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POETRY

MARRIED FOR LOVE.

Yes, Jack Brown was a splendid fellow, But married for love, you know; I remember the girl very well-Sweet little Kitty Duffau. Pretty, and loving, and good, And bright as a fairy elf;

was very much tempted, indeed, To marry Kitty myself. "But her friends were all of them poor. and Kitty had not a cent;

And I knew I should never be With 'love in a cottage' content. Bo Jack was the lucky wooer. Or unlucky -apyway. You can see how shabby his coal And his hair is turning gray. "But I'm old, he thinks himself rich

With Kitty and homely joys; A cot far away out of town Full of noisy girls and boys. Poor Jack ! I'm sorry and all that, But of course he very well knew That fellows who marry for love Must drink of the liquor they brew."

and the handsome Augustus miled. His coat was in perfect style. And women still spake of his grace. And gave him their sweetest smile. But he thought that night of Jack Brown. And said "I am growing old; think I must really marry

Some beautiful girl with gold." Years passed, and the bachelor grew Tiresome, and stupid, and old; He had not been able to find The beautiful girl with gold Alone with his fancies he dwelt.

Alone in the crowded town.

Till one day he suddenly met

Scented with lilles and roses.

The friend of his youth, Jack Brown. Why, Gus:" "Why, Jack," what a meeting! Jack was so happy and gay; The bacheing sighed for content As he followed his friend away To the cot far out of town. Set deep in its orchard trees,

Cooled with the ocean breeze. Why Jack, what a beautiful place What did it cost?" Oh, it grew. There were only three rooms at first. Then soon the three were too few. So we added a room now and then; And oft, in the evening hours, Kitty, the children and I

Planted the trees and flowers. And they grew as the children grew, (Jack, Harry, and Grace and Belle)." And where are the youngsters now?" "All happy, and doing well. Jack went to his own new house-His road is level and clearand Harry's a lawyer in town.

Making three thousand a year. And Grace and Belle are well married-They married for love, as, is best : But often our birdies come back To visit the dear home nest. So my sweet wife Kitty and I From labor and care may cease; We have enough, and all can bring

Nothing but leve and peace!" But over and over again The bachelor thought that night. Home, and wife, and children! Jack Brown was, after all, right. Oh! if in the days of my youth I had honestly loved and wed! For now when I'm old there's no one cares

Whether I'm living or dead."

OUR STORY.

THE WISH-RING.

A young farther who was very unlucky sat on his plow; a moment to rest, and just then an old woman crept past and cried Why do you go on drudging day and night without reward? Walk two days till you come to a fir tree that stands all alone in the forest and over-tops all other trees. If you can hew it down you will make your Not waiting to have the advice repeated

the farmer shouldered his axe and started on his journey. Sure enough, after tramping two days, he came to the fir tree, which he instantly prepared to cut down. Just as the tree swayed, and before it fell with a crash, there dropped out of its branches a nest containing two eggs. The eggs rolled to the ground and broke, and there darted out of one a young eagle and out of the other rolled a gold ring. The eagle grew larger, as if to try their strength, then, soaring upward, it cried: "You have res cued me; take as a reward the ring that lay in the other egg; it is a wish-ring. Turn it on your finger twice, and whatever your wish is it shall be fulfilled. But re member there is but a single wish in the ring. No sooner is that granted than it loses its power, and is only an ordinary ring. Therefore, consider well what you desire, so that you may never have reason to repent your choice." So speaking, the eagle soared high in the air, circled over the farmer's head a few times, then darted;

Hands, Sore Lips, Frost Bites, &c. Pre- like an arrow, toward the east. The farmer took the ring, placed it on his finger, and turned on his way home ward. Toward evening he reached a town where a jeweller sat in his shop behind counter on which lay many costly rings for sale. The farmer showed his own, and asked the merchant its value.~

Upon that the farmer langhed heartily,

and told the man that it was a wish-ring, ring, which had been supposed to be a and of greater value than all the rings in wish-ring, and was not; but it brought as much good fortune into the posts as beart The jeweller was a wicked, designing could desire.

man, so he invited the farmer to remain as his guest over night. "For," he explained, "only to shelter a man who owns a wish-ring must bring luck."

So he treated his guest to wine and words; and that night, as the farmer lay sound asleep, the wicked man stole the magic ring from his finger and slippen on, in its place, a common one which he had made to resemble the wish-ring.

The next morning the jeweller was all mpatience to have the farmer begone. He awakened him at cock-crow and said: You had better go, for you still have a long journey before you."

As soon as the farmer had departed jeweller closed his shop, put up the shutters so that no one could peep in, bolted the door behind him, and, standing in middle of the room, he turned the ring and cried: "I wish instantly to possess a milion gold pieces!"

No sooner said than the great shining a fine point, but man cannot." gold pieces came pouring down upon him in a golden torrent over his head, shoulders and arms. Pitifully he cried for mercy. and tried to reach and unbar the door but before he succeeded he stumbled and fell bleeding to the ground. As for the golden rain it never stopped till the weight of the metal crushed the floor, and the jeweller and his money sank through to the cellar. The gold still poured down till the million was complete, and the jeweller lay dead in the cellar beneath his treasure.

The noise, however, alarmed the neighbors, who came rushing over to see what was the matter; when they saw the man dead under his gold, they exclaimed: Doubly unfortunate he whom blessings kill." Afterward the heirs came and divided the property.

In the meantime the farmer reached home in high spirits and showed the ring to his wife.

The farmer's wife, of course, proffered "Suppose," said she, "that we wish for that bit of land that lies between our two

"That isn't worth while," her husband replied. " If we work hard for a year we'll earn enough money to buy it."

So the two worked very hard, and at harvest time they had never raised such a crop before. They had earned money enough to buy the coveted strip of land and still have a bit to spare.

"See," said the man, "we have the land and the wish as well." The farmer's wife then suggested that they had better wish for a cow and a horse. But the man replied: "Wife, why waste our wish on such trifles? The horse and

cow we'll get anyway." Sure enough, in a year's time the money for the horse and cow had been earned. Joyfully the man rubbed his hands. "The wish is saved again this year, and yet we graphs can be printed on linen and like have what we desire. How lucky we textures was made manifest some time ago,

to wish for something at last. "Now that | whereat napkius were used on which was you have a wish to be granted," she said. photographed a portrait of the eminent "you slave and toil, and are content with actor. This application of the art might in stocks." everything. You might be king, emperor, | lead to the production of some beautiful barou, even a gentleman farmer, with designs from nature for dress goods and chests overflowing with gold; but you other articles, especially if a process should don't know what you want. colors by means of photography.

"We are young and life is long," he answered. "There is only one wish in the ring, and that is easily said. Who knows but sometime we may sorely need this wish? Are we in want of anything? Have we not prospered, to all people's astonishment, since we possessed this ring & Be reasonable and patient for awhile. In the meantime, consider what we really ought to wish for."

And that was the end of the matter. It really seemed as if the ring had rought a blessing into the house. Granaries and barns were full to overflowing, and in the course of a few years the poor farmer became a rich and portly person, who worked with his men afield during the day, as if he, too, had to earn his daily read; but after supper he liked to sit his porch, contented and comfortable, and ethrn the kindly greeting of the folk who passed and who wished him a respectful

good-evening. So the years went by. Sometimes, when they were alone, the farmer's wife would remind her husband of the magic ring, and suggest many plans. But as he always answered that they had plenty of time, and that the best thoughts come last, she more and more rarely mentioned the ring, and at last the good woman ceased speaking of it altogether.

To be sure, the farmer looked at the ring, and twirled it about as many as twenty times a day; but he was very careful never

grown old and white-haired, and their wish peacefully and happily,

Weeping children and grandchildren surrounded the two coffins; and as one wished to remove the ring from the still hand as a remembrance the siftest son-waid: Let our father take he ring into the it; perhaps it was stand does remembrance. "It isn't worth a straw," the jeweller ring she may have given it to him when

So the old farmer was beried with the

man's life-brain, blood and breath. Press the brain a little, its life goes out, followed by both the others. Stop the heart a minute, and out go all three of the wicks Choke the air out of the lungs, and presently the fluid ceases to supply the other centres of flame, and all is soon stagua tion, cold; and darkness.

The Wonderful works of

At a microscopic exhibition in Boston lately the sting of a honey bee was thrown upon the screen, the point of which was so sharp as to be hardly distinguishable. At the same time the finest of fine needles was shown under the same power of the microscope, and the needle measured five inches across, Said the exhibitor. "God can make

A Double Compliment.

The minister was aware that he was not ery popular, and he answered :

"Oh, sir," she replied, "when you preach always get a good seat?"

Eudora-" What in the world do these letters mean on Mrs. Tomkin's invita-

Eudora-"Certainly not. I know what R.S.V.P. mean. They stand for 'Reponde.

letters are Al.Y.P. What under the sun do they stand for ?" Mamma-"I am sure I don't know.

Eudora-" Perhaps A.I.Y.P. mean 'answer if you please.' ' Mamma-" Impossible. Mrs. Tomkins

language as English on her invitations."

A Detroit photographer, who has been experimenting in the direction of printing photographs on linen, thinks that there will be quite a rage for photographs on curtains, tidies and handkerchiefs when once the fashion, now possible, sets in The work can be washed and boiled and will not come out. The fact that photoand accounts were published of a dinner But now his wife seriously adjured him given in honor of Henry Irving in London,

Fear as an Ally of Disease.

While the plague was raging in Buenos Ayres the grave diggers bore charmed lives. Of the 800, men so employed not one died of the disease. It has often been noticed that during the prevalence of pestilential diseases, physicians, undertakers, nurses and grave diggers, whose business compelled constant liability to infection, have usually escaped in far greater ratio than their numbers would warrant. The charm of this immunity from the prevailing scoors is very simple. They are not scared. They are positive to the disease, and repel its attacks. Fear is a great ally of death. Whoever is afraid of disease is in a negative position, and really invites its approach. And thus it is the world over The brave died but once, while crowds die many times. Much unnecessary alarm exists in every community in regard to many diseases.

Why He Never Saved Money.

"I see," said Senator Frye, "that Washington paper, in a very compliment ary notice, sets me down as a poor man, not worth over \$25,000. That's too much !' said Mr. Frye. "But the fellow who wrote that dees not know the reason I am s poor. It came about in this wise. I was brought up in a quaker family, and when, in my boyhood; I got a chance to go up to After thirty or forty years had passed | Boston, my Quaker grandfather gave me away, and the farmer and his wife had \$5 to spend. I did not know any boys in Boston; and I could think of no way to was still masked, then was God very good have \$5 worth of fun without boys. So.I to them, and on the same night they died | kept the money in my pocket. When I got home my grandfather asked me how spent the \$5, and I, with the air of one who had done a virtuous action, said, did not spend it at all, grandfather; saved it and have it in my pocket.' Whereupon my grandfather said, 'you may give grave. There was always a mystery about | me back the money, William. I gave you that money to spend at Boston. Ever Our mother, too, so often looked at the since that," said the Benator, " I have known better than to save money.

. If you want enemies excel others. If you

March stands with one foot in the more The other hid the flowers among Where wee birds all impetions wath

MARON /9:

To hear the songs as yet unsung." March has two volces, one is harsh-And shricks and hisses d'er the sea. Or mouns upon the louely march

Where spipes and ployers used to be. It cries and groans, it mocks and moans. O'er hill and forest, field and fen. And rends Itself against the stones That form the mountain tope, but then-Its other voice is wondrous sweet And full of magic strange and strong The flow're come bounding to their feet.

And all the world breaks into song.

March has two faces, one looks forth Across a soundless see of spow, Where in the fleroe and stormy porth Prismatic loobergs gleam and glow. But oh, its other fade is fair,

I think that I can see it now .. With pansies fastered in the he'r That frames its high majestic brow. Around fits neck the grasses clin.L There robins build their nests and sing A song to welcome back the spring.

Important to Foreigners.

The following lines are commended to foreigners studying the English language A pretty deer is dear to me, A hare with downy hair, A hart I love with all my heart, But barely bear a bear. 'Tis plain that not one taken a plane To have a pair of pears, Although a rake may take a rake To tear away the tares. Sol's rays raise thyme, time razes all And through the whole hole wears. A scribe in writing right may write To Wright and still be wrong; For write and rite are never right And don't to right belong. Nor did he rob Butt's son. Yet Robert's sun is Robin's sun And everybody's sun; Beer eften brings a bier to man, Coughing a coffin brings, And too much ale will make us ail,

As well as other things. The person lies who says he lies When he is not reclining: And when consumptive folks decline, They all decline declining. Quails do not quait before a storm, A bough will bow before it; We cannot rein the rain at all, No earthly power reigns o'er it. The dyer dyes awhile, then dies-To dye he's always trying;

Until upon his dying bed He thinks no more of dyeing. A son of Mars mars many a sun, All deys must have their days And every knight should pray each night To Him who weighs his ways.

'Tis meet that man should mete out mest' To feed one fortune's sun . The fair should fare on love alone, Else one annot be won. A lass, alas! is sometimes false, Of faults a maid is made. Her waist is but a barrel waste-

Though stayed she is not staid.

The springs shoot forth each spring, and Shoot forward one and all; Though summer kills the flowers, it

The leaves to fall in fall. I would a story here commence, But you might find it stale; So we'll suppose that we have reached The tail-end of our tale.

A Church Member who was Pronounced 'Not Guilty.'

A member of a church congregation in Wisconsin was last month charged with gambling in stocks, and brought up before committee for investigation. The trial began by a deacon asking:

Brother Smith, the charge is gambling Yes, sir.' 'And you plead not guilty?

late in wheat and oats, and sell futures in 'I do sir. Didn't I give \$4,000 in cash & help to build this church?"

in oath Didn't I foot a deficiency of \$400 in the minister's salary this year?

That came from a corner in pate ! Haven't I whacked up on the orphan asyc lum, the new bridge, the park, and the fires

Red-Haired Boys Preferred

In a recent issue of a Chicago piper appeared the following unique advertiseeses

headed man -a reporter expressed his one iosity at the advertisement he thad see and asked if he might learn the particular desirability of red-haired boys tin that "Well, sir." said the man, with a swife,

are proud and respectful, and do not out up

"That has been my expension and have no doubt that if people the fact they would think as I do. 18 10

haired people should like

Whole No. 454.

The Lamp of Life.

There are three wicks to the lamp of a

Creation."

One Sunday, as a certain Scottish min ster was returning homewards, he was ac costed by an old woman, who said, "Oh, sir, well do I like the day when

"My good woman I am glad to hear it! There are too few like you. And why do you like when I preach ?"

Nothing So Vulgar.

Mamma-" They are R.S.V.P., are they s'il rous plait'-answer if you please. These

Must be something in French or Spanish or possibly Italian."

would never use such a common, vulgar

Photographing on Linen.

'No sir, I plead guilty.' ever be devised for the representation of 'Then you do buy and sell stocks, specu-

That was part of my profits on a spec-

'That came from a rise in stocks. Didn's chip in \$700 towards the parsonage?

engine? colding on till I felt my hair growing grey Gentlemen, I will step out for a moment and let you reach a verdict. He stepped but it was only thinky accounts

on the verdict of 'not guity.'

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ployer; rel-baired preferred. Inquite ab-Approaching the advertises to beld

"I have always found that red-haired boys are the smartest and most energing. They like the ordinary errand boys."

factory the majority of the girls hair, and thereby about their sections for the factor of the facto