

Hearts that hunger. Some hearts go hungering through the world. And never find the love they seek; Some lips with pride or scorn are curled. To hide the pain they may not speak. The eye may flash, the mouth may smile, The voice in gladder mirth may thrill, And yet beneath them all the while The hungry heart be pining still.

These know their doom, and walk their way With level steps and steadfast eyes, Nor strive with fate, nor weep nor pray— While others, not so sadly wise, Are moked by phantoms evermore, And lured by seemings of delight, Fair to the eye, but at the core Holding but bitter dust and blight.

I see them gaze from wistful eyes, I mark their sign on fading cheeks; I hear them breathe in smothered sighs, And note the grief that never ceases; For them no might redresses wrong, No eye with pity is impaired. Oh, misconstrued, and suffering long! Oh, hearts that hunger through the world!

For you does life's dull desert hold No fountain shade, no date grove fair, Nor gush of waters clear and cold, But sandy reaches wide and bare. The foot may fail, the soul may faint, And weigh to earth the weary frame, Yet still ye make no weak complaint, And speak no word of grief or blame.

Oh, eager eyes which gaze afar! Oh, arms which clasp the empty air! Not all unmarked your sorrows are, Not all untried your despair. Smile, patient lips so proudly dumb— When life's frail tent at last is furled, Your glorious recompense shall come, Oh, hearts that hunger through the world!

ENGLISH GOSSIP.

The Rumford medal was given to Dr. Bal-four Stewart, of the Kew Observatory, for his researches on the qualitative as well as quantitative relation between the emissive and absorptive powers of bodies for heat and light—an award which worthily fulfils the intentions of the founder of the medal, whose statue adorns the Maximilian Terrace at Munich. —Mr. T. Duffus Hardy has pointed out to the Early English Text Society an earlier and better copy of the curious "Rule of the Moon" than was down in their list for their book on Superstitions. This copy contains all the thirty days of the month, though it has not the prologue of the other less complete copies. It occurs in the Harleian MS. 3723, but is not noticed in the printed catalogue of the MSS., which states only that the MS. contains "the Canon de Hayles et Aberconway." 2. Registrum Cartarum Monasterii S. Marie de Aberconway. This find is only one of a thousand services for which manuscript men are indebted to the Deputy-Keeper of the Rolls. —Says the Pall Mall Gazette:—We lately happened to see a funny book of "Temperance Hymns and Select Fragments," and, as the literature of teetotalism is somewhat neglected, we desire to present society with the following choice specimen (Hymn 51, C. M.):

If elder, brandy, and logwood, With drugs of all degrees, Can do the human system good By drug and not by prayer, If sugar-o'-lead and beet-root juice With opium combined, Compose a draught of healing use To sick and sore mankind; Then seek ye health and hope and fear Is that in addition piled, But in the name of all that's dear Don't call that mixture wine.

Sung to a solemn tune this would do admirably for congregational use; but in poetic merit it is quite displaced by the following "select fragment," "A Hair of Coward's Head." I gaze upon this single hair, And think of him who wore it, When in the vale of deep despair, And ask, "Where shall I store it?" The precious relic I retain, It covered once a burning brain, I'll prize it as a peerless gem, Though I can never wear it; My blood ne'er nourished such a stem, My brain could never bear it; Yet let me hand improve, employ The blood and brain that I enjoy.

The Pall Mall Gazette of December 5 says:—A writer has recently suggested a theory which has no doubt startled most of his readers, to whose minds it will occur for the first time, it is that in the course of twenty-three years there will probably be a scarcity of good land available to new comers in the United States. In giving his reasons for coming to this conclusion, Mr. Pearson does not omit to acknowledge that there are many thousands of acres in the South still awaiting cultivation. We believe that very few in this country are aware how cheaply the best Southern lands are now to be had. We have heard of Northern capitalists who have acquired some of the finest West Island plantations at little more than a nominal price. An American contemporary now says before us trustworthy figures concerning one State—that of South Carolina. One 15,000 acre tract, only one-fourth are under cultivation, and half of this limited area is for sale at a dollar to twenty dollars an acre. These lands must have been worth before the war, at the very least, from twenty-five dollars to one hundred dollars an acre. Good lands, says our contemporary, have been sold for three dollars an acre, and even to ver. Opportunities for good investments are not easily found in the West nowadays, but it is plain that the South still offers an inviting field. What a high does this decline in the value of property throw upon the condition of the native-born Southern population!

The way they conduct Parliamentary elections in England is set forth in the following extract from a London journal:—Two election petitions have been presented. One is from Norwich, where Mr. Tulett, the defeated Liberal candidate, claims Sir Henry Stracey's seat, on the ground of his return having been obtained by bribery and personation of voters. The other is presented by Sir Leopold McClintock against the return of Mr. Whitworth for Drogheda. It asserts that inflammatory speeches were delivered in the streets by Mr. Whitworth and others in his presence; that mobs were hired by him, or with his knowledge and consent, for the purpose of intimidating electors; that spiritual influence was unlawfully exercised over electors; that on the day of polling an attack was made on and severely injured the voters and military; that many who had promised to vote for the petitioner and Mr. Brodhan were induced by terror to vote for Mr. Whitworth, and many who had come a long distance to vote for petitioner were deterred; that Mr. Whitworth could have restrained the mob from violence if he wished, and that if the electors had been allowed to vote petitioner would have been returned. At a meeting of the supporters of Mr. Beale in the late Tower Hamlets election, held on Tuesday evening, it was stated positively that intimidation was largely practised in the election; that many votes were refused because the voters did not know their numbers on the register; that others were unable to record their votes because the police would not let them pass the barriers; and that several of the polling clerks are in the employ of Mr. Samuda, M. P., one of the successful candidates. It was further stated that the votes affected by these circumstances numbered some 300. The question of whether or no a petition should, on these grounds, be presented in order to invalidate the election of Mr. Samuda has been submitted to counsel.

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