KOBIN'S RAIN-RONG.

O Robin, pipe no more of rain? "Tis four days since we saw the sun, And still the misty window pane Is loud with drops that leap and run

Four days ago the sky was clear, But when my mother heard you call, She said, "That's Robin's rain-song,

Oh, well he knows when rain wi Fair was the morning, and I wept Recause she wouldn't let me stray

Into the woods for flowers, but kept My feet from wandering away. And I was rexed to hear you cry So sweetly of the coming storm;

Grow cold and dim from clear and

It seemed to me you brought it all With that incessant, plaintive note And still you call the drops to fall . Upon your brown and scarlet coat.

How nice to be a bird like you, And lot the rangeome pattering down, | could find in New York." Nor mind a bit to be wet through, Nor fear to spoil one's only gown!

But since I cannot be a bird, Sweet Robin, pipe no more of rain Your morrier music is preferred; Forget at last that sail refrain !

And tell us of the sunshine, dear-I'm wild to be abroad again Seeking for blossoms far and near O Robin, pipe no more of rain!

beantiful. Adam was to dress the from the pulpit to the vestry." garden, which meant to make it gent hand. By the products of the farm man and beast survive. but I am really very glad, as I do detest river water." men extel the beauties of agricul- than a tender heart." ture, and especially every one who

The Bright Side.

is looking for a lucrative office

from the people, will shake a

friendly hand with the honest yeo-

man, as much as to say, your cul-

Look on the bright side. It is the right side. The times may be warmth and gladness. The sky is Commercial Advertiser. blue ten times where it is black A gentleman wishing to discover once. You have troubles, it may the religion of an Irish guide, inas well that none should be. They wishe, then, your honor, but I'm give sinew and tone to life—forti- of my landlady's belief." "What's would be a dull sea, and the sailor you. I owe her five half year's would never acquire skill, where rent, and she believes that I'll face. It is the duty of every one lief, too.' to extract all the happiness and enjoyment he can from within and should look on the bright side. What though things do look a lit tle dark ? The lane will have turning, and the night will end broad day. In the long run the great balance rights itself. What appears ill becomes well-that which appears wrong, right.

Pinnacle Pot-House Discus-

First Pot-House Politician-But dollar is a dollar in these hard times. First Citizen-Yes, sir. Second Cit. - That's so. ! + Third Cit.-You bet.

Second P. P .- And it's harder work to make a dollar than ever before. First Cit. - You bet. Second Cit.-Yes, sir.

Third Cit. -That's so. -First P. P .- Now if there was dol lars enough for everybody, times would not be so hard Second P. P .- Stop! I have an idea

Perhaps now a hard dollar will make times harder. First P. P.-But, my dear sir, it is

not really the times which are so hard it is that the dollars are hard to get. Pirst Cit .- Yes, sir. Second Cit. -You bet.

Third Cit. -That's so. All drink.

A HEALTH NOTE .- There is no was about as poor a drink as could season of the year in which per- be found between here and the feetly fresh food is so necessary as Black Hills. A glass having been during these extreme heats of the poured out for him, he drank it summer. Sunstroke in many cases with a remark that it was " mighty is but another form of exhaustion, poor cider." and the root of this evil often lies | "Don't you know," said the in the body's not being sufficiently veteran loafer, "the way they made nonrished. More strength is re- that cider? They just sat up a cask quired to resist these sweltering of water and threw rotton apples ficita, and did people study more at it." the food that strengthens, and not "Well," said the man, as he that which merely pleases the taste, slowly extracted three coppers from his wallet and paid for his drink, next exhaustion, and lastly some "they didn't ibt it more than form of disease.

Funnigrafs,

"It is not loud praying," said an Arkansas circuit rider, " which counts with the Lord, so much a giving four full quarts to the gal-

"I am so unlucky," said a fellow who had failed in all his undertakings, " that I verily believe, should I become a soaphoiler, the use of soap would become unfashionable."

Architect (who has come down above the "restoration") : " Good deal of dry rot about here!" Garrolous pewopener : "Oh, sir, it And watched with brimming eyes the ain't nothing to what there is in times, if you wait, the price will fall.

"Do you ever have mularia place if people talked as little as they here I" usked a lady of an illiterate hotel keeper in New Jersey, to whom he confidently cried : "Yes, um. We have it every day, for I've got the best French cook I

A little boy entered a fish mar ket the other day, and seeing for the first time a pile of lobsters lying on the counter, looked intently grasshoppers I've ever seen.

A class was being examined in a sea-beaten town of S--. The subject under discussion was the Respectability of Agriculture. flood. Among the first questions A clergyman once said to the, was, "How did Noal' understand will farming ever be considered that there was going to be a flood?"; more respectable than now !" My answer was no. Farming is highly looked at his almanick."

kind. Heaven, as a state, whether 'Yes, yes,' said the dominie de anything clse, work with your Grenadines; Muslins, it relates to the present or the lighted, rubbing his hands; 'and hands, heart, and brain. hereafter, | consists mainly in the what was that? The passage

visitors from the surrounding coun-try. No less does an extensive working at the pumps: "Pear farm, made beautiful by the dili- mo!" he said, "I did not know

it; but to the question, "Is it "Don't put too much confidence more respectable than formerly, or in a lover's vows and sight," raid will it be ?' I answer, it always Mrs. Partington to her niece has had the precedence in respect- "let him tell you that you have shility. God and good men, in lips like strawberries and cream, former times, looked with pleasure cheeks like a carnation, and eves and delight on seed time and har- like an asterisk; but such things vest; so in this age, professional oftener come from a tender head

ment, but immediately pulled up and remarked, that as some of the younger scholars might not know ling is respectable .- N. E. Farmer. its meaning, he would say that it was a synonym of epitome. The members of the infant class were affected to tears.

Well, Pat, said an indulgent hard, but it will make them no master to his conchman, who had easier to wear a gloomy and sad just been describing the glories of countenance. It is the sunshine, a St. Patrick's Day dinner. 'was and not the clouds that give beauty | your appetite sated?' 'Sated, is it to the flower. There is always be- yer honor? shure, en' it wasn't. fore or around us that which should It had to shtand up along wid mecheer and fill the heart with self most of the time.'-New York

be. So have others. None are quired " Paddy, what's your befree from them-and perhaps it is lief!" To which paddy replied, tude and courage to man. That that, Paddy ?" Wisha, and I'll tell there is nothing to disturb its sur- never pay her, and that's my be-

There is a very simple way of without him; and above all, he avoiding the disagreeable smoke and gas which always pour into the room when a fire is lit in the stove. heater, or fire place on a damp day. Put in the wood and coal as usual but, before lighting them, ignite handful of paper or shavings placed on the top of the coal. This produces a current of hot air in the chimney, which draws up the smoke and gas at onco.

Not so Bap .- A dentist, whose skill at tooth-pulling is well known was recently called upon by a wag carrying an old garden rake. " Doctor," said he, "I want you

to pull a couple of teeth for me." "Very well," replied the doctor take a sent in that chair, and show me the tooth." "Well, doctor," said the who.

"I want you to pull these two broken teeth out of this rake." For a moment the doctor was non-plussed by the joke, but, recovering binself, replied, "Well let me have it. I might as well tahe the teeth from one rake as

He did so, and demanded his fee of one dollar. .

One afternoon in a "Down East" grocery store, an old man canre in for a drink of cider. The grocer had some which having been frozen and thawed several times,

Sense and Sentiment.

He who lives to no purpose lives to He is the greatest who chooses to de

right at all times. Whoever conquers indolence can conquer most things. Fortune does not change men; it

only unmasks them.

ngenders hate. He that despiseth small things shall all little by little. knows what it is to fire and fall back, Fortune is like a market, where many

Severity breeds fear, but roughness

A Mystery.

This world would be a dreadful silent

From the Burlington Hawk-Eye We don't understand why it is that a constable with a search warrant looking for whiskey in a temperance town can search for five OUR days and never get a smell, while a dry and thirsty man in the same at them for some time, when he briskly away and in three minutes This exclaimed : "Them's the biggest is seen emerging from an adjacent alley, wiping his perspiring mouth with his cuff.

FIGHT YOUR OWN BATTLES .-Ask no favors of any one, and you will succeed five thousand times better than one who is always beseeching some one's patronage. No one will over help you as you help yoursolf, because no one will be so honored, when we consider that ! How did you like my sermon ! heartily interested in your affairs. from it flows all the calls for artis said a vain clergyman to a distin- Men who win love do their own ans of every name to supply the guished chance listener. 'Ah, sir; wooing. Whether you work for real or imaginary wants of all man there was one beautiful passage. fame, for love, for money, or for

When a young farmer's wife made her first boy's pants precisely look well, and at the same time it A certain First Lord of the Eng- before as behind, the father exwould be useful. How is it to-down the Thames, in a rather know whether he is going to school These goods astoor coming home!'

An American, after dining at a London restaurent, paid his bill and was about leaving, when the waiter suggested that the amount did not include the waiter. " Ah," said the man, "but I didn't eat the

A Sunday school speaker the other evening used the word abridg. SUBSCRIBE

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