

Poetry

THE TREASURE TROVE

As Jonathan Dodge reeled home one night,
Tight as a brick in a prison wall,
Drooping a gaunt and brilliant light
His eyes on a something bright did fall.

Miscellaneous

It is easier to make up one's mind to
early rising than one's body.

The greatest pleasure of life is love;
the greatest treasure is contentment;
the greatest profession is health;
the greatest care is sleep;
and the greatest medicine is a true friend.

A new member rose to make his first
speech, and in his embarrassment,
began to scratch his head. 'Well really,'
exclaimed Sheridan, 'he has got something
in his head, after all.'

'Why are there so many widows in
New York?' asked some one of Aunt
Betsy, who once lived there. 'Because,'
said she, 'the men think like violence,
die off like raring distraction, and leave
the poor women in screaming distress.'

A FRUGAL MAN.—There was once a
Scotsman who was so terribly thrifty
that he would sometimes induce his son
Jack, by the bribe of a penny, to go to bed
without his supper and would make him
buy a roll for his breakfast next morning
with the money.

TO TAKE HER ALL IN ALL, MISS RACHEL PAUL
Was got the most upon this earthly ball;
But less than was so very big and tall,
That no one liked to 'take her all in all.'

'Can I show you anything more to-day,
sir?' asked the civil gentleman behind the
counter of his wooty customer. 'Yes,
sir,' was the reply; 'will you be good
enough to show me the silk umbrella I
left here three weeks ago?'

HEAR THIS, YE LOVERS!—A young
lady who has been married six months
says it is all nonsense to talk about love in
a cottage. The little rascal always runs
away when there is no bread and butter on
the table. There is more love in a sirlion
of beet than in all the roses, posies and
woodbines that ever grew.

Can you read and punctuate the lines
correctly, so as to write them true?
Every scholar in his land
Has twenty nails upon each hand
And this is true without deceit.

'What's the picture on it' said a country-
man the other day in a print-shop, to
the proprietor, who was turning over some
engravings. 'That, sir,' said the dealer,
'is Joshua commanding the sun to stand
still.' 'Well,' said the countryman,
'which is Josh, and which is his son?'

LOVE.—The question is sometimes sug-
gested, who loves the dearest, man or wo-
man? It is difficult to say, a rule either
would be marked by so many excep-
tions. But there is no doubt that love is
the great leading activity of a woman's
life. Man has other things which divide
attention; the cares and anxieties of the
world—the struggle for fame, or wealth,
or power—press more closely upon him;
but love is to woman the grand reality—
she lives in an atmosphere of love.

EFFECT OF ONE WRONG ACT

Have you ever considered the effect
of one wrong act? The thing may
not seem wrong in itself; soon
done; and viewed from many
points of no importance. But you
must trace its ramifications and fol-
low up, link by link, its results.—
That single insignificant act, done
thoughtlessly, in an unguarded mo-
ment, must send forth an influence
through your whole subsequent life.

The historian of British India,
speaking of the voyage of Warren
Hastings to that country, says, con-
cerning a circumstance which occu-
rred on that voyage; 'It is doubtful
whether this act did not exercise
an unflavourable influence over his
whole moral nature, and over his
career.' Of how many persons
might the same remark be made!—
One wrong act brings the murderer
to his ignominious end. One wrong
act stamps, with indelible stains of
dishonour, a character which to above
reproach. One wrong act in youth
has thrown many a young person
under the controlling love of a
kind Providence, and launched him
on a sea of trouble and sorrow to a
late old age.

Of how much peace, of how much
blessed prosperity and holy joy, has
a signal sin at the outset robbed a
true child of God? Of how much deep,
unavailing sorrow and mortifi-
cation has it been the inlet! It
was an act, perhaps, as soon done
as the turning of a key by the angel
that opened the bottomless pit; but
with a more distressing power for
evil it has caused a darkness, as the
smoke of a great furnace, to over-
cloud your prospects, and has let
forth, amid the wide-spread scenes
of all your following years, memo-
ries and regrets with a keener power
than scorpions, and leaving hardly
a green thing in the waste of a life
that opened with so much to animate
and to cheer. It has drawn down
on you the displeasure of God. It
has arrayed his providence against
you, and shut you off from the full-
ness of his love.—English Writer.

TANBARK AS A MANURE.

As I have had some experience
with tanbark as a manure, I propose
to give it. Having a farm near an
old tannery, and being in want of
manure, I purchased the tanbark,
the accumulation of years, at a low
figure, and drew it upon my farm,
the neighbors in the meantime
laughing at my folly. I spread it
upon grass land, three or four inches
deep, where the grass was nearly
run out, or at best gave not half a
crop. The tanbark was drawn in
the fall or winter. I also put it on
land intended for spring wheat, often
half to a whole load in a place. I
meant to kill or cure.

SUMMER SOURS.

Physiological research has fully
established the fact that acids pro-
mote the separation of bile from
blood, which is then passed from the
system, thus preventing fevers, the
prevailing diseases of summer. All
fevers are 'bilious,' that is, the
bile is in the blood. Whatever is
antagonistic of fever, is antagonistic
of bile. It is a common saying that
fruits are cooling, and also berries of every
description; it is because the acidity
which they contain aids in separating
the bile from the blood, that is,
aids in purifying the blood. Hence
the great yearnings for greens and
lettuce, and salads in the early
spring, these being rich with vine-
gar & hence also the taste for some-
thing sour, as lemons, on an at-
tack of fever.

This being the case, it is easy to
see that we nullify the good effects
of fruits and berries, in proportion
as we eat them with sugar, or even
sweet milk, or cream. Hence also
is buttermilk or even common sour
milk promotive of health in summer
time. Sweet milk tends to biliousness
in sedentary people, sour milk
is antagonistic.—Hall.

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