### Firmness.

Well, let him go, and let him stay—
I do not mean to die;
I guess he'll find that I can live
Without him, if I try.
He thought to frighten me with frowns
So terrible and black—
He'll stay away a thousand years
Before I'll ask him back!

He said that I had acted wrong,
And foolishly beside;
I won't forget him after that—
I wouldn't if I died.
If I was wrong, what right had he
To be so cross with me?
I know I'm not an angel quite—
I don't pretend to be.

He had another sweetheart once,
Ang now when we fall out,
He always says she was not so cross,
And that she didn't pout.
It is enough to vex a saint—
It's more than I can bear;
I wish that girl of his was—
Well, I don't care where.

He thinks that she was pretty, too—
Was beautiful as good;
I wonder if she'd get him back
Again, now, if she could?
I know she would, and there she is—
She lives almost in sight;
Ang now it's almost nine o'clock—
Perhaps he's there to-night.

I'd almost write to him to come—
But then I've said I won't.
I do not care so much, but she
S hn't have him if I don't.
Besides, I know that I was wrong,
And he was in the right;
I guess I'll tell him so—and then—
I wsan he'd come to-night.

PHŒBE CARRY.

A gentleman was once riding in Scotland by a bleaching ground where a woman was at work watering her webs of linen cloth. He asked her where she went to church, what she heard on the preceding day, and how much she remembered. She could not even tell the text of the latest sermon, and what good can the preaching do you," said he, if you forget it all?" "Ah, sir," replied the poor woman," if you look at this web on the grass you will see that as fast as ever I put the water on it the sun dries it all up; and yet, sir, I see it grows whiter and whiter.

LIFE'S AUTUMN.—Like the leaf, life has its fading. We speak and think of it with sadness, just as we think of the autumn season. But there should be no sadness at the fading of a life that has done well its work. If we rejoice at the advent of a new life; if we welcome the coming of a new pilgrim to the uncertainty of this world's way, why should there be so much gloom when all the uncertainties are past, and life at its waning wears the glory of a complete task? Beautiful as childhood is in its freshness and innocence, its beauty is that of untried life. It is the beauty of promise of spring, of the bud. A holier and rarer beauty is the beauty which the waning life of faith and duty wears. It is the beauty of a thing completed,; and as men come together when some great work is achieved, and see in its conclusion nothing but gladness, so ought we to feel when the setting sun flings back its beams upon a life that has answered well its purposes. When the bud-drops are blighted, and there goes all hopes of the harvest, one may well be sad; but when the ripened year sinks amid the garmiture of autumn flowers and leaves, why should we regret or murmur? And so a life that is ready and wating to hear the "well done" of God, whose latest virtues are its noblest, should be given back to God in uncomplaining reverence, we rejoicing that earth is capable of so much gladness, and is permitted such virtue.

CIRCUMLOCUTION. — An English newspaper tells of circumlocution in the British War Office. It says there is a tradition, said to be historical, concerning a clerk in the War Office who once wanted a peg whereupon to hang his hat. To save the expense of a carpenter, he applied for a hammer and nail with which to drive it himself. Six months passed before he received any answer to his request and he had long ago set up a peg of his own, when a special messenger of the Tower arrived in Pall Mall with a hammer sent to him at last through the medium of numberless requisitions and authorizations. At the same time he was informed that it was not the province of the tower officials to supply nails, but that these would come to him from Woolwick, and after a few months further waiting, they really did arrive—a pound of nails, brought by a great ambulance wagon, with its half dozen horses and its dozen attendants.

HARD TO PLEASE.—Pitts is a fast man, a sharp man, a business man and when Pitts goes into a store to trade he always gets the lowest cash price, and he says—" Well, I'll look about, and if I don't find anything that suits me better I'll call and take this."

Pitts, like all fast men, is partial to women, and young ones in particular—" I am getting rather along in years, and guess I'll get married.

His business qualities wouldn't let him wait, so off he travels, and calling upon a lady friend, opened conversation by remarking that he would like to know what she thought about his getting married. Oh, Mr, Pitts, that is an affair in which I am not so very greatly interested, and I prefer to leave it with yourself. But, says Pitts, "you are interrested, and my dear girl, will you marry me?"

The young lady blushed very red, hesitated, and finally, as Pitts was very well to do in the world, and morally, financially and politically of good standing in society, she accepted him; whereupon the matter of fact Pitts responded—Well, well,• I'll look about, and if I don't find anybody that suits me better than you, ly I'll come back.

### Swallowing a Live Oyster.

At a late hour one night the door of an oyster house in St. Louis was thrust open and in walked a hero from the Sucker State (Illinois.) He was quite six feet high, square countenance, and his hands pushed down close to the bottom of his breeches pocket. His outer covering was hard to define, but after serveying minutely, we come to the conclusion that his suit was made in his boyhood, of a dingy, yellow, linsey-wooley, and that having sprouted up with astonishing rapidity he had been forced to piece it out with all colors. In spite of his exertions, however, he had fallen into arrears about a foot of the necessary length, and consequently stuck that far through his inexpressibles. His crop of hair was surmounted by the funniest little sealskin cap immaginable. After taking a position, he indulged in a long stare at the man opening the bivalves, and slowly ejacuated:—

"Isters?"

"Yes, sir," responded the attentive operator—"and fine ones they are too."

Well, I've heard of isters afore," says he, "but this is the first time I've seen 'em and perhaps I'll know what they are made of afore I get out of town."

Having expressed this desperate intention, he cautiously approached the plate, and scrutinized the uncased shell fish with a gravity and interest which would have done honor to the most illustrious searcher into the hidden mysteries of nature. At length he began to soliloquize on the difficulty of getting them out, and how queer they looked when out.

"I never see things hold on so—takes an amazin' site of swearin, hoss, to get 'em out, and ain't they slick and slipery when they does come? Smooth as an eel! I've a good mind to give that fellow lodgin, just to realize the effect, as Uncle Jess used to say about the speculation."

"Well, sir, down with two bits, and you can have half a dozen."

"Two bits!" exclaimed the Sucker, that is sticken'it on right strong hoss for isters, dozen on 'em ain't nothin' to a chicken, and there's no getting mor'n a picayune apiece for them.—I've only realized forty five picayunes on my first venture to St. Louis. I'll tell you what I'll gin you two chickens for a dozen, if you'll conclude to deal.'

A wag who was standing by, indulging in a dozen, winked to the attendant to shell out, and the offer was accepted.

'Now, mind,' repeated the Sucker, 'all fair—y'oure a witness, mister, turning at the same time to the wag: 'none of your tricks, for I've heard that you city fellers are mity slipry coons.'

The bargain being fairly understood, our Sucker prepared himself for the onset, deliberately put off his sealskin, tucked up his sleeves, and tork in hand, awaited the appearance of No. 1. It came—he saw—and quickly it was bolted!

A moment's dreadful pause ensued The wag dropped his knife and fork with a look of mingled amazement and horror—something akin to Shakespeare's Hamlet seeing his fathers' ghost—while he burst into the exclamation:

'Swallowed alive as I'm a Christian?'

Our Sucker hero had opened his mouth with pleasure a moment before, but now it stood open. Fear—a horrid dread of he did not know what—a consciousness that all was not right, and ignorant of the extent of the wrong—the uncertainty of the moment was terrible. Urgad to desperation, he faltered:

'What on earth is the row?'

'Did you swallow it alive?' inquired the wag.

'I swallowed it qust as he gin it to me?' shouted the Sucker.

'You're a dead man!' exclaimed his anxious friend, the creature is alive and will eat right through you, added he in a most hopeless tone.

'Get a pizen pump and pump him up it out!' shouted the Sucker in a frenzy, his eyes fairly starting from their sockets. O, gracious what'll I do it's got hold of my innards already and I'm as dead as a chicken! Do something for me,—do don't let the infernal sea toad eat me afore your eyes"

'Why don't you put some of this on it!' inquired the wag, pointing to a bottle of strong pepper sauce.

The hint was enough; the Sucker upon the instant, seized the bottle and wrenched out the cork, and swallowed half the contents at a draught. He fairly squealed from its effects, and gasped and blowed, and pitched and twisted, as if it were coursing through him with electric effects, while at the same time his eyes ran a stream of tears. At length, becoming a little composed, his waggish adviser approached, almost bursting with suppressed laughter and inquired:

'How are you now, old fellow—did you kill it?'

'Well, I did hoss—ugh, ugh—oh! my inards! if that ister critter's dyin' agonies didn't stir eruption in me equal to a small airthquake, then tain't no use saying it, but'—and here with a countenance made up of suppressed agony and present determination, he paused to give force to his words, and slowly and deliberate-remarked:

'If you get two chickens from me for that live animal, I'm blowed! and seizing his seal skin he vanquished.

ONLY A CRIER.—A famous Judge came late to court one day in the busy season; whereat his clerk, in great surprise, inquired of him the reason. "A child was born," his honor said, "and I'm the happy sire." "An infant judge?" "Oh no," said he, "as yet he's but a crier."

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