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Choice Poetry.

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MY DREAM WITH REFLECTIONS.

In fancy's joyous day dream
I have been to fairy land;
I have seen myself that little
You would lose me in your hand.
I had no wings to fly with,
No way to walk or crawl,
Yet by some magic power
I saw and passed through all.
No land was left untraversed,
No cavern unexplored,
No kingdom unexamined,
No beauty unadorned,
No secret undiscovered,
No villain unmasked,
No heart—yes even the bosom
I entered, curious dreams.

Through space far off I dated,
On many shores I mused,
On many planets journeyed,
On many waters cruised,
The smallest little twinkler
You see far, far away,
I saw a sun for systems
Dispensing light for day,
Our system hung on nothing,
Obeying nature's law,
A myriad others like it,
In harmony I saw,
Move each around its centre,
Move all (imposing sight)
Like dancing, sparkling dew drops,
Around the throne of Night.

Then back from far off heaven
I dated at my will,
And found fair earth all blooming,
But man rebellious still,
A heart was handed to me—
I dashed it on the cloud,
For demons there had written
"There cannot be a God."
My sense of right forgotten,
My feelings past control,
I crushed and kicked—O bravest!
Along the smoke it rolled,
Was left in smoldering letters,
Of warm and human blood!
These words they haunt me ever—
"Twas never despised by God."

And then some spirit, gently,
Came whispering in my ear—
O weak and foolish mortal!
"Canst thou without a fear,
Blow out the lights that glimmer
Even in the darkest hour?
When that to thine, O mortal,
Is thy most glorious part!"
"One word," that voice continued,
"One word and I'm away;
I bear it from my Maker,
Take heed then what I say.
Your fellow may have fallen
To darkest pits of shame,
Yet never from his bosom
Shall go that glimmering flame.

"That flame with proper trimming,
By cautious, gentle care,
Will drive away all blackness,
All villain and despair;
And make the demon human,
And make the human love,
And make that love a ransom
To purchase joys above."
Here Fancy's dream was ended,
And though stern reason came,
Since then in many bosoms,
I've found and watched that flame.
'Tis there! a secret something,
In some, indeed, unseen,
But they who seek shall find it,
A spot of fresh and green.

REFLECTIONS.

DEAR READER:—
Know you a fellow, foe or friend,
To whom assistance you might lend?
Your brother fell? go ere he dies,
And trim his light that he may rise,
Another wrongs you? wait the time
When, rightly trimmed, his light shall shine
Wait, neighbor, wait, and watch and pray,

And oh, but gently touch to-day
The chords that but a day ago
Were harshly touched by heaven's foe,
Touch lightly, gently, kindly e'er,
For souls immortal vibrate here.
Be cautious, for his hallowed ground—
The price of souls was never found.
Could all of earth, aye even all
That swim, or fly, or walk, or crawl—
Yes, every thing that lives or not,
Exempting none, no matter what—
If all were in one mighty heap,
And with them were the waters deep,
Of all that great gigantic whole!
One single thing, the human soul,
Alone might hope to reach the sky,
And it alone, can never die!
The soul sees one eternal day—
The rest like life soon pass away
The soul may live to dwell with God,
The rest may mingle with the clod.
The soul to God's abode shall go,
Or writhe in damning pits below.
One blessed abode, one demon's hole,
To which shall go my weary soul,
May's Landing, Jan. 28th 1857. D. B. I.

NOTES.

For the West Jersey Pioneer.

LIFE.

What is our life? It has truly been compared to a "vapor," that appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away." So frail and uncertain is it, that we know not how soon the summons may be ours, to pay that last debt of nature—the common lot of all. Nor do the arrows of Death victimize the soonest those in whom the seeds of disease have longest been sown, but with a ruthless hand cut down the flower of youth amid its brightest prospects; to some its path seems more smoothly paved, while others appear to have trouble from the cradle to the grave.— But a great deal really depends on ourselves for enjoying those blessings we receive, for when viewing rightly, but see that we are constantly the recipients of undeserving mercies, yet fail to trace the hand from whence they come. Some live in splendid misery, that is they possess all that can make life desirable as far as the goods of this world are concerned, but do not find their object of pursuit, called happiness; it is because they misuse their talents, and of necessity become disappointed.

What a striking comparison the abode of such an one to the poor man's fire-side circle, where, before partaking of his scanty meal, he lifts his voice in thankfulness to his heavenly benefactor, and never loses sight of his obligations, and all the multifarious duties which he is called upon to perform. He is only truly happy who seeks divine assistance, committing himself and all his interests to his faithful keeping, and strives to act well his part in this life. Where'er that allotment be, he cultivates the spirit of contentment, and is comforted amid the most trying circumstances, realizing, to his good the afflictive dispensations of Providence, feeling that at best his pilgrimage is short, and that soon from earth's cold and wintry change he will bid adieu, for "Heaven is his home."

This life, then, may only be called the vestibule to that grand temple of existence reserved for all who remain faithful to the end. That prospect buoy the christian up, admonishing and disciplining him in the faithful discharge of the duties incumbent on him here, and capacitating him for those joys that await him hereafter; the beacon light of faith penetrates the gloom of death and the grave, and lights the living soul to God, the author of our faith.

HOW OLD ART THOU?

We take the following extract from an excellent sermon by the Rev. H. J. Vandeyke of Brooklyn, New York, preached to his congregation on the last Sabbath of the old year and published at their request. The text is Gen. xlvii. 9.

The age of man is not to be estimated, like that of a stone, by the mere flight of time; nor even by the amount of his enjoyment and suffering. A man is old in the highest and best sense of the word, according to what he has learned, and accomplished, and accumulated.

In the mouth of many a babe the wisdom of the ancients has been perfected. Many a young man, cut down in his prime, has achieved more for God and the world than they whose fruitless life has vegetated for a century. There are men who have lived and traded and laid up treasures for themselves for scores of years, who according to every right estimate, are poorer than Lazarus. Misers—wretches—their gold will not profit them in the day of wrath; the rust thereof will witness against them, and eat into their flesh like fire. There are men who, with eyes and ears apparently open, have gone through every stage of life, and over the best portions of this wonderful world, who in respect to their real wisdom, might well have the prophet's words for their epitaph: "The child shall die a hundred years old."

How much, therefore, have you learned? The world is a great school-house. In every bird, beast, and flower, in every bright spot dotted on the broad chart of the firmament, in every page lettered with the impress of

other men's genius, in every event of domestic or business life, in every line of the inspired text-book, the great Teacher has set us a task. Have you addressed your-self to these tasks, knowing that the mind and not the purse, is the standard of the man? Have you learned to spell out God's glory in the heavens and the earth? Have the experiences of life brought you nearer to its Author, and linked you in tenderer bonds to your fellow disciples? Above all, have you appreciated and acquired that excellent knowledge of Christ for which the glorious apostle counted all things but loss? Look back over the course of your thoughts and studies, bring forth the store of your true wisdom, strip off your gay clothing and your gold rings; let your naked soul come out from your body, and, estimating your age by the measure of its stature, *How old art thou?*

How much have you accomplished? The world is a great work shop. No one was ever sent into it to be idle. If the eye of an angel ever looks into a directory, he utters an exclamation of wonder and contempt at every name opposite to which is written *idle*. He who works not, is no right citizen; either to sleep or to eat; and a beautiful provision of nature, the morsel and hard bed of the labouring man are sweeter and softer than the dainties and down-pillows of the drone. *Steady*—whether it be pressed out from the brow by the toil of the hand or the brain—*steady* is the rent which the great landlord demands of all who tenant the earth. How much, therefore, have you done for the bodily and temporal comfort of your own, for the benefit of a poor and suffering world, for the glory of the great proprietor? Bring out, up and do, and doing to the purpose; so by diligence shall we do more with less perplexity. "Steady makes all things difficult, but industry all easy," as poor Richard says; and "he that riseth late must not all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night; while business travels so slowly, that penny soon overtakes him; as we read in poor Richard; who adds, "Drive thy business, let not that drive thee; and,

Early to bed, and early to rise,
Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."
"So what signifies wishing and hoping for better times? We make these times better by our own exertions. Industry needs not wish, as poor Richard says: "He that lives upon hope will fast fasting." There are no gains without pains; then help hands, if you have no lands; and, as poor Richard like-wise observes: "He that hath a trade hath an estate, and he that hath a calling hath an inheritance; and he that is called by God, shall not be forsaken." If you are industrious, you shall never starve; for as poor Richard says: "At the working man's house hunger looks in, but dares not enter." Nor will the bailiff or the constable enter for debts," says poor Richard. "What though you have found to trespass, no man's rich father left you a legacy? Diligence is the mother of good luck," as poor Richard says; and "God gives all things to industry; then plough deep while sluggards sleep, and you will have corn to sell and call, says poor Dick. Work while it is called to-day; if you know not how much you may be hindered to-morrow; which makes poor Richard say: "One to-day is worth two to-morrow; and, farther, "Have you somewhat to do to-morrow, do it to-day; for the day will not tarry, and to-morrow may be your last day." If you were a saint, would you not be ashamed that a good master should catch you idle? Are you then your own master, be ashamed to catch your-self idle, as poor Dick says. When there is so much to be done for yourself, your family, and your gracious king, be up by prep of day: "Let not the sun look down, and say, 'Angerous here he lies!' Handle your tools without mutinous remembrance." What though you have no money, as poor Dick says: "It is true, there is much to be done, and perhaps you are weak-limbed; but stick to it steadily, and you will see great effects; for, continual dropping wears away stones, and by diligence and patience the mouse ate into the cable; and light strokes fell great oaks," as poor Richard says in his Almanac, the year I cannot just now remember.

"I think I hear some of you say, 'must a man aforesaid be a leiser?' I will tell thee, my friend, what poor Richard says: "Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure; and since thou art not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour." Leisure is time for doing something useful; this leisure the diligent man will obtain, but the lazy man never; so that, as poor Richard says, "A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things." Do you imagine that the sloth will find you more comfort than labor? No; for, as poor Richard says, "Troubles spring from idleness, and grievous toils from needless ease; many without labor would live by their own wits only; but they break for want of stock." Whereas industry gives comfort, and plenty, and respect. "Fly pleasures, and they'll follow you; the diligent spinner has a large shift, and now I have a sheep and a cow, everybody bids me get a borrow; all which is well said by poor Richard.

"But with our industry, we must likewise be steady, and settled, and careful, and oversee our own affairs with our own eyes, and not trust too much to others; for, as poor Richard says, "I never saw an off-removed tree, Nor yet an off-removed family, That thrived so well as one that settled be." And again, "Three remedies are as bad as a fire; and again, 'Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee; and again, 'If you would have your business done, go; if not, send.' And again, "He that by the plow would thrive, Himself must either hold or drive."

And again, "The eye of the master will do more work than both his hands; and again, 'Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge; and again, 'Not to over-work is to leave them your purse open.' Trusting too much to other's care is the ruin of many; for, as the Almanac says, "In the affairs of the world, men are saved not by faith, but by the want of it; but a man's own care is profitable; for, saith poor

Dick, "Learning is to the studios, and riches to the careful, as well as power to the bold, and heaven to the virtuous. And, farther, 'If you would have a faithful servant, and one that you like, serve yourself; and again, he adviseth to circumspection and care, even in the smallest matters, because sometimes, 'A little neglect may breed great mischief; adding, 'For want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost; being overthrown and slain by the enemy, all for want of care about a horse-shoe nail."

"So much for industry, my friends, and attention to one's own business; but to these we must add frugality, if we would make our industry more certainly successful. A man may, if he knows not how to save as he gets, keep his nose all his life to the grindstone, and die not worth a great deal at last." A fat kitchen makes a lean will, as poor Richard says; and,

Many estates are spent in the plucking
Since women for tea forego spinning and knitting,
And men for punch forsake hewing and splitting.

"If you would be wealthy, says he, in another Almanac, think of saving as well as of getting; the ladies have not made Spain rich, because her out-goes are greater than her in-comes." Away then with your expensives, and you will not have much cause to complain of hard times, heavy taxes, and chargeable families; for, as poor Dick says, "Women and wine, game and deceit, Make the wealth small, and the want great."

And, farther, "What maintains one's view, would bring up two children." You may think, perhaps, that a little more of a little, will do the business, but a little more costs, clothes a little finer, and a little entertainment now and then, can be no great matter; but remember what poor Richard says, "A little makes a mick, and a further, 'The ware of little expensives; and a little will sink a great ship; and again, 'Who dainties love, shall beggars prove; and moreover, 'Fools make feasts; and wise men eat them.'"

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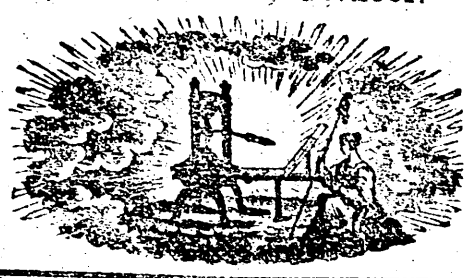
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DOMESTIC HELP.

Notwithstanding the great influx of foreigners into this country, there still continues an inadequate supply of hands for the proper performance of the agricultural and domestic branches of labor.

The sale of property advertised by the commissioners of Jeremiah B. and Eliza Davis, dec., took place at Davis' Hotel in this place on Tuesday afternoon last.

Large Hogs Again.
The Salem slaughter of last week, in nothing more than large hogs, slaughtered in that County this season, says:—

One of the Women.
We trust our friend "B. C. H." of Cape May, will look out for the grater sex, in the future, and thus avoid another opportunity by "One of the Women," who appears in another column of this week's paper.

Protracted Meeting.
Rev. T. Williams of Philadelphia who has been preaching in the Commerce street M. E. Church for several evenings, will preach this Friday evening and on Sabbath morning and evening.

We have received the first No. of the New Jersey Signal, a large and well got up newspaper, just started at Bordentown, by Van Nortwick & Ashbrook.

Relieve that Cold.
Ye who are afflicted with a cold, and indicate by a sepulchric cough, that you need relief, go to the Drug & Confectionery Store of Franklin Dore, and get a supply of that valuable Cough Candy, manufactured and for sale at his establishment.

Startling Murder.
Another terrible deed of blood occurred in New York City on last Friday night. Dr. Harvey Burdell, a celebrated dentist of that city was found dead in his sitting room, at his residence in Bond st., having been stabbed no less than fifteen times, besides exhibiting evidences of attempted strangulation.

There is an oak near Raleigh, N. C., which at the sun's meridian, covers with a shade a space of nine thousand feet. It would afford shelter for four thousand five hundred men.

Comfortable and Appropriate Gift.

How often it happens, that in giving gifts, the donor does not sufficiently understand the wants of the person to whom the donation is made, consequently a present valuable to one is often but slightly esteemed by another.

For the West Jersey Pioneer.
"The Mountain Labored and Brought forth a Mouse."
Mr. Editor:—Are you, or any of your readers fond of mice? If so, you have only to turn to your last paper and read the communication of "Fairfield."

He starts off with an attempt at criticism on making application to the next session of the Legislature, and thinks the author of the idea should go to school, or get a Philadelphia lawyer to learn him how to draw up notes, &c.

His tirade about turpicking the streets of Bridgeton, is a mere mess of infant twattle, and I would not for the world deprive a child of anything in which it can find the least pleasure.

ONE OF THE WOMEN.
The Spanish Coins.
The New York Journal of Commerce, speaking of the act now before Congress, says:—

Most persons think it is designed to forbid the circulation of the fractional Mexican or Spanish coin at anything above the decimal rates below their respective denominations. This is an error.

Nothing occurred in either House of any interest to our readers. In fact, legislating has got to be a mere burlesque, and for all good the members do in front of, they might almost as well be home helping their wives take care of the babies.

NEBRASKA.—There has recently been trouble in the Territorial Legislature of Nebraska, in consequence of a proposition by the majority to remove the Capital from Omaha, where it is now in session, to some other point, on account of the interference of mobs from Council Bluffs, Iowa, in the territorial business.

Important Arrest of Counterfeiters.—A man named John Brown, was arrested in Philadelphia on Saturday, charged with passing spurious ten dollar notes on the Girard Bank, several of which were found in his possession. He said he bought them from one Joseph Bright, who was also arrested. The officers then proceeded to Camden, and arrested a father and son, named Tarr, on a charge of making and selling similar money.

Eighty-First Legislature.

The Assembly was mostly occupied with the Camden Election case. It is contended by the majority that Atkinson, (Dem.) had 705 votes, and Scull 701; the minority contended that Atkinson had but 690, throwing out 0 votes given for Joseph M. Atkinson, instead of Thomas B. Atkinson.

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Bill Noticed.—Mr. Rafferty, supp. locat. concerning divorces; Mr. Smith, supp. locat. concerning taxes.

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Bridgeton Prices Current.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Wheat, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Corn, Hams, Pork, and other commodities.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Wheat in scarce, but there is very little demand for it; buyers only offer 150 and 152 cts. for Red, and 160 and 163 cents for White. Rye is firm at 82 cts. Corn—No sales. We quote old at 68 cents, and new Yellow at 65 cents. Oats—No sales.

MARRIED.

On the 13th inst. by Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, Mr. WILLIAM H. WOODRUFF, to Miss ANNA GLASS, both of Cumberland Co.

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