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POETRY.
A MOTHER'S DIARY

Morning! Day on the floor,
Making for the tender:
Sunlight seems to make it unsober,
Baby on a tender!
All the spoils of the garden,
Little feet in the sun,
Hatched strings all string across,
Ought to make one smile.
Apron clean, apron smooth, eyes blue
Little feet in the sun,
For a rather thick don't you—
Baby is a widdle!

OUR STORY.
Charming Flora Burton.

Mr. Gordon gave me such a cool reception when I laid before him the state of my feelings towards his daughter, Edie, that I suspended my visit to her. Not that I intended to give her up by any means; for a few years hard work and close application, I firmly believed, would place me on a footing to meet even old Silas Gordon's worldly-minded scruples.

The journey, till I had nearly reached home again, was without incident worthy of record.
The executor, after taking my receipt, had promptly handed me twenty crisp thousand-dollar notes, which I carefully stowed in the pocket secured by Mrs. Davis's button.

The following dialogue is reported to have taken place between a gamekeeper and a patient looking through the iron gate of a lunatic asylum:
Patient: "That's a fine horse; what's it worth?"
Keeper: "A hundred pounds."
Patient: "And what did that gate cost?"
Keeper: "Five pounds."
Patient: "And those dogs?"
Keeper: "Ten pounds, I believe."
Patient: "What have you got in that gamebag?"
Keeper: "A woodcock."
Patient: "Well, ever, you had better be wary, for if our governor catches a man who has got a hundred and fifty pounds to get a woodcock worth half a crown he'll have him under lock and key in no time, I'll say."

A Village Gossip.

I write this from a country village containing about 1,000 inhabitants. It is a lovely little town, nestled on a side hill to break off the raw winds of winter and the hurricanous of summer.

"I should esteem it a pleasure, not a trouble," I replied.
Excusing herself, she returned after a brief absence with a sealed packet in her hand.
"Here are some papers I wish delivered to my guardians," she said; "you'll find my address on the envelope."
Promising to see them safely in his hands, I took a cordial leave, receiving a pressing invitation to call on my return.

A-Trial of Wits.
Lawyers and doctors, when they encounter each other in a court of justice, usually engage in a verbal game of "tit, tat, toe."

A Judge of Scorpions.
A collegian in the country had advantage to officiate for him one day, and meeting his headmaster he said to him: "Well, Doctor, how did you like that scorpion preaching?" "I like the scorpion that jumps the judgment and confound the senses." "Oh, sir, I have one and that could come up to yourself at that!"

About Women.

Whittier: If woman lost in Eden, such as she alone restores it.
Lamartine: There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.
N. P. Willis: The sweetest thing in life is the unclouded welcome of a wife.
Rochester: No man can either live pleasantly or disrightously without a wife.
Lacordaire: But one thing on earth is better than the wife—that is the mother.
Methuella: Woman is the Sunday of man; on his repose only, but his joy, the salt of his life.

For slow, strong patience in being or loving, give me a slight woman with fair hair and innocent looking blue eyes.—From the French.
Never be critical on the ladies, the only way a gentleman should look at the faults of a pretty woman is with his eyes shut.—Aesop.
No man ever lived a right life who had not been chastened by a woman's love, strengthened by her courage, and guided by her direction.—Ruskin.

How He Won His Law suit.
A Dublin man met a friend from the country in the street.
"How do you get on?" exclaimed the former, "when I last heard of you, you had a lawsuit on hand with Tom Smith about a fine horse. How did that end?"

A Saint at the Zoo.
Capt. Harry Perry, Alderman and Superintendent of the Zoological Garden, lately communicated the following facts to a reporter of one of Toronto's most influential papers: "Some time ago we purchased from the collection of animals at Central Park, New York, a monstrous Russian bear, which we have named 'Peter the Great,' on account of his tremendous size. Not long after 'Peter' we found that he was suffering from the Rheumatism, and in a pretty bad state. Peter was not the only one in the 'Zoo' which had a brood of that delicious creature, the lion looking had it, and in fact I was just being cured of a bad case of rheumatism, by the use of St. Joseph's Oil, the Great German Remedy. I found St. Joseph's Oil was especially timely, for it cured me in a short while, and my case was a very aggravated one. I repeat that if it found me, it must be good for animals as well."

ALL THE WORLD.
All the world is full of children,
Laughing over little joys,
Singing over little troubles,
Fingers twisted and broken toys;
Wishing to be older, larger,
Weeping at some fancied woe;
O, the happy, hapless children!
Still they come, and still they go.
All the world is full of lovers,
Walking slowly, whispering sweet;
Dressing dreams and building castles,
That must crumble at their feet;
Breathing vows and burning letters,
Scuttling lost the world should know;
O, the foolish, trusting lovers!
Still they come and still they go.
All the world is full of people,
Hurrying, rushing, pushing by,
Bearing burdens, carrying crosses,
Passing onward with a sigh;
Some there are with smiling faces,
Fret with heavy hearts below;
O, the sad-eyed, burdened people!
Still they come and still they go.

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