

# THE ENTERPRISE.

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## ATTRACTION.

BY E. S. GETCHELL.  
I believe if I were dying,  
And with feeble, fluttering breath,  
I was laboring, struggling, trying  
To resist the power of death—  
If my face were pale and chilled,  
And my limbs were cold and stiff,  
And my feet were turned half-willing  
From earth's scenes of toil and strife,  
And if you should bend above me  
Lovingly, with anxious face,  
Yearning for the power to save me  
From death's cruel, cold embrace—  
I should turn again to greet you,  
From the far-off, misty shore;  
Coming back again to meet you,  
And to press your lips once more.

If brow and cheeks were cold and livid,  
And heart had almost ceased to beat;  
If my eyes had lost their lustre,  
And my tongue the power to speak—  
If you would come to greet me,  
Spite of death, forgetting pain,  
Light would come to sightless vision,  
Tongue would once more tisp your name.

Many young painters would never  
have taken their pencil in hand if  
they could have felt, known, and  
understood, early enough, what re-  
ally produced a master like Raphael.  
[Conte.]

Fortune has rarely condescended  
to be the friend of geniuses; others  
find a hundred by-roads to her pal-  
ace, there is but one open and that  
a very indifferent one, for men of  
letters.—Disraeli.

There are three classes into which  
all the old women past seventy years  
of age, that I ever knew, were to be  
divided: 1. That dear old soul; 2.  
That old woman; 3. That old witch.  
[Coleridge.]

The Ediles among the Romans  
held their doors always standing  
open, that all who had petitions  
might have access to them. The  
door of Heaven is always open to  
the prayers of God's people.—T. Watson.

Poets are never young in one  
sense. Their delicate ear hears the  
far-off whisps of eternity, which  
coarser souls must travel toward for  
years before they can reach it.  
Holmes.

Night steals on, and the day takes  
its farewell like the words of a de-  
parting friend, or the last tone of  
hallowed music in a minister's aisles,  
heard wherit floats along the shade  
of elms, in the still place of graves.—  
Percival.

Good-By.—It is a hard word to  
speak. Some may laugh that it  
should be, but let them. They hearts  
are never kind. It is a word that  
has choked many an utterance, and  
started many a tear. The hand is  
clasped, the word is spoken, we part,  
and are out on the ocean of time—  
we go to meet again—where? God  
only knows. It may be soon, it may  
be never. Take care that your good-  
by be not a cold one—it may be the  
last one you can give. Ere you  
meet again death's cold hand may  
have closed his eyes and chained his  
lips forever. Ah! he may have died  
thinking you loved him not. Again,  
it may be a long separation. Friends  
crowd on and give you their hands.  
How do you detect in each good-by  
the love that lingers there; and how  
may you bear with you the memory  
of these parting words many days?  
We must separate. Then, not you-  
self away with a careless boldness  
that defies all love, but make your  
words linger—give your heart utter-  
ance—and if tears fall, what of it?  
Tears are not unmanly.

NELLIE GHANT'S CHILDHOOD.—We  
recall the time when General Ghant  
lived in Clatsop, and supported his  
family on \$1,200 a year. We were  
merchandising at the time, and busi-  
ness made us a frequent visitor at  
the store where he presided, as well  
as acquainted with the following in-  
cident, which is strictly true and has  
never before appeared in print:  
Among their near and intimate  
neighbors was the family of a Mr.  
F., a wealthy merchant, and both  
having children there naturally grew  
up a considerable intimacy between  
them. One day Nellie was visiting  
her friends, and remained to din-  
ner. Mrs. F., a frugal woman, apolo-  
gized for using napkins fabricated  
from a worn-out table-cloth, and  
said she did not suppose her (Nel-  
lie's) mother would do that. An-  
swered the matter-of-fact Nellie:  
"We don't have any at our house at  
all."

A gentleman of Corvallis whose  
business frequently calls him to Al-  
bany in a skill, complains that his  
back is regularly stoled by a party  
of fun-loving dandies of that place,  
who cross the river at "dusky eve"  
and go bathing. Thinking his pros-  
pectors were boys, he swam over to  
the resort the other evening, and did  
not discover the mistake until he  
had created quite a fearful panic  
among the fair offenders.

GLAD.—A modest maiden of Brook-  
lyn, hearing something about the  
transit of Venus, remarked that she  
was glad that goddess was to indulge  
in any "bit" whatever, as she had  
been standing in an objectionable  
attitude long enough.

NEVER.—An exchange asks: "Is  
there anything that a man cannot do?"  
To which Dr. Wood, of the Glass-  
gow, K. F. says, "Yes, sir; we  
have never known one to suckle a  
baby."

SAY WHAT YOU WILL, you may be  
sure that ambition is an error; its  
root and heart have never re-  
compensed; it steals away the fresh-  
ness of life, it deadens its vivid and  
social enjoyments; it shuts our souls  
to our own youth, and we are old  
ere we remember we have made a  
fever and a labor of our race's years.  
[Butler.]

There is a kind of elevation which  
does depend on fortune. It is a cer-  
tain air which distinguishes us, and  
seems to disfigure for us the great  
things; it is a price which we imper-  
ceptibly set on ourselves. By this  
quality we usurp the defence of oth-  
er men, and it puts us, in general,  
more above them than birth, dignity,  
or even merit itself.—Rochefoucauld.

The earth flourishes, or is overrun  
with noxious weeds and brambles, as  
we apply, or withhold the cultivat-  
ing hand. So fares it with the in-  
tellectual system of man. If you  
are a parent, then consider the good  
or all dispositions and principles you  
please to cultivate in the mind of  
your infant, may hereafter preserve  
a nation in prosperity, or hang its  
fate on the point of the sword.—  
Horace Mann.

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