution.

Dr. George McKeough, of Chatham, Ont., already favorably known to our readers, has consented to connect himself with the Department of Gynæcology and Obstetrics, along with Dr. J. H. Lowe, of this city.

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