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SELECTED POETRY.

The Poor Man's Wife.

BY GERALD MASSEY.

Her dainty hand nestled in mine, rich and white,
And timid as the trembling dove;
And it twinkled about me, a jewel of light,
As she garnished our feast of love.
'Twas the queenliest hand in all lady land,
And she was a poor man's wife!
O, little ye'd think how that wee, white hand
Could dare in the battle of life!

Her heart it was lowly as maiden's might be,
But hath flushed to heroic height,
And borne like a shield in defence of me,
On the worst field of fight!
And, starting as fire, it hath often flashed up
In her eyes, the good heart and rare!
As she drank down her half of our bitterest cup,
And taught me how to bear.

Her sweet eyes that seemed, with their smile sublime,
Made to look me and light me to heaven,
They have trium'ed tho' bitter tears many a time,
Since their love to my life was given:
And the maiden-meek voice of the womanly wife
Did bring to the heavens higher;
For it rings like the voice of God over my life,
Bidding me climb up higher.

I hardly dared think it was heaven, when
I first looked in her yearning face;
For it shone as the sun had opened then,
And shed it with glory and grace!
But dawns its light of healing grow
In our dark and desolate day,
So the mother, when heaven hath no break of blue,
Smiling the storm away!

O, her shape was the loveliest—
Just an armful of heaven to enfold!
But the form that bends flower-like in love's caress
With the victor's strength is souled!
In her womanly presence transfigured I stand,
And the poor man's English home
Has lights with the beauty of Greece the grand,
And the glory of regalant Rome.

Give Me a Faithful Heart.

I do not crave bright gems of earth,
Nor gold of dazzling hue,
But ask for something of more worth—
A heart that's pure and true.

Though earth may yield her costly gems
That look so fair to view,
I ask not for such diadems,
But for a heart that's true.

A heart that glows with noble deeds,
For this I ask will one;
A guileless heart from every fraud—
A heart that's pure and true.

A heart like this is real worth—
It nothing can outshine;
'Tis all I ask for here on earth—
A heart that's pure and kind.

GOING TOO FAR ENTIRELY.—Mr. Winchester made a balloon ascension from Norwalk on Tuesday before last; with the intention of going higher and further, than any aeronaut ever thought of going; and serious apprehensions are felt that he has gone too far ever to return, as he has not since been heard from.

THE STRAWBERRY PATCH.—The best soil for this delicious fruit is a sandy or even a gravelly loam, moist, and rich in vegetable manure. An excellent compost for an acre of ground would be 60 bushels of leaf mould from the woods, 20 bushels of leached ashes, 5 bushels lime, and 3 or 4 quarts of salt. Mix, thoroughly, let it stand 2 or 3 days, scatter broadcast and plow in. Then harrow or take the surface, making it fine, and set your plants in rows 3 feet apart, and one foot to 18 inches in the row. After the plants become well rooted cover the whole ground with partly decomposed leaves from the forest, leaving nothing exposed but the leaves and fruit stalks of the plants.

ET CETÆRAS.

No one can be made a scholar; almost all can make themselves scholars.

The human heart is so constituted, that it cannot resist the influence of kindness.

If we can still love those who have made us suffer, we love them all the more.

What evergreen shrub did Hero name when her lover crossed the Hellespont? Ans. O-leander!

The strongest kind of a hint. A lady asking a gentleman to see if one of her rings will go on her little finger.

Don't boast of what you are going to do, but go to work and let others tell what you have done.

There is one very good reason why ladies should be eligible for members of Congress, viz. they would afford such abundant facilities for pairing off.

Three things in the Peaceck are very characteristic—the garb of an angel, the walk of a thief, and the voice of a devil.

Hasty ebullitions are often best met by silence, for the shame that follow the sober, second thought, pierces deeper than rebuke.

Very few men, compared with the whole human family, can be especially distinguished; but all are competent to become useful and beloved.

Step-mothers are so called, because the day after they are married they take "steps for kicking the first wife's children out of doors.

"I am thy father's spirit," as the bottle of whisky said to the boy when he found it hid in the wood pile, and didn't know what it was.

The very monuments men raise to perpetuate their names, consume and moulder away themselves, and proclaim their own mortality, as well as testify that of others.

Leave no broken link in the chain you are daily forging. Perfect your work so that when it is subjected to the trials and experiences of life, it will not be found wanting.

The other day a school girl was married. A little girl, about eleven, of the same school, said to her parents, "Why, don't you think, —— is married, and she hasn't got through fractions yet!"

It is the little trials of life which irritate the temper, and destroy the equanimity of the mind; just as the continual falling of water-drops, one by one, wears away the solid rock.

—— A young lady being told that her lover was suddenly killed, exclaimed, 'Oh, that splendid gold watch of his!—give me that—give me something to rememeber him by!"

True hope is based on energy of character. A strong mind always hopes, and has always cause to hope, because it knows the mutability of human affairs, and how slight a circumstance may changé the whole whole course of events.

A deaf and dumb pupil in Paris was asked, 'Doth God reason?" He replied: "To reason is to hesitate—to doubt is to inquire; It is the highest attribute of limited intelligence. God sees all things, therefore God does not reason.

"Mister, where's your house?" asked a curious traveller, of a half horse, half aligator squatter.

"House! eh! D'yo think I'm one of them sort, stranger? I sleep in the prairie—I eats raw buffalo, and drinks out of the Mississippi."

"Sammy, my son, don't stand there scratching your head, but stir your stumps, or you'll make no progress in life."

"Why, father, I've often heard you say that the only way to get along in this world was to scratch a-head."

A Boston genius had his sleeping chamber painted with iceberg scenes. The water in the picher froze the first night, and he was obliged to kindle a fire the second.

An Emeralder, fresh from the sod, with the bump of conscientiousness very large, stumbled into a church in New York, and when the collection apparatus was handed to him, Paddy declined, mistaking it for the ballot-box, saying that, not being a naturalized citizen, he could not then vote.

—— Man, says the anatomist, changes entirely every seven years. "Then," says Bob Logic, my tailor should not ask me for the bill I contracted in 1848—I am not the same person, hence I owe him nothing.' An editor out West, glancing at his patched unmentionables, says he agrees with Bob to the very letter.

Crispin says there is no danger of hard times among the shoemakers, because every shoe is sol'd before it can be got ready for market.

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S LAST.—The saintly Brigham Young, the loving Shephered of the Mormon flock, recently held forth to the following purport in Salt Lake City. He and Joe Smith have had a hard time of it. We pity them:

Up to this time we have carried the world on our backs. Joseph did it in his day, besides carrying this whole people, and now all this is upon my back, with my family to provide for at the same time, and we will carry it all and bear off the Kingdom of God. And you may pile on State after State, kingdom after kingdom, and all hell on top, and we will roll on the Kingodm of our God, gather out the seed of Abraham, build the cities and temples of Zion, and establish the Kingdom of God to bear rule over all the earth, and let the oppressed of all nations go free. I have never yet talked so rough in these mountains as I did in the United States when they killed Joseph. I there said boldly and loud, "If ever a man should lay his hands on me and say, (on account of my religion,) 'you are my prisoner,' the Lord Almighty helping me, I would send that man to hell across lots. I feel so now. Let mobbers keep their hands off from me, or I will send them where they belong; I am always prepared for such an emergency."

JEWS' LOVE OF JUDEA.—The most interesting circumstance which presents itself to my mind, in recalling what I saw of the Hebrew Nation in the East, is the universal diffusion of the love, the undying love of the Jews for their own Judea, the Canaan of their fathers. Who could see, without emotion, thousands of poor Israelites, who from the remotest parts of Europe, have made their way, by long and wearied pilgrimage, through privations incalculable, and suffering without end—often shoeless, and almost clothless, friendless, penniless—that they might see the City of David, and lay their bones in the bosom of Jerusalem? What multitudes are there among them who have sold there last possession—having gathered together their little, their inefficient all—and having started, marching towards the rising sun, from th Oistula, Dueiper, and Danube, on a journey as long, as perilous! How many have perished exhausted on the way! How many have landed at Soppa, srossed the Taurus. at Antioch, who have been unable from over exhaustion, to reach their longed-for goal! How many have sunk in sight of the Mount of Olives! And how many have closed their eyes in peace and blessedness, when the privilege has been vouchsafed to them of treading within the walls of Salem?

Dr. Bowring.

NEWSPAPER BY-LAWS.—A cotemporary lays down the following pithy code of newspaper by-laws. They are the best we have seen drawn up: 1. Be brief. This is the age of telegraphs and stenography. 2. Be pointed. Don't write all around a subject without hitting it. 2. State facts, but don't stop to moralize. It's a drowsy subject. Let the reader do his own dreaming. 4. Eschew prefaces. Plunge at once into your subject, like a swimmer into cold water. 5. If you have written a sentence which you consider very fine, draw your pen through it. A pet child is always the worst in the family 6. Condense. Make sure you have an idea, and then record it in the shortest possible terms. We want thoughts in their quintescence. 7. When your article is completed, strike out *nine tenths of the adjectives.* The English is a strong language, but won't bear much "reducing." 8. Avoid all high-flown language. Never use stilts when legs will do as well. 9. Make your sentences short. Every period is a mile-stone at which the reader may stop and rest himself. 10. Write legibly. Don't let your manuscript look like the track of a spider half-drowned in ink. We shan't mistake any one for a genius, though he writes as crabbily as Napoleon.

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VENTE PAR LE SHERIF.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE.—Paroisse Terrebonne.—Cour du 5ème District Judiciaire siegeant dans et pour la dite paroisse.—

Succession de François Malbrough.

Je soussigné, Shérif affiché en vente publique à la maison de cour à Houma, Samedi le 17 jour de Novembre, 1855 entre 11 heures A. M. et 5 heures P. M., les propriétés ci après decrites appartenant à la sus dite succession, savoir:

1r. La moitié indivisé d'un certain morceau de terre, situé dans cette paroisse, sur la rive droite descendant le Bayou Petit Caillou, mesurant cinq arpents de face avec la profondeur suivant l'arpentage borné en haut par terre de Hotard & Watson, et en bas par celle de Louis Veret, ensemble avec toutes les bâtisses et ameliorations y appartenant.

2o Un Land Warrant.

La dite vente sera faite aux termes et conditions suivants savoir: Le Land Warrant, payable en 3 ans; la moitié de la terre payable par tiers, un tier en chacun des mois de Mars des années 1856, 1857 et 1858. L'Acquéreur devra fournir des billets avec bonne et suffisante caution signé conjointement entre eux, payables à l'ordre de l'administrateur de la dite succession la propriété vendu restera specialement hypothequé et les billets devront porter intérêt à raison de huit pour cent l'an après l'echeance. JOS. A. GAGNE, Sherif.

Houma 10 Octobre, 1855.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Terrebonne—Fifth Judicial District Court, setting in and for the Parish of Terrebonne.

Succession of François Malbrough, Dec'd.

In the name and by the authority of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, sitting in and for the Parish of Terrebonne, the undersigned, Sheriff of said Parish, will, on

Saturday, the 17th day of Nov'r 1855,

at the Court-House door in the town of Houma, in said Parish of Terrebonne, proceed to sell, at public auction, the following described property, belonging to the above named estate, viz:

1. The undivided half of a certain tract of land situated in this parish, on the right descending bank of the Bayou Little Caillou, measuring five arpents in front, with such depth as the confirmation calls for, with all the improvements thereon, bounded above by land of Hotard & Watson, and below by land of Louis Veret.

2. One Land Warrant.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—The land payable by thirds. One in all and each of the months of March of the years 1856, 1857 and 1858; purchasers to give notes with good and approved security, signing jointly with themselves, to the order of the administrator of the estate, with mortgage on the property sold.

The Land Warrant payable in March, 1856; the purchaser to give note and good and approved security. And all notes not punctually paid to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from maturity until final payment. JOS. A. GAGNE, Sheriff.

Houma, October 10, 1855—30d.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Parish of Terrebonne.—Fifth District Court.

Estate of Louisiana B. Hart, deceased, Wife of Tobias Gibson.

In the name and by the authority of the Fifth District Court, sitting in and for the parish of Terrebonne, there will be offered for sale at public auction, by J. A. Gagne, sheriff, duly commissioned and qualified, in and for said Parish, on

Monday, the 26th day of November, 1855,

at the Court House door in Houma, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract of land, or sugar plantation in the parish of Terrebonne, about one mile above Houma, known as the Hollywood Plantation, between the Bayous Black and Terrebonne and on the East bank of the Bayou Terrebonne, bounded on the Bayou Black above by land of Wm. J. Minor, and below by land of Wm J Minor, and on the Bayou Terrebonne, bounded on the right bank, above by land of Rémi Bourgeois and Alexandre Linette, and below by land of J. B. Dunn, and on the East bank, above by land of J. B. Bergeron, and below by land of Dr. N. C. Wade—with all the buildings and improvements thereon or thereunto belonging.

TERMS.—The price payable by fourths, one fourth on the 10th of April, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860. Purchasers to give their notes to the order of Tobias Gibson, secured by a special mortgage on the property sold. The property to be delivered on the 1st day of January, 1856, and the notes to bear eight per cent per annum interest from that time until paid.

E. O. GAGNE, Deputy sheriff.

Houma, October 25, 1855td.

VENTE PAR LE SHERIF.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE—Paroisse Terrebonne.—Cour du 5ème District.

Succession de Louisiana B. Hart, décédé, V've Tobias Gibson.

Au nom et par l'autorité de Cour du 5ème District Judiciaire, siégeant en et pour la Paroisse Terrebonne. Il sera offert en vente publique, par Joseph A Gagné, Sherif duement commissioné et qualifié en et pour la susdite Paroisse, à la maison de Cour, à Houma,

Lundi, le 26 Novembre, 1855,

à 11 heures A. M., La propriété ci après decrites, savoir

Un certain morceau de terre situé dans cette paroisse, à environ un mille au dessus de la ville de Houma, connu sous le nom de Hollywood, entre les Bayouq Black et Terrebonne, borné sur Bayou Black, en haut par la terre de Wm. J. Minor, en et bas par celle du même, et sur le Bayou Terrebonne rive droit, borné en haut par la terre de Rémi Bourgeois et d'Alexandre Lirette, et en bas par celle de J. B. Dunn, et sur la rive gauche, borné en haut par la terre de J. B. bergeron et en bas par celle du Dr. N C. Wade, contenant en bon 4 pentre 1500 acres ensemble avec toutes les bâtisses et ameliorations y appartenant.

La dite propriété sera vendue aux termes et conditions suivant, savoir:

Le paiement se fera en quatres termes égaux, viz: Un quart payable le 10 Avril, 1857, 1858, 1859, et 1860. Les acquéreurs fourniront leurs billets avec hypothèque spécial sur la propriété vendue, payable à l'ordre de Tobias Gibson. La propriété sera livrable le 1er Janvier, 1856, et les billets porteront intérêt à raison de huit pour cent l'an depuis cette date jusqu'a parfait paiement.

E. O. GAGNE, Dep't Sheriff.

Houma, le 25 Octobre, 1855.—tds.

Succession of Jerome Duré.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.—Parish of Terrebonne—5th District Court.

WHEREAS: Jean Charles Dupré of the Parish of Lafourche, administrator of said succession, having filed with the undersigned, Clerk of said Court, a final account of his administration of succession, praying that the same be approved and homologated,

THEREFORE all persons having any objections to the homologation of said account are hereby notified to make them within thirty days from the date hereof, otherwise they will be deprived of that right.

Witness my hand this 3d day of October, 1855.

J. AYCOCK, Clerk of said Court.

Succession de Jerome Dupré.

ETAT DE LA LOUISIANE.—Paroisse Terrebonne.—Cour du 5ème District Judiciaire.

ATTENDU que JEAN CHARLES DUPRE, de la Paroisse de Lafourche administrateur de la susdite Succession, a déposé ce bereau un soussigné Greffier de la dite Cour, un compte final de son administration de la dite succession demandant qu'il soit approuvé et homologué.

En conséquence toutes personnes qui pourraient avoir des objections à l'homologation du dit compte sont requises de les faire dans les trente jours qui suivront cette date, autrement elles seront à jamais privées de ce droit.

Temoin ma main ce 3 Octobre, 1855.

J. AYCOCK, Greffier de la dite Cour.

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