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THUSSDAY MORNING, APRIL 10, 1884.

POETRY

AN EPISODE IN THE LIFE OF FAI MER CHITTY.

To the city Farmer Chitty, Plain, but gritty, Came one day. And he wandered, And he pondered, On his way.

Thus while gazing At amazing Sights, and praising All he saw ; He was taken-Hand was shaken

By mistaken Mr. Shaw. Who to right it, And requite it, Him invited To a smile; And the farmer To the former

Grew a warmer Friend the while. Soon elated. And inflated. Chitty waited For the deal ; When some aces Showed their faces-

Two hard cases

Made him squeal. In the city Stood the gritty Farmer Chitty Cursing all. Not a penny Of the many Had he, any

More to call. Home returning Through the burning Sand, and learning How to tramp. Spouse she took him And she shook him,

Grit forsook him. And she wouldn't believe plamed word he said in explanation.

DUR STORY.

HERBERT DEXTER'S ORDEAL

A lady entered a large dry-goods store in the city, and inquired for thibet. She was directed to the lower end of the store, where a young clerk awaited her order. He was a boy of fifteen, with a frank, handsome face that inspired instant confidence.

He at once displayed a variety of goods. One particular piece appeared to please the customer.

"Are the colors fast?" she inquired. Herbert Dexter looked at it carefully. "I am afraid not," he answered. "A lady came in a day or two since and complained that it had faded."

"Thank you." said the lady. "Then must look elsewhere, as you have nothing else with a small figure to my taste."

The proprietor of the establishment was near enough to hear this conversation. The lady had scaroely left the store when he sidvanced toward Herbert, and said harshly, "What made you tell the lady that the cloth would not wash?".

Because," said Herbert, looking up rprise, "she asked me." "Well, you simpleton, why couldn't you

tell her it did ?" "Because it wouldn't have been truth," roplied Herbert, simply. "Then you could at least have told her

that you didn't know." -

"But I did, sir." "It seems you have a tender conscience, sneered his employer. "Since that is the case, I can't afford to have you here. It won't do to pay for sending customers away; when your week is out you may

leave my employ." Herbert's heart sunk within him. To him the loss of the situation was a very serious matter. His mother was a poor widow, dependent upon her own exertions for a livelihood, and the three dollars was of great consequence to her. He had only been in his place a month, it having been procured by the influence of his Unels John, a man of property, who might have put his hand into his pocket and assisted his brother's son without feeling it. But John Dexter was not a man of that sort His money was dearer to him than his nearest friend. He seemed to feel that in obtaining a situation for his nephew in the retail store of Messrs. Smith & Co., he had placed him under a great load of obliga-

In the midst of Herbert's sorrow, he did not for an instant doubt that he had done right, nor would be have acted differently if the opportunity had been given.

Yet it was with a heavy heart that he went home to his supper and informed his mother that he had been dismissed from

"I hope you have done nothing to deserve dismissal," said his mother, much

Herbert thereupon related his story. "You did right, my son," said Mrs. Dexter, emphatically, "The situation was

"I am glad you think I did right, mo-

he inquired. "I ought to get another sityou inquired about would not wash." "Indeed!" exclaimed the lady, indig uation immediately." nantly. "If that is their way of doing Perhaps you had better call on your

Uncle John," suggested Mrs. Dexter. after. Then you are without a place?" will no doubt be able to procure you another situation." "I'll go to-night, mother," said Herbert,

very difficult. "for there is no time to be lost." Twenty minutes later Herbert rang the bell of a handsome house in a fashionable

place."

. Three dollars a week."

No sooner had his wife explained the cir-

cumstances than he promptly engaged

Herbert as an additional clerk in the count

former situation," he said, kindly, "and

Herbert's face was fairly radiant when

he reached home and told his mother of

his good fortune. Henceforward his course

Bad Writing.

The fact that collections of famous men's

autographs contain so few specimens

story is told :-

can read of it."

like my writing!'

his own letter with interest. "Well," said

he, "The man who wrote that must be a

school-committeemsn in a country dis-

been writing about that land title of mine

print! Any man that can't read that had on-

better go to school awhile. I'm ashamed

of you-actually ashamed of you! Here is

your translation!" And, having recalled

what he had written about, he read the

Horrors of the Battlefield.

The London Daily News correspondent

writes of the bettle of Teb in Egypt on

Feb. 29th: "Our line of march coincided

with the path of retreat of the 4th of Feb-

ruary. Beginning near the fort, skeletons

the line of advance for miles. On the scene

sand. I noticed most of them lay on their

faces, and showed one or more spear thrusts

in the back, head and neck. It was a

hideous picture—those grinning, half-de-

composed skeletons, in their position so

significent of abject despair, and it would

have horrified the most hardened against

How Wendell Phillips Lectured.

Among the many incidents in the life

the late Wendell Phillips that will now

come to light none will better illustrate the

earnestness with which he fought slavery

in ante-bellum days than his stereotyped

replies made to those who sought his ser

follows: "I will come and lecture on

literary subject for \$100 a night and my

pay my own expenses."

such sights."

letter aloud without any difficulty.

Thompson's land, you know."

you may always count me your friend."

street in the city. He was admitted by the servant and ushered into his uncle's presence. Mr. John Dexter was a dignified looking man, having apparently a high opinion of himself, and comparatively a low opinion of everybody else who chose to come in con-

flict with him. ceive at your former place?" "Well, Herbert, said his uncle, patronizingly, "how are you getting on at your "Not very well, uncle," answered Her- for such proved to be her name. Luckily

her husband had come home on an errand bert, rather nervously, for he stood a little in awe of his uncle. "Not very well," repeated Mr. Dexter, surveying him through his glasses wit displeasure. "How does that happen?" "Mr. Smith expects me to do what

don't think is right." "I don't understand you." Hereupon Herbert entered into the ex-

planation with which we are already familiar. At the conclusion he looked into his uncle's face, and saw that it was unfavor able.

was onward and upward. At present he is "Would you like to know my opinion head clerk in the extensive firm of Fairwhat you have done?" he demanded, tones of displeasure. after a few years, became bankrupt, and is "If you please, uncle," faltered Her-

"Then I think you have made a fool of ill-gotten gains have not prospered. What business have you to frighten away customers? I think your employer did just right. I should have done the same in his place."

"But was it right to deceive the lady asked Herbert, perplexed. "I have no disposition to enter into any

discussion on that point," said his uncle coldly. "The upshot of it all is, that you have lost your situation. How do you expect to get another?" "I thought perhaps you might interes

yourself for me, uncle," said Herbert, his eart sinking within him. "It's no use to help you," said Mr Dexter, taking up his paper and beginning to read. "You'd lose the best situation could procure for you in less than a month

ness. . Having occasion a day or two after-I can't be at the trouble of continually ward to go himself to the city, he called at finding situations for one who doesn choose to keep them." mention his business the friend said .-"Then what shall I do?" exclaimed Herbert, much troubled at his refusal. " You ought to have taken this into con-

sideration before you chose to throw away your place at Smith & Co's." "For my mother's sake, uncle, I hope you will interest yourself for me. I shall be thrown as a burden upon her, and she has

to work hard enough as it is." "Very well, I am sorry.' Whatever further privations she is subject to will proceed entirely from your perverseness." Herbert was too manly to plead further. His uncle's evident injustice made him in-

dignant. " Very well, sir," said he, rising, " if you choose to deal so harahly with me because I have done what I still consider to be right, I must bear it. I don't think God will let me starve."

Mr. Dexter turned red in the face. "Leave the house, and don't let me you here again."

Herbert, without another word, took his hat and left the house, with a heavier heart than he had on entering. "What success?" asked his mother, as he re-entered the humble room which he

"None at all, mother. I am about discouraged." "Don't be down-hearted, Herbert," said

she, tenderly. "When earthly friends forsake you, the Lord will take you up, and make your cause his own." " I will try to think so, mother," answer-

ed Herbert, "but it's hard. I must help myself now, for my uncle has refused to do anything more." He acquainted her with the particulars f his interview with his uncle.

"He has been very unjust," said Mrs Dexter. "Perhaps he will some day see this. In the meantime, don't be disheartened. I feel as if everything will turn out well if we only have patience." The remainder of the week wore away

On Saturday night Herbert received his week's wages and his dismissal. On Monday he commenced seeking for a situation. He looked over all the advertisements in the daily papers which he got chance to look over in one of the hotels, and made applications in many quarters.

But some one had always got the start of him. Everywhere he was unsuccessful. So Friday came. For four days he had been searching for a situation, and searching in vain. Should he be more successful to-day. He feared not.

lady he had served at Smith & Qo's. The recognition was a mutual one. She stopped, and said with a smile "Are you not the clerk who waited upon

'He had just made one unsuccessful sall

me at Smith's a week ago !" "Yes, madam." "Do you like your place !" "I have left it!"

How did that happen ?

VOTE AS YOU PRAY.

Because you won't vote as you pray. You're praying for drunkards and voting And how can you possibly think To make a poor drunkard man sober by

prayer
When constantly tempted to drink. Your prayers may be fervent and made in:

That drundenness can't long prevail, But faith without works in the temperance As elsewhere can little avail.

Perhaps you deplore all the crime and the That alcohol leaves in its train, But unless you will vote the same as you

Your prayer will be useless and vain For voting for license and open ;alcons,

Offsets all your prayers in effect, business I shall buy nothing of them here-A sentiment lacking the strength of the "Yes, madam. I have been trying for Balconists will never respect.

If right, why then pray it may cease? "Come home with me," said the lady This voting and praying in opposite ways, 'my husband is a commission merchant The trouble is sure to increase.

and I think he can find room for you in his What is wanted, is good honest effort, whole counting-room. If not, he shall find you a To rush the good cause right along, Herbert began to express his gratitude And sweep from our land this bold traffic

but the lady stopped him. "It is only By temperance sentiment strong. right," she said, " since I was the occasion of your losing your place that I should Then vote as you pray, 'gainst the evils of supply you with another; what did you re-

Casting old party shackles away. To speed upon the earth the millenium

Reasons for Insuring One's Life.

vide for those dependent upon him.

by any other means.

of frugality and economy. 4. Because the insurance of one's life

5. Because the man whose life is insured is relieved from harassing cares in regard to the future of those whom he leaves be-

support of a helpless widow and children. 7. Because life insurance counteracts

those whose necessities are the greatest. good penmanship suggests that greatness and legible writing are not on friendly terms. A genius usually writes a Chinese unless, by the practice of a little self-denial

during his life, he secures them a competency through life insurance. 9. Because if a man be rich, the payment of the annual premiums will fall lightly upon him; and, by insuring his life,

he provides effectually against all possible reverses of fortune. 10. Because life insurance, regarded ally a good investment, it being the direct product of the cardinal business principles

small and unimportant savings. Ah, let's see !" said the lawyer, eyeing to the beneficiaries, without the delays and

> Wait Till The End. Alexander Dumas was one day the guest of Dr. Gistal, a leading practitioner in Marseilles. After dinner, while the coffee "Certainly," replied Dumas, with a smile,

Since Dr. Gistal came to our town. To cure diseases casual and hereditary. The hospital has been pulled down-

Other People. From the lowest to the highest all of us in our way spend money, and dress and eat and drink, and generally order our lives, on a scale we should not think of adopting, if . it were not for "other people." The great bulk of our money troubles, and nearly all the cheating and lying and wickedness in the world connected with money, which has been described as the "root of all evil," may be traced to the love and desire of half covered with flesh detted either side of standing well in the estimation of "other people," of being thought richer than we of the massacre of Baker's square it was are, and of being credited with the possesstrewn literally with hundreds, numbers of sion of property or resources which do not, them in the most extraordinary attitudes. and with fleshless fingers clutching into the

> Praise for Queen-Victoria. Rev. Robert Collyer spoke in the Church. ing on the subject: "Twenty Years in the Life of a Queen." He described the life of Queen Victoria, as given in the book just published by her. The picture it presented was that of a loving wife, a good mother, delighted more in a quiet home life than the pomp and splendors of the palace and the timel of royalty. Her affection for her servants was one of her highest traits. Mr. Collyer said the oftener her life was read the better would the reader appreciate her character as a true woman.

vices as a lecturer. They ran about as Those who make it a rule to get the best of liquor, often find, before they get far, expenses; on 'slavery' for nothing and that ligner is getting the best of them. A towel folded several times and disped in hot water and quickly wrung, and First, work a second, concentration; thind, applied over the seal of the pain bear.

Others, Labrage tip grates which changes scho are people's, will grace ty

Ye temperance hypocrites weighting the cause,
Misleading and going astray,
A series of years we must labor and wait,

several days to obtain one, but I find it If you know a thing's wrong why not vote

Herbert went home with Mrs. Fairbanks, | Keep praying and vote as you play.

1. Because it is every one's duty to pro-

ing-room, at a salary of five dollars per 2. Because this can be done more easily week, with a promise of more at the end of and certainly through life insurance than "Show the same integrity and fidelity in 3. Because life insurance fosters habits my employ that you exhibited in your

> creates an immediate capital at a trifling outlay, which will be available to his family when they most need it.

banks & Co. His old employer, Smith, 6. Because life insurance is the most now living in poverty and obscurity. His potent preventive of pauperism and the surest indemnity to society against the

> the tendency towards centralization of wealth, and effects its distribution among 8. Because if a man be poor his family's entire support may be removed by his death,

scrawl, and thus demoralizes scores of men who have little talent and no genius. Horace Greeley's well-known advice to young men to "go West" has not had more followers than his illegable hand-writing has had imitators. Among them seems to

have been the gentleman of whom this A lawyer had written a letter to a friend from a business point of view, is emphaticin a neighboring city on a matter of busiof produce and economy, and securing the

his friend's office. Before he had time to formation of a valuable aggregate out of " I have a curiosity in the way of hand-11. Because the insurance of one's life writing to show you. It may be cipher, or creates a fund upon which he is not requirit may be anything else for all I can make ed to pay a tax, which needs not to be inout. The date and signature are about all sured against loss, cannot be taken for the debts of the insured, and is paid directly

expenses of administration.

"What! Don't you recognize it?" explaimed the friend. "Look at that signa-"How-why-that-that looks familiar! | was being handed round, the host request-My signature! Why, how stupid! What's ed the great novelist to enrich his album is about? I can't read it, but it does look with one of his witty improvisations. "How do I know what it's about? I and drawing out his pencil he wrote, under puzzled over it until my head ached, and the eyes of his entertainer, the following.

then laid it away, until I could get a key lines :to its translation. I guess you must have "Thompson-Thompson! Oh, yes; now | "You flatterer!" here exclaimed the doc-I have it! Of course. It's as plain as tor, mightily pleased; but the poet went

And we have made a large cemetery.

as a matter of fact, belong to us.

of the Messiah, New York, on Sunday evenand a simple and tree-hearted woman, who