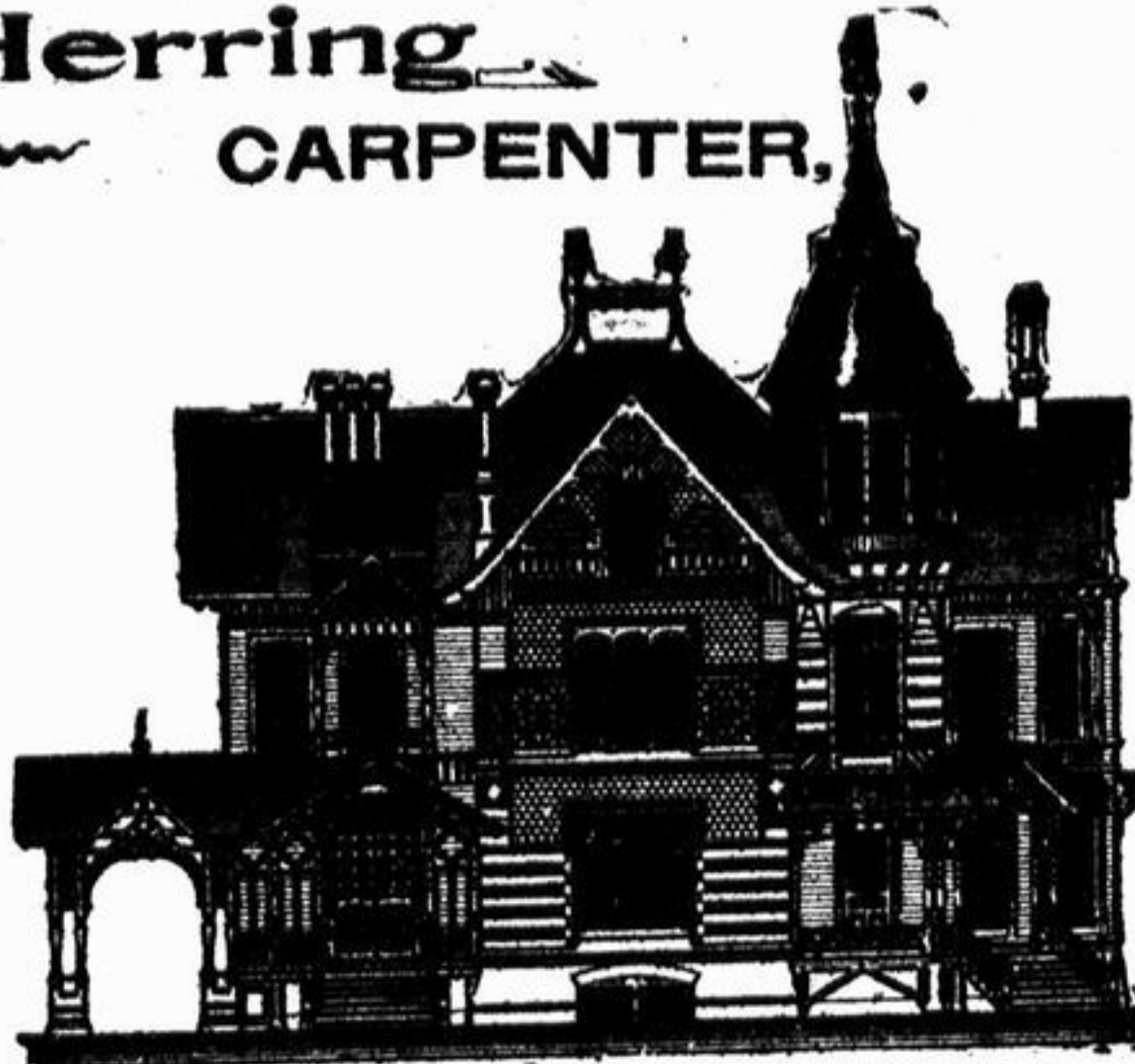



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IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?
 A DOUBLE RESPONSE.
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IN THE SHADOWS.
 What have we to live for, what answer give ye, Who are cast on the waters of life's stormy sea? Ever drifting along on the turbulent tide, No oft' without compass or beacon to guide, While the sky with adversity's clouds is o'ercast, And the soul with its burden of grief is oppress'd, Methinks from the waters a factory I can hear— "This life's not worth living, with breakers so near."
 What have we to live for, what have we to gain? We toil, and we struggle, and suffer in vain, We yearn for the joys which for us are unborn, While grasping the rose, we are stung by the thorn.
 We sow, but reap only a harvest of fears, We plant, and we reap, and we reap in despair, We receive the unsought, and denied what we crave, This life's not worth living, there's rest in the grave.
 What have we to live for in this world of strife? We are vain and so oft' in the battle of life, The helpless and weak, are the prey of the strong, And might usurps right, for the triumph of wrong.
 Temptations allure us to pleasures that sow O'er our pathway, the seed that in season shall grow
 The fruits of remorse, and of sorrow disguised, This life's not worth living, why is it so prized?
 What have we to live for, man never is blest; The cravings within fill his soul with unrest, If to riches, or power, or fame he aspires, The more he possesses, the more he desires, His unbridled ambition submits to no rule, His cup ever filling, but never is full, Where then is the spring, whence true happiness flows, This life's not worth living, what mortal who knows?
 What have we to live for? we sigh and we mourn, We pine for the joys that shall never return, Could we roll back the years, we might see in review, So much left undone, so much to undo, When Fortune drew nigh, we her presence ignored, All then we were blind, now our sight is restored,
 We're the sport of the waves on a treacherous sea, This life's not worth living, we long to be free.
 What have we to live for, when health's bloom shall fade, And the hand of Affliction upon us is laid, When sorrows, and sadness, and to-morrow's blight, Have shrouded the soul in the darkness of night, When friends have deserted, and dead is our trust, And some are our loved to their kindred dust, What wonder if then for deliverance we pray, This life's not worth living, we care not to stay
 What have we to live for—our days are but few, Roll on tide of years till our voyage is through, Roll on swiftly on to the shadowy sea— The shores of immortality, Mortality treads not on its domain, The immortal alone shall an entrance obtain, At more it is here, in its vestments of clay— This life's not worth living—at eve its away.

IN THE LIGHT.
 There is something to live for, though temptations prevail, The spirit undaunted will weather the gale, This life's surging billows like mountains shall rise, And hide for a season Hope's star from our eyes, Yet the heart that is brave, and the faith that is strong, Never quails or despairs tho' the night may be long,
 On trials and triumphs are evidences give, That life is worth living, if rightly we live.
 There is something to live for, albeit 'tis true— "Man is born into trouble, and his days are few," But troubles befall us, and his days are few, As the night comes, so the day is not new, This life's not worth living, we care not to stay, No life is worth living—its life may be borne.
 There is something to live for, if God be our trust, His mercies are boundless, His judgments are just, He inspires us to store up our treasures above, To insulate self on the altar of love, And go forth in the glory and power of his name, To aid the oppressed, and the wayward to tame, His quiet of love in the heart he possesses, Then life is worth living, and man shall be blest.
 There is something to live for, it is to perform The duties assigned us, in sunshine or storm, With courage and patience, and strength from on high, All barriers shall crumble, that in our path lie, What'er be our lot, there's no use for repining, Through their rifts we can see that the sun is still there— Surely life is worth living, then whither despair?
 There is something to live for, and something to gain, This life's not worth living, as well as its pain, We have two sacred flowers transplanted from Eden, In the hearts thro' the ages they've blossomed and thrive, Of exquisite beauty, of perennial bloom, Ever bathing the world in celestial perfume, They give us a foretaste of heaven and prove That life is worth living, with Friendship and Love.
 There is something to live for, we yet may atone For the sins and the follies of the years that have flown; Repentation, when hallowed by penitent tears, Brings forth golden fruits in the prospective years,
 Then be it our highest ambition and aim, To breathe the name of our Lord and our name, And a record whose pages with wisdom shall shine, Then life is worth living—its mission's divine.
 So may we all live for those regions so bright, Where first is the seat of love and of light, We can bear all our sorrows, if he be our friend, In life everlasting, our troubles shall end, If we do but our best, and the right shall pursue, "The strength" and "the all" that the Lord shall give, If a home we secure in the mansions of bliss, Is not life then worth living, if only for this?

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