

Only Fifteen.
Only sixteen, on the paper sat,
Yet there on the cold, stark ground he lay;
The same and many more we hear every day;
Full of promises, talent and virtue,
Yet the rum field conquered him, so he died;
And his body lay upon the ground,
For he died, a drunkard and early virtuous;
Only fifteen.

Oh it was, and he must die all alone,
That all his friends not even one
Was there to lay his last faint morn,
Or give the last quiet words to his spirit;
And yet the world will not care,
Even though he left us all alone;

What would you say? "Whoever will not care?"
Even though he left us all alone,

Our sister died.

Remember, come view the work you have wrought,
The poor boys who have laid him low;
And you dare not tell the parents all—
And let them die out in their lone!

What if I were your son instead of another?

What if you were my son, boy's mother?

And hereby liveth.

The freedom, who when the police came to garnish

Let me to the door, and when they had him in,
The next day I met in the last great day!

When Heaven and earth shall have passed away,

Still remain the triumphs of right complete.

Will you wish to have him laid on your hand,

When before you lay him down, we each stand

And he only liveth.

Christian men, rise up, to stand for the right,

To action and duty, to stand for the right,

& me with your banner invested, "Death to him!"

Let your comrades speak, listen, then come;

Make it a silent even to the last!

A petition to release you would it seem?

If that were true, we might only叹息:

Our sister died.

Shining Gold.

T.T.C.

We talk of angry poverty, we talk of humble peddlers,

We talk of the aged, oldies, who work and

watch beside;

We talk of empty purses bringing many joys untold;

But look no further, we could do ought without a

shining gold.

We talk of blood and family descendants by the

We talk of name and house of fame, and with for us

nothing in us;

Tell me, where, say I, ambition can be

realized?

Both high and low, wherever you go, you need "the

shining gold."

Antipodean Outlaw.

The Reign of the Kelly Gang of Bushrangers in Australia—Four Noted Signers—Murder—A Reward of \$40,000 Each, and 1,000 Mounted Troopers Fail to Bring them to Punishment.

The Australian colonies have always borne an enviable reputation as a field for bushranging robbers, but from the time the first convict escaped from Botany Bay, in 1788, to the present there has been no exciting crime in the colonies of Victoria and New South Wales. It is not a single crime, but a succession of bank robberies and murders, commencing in October last and continuing until the latest date from that country, notwithstanding the large force of mounted troopers, and the tempting offer of \$40,000 each for the apprehension of each alive.

In the vicinity of Beechworth, in the colony of Victoria, lived a woman named Kelly, who was charged with some pretty of fence, and who was a recognized member of a class of low criminals. An officer went to her in order to arrest her, but he found her in bed, and in a state of undress. He called out, "I am here to arrest you." She said, "They are after me." The officer replied, "We have failed to effect its purpose." The manager met, and \$5,000 more was offered to the reward. Soldiers and police were sent into all small towns; the branch banks were ordered to send their reserves and valuable papers to Melbourne. The community was in a state of excitement, hourly expecting to hear of fresh outrages. People expected of

ATROCITIES.

Three of the latter days were travelling in search of horses that had recently been stolen. They stopped on the road to wash their horses and were hailed by four men. One of the men was recognized as Ned Kelly, and he was offered to give himself into custody. He, in turn, ordered the police who had dismounted from their horses, to strip up their hands and surrender. The officers refused, and the third, jumping on a horse, escaped with bullets whistling about him. He wandered about, lost his horse and reached a police station two days later. The next day there was a commotion all through the colony, for the courage was not often known there. The police were sent to the scene, and the arms of the police had disappeared with the murderers. The chief police official of the colony reported to the scene, where fifty mounted troopers were soon concentrated. Near by rises a mountain chain known as the Wombat range. They had been well hid in the district and knew every acre of ground. Searching inquiry was made to ascertain who.

THE COMPANIONS OF KELLY

were, and they were found to be Dan Kelly, a brother; Steve Hart and Bob Byrne, relatives of the principal. The police authorities boasted they would have them in goal in a few days, and about one hundred men were divided into squads to search the country. Thirty or forty troopers would ride out at night, mostly calves were surrounded at midnight, and were driven everywhere, but still no trace of the men was found. Two weeks passed, and no one saw them, although it was said they were moving about their old haunts. One evening in Mansfield a half-drunk man said he could catch the murderers if he wanted to, at the same time calling Ned Kelly a cowards.

At this instant the redoubtable Kelly himself walked up to the man and offered to fight him for the reward. He refused, and the man, after some time and then walked further and away. Horses were stolen from stables near by the same night and the police were busy the following day. Ned could be found, however. The men were in the mud, and had completely eluded all efforts to find them. The source of their success was the sympathy of the lower classes of the community, who gave them food, shelter and information, at the same time misleading the police. "The Kelly gang" and their work became the theme of conversation, and the papers were filled with accounts of them. There were from three hundred to five hundred police after them; these were the leaders.

THE HEAVY HAND

for each man, and yet the officers had not even got a glint of one of them. They seemed to know every move of the villain, and Kelly is said to have sent the police taunting notes, and also to have sent the chief executive officer of the colony demanding the release of his mother from goal and free for himself and friends, or would start immediately to rob and murder. The communication was now becoming frequent, and it was soon that the example of Kelly was being followed. Amateur bushrangers were working all directions. The legislature was proposed to increase the reward of the most notorious offenders. A bill was prepared, the standing orders were suspended, and it was ratified through both houses. Kelly and his associates were declared.

BETOW THE LAKE OF LAW,

say one was allowed to shoot them, and a

large reward was offered for them dead or alive. Those wounded in trying to capture them were to receive pensions, while those who would secure state support for widow and orphans, or relatives depending upon the dead man for support. There was also a provision providing tax relief, and a provision against the practice of furnishing aid or information to the outlaws, the penalty for which was fifteen years' imprisonment. It was thought that this Act would soon secure the arrest of the criminals, but it had an effect directly opposite. The novelty of the case, the fact that the

police had no information about the

outlaws, came in the way the work had

been done, and the public interest in the

outlaws was not great enough to attract

the attention of the public.

What if "you're not the son of another?"

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