Poetry.

THE SONG OF THE CAMP.

The outer trenches guarding.

Grew weary of bombarding.

The dark Redan, in silent scoff,

No longer belched its thunder.

Sing while we may, another day

Will bring enough of sorrow."

Below the smoking cannon:

They lay along the battery's side,

And from the banks of Shannon.

They sang of love and not of fame:

Each heart recalled a different name,

Voice after voice caught up the song,

Roso like an anthem, rich and strong-

Dear girl, her name be dared not speak

Forgot was Britain's glory;

But all sang "Annie Laurie."

Until its tender passion

Their battle-eve confession.

But as the song grew louder,

The bloody sunset's embers,

And once again the fire of bell

Something upon the soldier's cheek

Washed off the stains of powder.

Boyond the darkening ocean burned

While the Crimean valleys learned

How English love romembers.

Rained on the Russian quarters

And bollowing of the mortars !

For the singer dumb and gory.

And English Mary mourns for him

Who sang of "Annie Laurie."

Sloop, coldiers; still in honored rest

Your truth and valour wearing;

Select Family Reading.

What Saved Guy Allen.

HE westward bound special, with its

steamed into the station and the conduc-

tor called out, "Crest Line; fifteen minutes

their doors and windows bearing the legion.

a standetill and the passengers poured out.

there was a good sprinkling of older ones.

missionary work ? Call our silver-tongued

was short and the gentleman in question

"Where is the Connecticut delegation ?

Call Frank 8- to give them a song,'

"Throw out the life line across the dark wave,

was no where to be found.

and began :

long line of coaches speeding away

to the great prohibition convention,

And Irish Nora's eyes are dim

The loving are the daring.

With scream of shot and burst of shell.

There was a pause. A guardman said

' We storm the forts to-morrow;

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There is a brother whom some one can save: Somebody's brother, oh! who then will dare To throw out the life line his peril to share." The singer had a wonderfully sweet voice and as it rang out on the clear air the loungers on the corners and in the saloon drew near to listen. Guy Alle followed the crowd of idlers and at the singing he stopped and stepped still nearer for if there was anything on earth this young fellow loved it was music; he had first wandered into the saloon to hear the COLORED

twenty-three Guy Allen was a daily visitor at the saloon. The singer went on through verse after verse of the lovely song; such music as they did not have in Brice's saloon; and the boy on the carbstone stood motionless; the conductor sang out "All aboard," and the train moved slowly away, while the At last I quit the work and lived from the

Family Flour and Roller "Then In the dark hour of death it may be That Jesus will throw out the life line to theo. And the last thing as the form of the singer grew dim in the distance, was the

"Throw out the life line. Throw out the life-line." the square and sat down on a rustic seat. He was an only son, and his mother was a tailor shop, and her money helped to he didn't, yet he had learned the trade of a

"Throw out the life line."

Tailoring - Store. "Mr. Bryant, do you want any mor In thanking our friends for their patron-The gentleman addressed pushed up hi age for past seasons we beg to announce

Stock for Fall and Winter is "It would be no use, Allen, I would take you in a minute if you would stick, for we are short of men, but it would not do; you and in anticipation of a larger business and also a great advance in British and Foreign would get half a form set up, and I would not see you again for six weeks."

"Mr. Bryant, if I was in the habit o making promises and then came whinning around, I should be ashamed to tell you had turned over a new leaf just fifteen minutes ago; but I have and I am going to work ! work ! sir, and make up for the last six years I have wasted; but if you don't hire me, why, someone else will some where, so good day, sir."

you; now, when onn you come?" "Now, eir, if you can find a spare stick and rule." Bo Guy Allen throw off his coat and hat and rolled up his shirt sleeves and was soon hard at work. Bix o'clock came at

His mother looked up in amazement to see him arrive so early, for many times she had waited long before he came, and often

he did not come at all. 'Give us a song !" the soldier cried. "Hello, mother," he said cheerily, "I When the heated guns of the camps allied have been at work this afternoon and have a steady job. I brought a paper with me and if you'll give a fellow some bash Lay grim and threatening under, I'll read you the news after supper." And the tawny mound of the Malakoff

Mrs. Allen smiled and began to set the table, but the mother love had been given such a sudden start that the tears blinded her eyes and in place of depositing her plates on the table she dropped them on the floor.

"Well, well, bless my buttons, mother, Brave hearts from Severn and from Clyde don't break up till after supper and then you won't have to wash up. What! crying! Now mother dou't, I'll buy you a dozen plates on Saturday night."

"Oh! Guy, my boy, my only one, you are more to me than dishes, and your coming home reminded me so much of your father. Oh, if you would only be like bim, I could be so happy." "Mother, I never said I would, did I?

well I say so now. I have drank my last drop and I shan't break over, for Jesus has got hold of the life line, and if I grab the other end and hold fast he won't let me go; you see mother, a fellow came out on the back of the probibition convention train, or the one that carries the delegates, it's I felt that he was just singing to me, Guy Allen; and he sang 'Throw out the Life Line, and it took me two hours to make up my mind to catch hold of that line, but

Mrs. Allen's tears were falling as she listened to the simple story, but she put her arms around her boy and kissed him; and then she said, "Let up pray;" and as that prayer floated upward the angels sang another song of rejoicing over one who had

burst the bonds asunder. Do not imagine that Guy Allen had no battles to fight, for Satan had no idea of giving up a soul without a struggle; but by constant prayer and faith he kept a firm hold of the life line; and in a few months the bundles no longer came from the tailor, and Mrs. Allen devoted her time to keeping her house bright and cheerful, for refreshments," and many of the tired and going to church with Gay.

These temperance speakers and singers passengers arose and burried out. It was little know when the seed is dropped by not a remarkably inviting place, especially the wayeide, what kind of a harvest the for temperance people; on either side of Lord is to send; but the prohibition train the station were long lines of stores with is still moving eastward, northward, to the swelling prairies of the west, and the ale, wine, and liquors; sample room; and other similar mottoes. As the train came to fragrant southland; and by and by, the great train shall have gathered an army which shall be strong for the right, and from the doors of many saloons came the they shall clear our ram-oursed land of its crowd of idlers which frequent such places. blight which fells on so many young lives. The most of them were young men but And until the day comes we can stop by "It seems to me here is a good place for | the way to pick up those on the track, and a temperance meeting : can't we do a little | when the way is dark and the storm of the enemy is around us, trust Jesus to throw out the life line for all time and eternity if orator from Maine to give a few moments' we will only hold fast to the rope.

talk from the platform." But the time THE LAST WILL OF A DRUNKARD

About a year ago, at B., a murderer ! the name of Hoche was condemned and in response to the general cell a young death for his crime. In the evening before man made his way out onto the platform his execution he made his last will, i which the following occurs : "When I ask myself how I became

murderer I have but one answer to give Whisky. I was made what I am by slow and easy stages. The send was sown in my childhood. My father was a drunkard, and in a state of intoxication froze to death in a snowstorm. Yo fathers, who are addicted to strong drinks, consider that by your vicious habits and evil examples you are poisoning the blood and the lives of your children. When I left school I began to work as a mason, and drank my drams, as I suppose most masons do. At this time of my life I was a good, energetic workman and earned fair wages. But the more I carned the more I drank, and the more I drank the more my inclination and strength to work decreased. Slowly but irristibly I went on the downward path Sometimes the liques of correction, sometimes the prison was my home, but when discharged I resumed my drinking habit. toil of my poor wife. I was satisfied as long as she gave me the money I needed for whisky, but if I did not get it I ill treated her. Early, before my step-olildren went to school, I compelled them to proours for me the poisonous stuff, and so again at night when they returned from work. Whisky was my first thought in Somehow the saloon did not look so | the morning, my first and last drink of the of shame and vice I committed; whisky had robbed me of all will power. I only killed my wife. This was the last link in the long chain of sin and crime to which whicky has driven me. This voice of warning is particularly raised against you, my friends and companions, who have drank with me. Tarn from the evil of your ways. My example shows to what printer, and he was called very skilful | whisky drinking leads. Throw away the whicky bottle before it is too late."-Volkafreund.

USE YOUR HEAD

Bome men seem to think their beads

fulfil the purpose for which a beneficent Providence intended them when they absorb three mests a day and afford a means of displaying the latest fachious in hats. Like the dog with the chronic "tired feeling," who used to lean against the fence to bark, the process of thinking is so exhausting that with many it is only indulged in at intervals. People let out their thinking. In politics there are few men who can give a reason for being on one side or the other beyond echoing the demagogue. Religious opinions and condeal of intellectual awallowing is done by imputation of credulity. Some who prate about their priest-ridden neighbors are This is an age of brilliant mental effort; but brilliancy seems to be confined to fixed stars, from whose radiancy the surround ing masses are satisfied to gather a wants is more independent individual thought. Let business men quit the rate and out out thinking paths for themaimless plodding. "Pender the path of last and a few moments' walk brought him | thy feet, and let all thy ways be establishTHE BORROWED BABY

"If you please, ma'am, I've come to borrow the baby. "The speaker was a rosycheeked girl who lived with the family over | well-dressed man of middle age. His the way. It was a regular nuisance, this remark was make as he was making his lending the baby all the time. I suppose | way toward the rear platform of a trolley we were all a little jealous, because she car to get off, after having ridden ten or loved the new people so much, and they | twelve squares, and he accompanied it by took so much pains with ber, teaching handing over to the conductor a nickel. her cunning ways and pretty sayings; and "That fellow thinks he is entitled to a gol i I must say they were most judicious, never | medal for honesty," growled the conductor, giving her aweet things to make her sick, or as he pocketed the coin ; "but he ought to letting her take cold. So, for the hundreth | Lave a leather medal for durned foolishtime, I rolled little Dadu up, and, kiesing | ness instead." "How's that?" queried the

of the borrowed baby. found the baby gone again, he was just as | comes in at the right time and place. But angry as he could be. "Why can't they go his didn't. I'm paid for collecting a fare over to the asylum and take their plok for from every passenger who rides with me. babies?" "But not like ours, John," I If I don't get the coin I am likely to get said quickly. "Well no, of course not; the bounce. In order to see that I am but I don't propose to have strangers going | getting the coin the company has a small

building. We felt that we were sufficient

for ourselves and our child. The baby came home. She was nearly three years old, but after all, only a baby. and as I took her from the girl I said : you do print it." "We won't be able to lend the baby any more, Mary; her papa and I both think it isn't a good plan, and we cannot possibly do without her; the house is too lonely. Tell your mietress so with my compli-

"I'm sorry, ma'am," said the girl because we all love little Dudu so much, and she's really sweet. She osn sing 'Jesus loves me' all through, and not miss

"Superstition!" I exclaimed, angrily. wish my child to earn those senseless hymns. I do not believe in them, nor do I intend that she shall."

"Not believe them I" gasped the girl. "Why, you ain't a heathen, be you?" dismissed her curtly, and when John came home told him of the message I had sent. "That is right, my little woman. I guess we know enough to take care of this little blossom. Hey, wee Willie Winkie,

flashed into my mind-"My grace is sufficient for thee" and it ran up and down the gamut of my thought all evening. When I put Dudu to bed I noticed that her hands were bot and her eyes seemed heavy. There was lots of diphtheria in the place, but she had not been exposed to it in any possible manner, our neighbors who had borrowed the baby being as afraid of it as we were, for that was why no baby was at

Oh, that dreadful time! I cannot recall it now-the days-hardly more than a day -of anguish; the awful suffering and the end, the parobed lips and the fever-bright eves-the awful realm of death and not one ray of hope, one word of comfort, only the oruel, dreary, unlighted grave that yawned for our darling! Just at the last there was a moment's peace. It was not on us her last look fell. We turned to see who or what she saw, and there stood our neighbor over the way, whom she, at least, sweet darling, had loved as herself, and then she lifted the weary little hands, and a glad look of recognition was in the wan face, and we all heard the last broken words as they fell in awful distinctuess from the baby lips;

"Desus loves me-dis I know." And it was all over, and only the memory remained of so much beauty and sweet ness; and as our hearts were going back to the dust of unbelief, our good neighbor came like an evangelist, and giving us of her own brave strength, gained at the foot of the cross, said wisely : "Be content. God has only borrowed the baby !"-

Detroit Free Press. A SPEAKER WITH A BACK BONE Judge Sherrill, present Speaker of the House of Representatives of Texes, allows no liquor of an kind in the house or other portions of the capitol under the control of the Speaker and sergeant-at-arms. While there has never been any liquor sold in the Texas capitol, yet this fact did not debar great master singers the poor shriveled members from drinking or keeping it for use. Often in other days, the Speaker's any sort .- Nashville Advocate. room and also the room occupied by the sergeant-at-arms are reputed to have been the places where beer has been kept on tap, or where bottles and jugs of stronger beverages have been stored for the use of the members, who were wont to resort

hither to play poker. This is the order of the present Speaker: "There shall be no drinking in any of the rooms under the control of the Speaker or seargeant-at-arms, nor shail any intoxicating liquors be kept in or about the said

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interest ?" THOSE GAME LAWS. Lawyer-Since you can's deny having shot the man, what then ? Culprit-Well, I thought I might claim to have mistaken bim for a deer. Lawyer-What good would that do you?

HONEST PEOPLE.

"Here is your fare, conductor; you overlooked me, I guess." The speaker was a her good by, sent her off to act the part | Suanterer, to whom the conductor's words were evidently addressed, "Don't you When John came home to dinner and admire honesty?" "Certainly-when it

halves with our baby. Besides, 1 won't army of spotters riding around with their have them teaching that child any more eyes and their cars wide open. Follow religious nonsense, and when they bring me?" The Saunterer intimated that he her back this time you may as well settle it | caught the drift of what the conductor was saying. "Well," continued the latter. I forgot to say that John and I were free | overlooked that fellow in the crowd. At thinkers, and did not go to church, or sub- | least he says I did, and he ought to know. scribe to any of the religious beliefs to | It is impossible to get everybody when the which we had been educated. We had car is jammed from front to back. Now both graduated in a brilliant, intellectual suppose a spotter is on this car and has all the same, and sang so beautifully that school, utterly devoid of the foolish super- overheard what that fellow said, or saw stition of any religious faith, and we him hand me the fare after having ridden intended to bring up our child in the same | a mile or over? Dosen't it look had for severely moral atmosphere. It did not me? Ain't I likely to get a good calling once occur to us that ours was the strength | down, if not a lay-of or the bounce? of youth and persumption, or that our Certainly I am. And do you wonder that ignorance could not pull down in a day I feel sore at that fellow? If a passenge what knowledge had been a thousand years | manages to get past me for helf a dozen squares I would rather be or she would keep the fare than to poke it at me as a reminder that I haven't kept my eyes sufficiently wide open. And I don't care it

JUST FOR FUN.

"One day," says a writer in the Boston Transcript, "the mother of a ten-year-old boy gave him two slices of buttered bread, telling him to give one of them to his little | One day during his absence, some friends sister. He carried out the order. That night when he went to bed he was evidently disturbed in his mind, and remoreeful about something, and his mother questioned him in a way to bring out the truth. 'I -Iwasn't nice to Peggy about that bread "Tell your mistress for me that I do not and butter,' he owned. 'Why?' asked the mother. 'Did you take the bigger plece?' 'No,' he answered, 'here was a little bigger than my piece was, but mine was a good deal butterer !""

Willie had swallswed a penny, and his mother was in a state of much alarm. "Helen." she called to her sister in the next room, "send for a doctor; Willie has swallowed a pouny!" The terrified and frightened boy looked up imploringly. "No, mamma," he interposed, "send for Somehow, just then an old forgotten text | the minister." "The minister?" asked his mother, increduliously. "Did you say the minister? "Yes; because paps says our minister can get money out of any-

'You are bitter enough on the trusts now, spoke up a man in the audience, "but I happen to know that you belonged to one for several years. "I did my fellow-citizens!" thundered the orator. "But when I became fully awake to the enormity of the thing, I did my best to crush that trust. I sold my factories to that trust, my fellow-citizens, for twice what they were worth, in cash !"

"I never thought the time would come when I should be delighted to hear that plano going," remarked Fogg as the "instrument" in the next house was being carried down the stairs to the furniture

PLAYING THE FOOL.

This is a free country. Nowhere else on the earth do men have such unlimited opportunites for making fools out of themselves, and nowhere else, we may ulso add, do so many of them live up to their chances. But we must confess that in our poor judgement Mr. E. Benjamin Andrews, once a Baptist minister, late President of Brown University, and no Superintendent of Public Schools in the city of Chicago, has gone beyond all his fellows in this respect. He objects to teaching Kipling's Recessionsl" to the children on the ground that it is too theistic, and may offend those parents who do not believe in God. If Dr. Andrews will find any English poetry worth the name that is not distinctly theirtic, outside of Bobelley and Swinburne, we shall be glad of the fact. To be consistent he must rule out Chaucer, Spencer, Milton, Bhakespeare, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Browning, Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant, Lowell, Sidney Lauler and Paul Hayne. When theism is torn from the works of the remnants will be without life and value of

THOUGHTLESS OR DISHONEST. We have repeatedly said in this Advocate that the man who regularly spends more money than he makes is guilty of dishonesty. Nor is the case altered by the fact that he my succeed in postponing the day of settlement. Sooner or later somebody must pay his bills; and if he should not be able to do it-as he will not be if he has lived beyond his means -his oreditors will be the sufferers. There are in the aggregate thousands of American families, many of them effecting extreme respectability, who clothe themselves in purple and find lines and fare sumptuonely every day, and yet show a grave indifference to their just obligations toward morohants and grocers. Some of them are simply thoughtless: others ate deliberately bad All alike need to be warned and exhorted -Nashville Adoocate.

APPRECIATION. If you would be helpful, be sympathetic

be appreciative. There is no such inspiration as genuine appreciation; it is the keynote of successful leadership. Some who are prominent in Christian work have failed at this point. The pastor who stimulates his people to untiring work is the one who fully appreciates every effort put forth by them. Superficial defects cometimes cause men to overlook real worth, but it was not so with our Lord. Nathan. ial came doubting, yet Jesus said of him: "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Appreciation and encouragement will develop gifts and graces in natures which have dwindled and shrunk under adverse influence. But only those who have truly put celf aside can have a part in such heavenly ministry.

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And cheery courage wails on will-A morry heart is wise.

Over rugged things we climb

To our bost ostate:

We shall stumble many a time, But we conquer fate.

A Canadian edition of "Houses of Glass," by Dr. James Algie, ought to sell well. The author is a thorough Canadian. He was born in 1857, at the village of Ayr, Ontario. His preliminary education was received at Dundas and St. Catharines. At the age of 18 he commenced the study of medicine. Three years later, after taking a degree at Toronto and Trinity Universities, he commenced, the practice of his profession in Port Elgin, county of Bruce. Thence he removed to Claude, in the county of Peel, to enter into partnership with the late Dr. Robinson, of Brampton, but failing to come to an understanding on the terms of partnership, be located at Alton, where he has been in active practice ever since. For years he bas been regarded locally as a clear thinker and an able writer, and frequently contributed articles on carrent topics to the newspapers of the district. Three years ago, unknown to any of his friends, be commenced writing, in his leisure moments, the chapters which now compose "Houses of Glass," without, however, any intention of having the works published. discovered the manuscript, and, after reading it, insisted on its being published. After some delay, the manuscript was submitted to professor Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, the author agreeing to submit to bis judgment on the matter. A favorable opinion and a letter of introduction to several publishing bouses were received in reply. The result is the book - now published by the W. J. Gage Co., Limited -which is bound to crosts a great deal of

DEAD FILES. How many good things are spoiled by little inconsistencies. How many a reputation has been shattered by a single foolish forethoughtless act, and how often has influence been destroyed by a single departure from the straight line? There are men who are sound in many respects but who fail in some particular which completely destroyed the force of their other good qualities. "Now Naaman, captain of the host of the King of Syria, was a great man with his master and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria; he also was a mighty man in valor but he was a leper." What a fine description was spoiled by a fatal "but." John Smith is a good business mau, orders largely, pays promptly, but he is tricky. Henry Jones is a good fellow, treats travellers well, but he needs watching. William Brown is a councilman, but be is a confirmed liar. Now cintment is a wholesome, healing thing, but the little taint of corruption caused by the dead fly makes it noxious, disgusting, deadly. So with the taints of character. The man who has some deadly fault is all the more to be shunned if he be otherwise attractive. One of the most gentlemanly, courteous and pleasant citizens of a certain town not a thousand miles away was apprehended the other day for an unmentionable, abominable vice. "Dead flies cause the cintment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a wiedom and honor."

A SYMPATHETIC PRINCESS.

duchess Valorie, of Austria, is told by the Vienna correspondent of the London Morning Post. A short time age a 13-year old schoolboy was summoned home from his boarding school at Linz to attend his father's faneral in Vienns. The lad was without travelling companions, and .; bile waiting on the platform at Linz began to ory bitterly. His distress was noticed by a lady in a first-class compartment, who summoned the guard, and had the boy brought to ber. She paid his excess fare for travelling first-class, and devoted herself to the tack of comforting him and relieving the tedium of the long journey to Vienns, telling him that she too had suffered much from the loss of a parent in a foreign land. The schoolboy was not a little astonished at the end of the journey to learn that the kind-bearted lady was the Archduchess Valorie, daughter of the

MOTHERS

children," writes Barbetta Brown in the December Ladies' Home Journal, "is caused by the mother's failure to be keen enough to see where she may touch a child's life and where she may not; where it is for her to guide, to help, to encourage, and where the child-life is sacred to itself slone. That the child is another individual never accuors to some mothers, nor that he has his own possibilities for growth, not to be tempered with; his own privacies, not to be invaded; his own 'holy of holles,' to be held holy. The Power that is working in the vast life of this universe is working in your son or daughter as part of it; and it has its own purpose in regard to each child-life as surely as for each planet in its orbit. God needs much help from mothers, but God does not intend to be effaced by mothers. Coperate, then, with the Power working through your children. Do not make the great mistake of trying to compete with it.

"I stand up for the people," declared the

"False !" oried a gamin in the rear. "He wouldn't even stand up for a poor oli lady in de car this morning."-New York

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> singing, and stayed late listening to the harp and piano, until he began to smoke and then to drink, till now at the age of

THE most popular brand of last lines rang out in a glad peal of

faint echo which the wind brought back : attractive after that, and he went over to day. I will not till of all the deeds of Like a panorama the last six years of his life passed before him and the words came followed my brotish desires. At last I to him which be had learned long ago. widow and she sat and sewed all day for a support him, for he worked when he felt like it, and sat in Bill Brice's saloon when

the highest market price when he wanted to be. What line was needed be was very wall aware; the first was the rope of salvation, whose anchor was Christ; that life line which Josus extends so lovingly, and once possessing that, all the rest should be easy. The tears began to gather in Guy Allen's eyes as he sat there trying to make up his mind; and finally he arose and walked elowly up the street to the leading printing

> glasses, but his smile faded when he saw who his visitor was.

"Stop a moment, don't be in a ruch boy; if you really mean business, I want

shibboleth of some heeler or loud-mouth victions, in a majority of cases, are the crude product of other minds. A good those who would doubtless resent the quite as effectually saddled and bridled, if they only knew it, as those they pity. borrowed effulgence. What the world selves. An hour of careful thought and wise planning is worth a whole day of

political orator.

ANOTHER LIE NAILED.

-Mary Bradley.

GOD NEEDS THE HELP OF "The grave mistake of repressing

NEW LITERATURE

And we choose the better part So that ovil flies, When we keep the dauntless heart, The merry beart that's wise.

The following story about the Arch-