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Poetry.

POETRY.

JUST ABOUT THESE DAYS.

I dunno wh,s th' reason that along about this season,
When th' golden rod is tallest an' the garden's getting brown;
When I hear th' crickets hootin' and th' locusts droonin' droonin',
An' th' apples in the orchard one by one a droppin' down.

That I sorter drop my hurry an' fo'get about my worry
As I roam aroun' th' pasture an' enjoy th' autumn haze,
An' forget th' cricket's hummin' as I feel th' tear drops comin'
An' I somehow hear the voices that I heard in other days.

It's sort of reviewin' what for years I've been a doin',
An it seems as of th biggest thing I was on'y childish play.
While th' things most with th' hoopin', an for which to-day I'm weepin',
Took advantage of my blindness and have vanished clean away

Yes, this autumn air is clearer, an' it brings up objects nearer,
Or perhaps it multiplies 'em when I see them through my tears,
Mebbe that may be the reason that along about this season
I kin see th' loves I useter love arrayed along th years

I kin hear my mother singin', I kin feel her hands a clingin'
Aroun my boyish neck agin an' see her lovin' gaze.
I shall find my future brighter, all my loads will be the lighter,
For the dreams that I am droamin' as I loaf these days

—A. T. WORDEN.

Select Family Reading.

The Seeing of Her Home.

BY ROBERT BARR

A young man this age is twenty or thereabouts has confided in me. He is a friend in whom I take a great interest, and as he has lately become negligent of his personal appearance where formally he was most particular, I asked him what the trouble was, whereupon he instantly confided. I imagine he was on the lookout for some victim in whom he might confide, and I suppose I answered the purpose as well as anyone else. I was pained to learn that life had become a blank so far as he was concerned, and that the future held nothing in store for him. This condition of affairs is deplorable enough if a man is fifty or sixty, but when it comes to twenty it is simply disastrous, for then the unhappy victim has a long life to which he, with reasonable certainty, may look forward.

But sad as I was on hearing of the wreck of my friend's future, I could not help being interested in what he told me of the ways and habits of girls, for—further confidence is useless—a girl was at the bottom of this despair which had come upon my young friend. He had made a special study of girls, or perhaps it would be more correct to say one of them—and he seemed to know the subject, so I have no doubt that what he told me was scientifically accurate. It seems, then, that girls are peculiar in this. If there is a singing school on, or any social function, they know their way unerringly from their residence to the place of meeting, but strange as it may appear, they do not know the way back to their homes, and so it comes about that young men, who have a much superior knowledge of locality, see the girls home and thus no mistakes are made. I think this is very kind of the young men, for imagine the confusion that would arise if the girls of a neighborhood, unguided took to wandering about, stumbling into other people's houses at all hours of the night after the meeting was over.

I mentioned to my young friend, however, that I should have thought that each girl's brother might see her home, but he tells me, what I might have remembered had I pondered longer on the problem, that many girls have no brothers, while, when there are brothers, the young men as a rule have an appointment for seeing some other fellow's sister home, and so naturally cannot act as guides to their own. Take the family, for instance, with which my young friend hoped to form an alliance. There were two girls who had no brothers, therefore different young men in the neighborhood, who know the way, invariably accompanied them home from meeting or from singing school.

Bates—that is the young man's name—used to see Eliza Jordan home very assiduously. As I understand the case, he always elected to be guide to the same girl. I am convinced that this is a mistake, for if a young man escorted a different girl every evening he must in this way get a better geographical knowledge of the locality and have more variety in his nightly walks. However, I suppose that Bates thought that by sticking to one route he would get to know that route thoroughly and that it was better to do one thing well than many things indifferently. Anyhow, Bates always saw Eliza home. It seems that in the neighborhood there lived a tall, gawky, most objectionable youth, named Hiram Smith. Bates took no trouble to conceal his dislike of Hiram, and I have no doubt Smith was a most detestable person although I never had the pleasure of meeting him.

Eliza's conduct I find very difficult to comprehend. She did not appear to recognize the fact that Hiram Smith was looking in every quality a young man should possess. She was equally friendly to Bates and Smith. Bates would offer to see Eliza home and she with apparent good nature would accept his escort. Then Smith would slouch up and with a pleasant "good evening" to them both, would take his place at the other side of the girl and thus walk home with them.

I confess that I could not see why Bates should have objected to this, as it made the finding of the road doubly secure; if Bates forgot a turning Smith would be sure to remember it, and thus the girl had two chances to one of finding her way accurately home. "Two heads are better than one," I said to Bates, but he claimed that "two are company and three are none," was the proverb that applied to the case.

Be that as it may, Bates found Smith's company irksome on these occasions, and one night matters came to a crisis. Bates resolved to outstay Smith at the gate and have a talk with the girl alone. It seems he had become tired talking about the crops and the weather, and wished to discuss some of the problems of life with Eliza. Smith leaned against the right-hand gate post, and Bates leaned against the left. There was something ominous in Bates choosing the left post. Eliza stood on the other side of the gate chatting pleasantly with both. Smith proved a stayer, and as the conversation flagged, Eliza yawned, bade them both good-night and went into the house. It was a moonlight night, and the route of the two young men lay together. Smith talked entertainly, but Bates was silent. When they came to a secluded spot, Bates stopped and began to remove his coat

"We'll settle this thing right here and now," he said grimly

"What thing?" cried Hiram, with surprise.

"You know well enough. Are you ready to fight?"

"Bless me, no! What is there to fight about?"

"Either you will continue to see Eliza Jordon home or I will."

"But we can settle that without fighting. I didn't know you objected to my going along with both of you. You never said so before. You see, this is how it is. I am in love with Eliza's sister, Sarah Jane"

"Then why in thunder don't you see Sarah Jane home instead of tacking yourself onto Eliza and me?" asked Bates, in pardonable astonishment.

"Well, you see, it's like this: I'm afraid of Sarah Jane, and I'm not of Eliza. I've been waiting for a chance to talk to Eliza and get her to say a word for me to Sarah Jane. But you were always there, and so I didn't talk about it"

"It seems to me," said Bates, slipping on his coat again, "that's a very curious way of courting a girl, by proxy, as one might say."

"Yes, isn't it?" admitted Smith frankly. "I hoped you would go away and give me a chance to-night at the gate, but you did not, so I intended to speak to you about it, anyhow. Now, if you would let me see Eliza home for a few nights while you saw Sarah Jane home I could have a chance to fix things up to everybody's satisfaction."

Bates agreed to do this, and a few nights after Hiram Smith came looking very much discouraged.

"Another dog has slipped," he said gloomily.

"Won't she say a good word for you?" asked Bates.

"No. We talked the matter over, and it turned out that Eliza was rather fond of myself. So as I was so frightened of Sarah Jane, I thought it best to propose to Eliza when I had a chance, and she accepted me. We're engaged," added Smith, in a sepulchral tone.

Bates was wild on hearing this, and wanted to fight right there. But Hiram who seemed to be as much afraid of Bates as he was of Sarah Jane, ran away. This is how the situation stands at the present moment, and this is why Bates' life is a burden to him.

"And what does Sarah Jane think of the affair, or does she know?" I asked

"Oh, she knows. She can't imagine what her sister sees in that fellow Smith. She thinks just the range of him as I do."

"Although I've seen neither of the girls, it seems to me Sarah Jane is much the more sensible of the two. I ventured to say

"Do you?" cried young Bates, brightening up wonderfully for a man without a future, "and she's pretty, too. She don't allow any third party to trot along when I'm seeing her home."

"In that case," I said, "you should see to it that Sarah Jane never lacks an escort

"I will see to it," replied young Bates with determination

I am not without hope that Bates will yet come to look upon life in a more cheerful manner, and that things will adjust themselves even better than he had planned them.

DON'T DRIFT INTO THE CRITICAL HABIT.

"Do not drift into the critical habit," writes Ruth Ashmore in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. "Have an opinion and a sensible one, about everything, but when you come to judge people, remember that you see very little of what they really are, unless you winter and summer with them. Find the kindly, lovable nature of the man who knows little of books. Look for the beautiful self sacrifice made daily by some woman who knows nothing about pictures, and teach yourself day in and day out to look for the best in everything. It is the everyday joys and sorrows, my dear girl, that go to make up life. It is not the one great sorrow, nor the one intense joy, it is the accumulation of the little ones that constitute living, so do not be critical of the little faults, and do be quick to find the little virtues and to praise them. So much that is good in people dies for want of encouragement. As I said before, have an opinion, and a well thought-out one, about everything that comes into your life, but do not have too many opinions about people. Their hearts are not open books, and as you must be judged yourself some day, give them the kindest judgment now."

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A WOMAN'S WIT.

Many of the first settlers of Illinois were rude in speech and rough in manner, money was scarce with them, and service was paid for in produce. Governor B. used to illustrate these incidents of frontier life by the following anecdote: One day when he was a Justice of the Peace there came to his office a young man, accompanied by a young woman.

"Be you the squire?" asked the manly youth

"Yes, sir."

"Can you tie a knot for us right away?"

"Yes, sir."

"How much do you charge?"

"One dollar is the legal fee, sir."

"Will you take your fee in beeswax?"

"Yes if you can't pay cash."

"Well, go ahead and tie the knot, and I'll fetch in the wax"

"No," said the squire, thinking there was a good chance for a little fun; bring in the beeswax first, and then I'll marry you?"

Reluctantly the youth went out to where was hitched the horse upon which, Darby and Joan fashion, the pair had ridden, and brought the wax in a sack. On being weighed, its value was found to be only about half a dollar.

"Wal," said the anxious groom, "tie the knot and I'll fetch more wax next week."

"No, sir; I don't trust; that's against the rules of my office."

Slowly the disappointed youth turned to go out, saying:

"Come, Sal; let's go."

"I say, mister," answered Sal, with a woman's wit' can't you marry us as far as the wax will go?"

"Yes, I can, and will," replied the "squire," laughing; and he did.

LORD SHAFTESBURY'S CHILDHOOD.

"This watch was given me by the best friend I ever had," said Lord Shaftesbury, the English philanthropist.

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His father was engrossed in public life; his mother, "a society woman," neglected her household. But Maria, the faithful servant, who had been in the family for years, devoted herself to him. She led him to study the Bible, and explained it to him in her simple way. She taught him a prayer, and instructed him about behavior.

At the age of seven he was sent to school at Chiswick, where he was miserably cared for, but he proved faithful to the training of the old servant. He continued to read the Bible and to offer the prayer she had taught him. Her influence decided his career.

At the age of twelve he was removed to the school at Harrow, where both mind and heart were invigorated. One day a party of drunken men were conveying the body of a dead comrade to the graveyard. Anthony saw them reading as they bore the coffin, and heard their profane songs and foul words.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the boy "Can this be permitted because this man was poor and friendless?" He then resolved to devote himself to the relief of the poor and downtrodden.

Maria Mills had given the impulse that first showed itself at the drunken funeral, and then fashioned him into "the impersonation of the philanthropist of the nineteenth century." It was faithful seed sowing, marked and honored because of the marked character of the mind in which it was sown.

"THEY ALL DRINK."

It is well known that at certain central agencies a record is kept of the name, position, and standing of nearly every business man in the country. Careful men are employed to collect this information, and it not only includes the amount of property which the parties are worth, but also their standing as regards punctuality, promptness, integrity, temperance, morals, etc.

A number of years ago, it is stated, a firm of four men in Boston were rated as "A 1." They were rich, prosperous, young and prompt. One of them had the curiosity to see how they were rated, and found these facts on the book, and was satisfied, but at the end it was written, "but they all drink." He thought it was a good joke at the time, but a few years later two of them were dead, another was a drunkard, and the fourth was poor and living partly on charity

That one little note at the end of their rating was the most important and significant of all the facts collected and embodied in their rating. Sobriety has its cash value, and drinking costs. O who can tell how much it does cost? *The Christian*

HARD TIMES

The old gentleman from the country sat on a box in a Lewiston grocery shop and munched patiently at the crackers and cheese which he had just purchased. He appeared to have some difficulty in chewing, and finally exclaimed. "Darn false teeth, anyway! I wouldn't give six good teeth for a whole head full of false ones?" "There is one consolation about false teeth," said the grocer encouragingly, "you can take them out and wash them." "Yes, I s'pose so." When the farmer had finished his cheese he went along to a big kerosene tank with a nickel plated pump on the top, and holding his teeth in his hand pumped kerosene on them and slipped them back into his mouth. "Pears to me that too water tastes like soap," said he. "It ain't kerosene," said the grocer, looking up. "Whew, that so?" and they farmer pulled out his teeth and wiped them on the nearest thing that came to hand—a coarse bag that looked like a bran sack."

"Worse and more of it! 'Pears to me there's something dead about here! What's this bag?" "That," and the grocer walked out from behind the counter, "is a phosphate bag." The old gentleman shook his teeth out and went out of the store with them in his hand. *Bangor Commercial*

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KILLING AND DRESSING HOGS.

Dear Sir,—We are frequently asked by farmers and stock men for instructions regarding the killing and handling of dressed hogs, and knowing that your valuable paper reaches a large class who are interested, we take the liberty of using it as a medium for this purpose.

During this season of the year, it is well to select, if possible, a cool day for slaughtering. The hogs should be starved at least twelve hours before killing. A great many farmers are experienced butchers, and the number of shoulder-stuck hogs is very much less now than some years ago; however, we strongly advise that none but experienced hands should be allowed to stick hogs.

Instructions as to the scalding and removing of the hair, we think, are unnecessary. What we wish to call special attention to is the treatment of the carcass after it has been hung up. The bone between the hind legs, also the breast bone should be cut through, so as to allow the removing of all the entrails, along with the gullet. This being done the carcass should be well showered with cold water, and allowed to hang up twelve to twenty-four hours, according to the state of the weather; if very warm then more cold water should be used, and a longer time allowed to hang. If the hogs are very fat, (which, by the way, is not desirable, especially in the light weights) they should be split open through the backbone, to allow the animal heat to escape; which, if not attended to, the chances are you will have tainted meat. These openings, do not, in any way, interfere with the price in selling, as all hogs have to be divided in the middle when being prepared for curing.

We wish to impress this point in regard to fat hogs very strongly. Under no conditions should a hog be cut down from the place where it is hung up to cool, until all the animal heat has left the body, even should it take thirty-six to forty eight hours to do this. Of course it will be understood that during the winter weather, the care in regard to chilling of the carcass is not so necessary, but as there are large quantities being killed during the present season, when the weather is not so favorable, this is the time that the above precautions should be taken, and if the above instructions are carried out, the result will, in every case, be satisfactory, and the highest market price will be obtained for hogs so prepared. Yours truly,

D. Gunn Bros. & Co

Toronto, Canada.

RIVAL TELEPHONE COMPANIES.

It will be remembered, says the Boston News Bureau, that some months ago the papers were filled with the great things the Harrison Telephone Company with its $40,000,000 of paper capital, was about to accomplish as a rival of the Bell Telephone Companies throughout the United States. Investigation showed that the main asset of the Harrison Company was an opposition telephone exchange at Fort Smith, Ark., owned by the Harrison International Construction Company, but nevertheless great things were promised for the whole country. The Boston News Bureau is just advised by telegraph from Fort Smith, Ark., that after four years of desperate struggle for existence, this opposition exchange has passed into the hands of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, which operates under the Bell patents in Arkansas and Texas. This exchange was the foundation of the Harrison International Company, which was capitalized originally at $80,000,000, afterwards reduced to $40,000,000. The exchange was built in a most thorough manner and cost the Harrison International Company over $26,000. The Southwestern Company secures the plant at less than 30 per cent. of the cost. Its failure is attributed to the fact that only one exchange can be operated successfully in any one community, and that the rates charged by the Harrison Company, $3 and $2 per month, were far below the cost of operating. The Southwestern Company can use to advantage a large part of the plant, but the telephones, bells and switchboards will be destroyed. The Southwestern Telephone Company operates in the territory generally known as that of the Erie Telephone Company. A Topeka, Kan., special states that the opposition telephone plant in that city, costing the promoters $50,000, was sold out under a judgment of $35,000 to the company operating the Bell plant at $8,500. Boston *Transcript*

IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL CLEANLINESS.

Very many people do not keep the skin active and healthy as they ought, the fear of catching cold leads them to neglect to maintain perfect cleanliness of the body, and, as the functions of the skin are impaired, the work of throwing out waste material, which rightfully belongs to it, falls upon the internal organs, which will bear the imposition for a time, and will labor to do the work forced upon them but will sooner or later become weakened by the strain. Then the waste of the system accumulates within the body and assists in depressing the vital forces. Thus by neglect to keep the skin in a healthy state many a person becomes dull and sluggish and disinclined to mental or bodily effort, all the organs concerned in life share in the disturbance, and become indolent and torpid. The need to maintain perfect cleanliness of the body is if possible, greater in winter than in summer

a fact which but few appreciate, and to the neglect of this essential may be attributed much of the sickness prevailing in cold weather, which really ought to be the healthiest portion of the year

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I have used many preparations for restoring hair to natural color, but never had satisfactory results until I used Zulu Vulier; it will restore any hair or beard to its natural color in three weeks. If it does not they return your money, so you take no risks. People who have never tried it can get a sample package which contains enough to restore any one's hair to natural color, by sending 21 two-cent stamps, to Wilson & Co., New Concord, Ohio.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT.

'Tis not a motto fine as some,
Perhaps, in tone high sounding,
But as from coal rare colors come,
Truth richly worth expounding,
Lies in this adage—truth sublime—
And I would here declare it,
And if a bore you deem my rhyme,
Why, simply "grin and bear it."

When cherished projects come to naught,
Or pain embitters pleasure;
When banks and bonds you firmest thought
Bring loss to hoarded treasure,
When friends forsake and foes increase,
Put on, though hard to wear it,
A sunny smile of perfect peace
'Twill help—just "grin and bear it."

When woes come thick and still more thick,
Disasters gathering daily,
When hope deferred the heart makes sick,
While round you jeating gayly,
The world knows not how sad your soul,
Dreams not what griefs do tear it,
Keep over self a calm control
All bravely "grin and bear it."

Ah, 'neath these homely words there lie,
Vast mines of deepest meaning
Whole tones of sound philosophy,
Well worth most careful gleaning.
Yet not mere stoic's lore I urge—
Forever I forswear it
Let earth's and heaven's best wisdoms merge—
Trust God, then "grin and bear it."

—PHILIP B. STRONG.

NEW BOOKS.

"Walter Gibbs, the Young Boss, and other stories, by E. W. Thompson, a book for boys, has just been issued by the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto. Mr. Thompson has rare ability as a writer of literature suitable for boys. His "Old Man Savarin" attracted widespread attention and interest. His superior work in this department some time ago attracted the attention of the publishers of the *Youth's Companion*, Boston, who engaged this brilliant Canadian writer and he now occupies a lucrative position on the staff of that most popular and successful journal. "Walter Gibbs" is one of Mr. Thompson's best stories, and is of a character calculated to influence young people to acts of manly courage, honesty and self reliance. Every page is interesting and the short stories in the last half of the volume are equally rich in exciting adventure and daring, as the principal one which gives the book its name. Price, handsomely bound in cloth, $1.25

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