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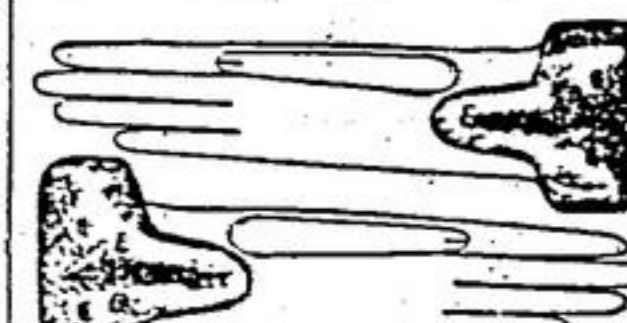
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POETRY.
THE STORY OF THE GATE.

Across the pathway, myrtle-fringed,
Under the maple, it was hinged—
The little wooden gate;
'Twas there, within the quiet gloam,
When I had stroved with Nellie home,
I used to pause and wait.

Before I said to her good night,
Yet to look the wistful smile
Within the garden's pale;
And there, the gate between us two,
We'd linger, as all lovers do,
And lean upon the rail.

And face to face, eyes close to eyes,
Hands meeting hands in feigned surprise
After a stealthy quest—
So close I'd hold ere she'd retreat—
That I'd grow drunken from the sweet
Etherealness upon her breast.

We'd talk—in fitful style, I wend—
With many a meeting glance between
The tender words and low;
We'd whisper some dear, sweet conceit,
Some idle gossip we'd repeat;
And then I'd more to wend.

'Good-night,' I'd say; 'good-night—good-
bye.'
'Good-night!'—from her with half a sigh—
'Good-night!' 'Good-night!' And then—
And then I did not go, but stand,
Again lean on the railing, and—
Begin it all again!

All that was many a day ago—
That pleasant summer time—(though
The gate is standing yet);
A little weather-worn like me—
Which never can forget!

The happy "End!" My eye friend,
Pray save your answer—there was no "end."
Which under chubbly things—
That is our youngest, here and mine;
See how he clings, his legs to twine
About the gate and swing.

Only a Husk.
Tom Darcy, yet a young man, had grown to be a very bad one. At heart he might have been all right, if his head and his will had only been all right; but these being wrong, the whole machine was going to the bad very fast, though there were times when the heart felt something of its old truthful yearnings. Tom had lost his place as foreman in the great machine shop, and what money he now earned came from odd jobs of tinkering which he was able to do, here and there at private houses; for Tom was a genius as well as a mechanic, and when his head was steady enough, he could mend a clock or clean a watch, as well as he could set up and regulate a steam engine—and this latter he could do better than any other man ever employed by the Scott's Falls Manufacturing Company.

One day Tom had a job to mend a broken mowing machine and reaper, for which he received five dollars, and on the following morning he started out for his old haunt—the village tavern. He knew his wife sadly needed the money, and his two little children were in absolute suffering from want of clothing, and that morning he went to debate with the better part of himself, but the better part of himself had become very weak and shaky, and the demon of appetite carried the day.

So away to the tavern Tom went, where for two or three hours he felt the exhilarating effects of the alcoholic draught, and fancied himself happy, as he could sing and laugh; but as usual, stupefaction followed, and the man died out. He drank while he could stand, and then lay down in a corner, where his companion left him.

It was late at night, almost midnight, when the landlord's wife came into the bar room to see what kept her husband up, and quickly saw Tom.

'Peter,' said she, not in a pleasant mood, 'why don't you send that miserable Tom Darcy home? He's been hanging about here long enough!'

Tom's stupefaction was not sound asleep. The dead came had left the brain, and the calling of his name had started his senses to keen attention. He had an insane love for rum, but did not love the landlord. In other years Peter Tindar and himself had loved and wooed the sweet maiden—Ellen Gos—and he won her, leaving Peter to take up with the vinegary spinster who had bought him the tavern, and he knew that lately the tapster had gazed over the woman who had once dis-

carded him.

'Why don't you send him home?' demanded Mrs. Tindar, with an impatient stamp of her foot.

'Hush, Betsy! He's got money. Let him be, and he'll be sure to spend it before he goes home. I'll have the kernel of the nut, and his wife may have the husk.'

With a snuff and a snuff Betsy turned away, and shortly afterward Tom Darcy lifted himself upon his elbow.

'Ah, Tom, are you awake?'
'Yes.'
'Then run up and have a warm glass.'
Tom got upon his feet and steadied himself.

'No, Peter, I won't drink any more to-night.'
'It won't hurt you—just a glass.'
'I know it won't,' said Tom, buttoning up his coat by the only solitary button left. 'I know it won't.'

And with this he went out into the chill air of the night. When he got away from the shadow of the tavern he stopped and looked up at the stars, and then he looked upon the earth.

'Aye,' he muttered, grinding his heel in the gravel. 'Peter Tindar is taking the kernel and leaving poor Ellen the husk, and I'm helping him to do it. I am robbing my wife of joy, robbing my children of honor and comfort, robbing myself of love and life—just that Peter Tindar may have the kernel and Ellen the husk. We'll see.'

It was a revelation to the man. The tavern keeper's brief speech, meant not for his ears, had come upon his senses as full of the voice of the Risen One upon Saul of Tarsus.

'We'll see,' he continued, setting his foot firmly on the ground; and then he wended his way homeward.

On the following morning he said to his wife:
'Ellen, have you any coffee in the house?'

'Yes, Tom.' She did not tell him that her sister had given it to her. She was glad to have him ask for coffee instead of the old, old cider.

'I wish you would make a cup, good and strong.'

There was really music in Tom's voice, and the wife set about the work with a strange flutter in her heart.

Tom drank two cups of the strong, fragrant coffee, and then went out with a resolute step, and walked straight to the great manufactory, where he found Mr. Scott in the office.

'Mr. Scott, I want to learn my trade over again.'

'Eh, Tom! What do you mean?'

'I mean that I've Tom Darcy come back to the old place, asking forgiveness for the past, and hoping to do better in the future.'

'Tom!' cried the manufacturer, starting forward and grasping his hand, 'are you in earnest? Is it really the old Tom?'

'It's what's left of him, sir; and we'll have him whole and strong very soon, if you'll only set him at work.'

'Work! Aye, Tom, and bless you, too! There's an engine to be set up and tested to-day. Come with me.'

Tom's hands were weak and unsteady, but his brain was clear, and under his skillful supervision the engine was set up and tested, but it was late in the evening when the work was completed.

for home. Yes, it was Tom, with the old grime upon his hands, and the odor of oil upon his garments.

'I have kept you waiting, Ellen.'

'Tom!'

'I didn't mean to, but the work hung on.'

'Tom, Tom. You have been to the old shop.'

'Yes. And I'm to have the old place, and—'

'Oh, Tom!'

And she threw her arms around his neck and covered his face with kisses.

'Ellen, darling, wait a little, and you shall have the old Tom, back again.'

'Oh, Tom, I've got him now—bless him; bless him. My own Tom—my husband, my darling!'

And then Tom Darcy realized the full power and blessing of woman's love. It was a banquet of the gods all restored—with the bright angels of peace and love and joy spreading their wings over the boards.

On the following Monday morning, Tom Darcy resumed his place at the head of the great machine shop, and those who thoroughly knew him had no fear of his going back to the old slouch and jolliness.

A few days later Tom met Peter Tindar on the street.

'Eh, Tom, old boy, what's up?'

'I'm up—right side up.'

'Yes—I see. But I hope you haven't forsaken us, Tom.'

'I have forsaken only the evil you have in store, Peter. The fact is, I concluded my wife and little ones had fed on husks long enough, and if there was a kernel left in my heart, or in my manhood, they should have it.'

'Ah, you heard what I said to my wife that night?'

'Yes, Peter; and I shall be grateful to you for it as long as I live. My remembrance of you will always be relieved by that tinge of warmth and brightness.'

Advice to Young Husbands
The Rev. C. C. Gos, during a lecture in New York on "The Honey-moon, and How to Perpetuate it," said: Look out for your habits, young man. Don't get into the habit of neglecting the little courtesies of life in your home. Just see the young men in a hobtail horse-car sit forward on the edge of the seat and when a pretty young woman enters the car they watch for the first chance to put her face in the box. Why don't you watch just as eagerly to wait on your wife! Again, my young husband, you and your wife must cultivate mutual confidence. Distrust of each other is the bane of human society everywhere. Of course, you and your wife ought to hold different opinions. I was forty years old before I married my wife, and I knew a thing or two before I knew her. When we were married we did not empty out our brains and become fools. When she comes to vote I want her to vote on the side opposite to me, because if she votes just as I do what's the use of her voting! She might have just as well voted through me as we do now. But don't fight. Husbands and wives do fight and bite and claw each other, and pull each other's hair, and all about a little thing that they would be ashamed of if they hadn't got heated. Cultivate the habit of cooling down. Finally be honest and upright with your wife, your husband. You ought to be honest in courtship, but if you have had an outside for your girl to look at, and you have all the time kept a bit and bridle on your passions only to be a brute after marriage, then you have deceived her. Be as innocent to your wife as though she was a little baby. You wouldn't hurt a baby. Stand up for your wife—if any one says anything against her, knock him down. Well, I'll take that back—you can knock him down in your own estimation.

Young ladies graduate from some of the ladies' colleges with the degree of B. A. By close attention to business they can in a few years take the degree M. A.

A well cooked breakfast will do more towards preserving peace in the family than will seven mottoes on the wall, even though they be framed in the most elaborate of gilt moulding.

LOST A BOY.

He went from the old home hearthstone
Only two years ago,
A laughing, rollicking fellow,
With a man's look in his face,
Since then we have not seen him,
And we say, with a nameless pain,
The boy that we knew and loved so
We shall never see again.

One hearing the name we gave him
Comes home to us to-day,
But this is not the dear fellow
We missed and went away,
Tall as the man he calls father,
With a man's look in his face,
Is he who takes by the hearthstone
The lost boy's olden place.

We miss the laugh that made music
Wherever the lost boy went;
This man has a smile most winsome,
His eyes have a grave intent,
We know he is thinking and planning
His way in the world of men,
And we cannot help but love him,
But we long for our boy again.

We are proud of this manly fellow
Who comes to take his place,
With a man's look in his face,
In his earnest, thoughtful face;
And yet comes back the longing
For the boy we must benevolently miss,
Whom we sent away from the hearthstone
Forever, with a kiss.

Good Advice to Grocers

If there is any business that requires scrupulous cleanliness, it should be that of the retail grocer. He handles our sugar, he dishes out our butter, he weighs our meat, he fingers our bread, he touches our food at every turn. He needs clean hands and clean vessels. Put up those dirty scales; it makes one sick to see butter put into such a dingy tin. Cleanse your sugar scoop; scrape off that meat block; wipe out that cheese strainer. Get broom and dusting brush; learn their use and keep them busy. Look at those fly specks! 'Soe where the molasses has tickled down and candied into a solid cake; scour it up. 'See where the flour has spilled and drifted into heaps around your barrels; sweep it away. Pick out those rotten vegetables that taint the air with their poisonous stench. Fling away those sickly, tough, shriveled beets. Out with those eggs that are slightly indispensed. Get hot soap suds and wash down your counters. Hunt the rat-holes and plug them with or nail tin strips over them. Rake down the cobwebs that dangle in the corners. Polish up your tin and brass vessels. Wash your show windows. Dust those venerable canned goods that adorn your shelves. Remove the fly-paper overhead. Get paint for your shelves and whitewash your walls. Keep clean, for soap is cheap, water is plenty, brooms are handy, and dirt don't pay. John Wesley says, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Amen!

Never Opened the Book

The folly and fraud of rich young men, whom their parents or guardians suppose are studying "very hard" in Paris, are shown up rather forcibly in this grim little story of exposure and rebuke.

One November an old merchant, on sending his nephew to study law in Paris, presented him with an old copy of the Code, with the remark:

'I will come to see you in March, and if you have been diligent I will make you a handsome present.'

At the time appointed the old gentleman was on hand.

'Well, my boy,' said he, 'have you worked hard?'

'O yes,' answered the young man confidently.

'In that case you have already got your reward.'

'I don't know what you mean, uncle.'

'Hand me the Code, my boy.' He opens the volume, and between the first two leaves finds a five hundred franc note, which he had intended for his nephew, but which he forthwith put into his own pocket.

Church Collections.

A congregation, which has about 400 communicants, had taken up a collection, to count. The editor of the *Christian Gleaner* thought he would like to see just how the collection was made up, and asked the privilege of counting and classifying it. The following table shows the result:

Number of pieces.	Value of each.	Total.
145	1 cent.	\$1.45
5	2 cents.	10
25	5 "	125
2	10 "	20
3	25 "	75
190		\$4.45

This was about 1 cent to each person present, and 2 cents average for each giver. More than half gave nothing.

Photographs

The detective camera is a new photographic feat. It enables photographs to be taken in the street, or anywhere else, without the person or persons photographed being aware of the fact, and is calculated to insure a lively interest among that class of collectors who object to having their portraits taken. Especially it is made to look like a book or small box. Several excellent street scenes have been secured by this device.