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POETRY. WORK AND YOU WON'T GO WRONG. For many and many a weary year John Benson struggled along.

You see he was only a commonplace man. And he worked in a commonplace way. But little by little his trade increased, and his fortune slowly grew.

There sounded a heavy sigh. Both women turned round to see the old, gaunt man in the doorway, his tears streaming down his cheeks as he held forth his trembling hands as if in benediction.

How slowly he walked! Poor old man! Joe Pollard, ex-President of the Statesman's bank of—opolis. His coat was faded his boots were seamed and gray, his hat greasy and quaint-patterned.

The second carriage brought a stylish young gentleman, with whom her friends had often coupled her name. He came with an offer of marriage, but Joddy gave him the same soft but determined answer, "I couldn't leave father," and he, too, went away, disconsolate.

The father found a place as an assistant bookkeeper, but he had formed the habit of drinking at his own table. Little by little he sank at last into what seemed an utterly hopeless state, lost his business, his pride, and almost his wife.

"My dear," wrote Aunt Pru, when she heard of this misfortune, "put your father away. There are plenty of places, and come and live with me. Enough for one is enough for two."

"Father, you are only fifty-eight years old," was the answer. "Many a man has begun life anew at your age."

"Ah! if I only could!" he would make reply, and drink again to drown his misery.

Joddy had carried much of her fine wardrobe with her into the poverty of her surroundings. Of course, she made over and found down the material, but "the look of the lady," as one of the coarser neighbors said, was upon her, and couldn't be mistook.

Everybody pitied her when old Joe came reeling home; but few knew how patiently she put up with his infirmity, how she soothed and coaxed him, with what tenderness she anticipated his wants, and even when it would seem that he was scarcely entitled to her respect, honored him.

inches. What does he care? One person is as good as another to one who has lost all his finer sensibilities, as he has.

"Oh, no; at times father is his old self—even—even at the worst," she faltered, "he don't forget that he is a gentleman. He never was unkind to me."

"Fiddlesticks! Your ideas of duty are exaggerated. Come, now—don't disappoint me—take a little rest. I have come all the way from L—on purpose to carry you back, and the last words your cousin Kiddy said, as I left her, were:—"

"Mother, don't fail to bring Joddy back. I want to see her."

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"Go, Joddy, go, angel—don't stay for me—I'm not worth your care," he said, pitifully.

But Joddy thought otherwise. Long after the splendid carriage had gone, she sat there holding the grey head against her shoulder, soothing and petting him, and lending a willing ear to his promise of amendment.

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The third carriage contained one who had always been a friend, also a young gentleman, who had lately returned from a foreign tour.

He asked no questions and expressed no surprise, though the change he saw affected him painfully. But, like a true friend, he resolved to aid both the father and daughter.

Poor Fellow. Mrs. D.—"Isn't this awful!" Mr. D.—"What, dear?" Mrs. D.—"The paper says that in Brooklyn Mr. Benjamin R. Hubbell tried to kill his brother-in-law, David Kemlo, by shooting a pistol at him. I can't understand why families should—"

Mrs. D.—"Did he succeed?" Mrs. D.—"No, Kemlo's life was saved by a button, which turned the bullet."

He Wasn't Paid for That. In a small town a short distance north of Newcastle certain circulars were handed to the ordinary distributor for delivery.

Mr. Thomas Holloway, pill and ointment manufacturer, who died in London, Eng. recently, at the ripe age of 84, was worth £5,000,000, which is to be applied to charitable work.

A Bad Shingle. A gentleman from the country stopped at a barber-shop to ask for directions concerning the locality of a place where he wished to go, when one of the barbers said: "Boss, yer's got mighty long hair. Better let me take some ob it offen yer."

Mother. Honor the dear old mother. Time has scattered the snow flakes on her brow, pillowed deep furrows on her cheeks, but is she not sweet and beautiful now?

What an egg will do. For burns and scalds nothing is more soothing than the white of an egg, which may be poured over the wound.

A Profitable Partnership. Jones—"I am shocked. Mr. Smith, to find that you keep your cigar store open on Sunday."

Smith—"You make a mistake, sir. I am a strict church member, and never go near the store on Sunday."

Do. The Antithesis of "Don't," Addressed to Young Ladies. Do attach as much importance to your mind as to your body.

Do observe; the faculty of observation, well cultivated, makes practical men and women.

Do, at least once in a while, reflect; do things, if worth consideration at all, look different upon reflection.

Do avoid causes of irritation in your family circle; do reflect that home is the place to be agreeable.

Do, if you hear a scandalous story, even from your bosom friend, forget it; try to remember only what is to the credit of others.

Do, if a man says he loves you, try to find out what he means by it; a good many men love themselves when they imagine they are loving you.

Do cultivate the habit of listening to others; it will make you an invaluable member of society, to say nothing of the advantage it will be to you when married; every man likes to talk about himself; a good listener makes a delightful wife.

All She Cared to Live For. A lady, who had recently lost her husband, and her friend were eating dinner together at the residence of the latter.

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