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POETRY.

THE STRANGER.

There came to port last Sunday night

The queerest little craft

Without an inch of rigging on;

I looked, and looked, and laughed.

It seemed so curious that she

Should coast the unknown water,

And moor herself within my room—

My daughter, oh, my daughter!

Yet, by these presents, witness all,

She's welcome fifty times,

And comes assigned to food and Love,

And common sense rhymes.

She has no manifest but this:

No flag floats o'er the water;

She's rather new for British Lloyd's—

My daughter, oh, my daughter!

Ring out, wild bells—and tangle ones, too;

Ring in the little worsted socks;

Ring in the tub and spoon.

Ring out the music; ring in the nurse;

Ring in the milk and water,

Away with paper, pens and ink—

My daughter, oh, my daughter!

circumstances alter cases.

An old man lay in the little chamber

Of the roomy parlour, listening half

unconscious to the sound of voices, now

in stern demand, again in humble

pleading and protestation. His long

grey hair and beard swept the snowy

pillow, against which his

bronzed, sunken face seemed darker

and more hollow: his long fingers beat

the coverlid in anger and sympathy,

as his ear followed the words of the speaker,

and a glitter sparkled in his eyes,

which had, for five long weary weeks,

been glazed and palled with fever.

help to impoverish us. It was bread

cast upon the water and it will return.

The good farmer said this almost cheer-

fully, for he reflected how much better

off at work he and his dame and daughter-

friendless old man who lay in his care.

"After many days, after weary days,"

continued the sick man, finishing the

promise. "But I am afraid, farmer,

that neither you nor I will live till it

comes back.

"Why, don't talk so, sir," broke in

Dame Linamar, "it's been a real comfort

for us to do the little we could for you.

We are only paying a debt we owe.

Our boy died away from home among

strangers, and they were good and kind

to him when things were so bad that

he would not let us know, fearing our

great distress; the kindness he got

from strangers was as glad to pay back

in gratitude."

"Would that I could aid you, as I

have read of men apparently poor and

helpless doing for those who have suc-

ceeded or shown kindness to them, but

my poverty is no disguise. I am poor

indeed; absolutely without a dollar or

friend in the world. Caring this way

I was only wandering in search of

death to avoid the slow house, and it

grieves me that I should have fallen

where I am so heavy and unfortunate a

charge."

"Say no more, sir, or you will take

from our performance all the merit

which attaches to it," said the farmer;

"we would be in worse need than you

if we would afford so little relief grud-

gingly or with ill will."

is need of your interference.

"And pray, sir, who are you?" de-

manded Mr. Peacock.

"Security for these good people,"

debts, and their protection against the

avarice, greed, and persecution of

Asahel Peacock, Whitney, formerly of

Little Salem, Massachusetts, who is—

"Your only brother, interrupted the

pele and terror-stricken man; "for

heaven's sake, forbear!"

"You didn't lose your memory with

your name," sneered the invalid,

"though your presence of mind forsake

you. You never expected to see me

again!"

"I knew you would come some time,

sure as death, but not so very soon."

"Soin! You ought and thirty years

ago! You have enjoyed the fruits of

wrong doing, fraud—aye, theft—longer

than Heaven permits most men to do

I thought I was under its ban not to

rise again, when I sunk fainting into

the ditch a while or so from here, six

weeks ago; but now I see I was simply

subject to the whims, just and fortunate

decrees. See! Asahel Whitney—call

him yourself! Peacock—there is a never

forgetting your debt in answer to me.

You took everything I had in the world,

and if I strip you I'll do it. Here is

the amount compounded annually at

six per cent; it amounts to two hun-

dréd and eighty-six thousand and forty

dollars. Can you pay it?"

"Have you no mercy! Will you not

hear me?" begged the now humble man,

in tears. "Farmer Linamar, plead you

to him to listen to me; he will grant

What long, lean druggist, with specks on his

nose,

I thought the fellow would soon propose.

He sold out his bottle shop; he was gone

clean to the river of Saskatchewan.

Fat little, plump little Johnny Gray,

I hated he'd better get spliced and stay;

He said to me that was rather too thin,

And he turned his toes to Kewauit.

My Dutchman lover, Hans Ritter Von

Kronk,

So lame he could scarcely scurry me out;

With Magic Ointment he greased his leg,

And said to the city of Winnipeg.

Jim Bambridge, the blacksmith's son,

Of all my beaux the very best one;

But on an excursion, got up by Prissie,