

A NEW POEM BY TENNYSON.

NORTHERN FARMER.

Don't thou 'ear my 'erse's legs, as they canters away? Property, property, property—that's what I 'ears em saay.

Woa—theer's a craw to pluck w'ta tha, Sam; yon's parson's 'ouse— Don't thou know that a man mun be eather a man or a mouse?

Me an' thy muther, Sammy, 'as bean a-talkin' o' thee. Thou's been talkin' to muther, an' she bean a tellin' it me.

See'd her today goa by—Saaint's-daay—they was ringin' the bells. She's a beauty thou thinks—an' soa is scoora o' gells.

Doan't be stumt; taake time: I knaws what makes tha as mad. Warn't I crazed fur the lasses mysen when I wur a lad?

An' I went wheer munny war: an' thy mother coom to 'and, W'l lots o' munny laaid by, an' a nicetish bit o' land.

Parson's lass 'ant nowt, an' she went 'a nowt when 'e's dead, Mun be a guvness, lad, or summut, and addle; her bread.

Why? fur 'e's nobbut a curate, an' weant nivr 'git nvr 'igher mad. An' 'e made the bed as 'e ligs on afoor 'e coom'd to the shire.

And thin 'e coom'd to the parish w'l lots o' 'varsity debt. Stook to his taal they did, an' 'e 'ant got shut on 'em yet.

Woorse nor a far-welder'd yowe: fur, Sammy, 'e married for luvv.

Luvv? What's luvv? thou can luvv thy lass an' 'er munny too, Maakin' 'em goa together as they've good right to do.

Could'n I luvv thy muther by cause o' 'er munny laaid by? Naay—fur I luvv'd 'er a vast sight moor fur it: reason why.

Ay an' thy muther says thou wants to marry the lass, Cooms of a gentleman burn: an' we boath on us thinks tha an' ass.

Woa then, property, wiltha?—an' ass as near as mays 'er be. Woa then, wiltha? daughta!—the bees is as fell as owt.

Break me a bit o' the osh for his 'ead, lad, out o' the fence! Gentleman burn? what's a gentleman burn? is it shillins an' pence?

Property, property, property—canter an' 'canters away. If it isn't the saame oop yonder, fur them as 'as it's the best.

Tis'n them as 'as munny as breaks into 'ouses an' steals, Them as 'as coas to their backs an' 'taakes their regular meals.

Noa; but it's them as never knaws wheer a meal's to be 'ad, Taake my word for it, Sammy, the poor in a loomp is bad.

Them or thir feythers, tha sees, mun 'a bean a lazy lot; Fur work mun 'a gone to the gittin' whiniver munny was got.

Feyther 'ad 'almost nowt; leastways 'is munny was 'ad. But 'e tued an' moll'd 'issen dead, an' 'e died a good un, 'e did.

Look thou their wheer Wigglesby beck comes out by the 'ill! Feyther run up to the farm, an' I runs up to the 'mill!

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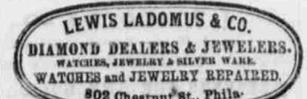
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