

has been published by itself, with illustrations; it contains seven poems representing seven epochs in the life of woman. Miss Ingelow now resides in London; but her unassuming nature and habits do not allow much of her life to appear before the world. One trait, however, shows the kind and sympathetic character which one would readily ascribe to her from her writings. Three times a week she gives a dinner to twelve needy persons just discharged from hospitals.

## II. EXPLANATORY.

*Midshipman* is the second rank obtained by officers in the royal navy, the cadet being the first. It is, however, merely a position of apprenticeship, where the aspirant receives instruction for future duties as a naval officer. His practical duties are to transmit to the seamen the orders of a superior officer, and to watch over their execution.

*Careless*—Note the force of *less*,—free from.

*Coach*—The English coach is a closed, four-wheeled vehicle with springs, drawn by two or more horses; it contains two seats inside, and is built so as to carry baggage on top.

*Gig*—A light vehicle with two wheels, drawn by one horse.

*Quarter-deck*—The portion of the uppermost deck between the main mast and the mast nearest the stern (the mizzen mast).

*Sea-serpent*—The great sea-serpent has been the subject of many sailor's tales; whether it is a reality or a creature of the fancy is a matter of doubt. Many stories, however, are told of such a monster that one can hardly disbelieve—so circumstantial are the details, and so respectable the narrators.

*Jib-boom*—A spar run out from the end of the bowsprit to which a triangular sail is fastened.

*Main-top-mast cross-trees*—The "cross-trees" are horizontal pieces of oak at the top of the mast, sustaining the top of the lower mast and spreading the shrouds (ropes) that support the mast above. The "main-mast" is the chief mast, standing in the middle of the ship. Upon this mast is placed a smaller one called the top-mast, and above it a still smaller, the top-gallant mast. These cross-trees represent very lofty points on a sailing vessel. Make a diagram.

*Not a sparrow falleth to the ground*—See Matthew ix. 29.

*Our eyes are held that we cannot see*—See Luke xxiv. 16.

## III. QUESTIONS AND EXERCISES.

1. *Who is this?*.....Is this better than beginning "There was once a little midshipman....."