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 Buns, Cakes and Pastry
BISCUITS OF ALL KINDS.
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 IN 24, 8, 4, AND 5 OUNCE CASES.
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 ACTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1881.

POETRY.
It Never Pays.
 It never pays to fret and growl
 When fortune seems our foe;
 The better brood will look ahead,
 And strike the braver blow.
 Your luck is work,
 And those that shrink
 Should not lament their doom.
 But yield the play,
 And clear the way,
 That better men have room.
 It never pays to brook the health
 In drooping after gain,
 And he is sold who thinks that gold
 Is cheapest bought with pain.
 An humble lot,
 Have tempted even kings,
 For station high,
 That wealth will buy,
 Not oft contentment brings.
 It never pays! A blunt refrain
 In drooping after gain,
 For aye and youth must learn the truth,
 That nothing pays that's wrong.
 The good and pure
 Always are sure
 To bring prolonged success.
 While what is right
 In heaven's sight
 Is always sure to bless.



Vote for the Scott Act and remove pitfalls out of the way of your boys.

The One Dollar Bill.

How it did rain that April night,
 None of your undecided showers,
 With hesitating intervals, it was between;
 None of your mild, persistent pattering
 on the roof, but a regular deluge,
 a wild deluge, a rush of arrowy drops,
 and a thunder of opening drops.
 Squire Partlet heard the angry rattling
 against the casements, and drew
 his snug easy-chair a little nearer to
 the fire—a great open mass of glittering
 anthracite—and gazed with a sort
 of sleepy, reflective satisfaction at the
 crimson room partitions, and the grey
 cat fast asleep on the hearth, and the
 canary bird, lolled into a drowsy ball
 of yellow down on its perch.
 "This is snug," quoth the squire,
 "I am glad I had that leaky spot fixed
 in the barn roof last week. I don't
 object to a stormy night once in a
 while, when a fallow's under cover,
 and there's nothing in particular to be
 done. Mary!"
 "Yes, Mrs. Partlet answered. She was
 sitting about between kitchen and
 sitting room, with a blue check apron
 tied around her waist. "I'm nearly
 ready to come in now, Josiah. Now I
 wonder, sotto voce, 'if that was really
 a knock at the door, or just a little
 rush of the wind and rain?"
 She went to the door, nevertheless,
 and a minute or two afterwards she
 went to her husband's chair.
 "Jo, dear, it's Luke Ruddle, she
 said, apprehensively. The squire never
 looked up from his paper.
 "Tell him he's made a mistake. The
 tavern is on the corner beyond."
 "But he wants to know if you will
 lend him a dollar," said Mrs. Partlet.
 "And couldn't you have told him no,
 without the preliminary ceremony of
 coming in here to ask me? Is it likely
 that I shall lend a dollar for even a
 cent to Luke Ruddle? Why I had
 a great deal better throw it in among
 yonder red coals! no—of course no!"
 Mrs. Partlet hesitated.
 "He looks so pinched and cold and
 wretched, Josiah. He says there's
 nobody in the world to let him have a
 cent."
 "All the better for him, if he did
 but know it," sharply unadvised the
 squire. "If it had come to that pitch
 half a dozen years ago, perhaps he
 wouldn't have been the miserable man
 he is now."
 "We used to go to school together,"
 said Mrs. Partlet, gently. "He was
 the smartest boy in the class."
 "That's probable enough," said the
 squire, "but it doesn't alter the fact
 that he's a poor, drunken wretch now.
 Send him about his business, Polly,
 and if his time is of any consequence,
 just let him know that he had better
 not waste it coming here after dollars."
 And the squire leaned back in his
 chair in a positive fashion, as if the

whole matter was definitely decided.
 Mrs. Partlet went back to the kitchen,
 where Luke Ruddle was spreading
 his poor, thin fingers over the blouse
 of the fire, his lathered garments steaming
 as if he were a pillar of vapor.
 "He won't let you have it, Luke,"
 said she; "I thought he wouldn't."
 "Then I've got to starve like any
 other dog," said Luke Ruddle,
 turning away woefully. "And, after
 all, I don't suppose it makes much difference
 whether I shuffle out of the
 world to day or to-morrow."
 "O, Luke, not to your wife!"
 "She'd be better without me," said
 Luke, down-heartedly.
 "But she ought not to be."
 "Ought and is are two different
 things, Mrs. Partlet. Good-night! I
 ain't going to the tavern, though I'll
 wager something the squire thought I
 was."

And isn't it natural enough that he
 should think so, Luke?
 "Yes—yes, Mary, I don't say but
 what it is," murmured Luke Ruddle
 in the same dejected tone he had used
 throughout the interview.
 "Stay!" Mrs. Partlet called to him,
 as his head lay on the door-latch, in a
 low voice. "Here's a dollar, Luke,
 Mrs. Partlet gave me to buy a new
 piece of oil cloth to put in front of the
 dining room stove, but I'll try and
 make the old one do, a little while
 longer. And Luke, for the sake of old
 times, for the sake of your poor wife,
 will you do better?"
 "Luke Ruddle looked vacantly
 first at the fresh, new bank-bill in his
 hand, and then at the blooming young
 matron who placed it there.
 "Thank you, Mary," he said, and
 crept out of the warm, bright kitchen,
 into the storm and darkness that reigned
 outside. Mrs. Partlet stood looking
 into the kitchen fire.

"I dare say I've done a very foolish
 thing," she pondered. "But indeed I
 could not help it. Of course he'll spend
 it at the public house, and I shall do
 without my oil cloth; that will be the
 end of it all."
 And there was a conscious flush on
 her cheek, as if she had done something
 wrong, when she rejoiced! the squire in
 the sitting room.

"Well," said Squire Partlet, "has
 that one'er do feel gone as Partlet?"
 "Yes."
 "To Stoke's tavern, I suppose?"
 "I hope not, Josiah."
 "I'm afraid it's past hoping for," said
 the squire, shrugging his shoulders.
 "And now for a pleasant evening.
 How it does rain, to be sure."
 And Mrs. Partlet kept the secret of
 the dollar bill within her own heart.

It was six months afterwards that
 the squire came into the room where
 his wife was preserving some great red
 apples into jelly.
 "Well, well," quoth he, "wonders
 will never cease. The Ruddlees have
 gone away."
 "Gone where?"
 "I don't know; out west somewhere
 with a colony. And they say Luke
 hasn't touched a drop in six months."
 "I'm glad of that," said Mrs. Partlet.
 "It won't last long," said the squire,
 despairingly.
 "Why not?"
 "Oh, I don't know. I haven't any
 faith in these sudden reforms."
 Mrs. Partlet was silent; she thought
 thankfully that after all Luke had
 not spent the dollar bill for liquor.

Six months—six years—the time
 sped along, in days and weeks, almost
 before busy little Mrs. Partlet knew
 that it was gone. The Ruddlees had
 got back to Sequosset.
 "They do say," said Mrs. Buckingham,
 "that he's bought that 'ere lot
 down opposite the court house, and is
 going to build such a house as never
 was."
 "He must have prospered greatly,"
 said the gentle Mrs. Partlet.
 "And his wife wears a silk gown
 that will stand alone with its own
 richness," said Mrs. Buckingham. "I
 can remember the time when Luke
 Ruddle was nothing but a poor,
 drunken creature."
 "All the more credit to him now,"
 said Mrs. Partlet emphatically.
 "It's all to be of ston," said Mrs.
 Buckingham, "with mantels and in-laid
 floors. And he's put a lot of
 papers and things under the corner
 one."
 "The corner what?" said Mrs. Partlet.

Let, laughing. "Floor or mantel."
 "Stun, to be sure," said Mrs. Buckingham,
 "like they do in the public
 buildings, you know."
 "That is natural enough."
 "Well, it's kind o' queer; but Luke
 Ruddle never was't like nobody
 else. Folks think it's dreadful queer
 he should put a one-dollar bill in with
 the other things."
 Mrs. Partlet felt her cheeks flush
 scarlet; she glanced up to where the
 squire was checking off a list of legal
 items in the bill he was making out
 against some client. But he never
 looked round, and Mrs. Buckingham
 went on with her never ceasing flow
 of chit-chat, and so the color died away in
 her cheek. After all, the money had
 been her own to give, and the oil cloth
 in front of the dining room stove
 had answered very well.
 She met Luke Ruddle after that
 noon for the first time since his return
 to Sequosset—Luke himself, yet not
 himself; the demon of intemperance
 crushed out of his nature, and its better
 nobler elements, triumphing at last.
 He looked her brightly in the face, as
 he held out his hand.

"Mary!"
 "I am glad to see you back here
 again, Luke," she said tremulously.
 "And well you may be," he rejoined.
 "Do you remember the night you gave
 me the dollar, and begged me not to go
 to the tavern?"
 "Yes."
 "That night was the pivot on which
 my whole destiny turned. You were
 kind to me when every one spoke coldly;
 you trusted me when all other faces
 were averted. I vowed a yow to myself
 to prove worthy of your confidence, and
 I kept it. I did not spend the
 money; I treasured it up, and heaven
 has added mightily to my little store.
 I put the dollar bill under the corner
 stone of my new house, for the house
 has risen from it, and it alone. I won't
 offer to you back," he added, smilingly,
 "the luck might go from me with it,
 but God will help me to keep faithful,
 I'll tell you what I will do, Mary; I
 will give money and words of trust and
 encouragement to some other poor
 wretch, as you gave to me."

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Lost Nation.....	23.5	41
White Russian.....	20	61
Rio-Grande.....	19.5	60
Armutka.....	17.5	63
Champion.....	16.5	60
White Fife.....	13.5	60
Rice or Goose.....	12.5	59
Farrow.....	12.5	58
Gordon.....	10.5	49

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Fort William.....	52.5	71.5
Hopetown, No. 1.....	44	86.5
Bullman, Char.....	41	85
Lottetown.....	41	85
Colorado (low).....	41	86
Bullman's Black.....	39	87
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Russian.....	30.5	49
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Early Ohio.....	160	12 Fair size.
Brown's Super.....	143	44 Small.

PAY AS YOU GO.
 If you would have the most friendly
 with you, then avoid creditors. The
 debtor's chain is cold and heavy, and
 its links rust on the heart and make
 it cold and weary. Credit is a hungry
 wolf and hunts down its victims like a
 hind in the forest; there is no
 escape from its eagle eye, no matter
 how skillfully you may run the gauntlet
 from your office to your home. You
 may in order to steer clear of an
 unfrequented street dash round some
 corner or into an alley, but you are
 just sure to bump against another more
 formidable than the one got rid of.
 Debt is a cup of sorrow within itself.
 Pay day will come, and will always
 come too soon; you cannot glide it over
 and hide it either from friends or foes.
 Like oil in water it rises in view all
 ways, there are always sneers ready
 to mock it; 'tis an unheated sword
 hanging by a thread. To do without
 is a cross that few know how to bear;
 learn to bear it and be a man among
 men. Nobody's slave. Ease does not
 exist among unpaid notes, nor happiness
 in the apparel owned by your
 sneering tradesman.

Do not be caught napping on the 19th, but vote for the Scott Act, and vote early.
Say What You Mean.
 A great many people say what they
 don't mean in their prayers. A Scotch
 man went behind a fence to pray, and
 declared to the Lord that if the fence
 should fall on him it would be no more
 than he deserved. At that moment a
 high wind blew the fence over on the
 petitioner. He rose hastily from his
 knees and cried out in a frightened
 voice: "Ho! Ho! Lord! it's an awful
 ward this; a body canna say a thing
 in a joke but it's 'an in earnest!"

The Last Shall be First.

Mollie had a little man,
 Five feet black as rubber shoe,
 And every where that Mollie went,
 He emigrated too.
 He went with her to church one day—
 The folks in his row,
 To see him walk de-mure-ly into
 De-con-Al-len's pew.
 The worthy deacon quickly let
 His saggy passion rise,
 And gave in a tremendous kick
 Between the red and brown eyes.
 This kicked Mollie in the side,
 The deacon followed fast,
 And raised his foot again,
 But, ah! that first kick was his last!
 For Mr. Sheep walked slowly back
 About a rod, 'tis said,
 And ere the deacon could retreat
 It stood him on his head.
 The congregation then arose
 And went for that sheep,
 And several well directed kicks
 Just piled them in a heap.
 Then rushed they straightway for the
 door,
 With voices long and loud,
 While rammy struck the hindmost one
 And shot him through the crowd.

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