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POETRY, A TRADE POEM.

There is an advertisement that in letters tell and big and round the prices of my wares I found—

OUR STORY, HANNAH'S OFFER.

"Joshua," said old Mrs. Conner, "if you are not too busy I'd like you to step over to the Barkers' and take a message for me."

"Hannah Barker is a capable, saving girl," she said to her milk-maid, as she rubbed it.

"And just as these words passed her lips Joshua entered the Barkers' gate.

"Mother is well," said Joshua, taking a seat on the lower step, "and she sent me over to make an offer to Hannah."

bread and sponge-cake for two or three months, and Samuel can milk the cows."

"Oh, it hasn't been mentioned before," said Joshua, "Hannah didn't know. Can I say it's settled?"

Then Mrs. Barker arose and went into the house without further ceremony, and Joshua, who had come to a sudden comprehension of her mistake, stood staring after her, quite dazed and giddy.

"Well, Hetty Barker has put on the cap she's worn," said Mrs. Conner. "But Joshua, I wish you didn't feel so about it."

"I do like her," said Joshua, sheepishly. "She's a splendid girl. I've often thought that if I was a man that had need to marry, I'd choose her."

"Then it's all right," said Mrs. Conner. "Why, mother," cried Joshua, bashfully, "I wonder at you. Think of me having the impudence to go over and offer myself without a bit of coaxing! I wouldn't have thought of me for any money."

"Anyhow, you'd better go over and have the talk with Hannah," said Mrs. Conner. "She's got good sense, if her mother hasn't."

"I'm not joking now, anyhow," said Joshua. "Hannah Barker, I haven't quite as much brass and impudence as you thought I had, but I have enough to get on with, now, Joshua. I always have loved you, but I never could see that you liked me. Will you try to marry me? Don't say no, Hannah, or I shall think it is out of revenge for my mistake."

It was twelve o'clock when he got home, but his mother was sitting up for him. She looked at him inquiringly as he began to wind the clock furiously.

"Mother, I guess you'll have to put up with Sarah Smiley for a month. It will take Hannah as long as that to get ready, she says. I suppose she'll want to make a silk dress and some other things."

The process of whitening sugar was discovered in a curious way. A hen that had gone through a clay puddle went with her muddy feet into a sugar house.

I once heard a boy going down a street singing at the top of his lungs, "Dare to be right, dare to be true!"

We are glad to know that public sentiment is demanding of teachers an example in favor of temperance.

Little Things, The unnecessary influences of home, those which come from little things, little speeches, little deeds, and little offices, that best portion of a good man's life.

Exhausting Circumstances, Prodigal son (who has gone to the bad), "Ah, it's all very well for you to talk father. It's precious easy to keep straight on nothing a year, and you were thrown penniless on the world at fourteen!"

When you meet me, lift your hat, There is courtesy in that. And the fair expression, too, Of respect that is my due.

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Wise Words, If you boast of a contempt for the world, avoid getting into debt.

Mr. Diffident's Speech, "Ladies and gentlemen—I beg pardon, (laughter). Mr. Chairman, ladies—ladies and gentlemen. (Cheers). In returning—"

For The Family Scrap-Book, Never let the tea boil. For rough hands, use lemon juice.

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