







The Intruder

Far from life's shadow, struggling tide,
In hissing, bubbling play,
Upon the thoughtful page I pore,

What sudden outcry at my door
Awakes me with its din?
A patterer sits I heard without,
And loudly rings a well-known shout,

And then with half permitted sigh,
Slowly rising from his chair,
The father lays his volume by,
Unable ever to deny

Come hither, then, my ruddy boy,
And mount upon my knee;
Old Mother Goose, so early now,
Shall reach both me and thee.

Away with all this head-ache,
And back to tender mine!
These wrights come shall my heart
Like prattle sweet as thine!

And yet the day will soon appear,
When thy long day is done,
For O, they cannot thrill my ears
Like prattle sweet as thine!

That quiver to make, my darling boy,
Thou mayst indeed come in;
I wish for thee, at trade it doth to-day,
Shall I by later efforts see

May I the widow's orf possess
To lead thee on a right?
Together we will closely tread
Through these dry relics of the dead;

The Rejected Bank Note

What's the price of this dressing gown, sir?
I asked a sweet girl, entering the elegant
store of Huntly & Warner, in a city and street

It was a cloudy day. The clerks lounged over
the counter and yawned. The man whom Alice
Locke addressed herself to was jaunty and middle

The dress was a very good one for the price.
It was of common shawl, a tolerable material,
and lined with the same material.

"I think—the hesitated a moment—I think
I'll take it," she said. Then, seeing in the face
before her an expression she did not like, she

"I am not mistaken, Ma. I say this bill is
a counterfeit. I must presume, of course, that
you don't let me see you again until you can

"You need make no explanation, Miss," said
the clerk insolently, and the next time you want
to buy a dressing gown, don't try to pass your

"You have no bread, the bread is not yours,
it's mine."
"Then I could earn money, and buy a loaf
myself."

"Take things as they now are. You know
what you have to give your poor?
You will give them half a penny."

The Three Voices

The glass was at my lip,
Clear spirit sparkling was;
I was a voice came from the glass:
When I spoke to my friend,

A biotched face and vacant eyes,
A sickly frame that feebly goes,
A body racked with rheumatic pain,
A burnt-up stomach, fiery brain,

Thus spoke the voice and fled,
Nor any more did say;
But I thought on what it said,
And thro' the glass away,

The pipe was in my mouth,
The first cloud of smoke broke,
I was a voice to blow another:
When I spoke to my friend,

"Come, this must be a hoax,"
But a voice came from the box,
And thus these voices spoke:
"An' wouldst thou have a dizzied head,

"A smoky breath and blackened teeth?
And wouldst thou have thy freshness fade,
And wither up thy leaf of youth?
Wouldst thou have thy voice to lose its tone,

"If thou wouldst smoke a bagpipe's drone?
If thou wouldst smoke a pipe's channel choke,
Then smoke—smoke—smoke!
The pipe thy smuff must stoke!"

Thus spoke, and fled they both—
Glass—Pipe—Box—in a day;
To lose them I loath,
Yet I threw them all away.

Temperance

O! would we be all health, all lightness,
All pureness, goodness, gladness, brightness—
Seeing through everything
With minds just like the crystal spring—
O! would we be just right enough,
Not drink—not smoke—not snuff.

Then would our forward course
Be just as natural
As 'twere without any force
For us to lean downward to fall.

Intemperance among English
Women.
The most remarkable thing, however, about
the spread of a taste for stimulants is its extension

It is the supposed secret of a general life
and vigorous progeny. The consequences of
this alcoholic habit among women are obviously
more objectionable than its consequences among

"Why, if I had a hundred cakes, enough for
ourselves, I'd give them some."
"But you haven't half enough money to buy
all you want, and perhaps never will have."

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