

CRUMBS.

Amidst the freezing sleet and snow,
The timid robin comes;
In pity drive him not away,
But scatter out your crumbs.

And leave your door upon the latch
For whoever comes;
The poorer they, more welcome give,
And scatter out your crumbs.

SEAL SKINS.

Seal skin jackets being "all the rage" at present, it will interest our readers, and especially the fair possessor of one of these beautiful articles of ladies' dress, to know the process of preparing the skins before they are ready to be

from where they are received salted down. We wash off the salt, placing them upon a beam somewhat like a tanner's beam, removing the fat from the flesh side with a beaming knife, care being required that no cuts or uneven places are made in the pelt. The skins are next washed in water and



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All have to spare, none are too poor,
When want with winter comes;
The loaf is never all your own,
Then scatter out the crumbs.

The man who patronizes a second-hand clothing store is never troubled with fits.

made up, and the high price they are held at, will be no longer astonishing when the amount of labor expended on them is taken into consideration. From one who has worked at the business, we obtain the following: The very best seal skins are taken at Alaska,

placed upon the beam with the fur up, and the grease and water removed by the knife. The skins are then dried by moderate heat, being tacked out on frames to keep them smooth. After being fully dried, they are soaked in water and thoroughly cleansed with