

Gems In Verse

OLD FAVORITES.

THE TOILER.

JOY to the toiler—him that tills
The fields with plow and harrow;
Him with the woodman's ax that thrills
The wilderness profound;
Him that all day doth sweating bend
In the fierce furnace heat,
And her whose cunning fingers tend
On loom and spindle fleet!
A prayer more than the prayer of saint,
A faith no ate can foil,
Lives in the heart that shall not faint
In time long task of toil.
—Benjamin Hathaway.

TWICKENHAM FERRY.

"AHOY and oho, and it's who's for the
ferry?"
(The brier's in bud and the sun going
down),
"And I'll row ye so quick, and I'll row ye
so steady,
And 'tis but a penny to Twickenham
Town."
The ferryman's slim and the ferryman's
young,
With just a soft twang in the turn of his
tongue,
And he's fresh as a pipkin and brown as a
berry,
And 'tis but a penny to Twickenham
Town.

"AHOY and oho, and it's I'm for the
ferry?"
(The brier's in bud and the sun going
down),
"And it's late as it is, and I haven't a
penny,
"Oh, how can I get me to Twickenham
Town?"
She'd a rose in her bonnet, and, oh, she
looked sweet
As the little pink flower that grows in the
wheat,
With her cheeks like a rose and her lips
like a cherry,
"And sure, but you're welcome to Twickenham
Town!"

"AHOY and oho!" You're too late for
the ferry;
(The brier's in bud and the sun has gone
down),
And he's not rowing quick and he's not
rowing steady,
It seems quite a journey to Twickenham
Town.
"Aho and oho!" you may call as you
will,
The young moon is rising o'er Peterham
Hill,
And with love like a rose in the stern of
the wherry,
There's danger in crossing to Twickenham
Town.
—Theophile Marziale.

LONDON BRIDGE.

PROUD and lowly, beggar and lord,
Over the bridge they go;
Rags and velvet, fetter and sword
Poverty, pomp and woe,
Laughing, weeping, hurrying ever
Hour by hour they crowd along,
While, below, the mighty river
Sings them all a mocking song—
Hurry along, sorrow and song,
All in vanity 'neath the sun,
Velvet and rags, so the world wags,
Until the river no more shall run.
Dainty, painted, powdered and gay,
Rolleth my lady by;
Rags and tatters over the way
Carries a heart as high,
Flowers and dreams from country mead
ow,
Dust and din through city skies,
Old men creeping with their shadows,
Children with their sunny eyes—
Hurry along, sorrow and song,
All in vanity 'neath the sun,
Velvet and rags, so the world wags,
Until the river no more shall run.
Storm and sunshine, peace and strife,
Over the bridge they go,
Floating on the tide of life,
Whither no man shall know,
Who will miss them there tomorrow,
Waifs that drift to the shade or sun?
Gone away with their songs and sorrow;
Only the river still flows on,
Hurry along, sorrow and song,
All in vanity 'neath the sun,
Velvet and rags, so the world wags,
Until the river no more shall run.
—F. E. Weatherly.

THE VENDERS.

THE rich have brought us gifts in lark-
ish measure
And gold, by which all things on earth
are bought,
And bid us give them for their smiling
pleasure,
The sweetest songs our lonely dreams
have wrought,
WE gave our sweetest songs and took
their payment,
Laughing the while upon the foetid
throne,
Knowing a song is but a beggar's rat-
ment,
To all save those whose tears are in the
song.
—Century.

CAPTAIN AND HIS WHISKERS.

AS they marched through the town
with their banners so gay,
I ran to the window to hear the
band play;
I peeped through the blind very
cautiously then,
Just the neighbors might say I was look-
ing at the men,
I heard the drums beat and the music so
sweet,
But my eyes at the time caught a much
greater treat,
The troop was the finest that ever you did
see,
And the captain and his whiskers took a
sly glance at me,
When we met at the ball, I of course
thought 'twas right
To pretend that we had never met before
that night,
But he knew me at once, I could see at a
glance,
And I hung down my head as he asked
me to dance.
My heart was enlisted, and it could not
get free
As the captain and his whiskers took a
sly glance at me,
But they marched from the town, and I
saw him no more,
Yet I think of him oft and the whiskers
he wore,
I dream all the night, and I think all the
day
Of the love of the captain who's gone far
away,
And I keep in my mind how my heart
jumped with glee
As the captain and his whiskers took a
sly glance at me.
—Author Unknown.

Eastern Money this Way

That Eastern money is looking this way for investment is the statement of Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, who has just returned from a trip through the East lasting several weeks. He says Eastern people are realizing that investment here pays bigger returns than in the East, and they are anxious to place their money on the Pacific Coast and preferably in the Northwest.

"Down in New York and in New England," says Mr. Wilcox, "there have been hard times during the past year and people have been waiting for the outcome of the election. Now they assume the reason that things do not go ahead faster is that the tariff is about to be revised. But a I worked my way west I found things looking better and better until I got back to Portland, which looks pretty good. It is the most active, most lively and apparently the most prosperous city I have seen."

"Interest in the West is general throughout the East. They are looking to the West for investment because of the higher rates of income on their money, and because they believe the West will fill up and amount to something."

"A great amount of the business of the East is depressed because it depends upon the railroad companies, purchases, and these are not in evidence as yet. The railroad earnings have not increased and expenses are thought to be abnormally high, particularly labor and there is no probability of a reduction, and unless there is a general advance in railroad rates throughout the country, notwithstanding the fact that money is a drug on the market. I do not believe stock values will be maintained at the present high prices."

"Portland has been well advertised in the Eastern States. Both Mr. Hill and M. Harriman have made personal statements about this country, since midsummer this it has been of value, especially to the Northwest, and the exploitation occasioned by the Lewis and Clark Fair and that conducted since has brought the Pacific coast a great deal nearer the Atlantic than ever before."

"How much Eastern money may be brought here for investment depends somewhat on travel to the East from the West, and vice versa. But I believe that before the money of the East gets as high a return in that section as it does in the West a large amount of Eastern capital will drift West."

"I think the money conditions will enable sufficient borrowing to prosecute railroad construction in the West, as feeders to the existing lines, and altogether I believe the outlook is cheerful and encouraging."
—Oregonian.

MEDICINE THAT IS MEDICINE

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and the remedy is Electric Bitters—a medicine that is a medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Hildley, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at Lowe's drug store.

Christmas Tree Trade in Gotham

New York, Dec. 11—Expecting to reap a better harvest this season than last, the Christmas tree vendors have begun to ship their stock to this city. The first consignment arrived this week and was displayed today in Washington.

The Christmas tree trade in New York has grown to mammoth proportions and it requires many car-

loads and even shiploads of trees to supply the metropolis and its suburbs. More trees of large size are used than ever before. This is due to the growing custom of churches, societies, lodges and other bodies of having a mammoth tree in common, which has largely done away with the old time practice of individual family Christmas trees.

The trees in Maine and Canada are becoming scarcer each year, and it requires more labor to market the trees than in former years. All the available trees along the railroads have been cut and now the dealers are compelled to haul the trees many miles before they can ship them on cars. Still the supply seems equal to the demand and the indications are that the trees will cost more this season than herebefore. There seems to be a scarcity, however of holly and mistletoe, especially of the better grades, and it is probable some fancy prices will be realized on these popular articles of decoration.

THIS IS WORTH READING

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St. Buffalo, New York, says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at Lowe's drug store. 25c.

Billy White's Awful Accident

All the older residents of Coquille will remember Chas. W. White and family who lived in this place for a number of years up to eleven years ago, during which time Mr. White was superintendent of the Coquille sawmill. The family moved from here to Trinity county, Calif., and some time ago Mr. White suffered injuries while at work in a mine.

But the most serious and appalling experience of any of the family was that had by Willie, one of the sons, whose age is now 20 or 21 years. His experience has seldom been equaled and will cause a shudder to read, as also a wonder that he lives to tell of the terrible ordeal.

While groping his way in the darkness between Douglas City and Weaverville, in Trinity county, a number of nights ago, traversing a lonely and dangerous trail, Willie fell over a precipice 75 feet in height and rolled 25 feet further into the bed of a creek after striking the rocky ledge. His leg was broken

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Morning found the sufferer in view of the road, and here he lay more dead than alive until a man happened by, whom he hailed, and he was hurried to Weaverville for medical attendance. At last reports his condition was gradually mending and he will ultimately be himself once more though it is doubtful if he forgets the experience to the last day of his existence.

The pain which the young man suffered during all those nocturnal and rainy hours can scarcely be described, and it is hard to understand how he managed to emerge from the ordeal with his life.—Herald.

GOOD COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN

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