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THREE THOUGHTS
[Fidels in Chicago Tribune.]
"I think," said a man whose snowy hair,
Deep-wrinkled brow, and faded eye
betrayed a close approach to death.
"That the bliss of heaven in peace must lie;
That we long to reach its shores because
We'll never again know care or toil.
But rest in His arms thro' endless days,
Away from all sounds of earth's turmoil."
"I think," said a youth with flashing eyes,
And a form erect in strong, young pride,
"That we yearn to be with God because
In His home we shall all be satisfied.
No more will we know the longing for hope,
For a home for a love, we never can reach.
Like the waves that are striving far out at
sea.
But can never reach the shining beach."

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TOM DOLSER.
[John Habberton in The Current.]
The richest people are always the hap-
piest, but on the last day of December of a
year that need not be designated by its cal-
endar number, the most joyous heart in the
little manufacturing city of Thornton, was
Mrs. Alice Dolser. "What the owner of the
great Athlery mills," she would not
pass her forthwith birthday, she would not
have exchanged places with the prettiest girl
in the city of which, when she and Thom-
son were twenty years younger, she had been,
though poor and simple, the reigning belle.
Good health, a clear conscience, a good hus-
band and an active mind, so she steadily
increased her beauty, spirit and appreciation
of everything worth enjoying that she
looked forward eagerly to the year to come,
instead of longing for those which had
passed. Although most of her time was
spent in New York she was the ruling spirit
of her native town, for she never returned
to her Thornton residence without at least
one new hobby that all her acquaintances
were eager to ride.

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read through it the name, "Mrs. Oscar
Dolser," and the following letters. As
he read some one remarked:
"Like enough it's from some woman who's
taken with his style, and wants him to make
love to her."
Tom began to lay the letter on the bar; but
as the speaker ended the remark, the drunk-
ard changed his mind and placed the missive
between his teeth—then he picked up a chair
and felled his tormentor to the floor. There
was a dead silence for a moment, such as
usually follows any manifestation of hono-
rable feeling in a bar-room; meanwhile, Tom
went to a basin in a corner, washed his hands,
took a look at his reflection in the mirror, and
then, in a dignified manner, he stepped into
the parlour position, and left the room.

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I hope Arthur won't get his lantern in my
face."
"Hurry home to your wife and family!"
asked Mrs. Arthur. "How many children
have you? We have four."
"I'm not married," said Tom, and he said
it without his face. Mrs. Arthur blushed
herself for not having kept herself well
enough informed about her old friends to
avoid distressing topics. She hurried back to
the subject of the chimes.
"Oh, I forgot to tell you, this is an entirely
new set of chimes, so you must come and try
them. One of the old bells or gongs, as Oscar
persisted in calling them, was cracked, and
now, and my husband got the vestry pre-
sbyter to replace them all, and he thinks the
new set will be sweeter than the old that you
and I heard so often when we were children.
You will come just for a few moments, won't
you?"

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"BRER" RABBIT'S SAN-
ITY TEST.
[Uncle Remus in Atlanta Constitution.]
"Uncle Remus," said the child, "do
you reckon Brother Rabbit really mar-
ried the young lady?"
"Bless yo' soul honey," responded
the old man, with a sigh, "hit blongs
ter Brer Jack, en he tell you dat."
"Taint none er my tale."
"Wasn't that the tale you started to
tell?"
"Who? Me? Sho! I ain't 'sputin'
but w'at Brer Jack's tale des ez purty ez
day er any needs fer, yet taint none er
my tale."
At this the little boy laid his hand
upon Uncle Remus' knee and waited.
"Now, den," said the old man, with
an air of considerable importance, "we
er got to go 'way back behind dish yer
yaller-gate dars w'at Brer Jack kin
mixin' us up wid. Ef I makes no mis-
take wid my 'membrane, de place
wharabouts I left off waz whar Brer
Rabbit had so many 'pintments fer to
keep out de way fer creetur's dat he
gun 'ter feck monstus amnyfied. Let
me be v. dey will, you git folks in a
close place of you wante see um shed
der proundness. Dey beg more samer
dan a nigger w'en de patterollers
ketch 'im. Brer Rabbit ain't do no
boggin' kaze dey ain't kotch; yet dey
beg more samer dan a nigger w'en de
cose no nigh it, he 'gun to feel he
weakness."
"W'en Brer Rabbit feel dis a way, do
he set down flat er de ground en let de
ter creetur's rush up en grab 'em? He
mont do it dese days, kaze time dese
mont; but in dem days he des tuck 'n
set up wid hissef 'en study 'bout w'at he
gwine do. He study en study, en las
he up 'n tell he ole 'oman, he did, dat
he gwine on a journey. Wid dat, ole
Miss Rabbit, she tuck 'n fry 'im up, ole
rasher er bacon, en bake 'im a pone er
bread. Brer Rabbit tied dis up in a
bag en tuck down he walkin' cane en
put out."

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I had I boun' dey'd er bin some bella'do
done round 'dar," sezee.
"Snake ain't say nothin', but he look
mo' complay dan w'at he bin lookin'."
"I up'n tole ole Judge Bar," sez Brer
Rabbit, sezee, "dat de nos thing I run
'cross yo'n grime lake'n medjer you, en
goodness knows I mighty glad I stook
up wid you, kaze now dey wout be no
mo' 'casion for any 'sputin' 'twixt me
en Judge Bar," sezee.
"Den Brer Rabbit ax Mr. Snake ef he
wout be so good en ter onquile hissef.
Snake he feel mighty proud, de did, en
he stretch out fer all he wuf. Brer
Rabbit, he medjer, he did, en 'low:
"Dar one foot fer Judge Bar, dar two
fer Judge Bar, dar three foot fer
Judge Bar; en, bless goodness, dar
four foot fer Judge Bar, dar lak I say!"
"By dat time Brer Rabbit done got
der snake head, en des ez de las wud
drop 'n he mouf, he slip de loop round
snake neck, en den he had 'im good en
dead. He look 'der 'der 'der, he did, up
ter whar de ole wick rabbit settin' at;
but w'en he git dar, Mammy-Bammy
Big-Money done make er disappear-
ance. But he year sum'n way off
yander en seem lak it say:
"Ef I kin git any sense, Son
Riley, you'll be de ruination er de whole
settlement, Son Riley Rabbit, Riley."
"Den Brer Rabbit drag de snake
long home, en stew 'im down en rub
wid de grease fer ter make 'im mo'
sooper er de likt. Bless yo' soul,
honey! Brer Rabbit mont er bin kind
fible in de legs, but he waz no ways
cripple wud' de hat."

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four months.

George Elliot: "One soweth, and another
reapeth," is a verity that applies
to evil as well as good.