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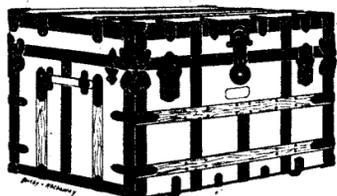
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## THE OLD FRIEND SPEAKS

By Evelyn Gunne

Nay, nay, but Sorrow's turned thy head;  
Art thou alone, dost think?  
Have never woman's bonds before  
Galled deep at every link?  
Art thou the only woman born  
The gods grind in the mill?  
Nay, nay, sweetheart, I do not mock;  
Weep, an' ye must, your fill.

There, there, 'tis hard to hush the sobs—  
And harder still to weep,  
A husband's faithlessness; yet know  
Thine own faith thou must keep.  
"He forfeits all,—his claim is gone."  
Tut, tut, 'tis but the smart  
Of pain past bearing breeds such words;  
You vowed "Till death do part."

And that means all of good or ill,  
And honor lost—or won;  
His ill's your ill; his weal's your weal;  
His son is still your son.  
Break not the marriage pact, dear heart,  
For broken all is vain;  
And well or ill, the burden's ours,  
The burden—and the pain.

My dear, I have grown old and grey,  
And wiser too, I trust,  
And I have seen the cruelty  
Of life and love and lust.  
God knows, why women's hearts are  
made  
To break, or bind at will;  
God knows, why, filled with grief and  
shame,  
We shield the sinner still.

But hark ye, women who are true,  
Must truer be for all  
The false, and falser sisterhood,  
Who cry: "Unfaith," and fall.  
Thy life is not thine own, nor his  
Who holds it still in fee;  
But pledged to honor, truth and faith  
By those about thy knee.

Honor, and truth, and faith, and love,  
Are flowers of hardy growth;  
Thy man has failed? Lift up thy head;  
Keep thou the faith for both.  
A man may fall and win again  
The place of his desert;  
But when a woman falls, ah me!  
No balm can heal her hurt.

Go home, my bairn, indeed 'tis well;  
Drink of the cup thy fill;  
Keep faith with faithlessness, and hold  
Thy woman's kingdom still.  
In that high realm, pure and serene  
As heaven's bluest dome,  
She dwells, whose steady hands uphold  
The guidon of the Home.

### A Seventeenth Century Chamberlain

Macaulay in the twentieth chapter of his "History of England" relates, says a British contemporary, how a person named Chamberlain in the year 1694, propounded a scheme of fiscal reform which "would work in England miracles such as had never been wrought for Israel, miracles exceeding the heaps of quails and the daily shower of manna. There would be no taxes; yet the exchequer would be full to overflowing. There would be no rates for there would be no poor. The income of every landowner would be doubled. The profits of every merchant would be increased." In Chapter xxi, dealing with 1696, when this scheme had been two years before the country, Macaulay remarks: "Chamberlain protested loudly against all modifications of his plan, and proclaimed with undiminished confidence that he would make all his countrymen rich, if they would only let him. He was not, he said, the first great discoverer whom princes and statesmen had regarded as a dreamer. By this time, however, the united force of reason and ridicule had reduced the once numerous sect which followed Chamberlain to a small and select company of incorrigible fools."

### Battleship With Sails

Capt. Pakenham, Naval Attache of the British Embassy at Tokio, has communicated to the Admiralty general particulars of the newest battleship Japan is building at Kure, regarding which remarkable secrecy has been served. Capt. Pakenham says the most striking innovation is the carrying of yards and sails. There will be two tall masts fitted with light steel fire control platforms and carrying lower courses, topsails and topgallant sails.

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