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Come then, who trudge to me in the online spring,
"Old pressed nose and yellow shades to wear,
Where all, our mighty country and our world,
And numbers rude to relief [illegible] spared
—Alas! in vain I call upon the Muse!
Forever, alas—now flatter, now abuse
Like Bob's elegant and [illegible] gang,
In special need I ask her in vain;
My natural fashion and [illegible] dry,
And [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
Or, not so short, and "Poetic" call the
"Hath its own pure, peculiar delights;
It calms, it soothes, it [illegible] and
And, like the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Then much [illegible] [illegible]
For claim a talent I do not possess;
Trouble me not with [illegible] in rhyme [illegible]
Nor flowery use [illegible] in wonders of nothing earth,
Much less [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
From one by you, assisted—not the Muse—
Will I attempt, I who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
With all the Muse [illegible] of his [illegible]
Who never spoke, and [illegible] [illegible]
Nor claims [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
No [illegible], to improvise for a song—
He finds much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
And like the Pike's Peak experiment, "[illegible]
From every country of [illegible] and [illegible]
Yet, since the task is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Then, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Like Job, who said, his [illegible] [illegible]
And found experience [illegible] [illegible]
So, you indorsed, and thinks I [illegible] [illegible]
And be the RURAL EDITOR for thee.

Enlarge wealth! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Who [illegible] the occupation [illegible]
And [illegible] [illegible]. Who, in spite of fate,
From every country of [illegible] and [illegible]
He [illegible], perhaps, [illegible] to [illegible]
A master in the editorial line [illegible]
Who [illegible] new projects to advance,
And [illegible] the [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible]
Purchases to make, and [illegible] [illegible]
When—supposition [illegible] he might be see
In all the circles of our [illegible] society
Find a hot life [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Yours I do [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Jim Bigelow's [illegible] or Walker's [illegible] [illegible]
Or, what is [illegible], or for a [illegible]
And [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
He's stand a chance at least of success;
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