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Is with darkness o'ercast,

And fate whips thee like a feather,

Borne upon the wintry blast;

When darkest skies are lowering,

Let no hope forsake thy heart;

For chance, if many like summer's dowers,

In glorious radiance start.

Hope thou on, what fate betide thee;

Hope alone can comfort give;

While thou hast a friend beside thee,

Thou must have an aim to live.

Hope, but not too much in earthly—

Fleeting things that pass away;

Ere the anxious hand has grasp'd them,

They have moulder'd to decay.

Hope, but not for fame or glory,

Transient meteors, hurling on

To a gilded name in story.

All too dearly are they won.

Hope thou on, but not to follow

After thine, rank, or wealth;

This world's dross is all hollow—

Riches cannot give you health.

Hope thou on! Yes, hope forever,

In the trust that faltereth not;

Hope that when we've crossed death's

With the just to cast our lot.

Divine, still looking toward the fountain,

Whence all healing waters flow;

Hope that in the holy mountain

We the joys of heaven may know.

Homely Girls.

"How did that homely woman contrive to get married?" is not unfrequently remarked of some good domestic creature whom her husband regards as the apple of his eye, and in whose plain face he sees something better than beauty. Pretty girls who are vain of their charms are rather prone to make observations of this kind, and consciousness of the fact that flowers of loveliness are often left to pine on the stem, while weeds of homeliness go off readily, is no doubt, in many cases, at the bottom of the question. The truth is, most men prefer homeliness and amiability to beauty and esprit. Handsome women are apt to over-value themselves, and in waiting for an immense bid occasionally overstep the market. Their plain sisters, on the contrary, aware of their personal deficiencies, generally lay themselves out to produce an agreeable impression, and in most instances succeed. They don't aspire to capture paragons with princely fortunes, but are willing to take anything respectable and love-worship that Providence may throw in their way. The rock ahead of our haughty Junos and Hebes—is fastidiousness. They reject, and reject, until nobody comes to woo them. Men don't like to be subdued or to be trifled with—a lesson that thousands of pretty women do learn too late. Miss Hannah More, a very excellent and pious person, who knew whereof she wrote, recommends every unmarried sister to accept the offer of the first good, sensible lover who falls in her way. But ladies whose mirror, aided by the glamour of vanity, assures them that they were born for conquest, pay no heed to such advice. It is a noteworthy fact that homely girls generally get better husbands than fall to the lot of their beautiful sisters. Men who are caught merely by a pretty face and figure do not, as a rule, amount to much. The practical, useful, thoughtful portion of mankind is wisely content with upstrepding excellence.

—[Exchange.]

How to Put the Children to Bed.

—Not with a reproof for any of that day's sins of omission or commission. Take any time but bed time for that. If you ever heard a little creature sighing or sobbing in it's sleep you could never do this. Seal their closing eyelids with a kiss and a blessing. The time will come, all too soon, when they will lay their heads upon their pillows lacking both. Let them then at least have this sweet memory of a happy childhood, of which no future sorrow or trouble can rob them. Give them their rosy youth. Nor need this involve wild license. The judicious parent will not so mistake my meaning. If you have ever met the man, or the woman whose eyes have suddenly filled when a little child has crept trustfully to its mother's breast, you may have seen one in whose childhood's home dignity and severity stood where love and pity should have been. Too much indulgence has ruined thousands of children; too much love has ruined none.

—[Exchange.]

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Joke on a Doctor.

HIS BILL MISTAKEN FOR A PRESCRIPTION

A few days since Mr. Clarkson, our general City Clerk, and a well-known physician of this place happened to meet on South C street. The physician mentioned to the clerk that he had a small claim against the corporation for attendance upon a city patient. He was told to make out his bill, send it in and it would be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The Clerk happening to complain during the interview of being a little under the weather, the physician took note of his symptoms, and said that upon reaching his office he would write him his prescription that would set him to rights, and which he would send by the boy that would bring him the bill. The afternoon of the same day a boy called at the Clerk's office at the City Hall and left two papers mentioning who had sent them. "All right," said the Clerk, glancing at the papers that were thrown upon his desk. Now the chirography of the majority of physicians is much after the style of that mighty quill-driver, Dr. Horace Greeley, but that of this particular M. D. was a cross between the usual medical style and the characters used by Chinese astronomers and landowners. When the Clerk came to examine the two papers he was much puzzled to make out which was the prescription and which the bill. Some zig-zag characters that appeared upon one of the papers led him to think it the prescription. He took it to a drug store and handed it to the clerk who turned it in several directions, and then said: "This is from Dr.—, is it not?" Being answered in the affirmative, he at once became cheerful, and soon handed the clerk a little powder to be taken at night, and a bottle of some dark liquid to be taken in the morning. For two days following our clerk looked rather pale about the gills, but felt that on the whole the medicine had done him considerably good. At the next meeting of the Board the doctor's bill was presented, but about all that could be said of it was that it seemed to call for \$7. It was referred, as is usual, to the proper committee to be examined and reported upon at the next regular meeting.

At the next meeting a favorable report was given and \$7 was allowed. The next day the doctor came to the clerk in high dudgeon, and said: "How is it that you cut down my bill? I see by the report in the newspaper that the Board only allowed me \$7." Mr. Clerk swore that the bill was allowed just as made out, and to prove that he was right hunted it up and handed it to the inate physician.