ANNIE'S TICKET.

Here, sir. I have brought you the ticket
You gave her a short week ago;
My own little girl Annie mania,
The one with the fair hair, ye know,
And the blue eyes so gentle and tender,
And smile as the angels above,
God help me, she's one of them now, sir,
And I've nothin' at all left to love.

It has come on me sudden to see her,
She was never an ailin' child,
Though her face was white as a lily,
And her ways just that quiet and mild.
The fithers were always a trouble,
And bothersin', too, every day,
But the first tears as ever she cost me
Are thim that I'm holdin' to-day.

Tuesday Tuesday night that she sickened;
She had been as blithe as a bird
All day, with the ticket you gave her,
And never another word.
But "Mammie jest think of the ressies,"
And "Mammie, they'll give us ice cream;
We can roll on the turf and pick posies,
Oh! Mammie, it's just like a dream."

And so, when the fever came on her,
It seemed the one thought in her brain;
Twould have melted the heart in your breast, sir,
To hear her again and again
Beggin', "Mammie, oh please get me ready—
The best will be gone, I say;
I hear the bell ring, where's my ticket;
Oh, won't we be happy to-day!"

Three days, sir, she raved wid the fever,
Wid her face and her hands like a flame;
But on Friday, at noon, she grew quiet,
And knew me and called me by name.
My heart gave a leap, when I hear it;
But oh, sir, it carried me to stone,
The look round the mouth, pinched and drawn like,
I knew God had sent for his own.

And she knew it too, sir, the crathur,
And said, when I told her the day,
In her wake little voice, "Mammie, darlint,
Don't fery, cause I'm goin away
To-morrow they'll go to the picnic,
They'll have beautiful times, I know:
But heaven is like it and better,
And so I am ready to go.

"And, Mammie, I ain't a bit frightened;
There's many a little girl child
And it seems like the dear lovin Saviour
Was standin' right here by my side.
Take my ticket, dear Mammie, and ask
If some other child, poor and sad,
That hasn't got heaven and Jesus,
May go in my place and be glad."

And thin, "with good-bye, Mammie darlint,"
And she drew my lips down to her own,
Thin the one she had left close beside her
Sent too, and I left them—alone.
And so I have brought you the ticket,
Though my heart, sir, seems ready to break,
To ask you to make some poor crather
Feel glad for my dead darlint's sake.

Liquid Vacuum.

When Thomas drove up to a house on Elizabeth street recently to deliver the usual quart of mixture, the gentleman of the house kindly inquired—

"Thomas, how many quarts of milk do you deliver?"

"Ninety-one, sir."

"And how many cows have you?"

"Nine, sir."

The gentleman made some remarks about the state of the roads, and then asked—

"Say, Thomas, how much milk per day do your cows average?"

"Seven quarts, sir."

"Ah—um," said the gentleman as he moved off. Thomas looked after him, scratched his head, and all at once grew pale as he pulled out a short pencil and began to figure on the wagon cover,

"Nine cows is nine, and I set seven quarts down under the cows and multiply. That's sixty-three quarts of milk. I tell him I sold ninety-one quarts per day. Sixty-three from ninety one leaves twenty-eight, and none to carry. Now, where do I get the rest of the milk? I'll be hanged if I haven't given myself away to one of my best customers, by leaving a big cavity in these figgers to be filled with water."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Cows—A Composition.

This is how the pupil put it:

"The cow is a good animal. She has two eyes and two horns, and gives milk which is good to drink. She has four legs, and eats grass and hay. Some of them are red and have long tails."

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Often forgive others, but never forgive thyself.

The cucumber does its best fighting after it is down.

The sky must be afraid of somebody, for it carries its heaven shooters.

What is one of the best of all earthly possessions? Self-possession.

Never put off till to-morrow what can be done just as well the day after.

Among the greatest curiosities is a wet stone to sharpen the water's edge.

Why shouldn't one confide a secret to his relatives? Because blood will tell.

Why is the gamut like a gambling saloon? Because it is full of sharps and flats.

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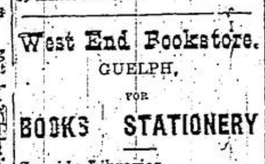

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