# Poetry.

### THE MOTHER'S PRAYER.

[Suggested by seeing a mother bending over her child in the attitude of prayer.]

Music from heaven, play sweet around ;
And earth, hush thy discordant tones,
While o'er my babe steals sleep profound,
To close her eyes—to still her moans.

Ye angels, hover near her head,
And chant in soft, celestial strain,
While starry lamps shine on her bed,
And blessings fall like summer's rain.

Whisper, ye winds, in cadence mild ;
Ye threatening tempests, sink to rest ;
Oh, gentle peace, be with my child,
With seraph visions may her sleep be blest.

Father of all, to thee I'll raise,
My eyes, my hands, I clasp in prayer :
Guard her by night, and guide her days,
And for thy home her soul prepare.

# Random Readings.

A waspish waist makes a woeful want—of health.

When a woman gives you a 'bit of her mind,' it is, because she cannot keep the *peace*.

Why is the proprietor of a 'ham and beef shop' like a professor of languages?—Because he is a retailer of *tongues*.

'I was well—would be better—took physic—and died.'

Jim Bones, a free nigger, of New York, has a child so exceedingly dark that he cannot be seen on the lightest day.

How could you make a thin child fat? Well, just pitch him out of the window, and he will come down plump.

'There is no rose without a thorn.' Quiz says there is a *prim*-rose.

Why are your lips always at variance? Because words are frequently passing *between* them.

A dandy wishing to be witty accosted an old bellman as follows: 'You take all sorts of trumpery in your cart?' 'Certainly—jump in.'

A farmer the other day was told by his landlord that he was going to raise his rent. 'Much obliged,' said he, 'for I find it impossible to *raise* it myself.'

'Bubby, why don't you go home and have your mother sew up that hole in your trowsers.' 'Oh, go along, old woman; our folks are economizing, and a hole will last longer than a patch.'

An alderman having grown enormously fat while in office, a wag wrote on his back, 'Widened at the expense of the Corporation.'

Says an astronomer to a bright-eyed girl, when talking of rainbows, 'Did you ever see a lunar bow, miss?' 'I have seen beaux by moonlight, if that's what you mean,' was the sly rejoinder.

An actor with a very homely phiz, was acting Mithridates, when a beautiful captive said to him—'Ah, my Lord; you change countenance.' A man in the pit exclaimed, 'Don't stop him, don't stop him; for Heaven's sake let him.'

When the conversation at Holland House turned upon first love, Tom Moore compared it to a potato, because 'it shoots from the eyes.' 'Or rather,' exclaimed Byron, 'because it becomes less by *pairing!*'

'If the gentleman who keeps a shoe-store with a red head, will return the umbrella which he borrowed of a young lady with an ivory handle, he will hear of something to her advantage."

A son of Galen who was very angry when any joke was passed on physicians, once defended himself from raillery by saying, 'I defy any person whom I ever attended to accuse me of ignorance or neglect.' 'That you may do safely,' replied a wag, 'for you know, doctor, dead men tells no tales.'

Why is an abbot a greater dunce than you are?—Because he never gets further than his A. B. C. (*Abbacy*).

At a late soiree at Count de Kisseleff's a new Polish waltz was introduced, in which was introduced, in which each gentleman holds a glass filled with campaign, and the grand point is to go round the room without spilling the wine. Some young Russians displayed great address in performing this difficult feat.

LOVE.—A sweet contagion, which attacks, people with great severity between eighteen and twenty-two. Its premonitory symptoms are sighs, ruffled shirts, ringlets, bear's grease, and whiskers. It feeds on moonlight and flutes, and looks with horror on 'biled pork' or baked beans.

We have somewhere met with the following rhapsody, which we commend to the albums of sentimental young ladies.—What is a kiss? A kiss is, as it were, a seal, expressing our sincere attachment,—apledge of future union,—a present, which at the same time it is given, is taking from us the impression of an ivory coral press, crimson balsam for a love-wounded heart,—a sweet bite of the lips,—an affectionate pinching of the heart,—a delicious dish, which is eaten with scarlet spoons,—a sweetmeat, which does not satisfy our hunger,—a fruit which we plant and gather at the same time,—the quietest exchange of questions and answers between two lovers,—the fourth degree of love.

A beardy young gentleman, being on a visit to a friend, had one of our friend's interesting boys on his knee caressing him, when the child looked up into the beardy's face, with a perplexed gaze, and asked—'Can't you talk?'—'Yes; why do you ask that, dear?' said the young gent. 'Cause I can't see any mouf for the talk o come out at!'


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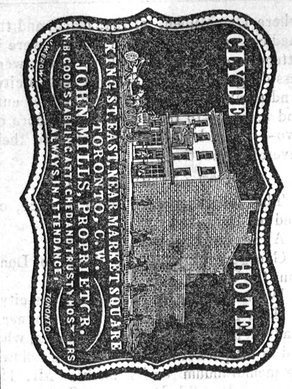


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