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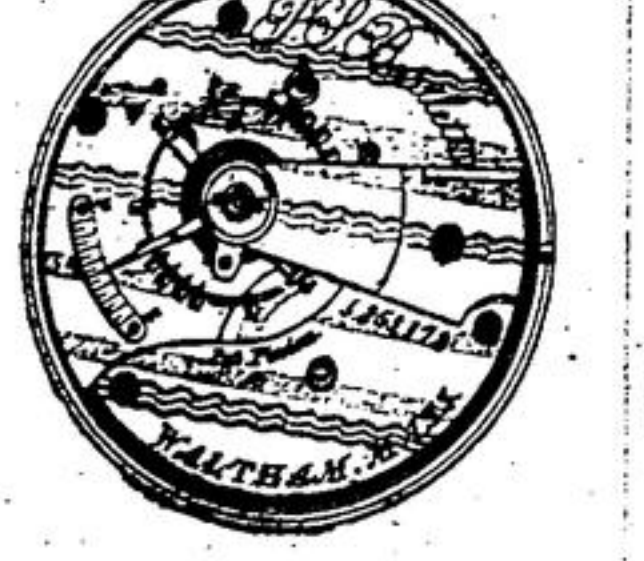
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POETRY

BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE.

Wanted—A wife who can handle a broom. To brush down the cobwebs and sweep up the room; To make decent bread that a fellow can eat— Not the horrible compound you ever where meet.

ONE MIDSUMMER NIGHT.

Grandmamma was in bed, with her night-cap tied under her chin; and the wax-light burnt still, that I might undress by it.

SPARKLETS.

The cooled fire throws out the most heat. It is doubtless owing to our being made of clay that we are so easily broke.

ROMAN LIQUOR LAWS.

The Romans under the republic were prohibitionists after a fashion. Man of honorable family were forbidden by law to drink wine before the age of 50, or to drink to excess; or slave for women of any condition, free or slave, to touch wine except on some solemn occasion, as a sacrifice, was an offence visited by severe penalties.

Wise Words.

By the errors of others, the wise man corrects his own. Value the friendship of him who stands by you in time of storm. Knave will thrive where honest plainness knows not how to live.

To Keep Very Shaded Places.

Especially in the front yards of dwellings, both in town and country, which are much shaded, we often see the ground completely bare, not a living thing being perceptible.

Humorous.

Official reports state that the British census embraces 17,000,000 women. Who wouldn't be a census. Slang is always objectionable. Instead of saying "a dead give away" you should say "a posthumous donation."

Things We Have Seen Before.

The quiet little village of Smithville has just been startled by— The bay was fairly dotted with craft of every description, from the—to—the. The sad event has cast a gloom over the whole community.

The Object of Living.

It is said by a well-known Illinois educator that "The average western farmer toils hard, early and late, often depriving himself of the needed rest and sleep—for what? To raise corn. For what? To feed hogs. For what? To get money with which to buy more land. For what? To raise more hogs. For what? To buy more land. And what does he want with more land? Why he wishes to raise more corn—to feed more hogs—to buy more land—and in this circle he moves until the Almighty stops his hoggish proceedings."

A Terrible Prophecy.

The recent mysterious appearances following sunset and preceding sunrise have attracted wide attention from students of the skies and the people generally. During the days of recent weeks the sun seems to have been obscured by a thin veil of a dull leaden hue, which, as the sun proceeded toward the horizon, became more luminous, then yellow, then orange, then red; and, as night settled down upon the earth, a dull purple. At first it was thought these appearances were ordinary sunset reflections of light but it is now pretty certain that they are either the misty substance of the tail of some unseen comet, in which the earth is enveloped, or a smouldering stratum of world dust or very small meteor.

Prophetic.

Whatever the mystery is, there is no denying that some very strange forces are at work in the upper air. The terrible tornadoes and cyclones which have swept our country, and the fearful volcanoes and earthquakes which have desolated so many cities and thousands of people—the tidal waves which mysteriously rise and fall on coasts hitherto unvisited by them—the tremendous activity which is evident in the sun by the constant revelation of enormous spots upon its surface—all indicate unusual energy in the heavenly bodies.

Prophetic.

These circumstances recall Professor Grimmer's prophecies that from 1881 to 1887, the passage of the five great planets—Mars, Neptune, Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn—around the sun, would produce strange and wonderful phenomena. He says: "The waters of the earth will become more or less poisonous. The air will be foul with noxious odors. Ancient races will disappear from the earth." He attempts to prove his prophecy by the fact that in 1730, when Mars and Saturn made their passage around the sun coincidentally, a great destruction and mortality visited all parts of the globe. He also found the same results in previous perihelion passages of the planets, and argues that these circumstances always produce epidemics and destructive diseases which will afflict the skill of the most eminent physicians; that the poor will die by thousands, the weak and intemperate falling first, those whose blood has been impoverished by excess of work or dissipation next, and only those who are in comparative vigor shall escape to enjoy the era of renewed activity and prosperity which will follow the period of destruction.

Prophetic.

Inasmuch as the entire world seems subject to the sway of the heavenly bodies, no part of the earth, he thinks, can escape scourging. He even predicts that America will lose over ten millions of people; that farmers will be stricken with fear and cease to till the soil; that famine will make human misery more wretched; that hundreds will fall to over-crowded cities for aid in vain; that sudden changes in ocean currents, temperature and the face of nature will entirely transform the face of nature and climate of countries; that the air will be so foul with malaria and other noxious gases; that those who survive will be troubled with disorders of the digestive organs. That many who escape, other ill will blot with drooping and suddenly pass away, while others will grow thin and drag out a miserable existence in indescribable agony for weeks. Neuralgia pains in different parts of the body will torment them. They will easily tire and become despondent. A faint, hot feeling will be succeeded by chilly sensations while hallucinations and dread of impending ill will paralyze all effort. "The birds in the air, the beasts in the field and even the fish of the sea will become diseased, poisoning the air and poisoning the waters of the globe. We are told on the other hand that those who shall pass through this period of trial will have large enjoyment of life and health. The earth will yield more abundantly than ever before. The animal kingdom will be more prolific and life prolonged very materially. This prolongation of life will be owing to the healthy electric and magnetic influences that will pervade the atmosphere. It would perhaps seem that the present redness of the sun, and the presence of a belt or veil of cosmic matter, justified, in a measure, the prediction of Professor Grimmer, but disturbing as his prediction may be we are told for our comfort that the strong and pure blooded need have little to fear in these calamities, that those who are delicate or indiosposed should adopt means to keep the system well supported and the blood pure and that the most philosophical and effective method of accomplishing this is to keep the kidneys and liver in good condition. From the testimonials of such men as Dr. Dio Lewis and Professor R. A. Gunn, M.D., Dean of the United States Medical College, New York, and thousands of influential non-professional people, it seems almost certain that for this purpose there is no preparation known to science equal to Warner's Safe Cure. This medicine has acquired the finest reputation of any preparation that was ever put upon the market. It is a radical blood purifier, which soothes and heals all inflamed organs, strengthens the nervous system, washes out all evidences of decay, regulates digestion, prevents malassimilation of food in a philosophical and rational manner, and the system against climatic changes and malarial influences that the destructive agencies which seem to be so abundant in these "evil days."

Prophetic.

It is not our purpose to dispute the correctness of Professor Grimmer's prophecies. As we have said, the marked disturbances of the past few years would seem to give a semblance of verification of his theory. It is certain, as above stated, that we are passing through what may be regarded as a crucial period, and it is the part of wise men not to ignore, but to learn to fortify themselves against the possibility of being