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POETRY.

SOMETHING WRONG.
I know my pillow's light and soft,
And smiling with stars bright;
But I, a worried little boy,
Can get no rest to-night.

My downy bed, for which I feel
So thankful every night,
Is laid, and ready I turn,
And wish for morning light.

I have not sung my good night song,
Nor said my prayers for something wrong,
The silver moon looks down on me
Who lie light love so well.

But when I look at her I feel
That something's wrong,
She's something sad to tell,
It seems my comfort all are gone.

And something whispers I am wrong,
"A little boy" this conclusion speaks:
"The life you lead to-day,
Still in the wrong is yours."

And drive your sleep away,
Fall now on bed, look long, be strong,
And tell your father you are wrong."
—Child's Paper.

Select Family Reading.

Agnes.
BY MISS MARY T.

"Come, Miss Agnes, or your lunch'll
be cold as stone."
"As kind of home-keeper looked into
the room her face took on an anxious
expression as she saw the bowed young
head and heard the smothered sobs of the
mistress of whom she was so uselessly fond.

"What is it honey that the letter brings
bad news? Tell me all about it, and may-
be the solving of your trouble'll make it
easier to bear."
Agnes raised her head and looked at Mrs.
Willard in a dazed sort of way for an
instant. Then with an effort she controlled
herself sufficiently to speak and unburthen
her mind of the sad truth which pressed so
heavily upon her.

"I'll soon be without a home, Mrs.
Willard! The money that papa left me is
all lost. That letter is to tell me."
"Well, Miss Agnes, you have your
Cousin Ernest to look to. He will take
care of you."
A crimson flush chased away the girl's
pallor.

"Hush, Mrs. Willard, don't speak of him
to me again; he is married. The new
cousin is coming, and he will take care
of you! He is a black-headed—"
"No, Mrs. Willard, he's only fickle and
thoughtless. He fell desperately in love
with the pretty young thing he has mar-
ried, and they have made a runaway
match. I am glad to find out the nature
of his liking for me before instead of after
our union had taken place. He had a
cousinly fondness for me. That was all."
Agnes spoke with a quiet dignity which
silenced her listener at once.

"Well, come and have your lunch now.
I broiled a bit of chicken for you and I hope
it will taste good. Sit down here and rest
your weary little head."
She succeeded in coaxing Agnes into the
dining-room, and poured her a cup of fragrant
mocha, laid the morning paper beside her
plate, and then left her alone.

Agnes slipped the coffee and tasted the
chicken. Then she glanced over the con-
tents of the newspaper.
An advertisement attracted her attention.
It was this:
"WANTED—A housekeeper. She must
be active and good-tempered, as well as
competent to direct the domestic under-
ling, particularly the dressmaker under-
ling."
"I will have to earn my living now,"
thought Agnes, with a sigh. "I kept
house for papa; so why can't I for some
one else? As my father will answer this
advertisement, and learn what kind of
work is required, I will let her see
it. She wrote a note and sent it to the given
address."

The following day brought a reply from
Mrs. Durant, requesting her to call at the
writer's house, and giving her number and
the name of the street.

After a long walk she reached the place.
It was an imposing-looking mansion. The
carriage was drawn up before it, and a
liveried footman ran up the steps and gave
a tremendous peal at the bell, glancing at
Agnes curiously as he did so.

A servant came to the door. Agnes gave
him her card, and he moved noiselessly
away, returning soon to say:
"Please, Miss, walk into the library."
A gentleman was seated at the table
writing. He turned his head as Agnes en-
tered, and looked at her curiously at first;
then he smiled, and his expression was one
of unmistakable surprise.

"Are you the lady who answered my
advertisement?" he asked.
"Yes, sir," said Agnes, timidly, feeling
for the first time that she had done a very
foolish thing in imagining herself competent
for the position.

"I was struck with the business-like
consciousness of your note, Miss Belmont,
and hoped to find myself called in obtaining
a substitute for the faithful person who is
going on her vacation with a half mile. I
hope you will pardon me for saying that
your youth is against you."
Agnes tried to make her voice steady as
she answered, but in spite of her efforts, it
trembled.

"I never had any trouble with my own
servants, sir; and so I thought I might
manage other people's; but I see my mis-
take."
"I must again ask pardon for intruding
my opinions upon you. But why, may I
ask, have you selected this particular line
of employment? Would not the occupation
of a teacher be more suited to the station
to which you are called?"
"It was a sudden impulse which led me
to answer your notice. Poor papa has been
gone from me a whole year, and now I have
just heard that all the money he left is lost.
It was invested in a Fire Insurance Com-
pany, which has failed. I must earn my
living some way."
"Do you plan to marry?"
"No, sir. I have just received the first
check that seemed to present itself. Good!
I like your spirit. The taking of such a
trying and responsible place as that of the
directing spirit of my household machinery
would not be feasible; but to have an in-
valid aunt who is about to part with her
possession—a lady who has come into a
small property lately, and so does not need
the position any longer. If you succeed in
making a favorable impression upon the
old lady, who is rather set in her way, it
will be a much easier employment than
that of a housekeeper. I will conduct you
to her."

"I have decided to give 10%
of my already low prices
for the
—NEXT THIRTY DAYS—
To make room for my Spring
goods.

I have a large stock of Felt
Boots on hand which I
will sell cheap.

NOTE THE PRICES—
Half fox \$1.00.
Whole fox \$1.65.

I have a good stock of Trunks
& Valises I will sell cheap.
Also remember
THIS IS FOR CASH ONLY.

W. WILLIAMS,
Mill Street, Acton.

Fancy Goods
IN GREAT VARIETY

I desire to inform my numerous Customers that
I have purchased a large variety of Goods
for the Spring season, and my stock is
now full of the latest articles in
Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes,
The Finest Perfumes in the Market,
I have also the finest stock in
Ladies' Satchels
Ever shown in Acton

For Xmas Presents I have a beautiful selection
of
Albums, Booklets, &c.

We also keep all the Authorized School Books
and School Supplies, Hygiene Books, Pens,
Pencils, Stationery, &c.

We keep a large selection of Spectacles to suit
all eyes.

Give us a call before purchasing. Don't forget
the place.

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young lady who had filled his plate for him;
"you didn't know—course you didn't, or
you wouldn't have wine on your pretty
table—that it's wrong to give it to folks;
but if you'll go to the band of hope they'll
tell you all about it."
"Oh, Johnny! Miss May put her arm
around me and felt the sunlight please
to his eyes after the glare of the gas,
"cause now they'll know and they'll never
touch it again."—New York Observer.

A BOY'S RELIGION.
If a boy is a lover of the Lord Jesus
Christ, though he can't lead a prayer-
meeting or be a church officer or a preach-
er, he can be a godly boy, in a boy's place.
He ought not to be too solemn or too quiet
for a boy. He need not come to be a boy
because he is a Christian. He ought to
run, jump, play, climb, and yell like a
real boy. But in all he ought to be free from
vulgarity and profanity. He ought to es-
chew tobacco in every form, and have a
horror of intoxicating drinks. He ought
to be reasonable, gentle, cheerful, generous.
He ought to take the part of small boys
against large ones. He ought to dis-
courage fighting. He ought to refuse to be
a party to mischief, to persecution to
celebrity. And, above all things, he ought
and then to show his colors. He need not
ways be uttering a game to say that
he is a Christian, but he ought not to be
asked to say that he refuses to do some-
thing because it is wrong and wicked, or
because he fears God or is a Christian. He
ought to take no part in the ridicule of
others with a bold statement that for the
things of God he holds the deepest reverence.
—Selected.

CHUBB'S.
A single chub produces 100,000 eggs, and
only about 5,000 are hatched naturally.
By the artificial method, 98,000 are suc-
cessfully hatched.

Of the 543 swans on the Thames 178 be-
long to the Crown, 94 to the Dyers' Com-
pany and 271 to the Dyer's Company. There
is a regulation that no swan is to be
slaughtered without the consent of a
minister of the crown, and a swan which
is slaughtered without the consent of a
minister of the crown is liable to be
seized and sold for the benefit of the
crown.

ALUMINUM IS COMING INTO USE AS A
material for dental plates. It is light, has
neither odor nor taste, is not affected by
food or the secretions of the mouth and
costs about one sixth as much as silver.

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SCURFISHING DRUMMERS.
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LIFE'S TALE MERRILY TOLD.

A little girl,
A social whirl,
And she a woman,
A little while,
A classic, a fable,
A very human,
A man with wings,
A daily life,
Their truth is flighted,
A woman's tear,
A cross-eyed deer,
Paris's delighted,
A little fat,
A turn at that,
A classic, a fable,
A little while,
The story's end.

THE VALUE OF LONGEVITY.
Dr. F. L. Oswald, in writing of the
value of longevity, says:
"Can there be a doubt that Burns and
Keats forebore the issue of their struggle
against history, or that Cervantes, in the
pursuit of his misery, could read the signs
of the laws prescribing a number of postu-
mum fame?"
"Spinoza and Schiller died at the
threshold of their goal; Pascal, Harvey, Macan-
ley, Descartes and Biot let their inimitable
works half finished; Raphael, Mozart and
Byron died at the verge of a summit which
perhaps no longer offers any approach."
"The price of longevity would redeem
the mortals of our earthly habitation"—and
it can be prolonged and should be, with
careful use of proper medicine at the
right time.

Coming to the stress, the worry, and the
anxiety of every day life, there is no
doubt but that tens of thousands of men
and women yearly fill premature graves.
Especially after middle life should a care-
ful watch be kept over one's physical condi-
tion. The symptoms of kidney disease,
such as becoming easily tired, headache,
neuritis, feeble heart action, feeble ap-
petite, a splendid feeling one day and an al-
most gone one the next, persistent cough, trouble
in urinating, etc