PATHOS AND BATHOS.

[Modeled upon an approved pattern.]

It stands in the corner, alone and forlorn,
The old parlor sofa so threadbare and worn.
The chintz that bedecks it might cause the
aesthete
To shudder and flee with a yell to the street,
For there are arranged, on a background of
green,
Enormous chrysanthemums ultramarine,
But ever by me shall be fondly adored
The old parlor sofa where grandfather snored.

You may jeer, you may sneer, you may gibe
at it, too
(But sit not upon it whatever you do,
For all who abruptly sit down on its seat
Repent it with language I dare not repeat).
Its springs may be broken, uncertain its legs,
But mourning affection affectingly begs
A tribute of tears, such as grief may afford,
For the old parlor sofa where grandfather
snored.

How often, recumbent, he lingered there long
(His legs being weak, though his language was
strong).
Aye, call me unmanly and weak if you will!
I cling to the sofa devotedly still,
And many a jugful of tears have I shed
On the antimacassar that covers its head.
(And haven't you ever encountered before
A ballad like this one of grandfather's snore?)

—Pick Me Up.

Three of a Kind.

"We've got new babies at our house."

"Indeed? How many?"

"Twins—and another one!"—New York Journal.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Anybody can be a martyr if there are enough people to look on.

Fate is circumstance's "You're not so warm!" to the man who thinks he knows it all.

No girl ever had a sick headache that was too bad for her to get up and try on her new dress.

A man can never look as proud and haughty as he wants to when he has on a shirt that feels wilted.

You never know a man till he knows you.

After a woman gets beyond a certain age her skin never fits.

A girl will always deny that when she sleeps alone she puts her arms around herself.

After a woman is 35 the hatred she has always had for deceit is given to the bugs on her geraniums.

Every married man practices acting as if he wasn't jealous in a way that will make his wife think he is.—New York Press.

Trade Was Ruined.

Drummer (at Moonshineville)—Good morning, Mr. Crossroads. How's business?

Storekeeper (disconsolately)—Mighty poor, mighty poor. You see, a new store started up in opposition to me, an, of course, I couldn't stand that, so I jest gave my frien's the wink, an they commenced killin off his customers, but he had more trade than I kalkerlated on, an w'en his customers began to shoot back it made a purty even fight, an both sides killed each other off so fast that now there ain't either of us got any customers.—New York Weekly.

Perfectly Natural.

"Did your friend die a natural death?" inquired the tourist, addressing a Montana man who had charge of a coffin at a little way station and was waiting for the train to ship the body away.

"Oh, yes," he said frankly. "They found the extra card in his sleeve afterward."—Chicago Times Herald.

The Earthquake.

In the course of a sermon a negro preacher in Georgia touched on the subject of earthquakes. He said:

"Oh, my sinful hearers, a yearthquake is nothin mo'ner less den dis—hell done got tired waitin fer you en goneter sleep en wake up yawnin!"—Atlanta Constitution.

An Embarrassing Question.

Schoolmaster (to new boy)—What is your father by trade?

Boy (perplexed)—Must I tell?

Schoolmaster—Yes, you must.

Boy (after a great deal of hesitation)—Please, sir, he's the bearded woman at the circus!—Tit-Bits.

New to Him.

"Papa, how do the people in the weather bureau find out what kind of weather we are going to have?"

"I didn't know that they did, my son."—Yonkers Statesman.

Dead to All.

"What is apathy?"

"It's a strange and dangerous condition that a man sometimes falls into—a condition in which he has even been known to lend his bicycle."—Chicago Record.

Where They Were.

Miss Antique—He says there are lies in the Bible.

Miss Caustique—Why, did you let him see your birth register?—New York Sunday Journal.

Not at All New.

Frank—Some genius in Birmingham has invented a buttonless shirt.

Billy—Why, that's old. I've worn them ever since my wife learned to ride a bike.—Tit-Bits.

Shopping Incident.

"No, madam, we can't take back that waist. You have worn it."

"What if I have? You advertised it as 'changeable silk.'"—Detroit Free Press.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

"I can't see why you object to young Softly. I'm sure he is constant."

"Worse than that—he's perpetual."—New York Truth.

About Time.

"They say Bujunter has finally braced up."

"Well, he's been taking bracers enough."—Detroit News.

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A SUCCESSFUL EVANGELIST

Rev. W. A. Dunnett, a Man Whose Good Work Is Widely Known—He Relates Events in His Career of General Interest.

From the Smith's Falls Record.

Throughout Canada, from the western boundary of Ontario to the Atlantic Ocean, there is no name more widely known in temperance and evangelistic work than that of the Rev. W. A. Dunnett. Mr. Dunnett has been the Grand Vice-Councillor of Ontario and Quebec in the Royal Templars, and so popular is he among the members of the order that in Montreal there is a Royal Templars council named "Dunnett Council" in his honor. For more than ten years Mr. Dunnett has been going from place to place pursuing his good work, sometimes assisting resident ministers, sometimes conducting a series of gospel temperance meetings independently, but always laboring for the good of his fellows. While in Smith's Falls a few months ago in connection with his work he dropped into the *Record* office for a little visit with the editor. During the conversation the *Record* ventured to remark that his duties entailed an enormous amount of hard work. To this Mr. Dunnett assented, but added that in his present physical condition he was equal to any amount of hard work. But it was not always so, he said, and then he gave the writer the following little personal history, with permission to make it public. He said that for the past thirteen years he had been greatly troubled with a pain in the region of his heart, from which he was unable to get any relief. At times it was a dull, heavy pain, at others sharp and severe. Oftentimes it rendered him unfit for his engagements, and at all times it made it difficult to move. His trouble was always visible to the public and frequently when conducting service he would give out and doctors had to be called in to attend him. This occurred to him in the Yonge Street Church, Toronto; the Baptist Church, Woodstock, N. B.; the Methodist Church, Carleton Place, Ont. On another occasion while preaching to an audience of 2,500 people in the Franklin Street Congregational Church, at Manchester, N. H. Five doctors had arrived and were in attendance before he regained consciousness. In all these cities and towns the newspapers freely mentioned his affliction at the time. Mr. Dunnett said he had consulted many physicians, though he said, to be entirely fair, he had never been any great length of time under treatment by any one doctor because of his itinerant mode of life. In the early part of the summer of 1896, while in Brockville assisting the pastor of the Wall Street Methodist Church in evangelistic services, he was speaking of his trouble to a friend who urged him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and next day presented him with a dozen boxes. "I took the pills," said Mr. Dunnett, "and I declare to you I am a well man to-day. I used to worry a great deal over the pain about my heart, but that is all gone now, and I feel like a new man." All this the reverend gentleman told in a simple conversational way, and when it was suggested that he let it be known, he rather demurred, because, as he put it, "I am almost afraid to say I am cured, and yet there is no man enjoying better health to-day than I do."

At that time, at Mr. Dunnett's request, his statement was only published locally, but now writing under the date of Jan. 21st, from Fitchburg, Mass., where he has been conducting a very successful series of evangelistic meetings, he says: "I had held back from writing in regard to my health, not because I had forgotten, but because it seemed too good to be true that the old time pain had gone. I cannot say whether it will ever return, but I can certainly say it has not troubled me for months, and I am in better health than I have been for years. I have gained in flesh, hence in weight. I would prefer not to say anything about my appetite; like the poor, it is ever with me. Yes, I attribute my good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and you have my consent to use the fact."

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