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nuse which she had sometimes found em-

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POETRY BYJONES.

'Twas away on yonder hillside, In childhood hours I played, I've roamed the dear old valleys, And sat in yonder shade, Beneath the grant apple troe, Close in some little nook. And watched the gurgling waters

Of the shiuing, winding brook. I watched the glowing sunset, Each golden tin:ed cloud, And gazed with peaceful rapture As night brought forth her shroud. The stars, so bright and twinkling. Peeped forth in youder sky. The pale queen rode triumphant, While the low breeze hardly sighed

Life knew no bitter scenes, My hours were sweet and perceful, While I watched the silver streams But years must loose their lustre, The bitter with the sweet, The hill of life grow rougher, That I tread with weary feet. But, as the shadows lengthen,

Then I knew no cares or troubles,

If faithful, as I pass, I'll gain the golden summit Of heaven's mount at last, And gaze with perfect rapture, On the golden scenes of light, Where shadows come, no never, To dim the glorious sight.

> OUR STORY. The Minister's Wooing.

A NEW VERSION. "It's the Chromo Man," said Mrs. Popple ton. "Don't you let him in, my dear whatever you do.

"Is he so troublesome?" asked Mis Martha Mixon. Mrs. Poppleton had just stepped over t the Mixon cottage to borrow a setting Plymouth Rock eggs, and to return the quart of vinegar she had borrowed the day before. For among these simple and kindly neighbors, who lived miles away

The big honeysuckle had just blossom out in its curly profusion of buff and white sweetness; the cherries were reddening of the big tree, and the monthly rose by the garden-gate was hanging out, its fragrant pendants as Mrs. Poppleton stood there with her checked sun bonnet, obscuring her wrinkled old face, as it flapped to and fro

in the morning breeze. Miss Martha Mixon was younger, plump er, more blooming than her neighbor. She was as yet in the forties. They might call her an old maid, but she was not yet out ride the limit of a possible wedding ring And Martha Mixon felt certain that st never was intended to lead a single life.

"Troublesome?' shrilly echoed Mrs Poppleton. "Troublesome is no word for it. Once admit him, my dear, and you never be able to get him out of the house And such a talker ! Oh, I know all about it, for he sat three-quarters of an hour my front door step, trying to make me by a picture of some young woman with he head tied up in a towel-Beatridgy Gingy or some outlandish name; but I wouldn't I just went on with my baking, as obstinate as you please; and when he saw Poppleton and the hired man coming home, across lots, to their dinner, he cleared out." "My !" said Miss Mixon. "What is

"Well, he's short and stout," said M Poppleton, "with a bad head, and a shabby brown suit, and a tongue as long as your

"I'm very glad you told me about his said Miss Martha. "Forewarned is fore armed, and I shall be careful to keep him

So when Mrs. Poppleton had departed with her setting of eggs and the bunch of white clove-pinks which Miss Mixon had given her, that middle-aged maiden sat down to sew on the new alpaca gown which she intended to wear to the parsonage party the next day, to meet Mr. Todgilt, the missionary from Japau. For the parson's wife had invited a select few to hear the remin iscences of the returned traveller, and to drink Southong, and eat mullins and chick

en salad with him, and Miss Mixon was one of the happy minority. " I've always felt so curious about the Eastern countries," said Miss Martha "And they tell me that Mr. Todgilt is an unmarried man, and wants a wife to go back to Japan with him next year."

And as she sewed, she wondered vaguely how she should like the Japanese climate. " A-hem-m-m /" Loud and sonorous, this clearing of the throat broke in upon Miss Martha Mixon's reverie. She jumped to her feet with a little scream, and saw a man's figure at the

He was short and stout

"The Chromo Man !" said Miss Mixon to And he had-yes, he certainly had a bald Jews. Moses had laid it down as a divine head. Miss Mixon could see that as he command that after every 49 years the swer, let us lift up the heart in prayer. took off his hat; and he wore a brown suit land was not to be sown or reaped; debts that was most assuredly past its days of which could not be paid owing to poverty newness, and under his arm he carried a were to be cancelled, slaves were to be set | watch over ourselves. flat leather case or valise, which looked as free, and the land was to be restored to its if it might be intended for the conveyance original owners. The fiftieth year was to and drop a word of kindness. of chromos, and for no other purpose. "The Chromo Man," repeated Miss throughout the land to the inhabitants. Mixon, and she advanced to the combat The name jubilee arose from the fact that

Upright Piano, with all the latest improve- dou't want anything." " Madam," said the stranger, " Istamping her foot. "No, I say. Why the name remained, and is commonly emdon't you go away?"

" I beg your pardon, madam, but-" Miss Mixon bethought herself here of a terest.

"Here, Bose ! Bose !" she called, whistling to an imaginary dog. "If you do not leave the house at once, I will set my dog | they did cast in of their abundance, but

And then, fanoying that she still discerned, in the intruder's dilatory air, an intention of remaining to dispute the point, she caught up a broom that fortunately hung was a place in the temple called the treain the corner, and made towards the front door in such a resolute manner that the Chromo Man fairly turned and fled. "There ! said Miss Mixon, aloud, as she

watched him hurry through the gardengate, without even stopping to latch it behind him. "I only wish Mrs. Populaton could have been here, to see how promptly its treasury, and every one should cast I disposed of him! But it was very care. into it. The obligation as weighty. Withless of me to leave the front door unbolted. Sout this, the affairs of the Church cannot the man; I'll fasten it now, before I go fore, as ye abound in every, thing, in faith,

needle, singing the Marseillaise softly to abound in this grace also '-- that is, the herself as a harmless effusion of her grace of giving. We are not only to give triumph.

Bruce's, who lived in the next farm house, in love to the brethren, somehow, long behalf a mile away, toget her to make button. fore they learn to give much. There are holes on the new dress. " Did the Chromo Man come here?" said

"To-day?" asked Mrs. Bruce, with her mouth full of pins. " Yes." " No. 1 haven't seen any Chromo Man." "I guess I frightened him out of th neighborhood," chuckled Miss Murtha . He was beginning his importunities, when

went at him with the broom, and chased im out of the house." Mrs. Bruce laughed heartily at the idea of her sparrow-like little neighbor frighten. ing any one by such manifestations as she

"But I tell you who I have seen," said she. "Mr. Todgilt stopped here to inquire the way to the parsonage."

"Dear me, did he?' said Miss Mixon. with great interest. "And I gave him a glass of my gooseberry wine and a slice of cake," added Mrs.

"Entertaining angels unaware," sighed

Miss Mixon. "Oh, how I wish it had been me! Do tell me how he looks. Is "No; not quite what you would call tall man," said Mrs. Bruce; " and I think he is elderly; and he doesn't dress much.

But he is a dear, godly man, with a fine flow of language." morrow," said Mise Mixon, complacently. "How I envy you!" said Mrs. Bruce, this amount from one able to give mor

who was not one of the invited guests.

Miss Mixon, dressed in all her best, including the alpaca gown and sundry bows lege. Nothing but base ingratitude cap of blue ribbon, which were not unbecoming to her blonde comeliness, went to the parsonage the next day. Mrs. Hall, the parson's wife, came running to meet her. afraid you wasn't coming. He's here

parlor. Mr. Todgilt let me present you

Samuel Todgilt, from Japan." Mr. Todgilt's bow checked itself half-way in a stare of amazement. "As-tou-ish-ing!" said he

Miss Mixon turned very red. "Well, I do declare!" she faltered. For in Miss Mixon, the lady who been especially recommended to him as a divine favor can be bought with money, not money in the bank besides. The Antisaintly and appropriate helpmeet, the mis- but the spirit of charity and sacrifice is the Poverty Society had better begin its opersionary beheld the very female who had Spirit of Christ, and where it abounds God ignominiously pursued him from her door | makes his grace abound. Prov. xi. 24; with a broom when, the previous day, he ." There is that scattereth and yet increahad stopped to solicit directions as to the seth, and there is that withholdeth more right road. And in Mr. Todgilt Martha than is meat, but it tendeth to poverty. saw the personage whom she had repelled "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and

as the obnoxious Chromo Man. f "But I mistook you for somebody else!" The returned missionary burst out laugh. shall he stand."

He could not help it. Miss Mixon's genuine good sense and good such like, are the things that ruin people. feeling soon effaced the disagreeable first A man on a small income, by diligence and impression which she knew her broom had economy, may live comfortably, save a

the cottage was longer than his first,

that?" says he. And Mrs. Todgilt only smiles, and says : "Jeremiah, how can you?"

The Meaning of "Jubilee."

All do not know what the jubilee means. As regards Her Majesty, the matter is simple enough. Queen Victoria ascended the throne on June 20th, 1887, so that by the 20th June, 1887, she will have reigned 50 years. Now the fiftieth year was a very important, almost sacred year among the be hallowed, and liberty proclaimed

Splendid Double Rosewood Veneered with the resolution of a lion. "No, we the year was aunounced at the close of harvest by a blast on a ram's horn or and encourage hope. zebet. The great holiday was never strict-" No!" sharply repeated Miss Martha, ly held, and fell at last into disuse. But ployed to denote the fiftieth anniversary of an event of vast public or private in-

The Grace of Giving.

" Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. For all she of her want did east in all that she had, even all her living." Mark xii. 41-44. We learn from this circumstance that giving was part of the temple service. There

sury. I suppose it was a chest of some sort. Into this the people put their gifts of money when they came to worship. This had to be done, as well as any other part of the service. It meant systematic beneficence. The obligation still remains. Every well-regulated Church must have I might have had trouble in getting rid of be well administered. Says Paul, "Therein utterauce, in knowledge, and in all dili-So Miss Martha Mixon returned to her gence, and in your love to us, see that ye but we are to abound in the grace of it She went over that afternoon to Mrs. | People develop in faith, and utterauce, and many who are excellent talkers, but there

> chiefest of all. Again it is said, "But to do good, and to communicate, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.' 'Communicate' does not mean a word communication, but a contribution to the necessities of others. We are not to be so far carried away with the other excercises of religion, as to forget this one thing, which is as acceptable to God as the fruit of our lips. As we learn to sing, we should

are few who abound in the grace that

also learn to give. It is said, moreover that they all cast inthe rich and the poor-some more, some less. The poor too often leave the rich to do all the giving; and the rich, sometimes when they have given as much as the poor, feel that they have done enough. 'But every one can give something, though it be little, and we are not to measure ourselves by ourselves; but every one should lay by him in store for this end "as the Lord hath prospered him." Jesus did not say that this widow was poor, and ought to keep what she had, and let others, better able, do the giving. Her gift was small amounting to half a mill, or about the twentieth of a cent of our money, but Jesus commended her spirit, and pronounced her gift the largest that was thrown in. And she was blessed accordingly. The measure of our prosperity is to be the standard "I will meet him at the parsonage to. our giving. Two mites from a poor widow who had nothing was sufficient for her, but

would have merited no praise. Giving is not only a duty; it is a priv withhold, where so many good gifts come down from above. "It is more blessed give than to receive." To be placed above the neocessity of receiving is blessed; but it and workingman's friend, said lately that "My dear Martlia," she said, "I was so is also true that there is more sweet joy in. giving to others than in receiving. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Such a dear man! Come right into the

Giving is a grace. Not merely the result Miss Mixon! Miss Mixon, this is Mr. of divine grace in us, but it is itself a grace; an ornament, an accomplishment, that is truly Christian. It is associated with faith, and knowledge, and the proprieties of speech, and we are exhorted to abound in it. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all."

he that watereth shall also be watered him-"I'm sure I beg your pardon," said she, self." Isa. xxxii. 8: But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things

Giving does not impoverish. I have "No harm done," said he; "no harm never heard a man attribute his poverty to his charity. Debt, extravagance, wasteful-And fortunately he spoke the truth. ness, speculation, high life, prodigality, and made. And Mr. Todgilt's second call at little, and yet have something to give. And in so doing he will gain that which is far To make an old story short, Mr. Todgilt greater than all riches : peace and satisfacgot married to Martha Mixon. And to this tion within. Stinginess is the death of the day, in America-Japanese circles, the good | soul, and where it prevails, the springs of missionary's sides will shake as he tells joy dry up. "Bring ye all the tithes into how, on his first meeting with his wife, she | the storehouse, that there may be mest in pursued him off the field of Cupid with a mine house, and prove me now herewith. saith the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open "Wasn't I a brave man to take her after | you the windows of heaven and loon; you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Harmony at Home. 1. We may be quite sure that our will is likely to be crossed during the day; so let.

us prepare for it. 2. Every person in the house has an evil nature as well as ourselves, and therefore 3. Look upon each member of the family

as one for whom Christ died.

4. When inclined to give an angry an-5. If from sickness, pain or infirmity we feel irritable, let us keep a very strict 6. Observe when others are suffering,

7. Watch for little opportunities of pleasing, and put little annoyances out of the 8. Take a cheerful view of everything,

occur, put self last. 11. Try for the soft answer that turneth | Lark13 away wrath .- Congregationalist.

9. Speak kindly to dependents and

vants, and praise them when you can.

A LITTLE SHORT FAREWELL.

I found my love in April, I lost my love in May; With the buds he came to woo me, When they bloomed he went away, And I care not for the flowers

Nor for anything in May. When he went he kissed me, saying, "'Tis a little short farewell,' But the summer will not bring him, Tho' it ring the funeral knell Of a fond and true heart broken

By " a little short farewell." All the roses see me weeping, And they try to comfort me, But they only make me sadder-Make me weep the more to see That the roses love me better, And are faithfuler than he.

Ah! for me there is no comfort, And for me there is no May For 'tis love that makes the seasons In a woman's heart alway. Faithless love brings drear December, Faithful love brings rosy May. -Pearl Ricers.

GOD BLESS MOTHER. A little child with flaxen hair And sunlit eyes, so sweet and fair, Who kneels, when twilight darkens all, And from whose loving lips there fall

The accents of this simple prayer: " God bless ! God bless my mother ! A youth upon Life's threshold wide, Who leaves a gentle mother's side, let keeps, enshrined within his breast, Her words of warning-still the best;

And whispers, when temptation-tried, "God bless! God bless my mother!" A white haired man who gazes back Along life's weary, furrowed track, and sees one face—an angel's now; Hears words of light that led aright, And prays with reverential brow,

"God bless ! God bless my mother !" The Knights of Labor and Intoxi-

cating Liquor. By the preamble of the Constitution of the Knights of Labor, drink-sellers are excluded from membership-the aim being to exclude all non-producers. Its leaders are all keen total abstainers. Its General Master Workman, Mr. Terence V. Powderly, is a lifelong total abstainer. He says that he never tasted intoxicating liquor of any kind and has not the remotest idea of what it is like. In March 1886, Mr. Powderly said :- "The Knights will not allow a liquor distiller or brewer, or a liquorseller, or one whose wife is a liquor seller, to become a member of the Order, and

am striving to prevent liquor-sellers from The second highest official of the Order said lately ;-"I do not know the taste of lager beer, and I would that every working. man in America could say the same. Rum is the greatest curse of the workingman today. From a selfish standpoint alone the workingman should be an abstainer." No one can doubt about the perfect soundness of such sentiments. If workingmen were all to forswear at once and forever the use, either moderately or immoderately, of intoxicating liquors, they would revolutionise the whole face of society. The present Bishop of London, an ardent teetotaller if the well-to-do people of the country were to give up entirely the use of intoxicating liquor, such is the force of fashion and so greatly would they be followed, that in fire years five-sixths of all the misery and abject poverty of London would be at an end. Why should workingmen wait for such a fashion? Better themselves make the fashion. But for drink and its consequences there need not, as a general thing, be a workingman in Canada who does not own and has not-It is also a means of grace. Not that the | paid for his own house and garden and has

stions here .- Globe.

Composition on the Cow. Here is a little girl's composition on the cow :- A cow is an animal with four legs on the under side. The tail is longer than the less but it's not used to stand on. The cow kills flies with her tail. A cow has big ears that wiggle on hinges; so does the tail. A cow is bigger than a calf but not as big as an elephant. She is made small go she can go into the barn when nobody is looking. Some cows are black. And some hook. A dog was hooked once. She tossed the dog that worried the cat that killed the rat. Black cows give white milk; so do other cows. Milkmen sell milk to buy their little girls dresses, which they put water in and chalk. Cows chews cuds and

each cow finds their own chew. This is all there is about cows.

Has It? .Has the liquor traffic ever built a church, an asylum, or endowed a college? Has it ever set a standard of business character which is recognized in banks and

Has it ever made a wife happier than she would be with a sober husband? Has it ever led a youth up into noble manhood?

Has it ever paid its own way as a re-

Has it ever given society a single great

brained and great-hearted man?

venue returner? Has it ever lessened crime and crimin No, no! Then, has it not been weighed and been condemned as a malefactor?

Dare you sustain such an agency and claim to be a good citizen ?- Issue. The Ages of Birds.

The following table is from an English source, and claims to be measurably correct as to the ages of the birds mentioned :-

Years. Parrot lives 60 Blackbird lives..12 Blackcap15 Partridge15 Oanary24 Crane24 . Pelican50 Crow....... 100 | Pheasant 15 Robin12 Skylark80 Sparrowhawk 40

Swann100 Thrush10

Fowl common .. 10 10. In all little pleasures which may *Heron50