

OLD AGE.

I often think each uttering form
That flings along in life's decline,
Once wore a heart as young, as warm,
As full of idle thoughts as mine!
And each has had its dream of joy,
His own unequalled, pure romance:
Commencing when the blushing boy
First thrilled a lovely woman's glance.

And each could tell his tale of youth;
Would think its scenes of love evince
More past as, more unearthy truth,
Than any tale before or since.
Yes, they could tell of tender lays,
At midnight pined in classic shade;
Of days more bright than modern days,
And made more fair than modern maid.

Of whippers on a willing ear,
Of kisses on a blushing cheek;
Each kiss, each whisper, far too dear,
Our modern lips to give or speak.
Of passions long untimely crossed;
Of passions slighted or betrayed;
Of kindred spirits early lost,
And buds that blossom but to fade.

Of beaming eyes and tresses gay,
Elastic form and snowy brow,
And forms that have all passed away,
And left them what we see them now!
And is it this? Is human love
So very light and frail a thing?
And must life's brightest visions move
Forever on Time's restless wing?

Must all the eyes that still are bright,
And all the lips that talk of bliss,
And all the forms so fair to-night,
Hereafter only come to this?
Then, what are earth's best visions worth,
If we at length must lose them thus?
If all we value most on earth,
Breathings must fade away from us?

THE EPIDEMIC OF CRIME.

Is crime, as well as disease, epidemic? The ablest socialists declare that it is. There views seem to indicate fatalism and militate against free-will; yet they are supported by a mass of evidence which is actually overwhelming. Nothing strikes the intelligent observer of events more forcibly than the frequency with which one crime particularly atrocious in nature is followed by others equally revolting. It is alleged that men's minds become morbidly excited by reading the terrible details of a murder, and that they are impelled by some unaccountable impulse to reproduce them. This explanation would, perhaps, hold good to some extent if it were proved that all those who commit great crimes had previously been reading reports of similar outrages; but such a thing has never been established, so the assertion must be taken for what it is worth in each individual case, and not be generally applied.

The crimes of bloodshed reported in the telegraphic dispatches are positively sickening. Every motive that can impel men to deeds of horror is represented—lust, jealousy, anger, greed of gain, revenge—all figure in the hideous panorama. The criminals and their victims were of all ages and of all conditions in life. When we hear of a husband, aided by his son, killing his wife, and are told of a child eight years of age enticing an infant of three into the woods and beating him to death with a club, we would feel believe that the heart was not concerned in such fearful outrages on humanity, and that some subtle and mysterious influence denominated the perpetrators and paralyzed their judgment. Our own State, we regret to say, has not escaped the prevailing epidemic.

The tragedies reported from Georgetown, and Healdsburg and Vacca though not as revolting as those occurring in the East, are yet deplorable enough to convince us that Californians are not more exempt from the frailties of human nature. The great and urgent questions are, can these crimes be prevented? Will the severity of justice tend to diminish them? These are grave and important enough to engage the attention of our deepest thinkers. The honor of the nation is concerned in them, for the writers of other countries, who are not friendly to this republic and are only too happy to have something detrimental to say of our national reputation, will make all the capital they can out of them.—Chronicle.

VISITOR TO MAMMA—I have some sad news for you, my dear; your doctor Mr. Crushbone, died this morning. Jimmy (one of six)—"then we shan't have any more babies, ma" shall we?

MR. BEECHER'S CASE.

The Boston Journal says: Mr. Beecher has done at last what many of his best friends thought that he ought to have done eight months ago. He has met the Bowen-Woodhull scandal with a keen, clear and emphatic denial, throwing on his maligners the necessity of backing down, confession defeat by silence, or bringing to the surface any proof the parties may possess. The tri-party letter published shows that the Woodhulls did not originate the scandal which they published. It had been coursing through the sewers of Brooklyn for a half a dozen years. A publication is ready for the press giving a minute history of all the parties connected with this remarkable matter. How the intamacy began in a well-known mansion on Brooklyn Heights; the parties who were present; the various interviews held, running over several years; who were in attendance; what was said and done; together with letters and correspondence supposed to have been burned. The document is from the pen of one of the most graphic writers of the day, and will unquestionably make a most profound and wide-spread sensation. Letters redelivered or given to the flames were first taken before a magistrate and copies certified. These papers are to make a part of the forthcoming volume. The book will contain several hundred pages.

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BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk and to me directed, I have levied upon and will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand in front of the Court House door in Dallas Polk County Oregon between the hours of 9 o'clock A.M. and 12 o'clock P.M. on SATURDAY

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