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Literature. The Flute-Player.

A TALE. "Oh! bless'd with temper, whose unclouded ray

HARRY JONES was one of the smartest young men of the village in which he was born. His parents were industrious and contented; and he himself was of that active and cheerful disposition which derives a pleasure from habitual employment, and requires no excitement of vice or folly in the hours of leisure.

By his industry and frugality, Harry, at the age of five and twenty, had saved a little money. His master was kind and liberal towards him, and having himself other occupations to attend to, resigned his little interest as a cabinet-maker to the hero of our story.

It was at this juncture that Harry met with an old companion who had something of the vivacity, but nothing of the goodness which he himself possessed.

Martha began to read aloud from a serious book—but she did not choose the most favourably moment for making a proper impression: Harry yawned and almost fell asleep.

to do right and oblige his wife, Harry felt that the labours of the day were past. He thought of his flute. The sense of fatigue was at once forgotten, as he again placed his old book of tunes before him.

The next evening Harry did not forget the recreation of his flute; he played in his very best style, and he appealed to Martha for encouragement and approbation.

The flute continued to be produced every evening, and Harry ceased to expect the praise or ask the attention of his wife. But even this indifference did not long continue.

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diminishing the capacity for the performance of ordinary duties. Harry, too, acquired the practice of drinking freely; and, as his mind was ill at ease, the morning draught often succeeded the night's intoxication.

Martha did not want sense. She reflected deeply upon the causes of their misery; and she at length perceived the error which she had committed in opposing her own fixed habits to the equally confirmed inclinations of her husband.

Martha expended the good; pastor's friendly loan in procuring the restoration of their furniture; but she did not as yet bring it home. Her husband had one evening returned without intoxication, and in a temper which promised that the succeeding day would be one of industry.

It is the fashion to venerate, or profess to venerate, the "sages of antiquity." We call them the "ancient worthies," and all that sort of thing, and yet many of them are as arrant charlatans and swindlers, and as thoroughly versed in the arts of clap-trap, as any of the bogus "professors" of the present day.

and disabusing them of error, the "wisemen" of the distant past often enjoyed the multitude in true mountebank style, for their own especial advantage. Take Pythagoras as an example—one of the most celebrated of the early Greek astronomers, mathematicians and physicians.

It is not fair to run down our own impostors in the same breath in which we "crack up" the deluders of two or three thousand years ago.

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If I am going to be moving about out of doors a great deal I can give a full swing to appetite; which is never exceedingly bad.

There is one thing more to be said in this connection. It is not a matter of epicureanism that a man should be dainty concerning the food he eats.

How the tiny ones grow during childhood we need not trace here; but it may be interesting to know that boys and girls of twelve years of age are nearly equal

in weight, after which limit males are heavier than females of the same age.—Young men of twenty average one hundred and forty-three pounds each, while the young women of twenty average a hundred and twenty pounds.

THE IDLER.

A HUNGRY wolf is not more dangerous to a flock of sheep, nor a cat to a mouse, than an idle man is to the industry of a neighbourhood.

A pleasant story is told of a fellow who went into a town market, and placing himself in the center thereof that he might be seen by the butchers, began to gape wide his jaws and yawn in a formal manner.

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THE CIVIL LIST OF THE QUEEN

The Civil List of the Queen is very much less than that of any of her predecessors, and is, indeed, very much exceeded by the Sovereigns of several second-rate states in the world.

CURIOUS FACTS ABOUT WATER.

The extent to which water mingles with bodies apparently the most solid, is very wonderful. The glittering opal, which beauty wears as an ornament, is only flint and water.

The air we breathe contains five grains of water to each cubic foot of its bulk. The potatoes and turneps, &c. are boiled for our dinner, have, in their raw state, the one seventy-five per cent, the other ninety per cent, of water.

In plants we find water thus mingling no less wonderfully. A sunflower evaporates one and a quarter pints of water a day, and a cabbage about the same quantity.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE OF BOOKS

Do you know that your best educated women are the most economical without being mean. They stop to count costs. They are never deluded by fashion.