

## SELECTED POETRY.

### MUD.

In every State  
From Golden Gate,  
To Pass'maquoddy Bay;  
Travel and trade  
Are sore delayed,  
By mud and rude highway.

With half a load,  
O'er muddy road,  
The farmer drags his way;  
And wonders why  
When roads were dry  
He had no calls for hay.

The good M. D.  
Spends many a fee  
To pay for wheel and tire:  
Patrons get sick,  
If roads are thick  
And "up to the hub" with mire.

The dominie,  
With 'pointments three  
On Sunday,—miles apart—  
In miry clay,  
'Plods all the way—  
Who needs more grace of heart?

Five days each week,  
The schoolma'm meek  
Trudges in slush to school:  
Pays half her dues,  
For overshoes  
Stuck fast and lost in the pool.

The village beau,  
New rig to show,  
With "best girl" takes a ride:  
But swift breakdown,  
Or broken crown,  
Damps youthful joy and pride.

The cyclist, thrown  
By rut or stone,  
Into a wayside slough;  
Tho' quick and strong,  
From cycling long,  
Just barely scrambles through.

### ENVOY.

Taxpayers all,

Both great and small,  
Unite for public good.  
With one accord,  
Pass on the word  
And "down the tax" on Mud.  
—Clementine Cole, in Good Roads.

### A MODERN APOLLO.

He is not handsome, brave or young,  
With speaking eyes and ready tongue  
To favor gain, the maids among;  
He's old and stout and gray.  
He is not witty, learned or bright,  
His very name he scarce can write,  
Nor can he merry jests recite  
To pass the time away.

But maidens sweetly at him glance,  
And smile on him at every chance—  
Forsaking youths and scholars—  
For banks will honor if he write,  
To self or bearer pay on sight  
500,000 dollars.

—Selected.

### A MODERN CREED.

Let all the dogmas perish,  
Let all the legends go;  
All the grander and the brighter  
Are the truths that we shall know;  
All the clearer and sweeter  
The paths of duty here;  
No present filled with anguish,  
No future filled with fear.

—D. T. in N. Y. Sun.



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