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A fine-looking living human being is above the cold inanimate marble that is made to represent him; as the transcendent skies of summer are above the paper on the canvass to which the painter has transferred their female resemblance, so far is poetry above all other arts that have their mission to console and elevate the immortal spirit of man.

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MY MOTHER.

BY N. P. WILLIS.

My mother's voice! How often creeps
Its cadence on my lonely hours,
Like healing on the wings of sleep,
Or dew on the unconscious flowers.
I might forget her melting prayer,
While wandering pleasures madly fly;
But in the still, unbroken air,
Her gentle tones come stealing by;
And years of sin and manhood flee,
And leave me at my mother's knee.

I have been out at evening tide,
Beneath a noon-it sky of spring,
When earth was garnished like a bride,
And night had on her silver wing;
When bursting buds and dewy grass,
And waters leaping to the light;
And all that makes the pulses pass
With wilder fleetness through the night;
When all was beauty, then have I
With friends on whom my love is flung,
Like myrrh on winds of Arby,
Gazed on where evening's lamp is hung.

And when the beauteous spirit there
Flung over all its golden chain,
My mother's voice came on the air,
Like the light dropping of the rain;
And resting on some silver star,
The spirit of a bended knee,
I've poured a deep and fervent prayer,
That our amity might be—
To rise in heaven, like stars by night,
And read a living path of light.

THE PATTERN WIFE.

BY DAISY.

"A creature easily passed by
Not lovely to the stranger's eye."

Winnie Winlove is not a beauty, but she has a sensible, loveable, kissable face, which is not only good looking, but looks good; and then her dress is always so neat, her smile so bright, and her voice so sweet, that, though she would attract no attention at theatre or ball, she is the dearest ornament of a husband's home.

She is never "caught," call when you will; for her house, like herself, is the pink of neatness—not that stiff uncomfortable sort, which makes one dread to use the polished furniture; but an easy, all-pervading order, which seems so natural one scarcely wonders at it. If in accomplishing this her servants give her trouble, she does not "fight her battles o'er again" for the entertainment of her husband or visitors. She is not, in the usual sense of the term, accomplished—does not perform brilliant fantasies upon the piano forte, or sing incomprehensible Italian bravuras, but she plays a sensible accompaniment or dance correctly, with taste, and in perfect time; sings an English ballad with feelings and expression; and does either, when requested without putting on airs or requiring the stimulous of a large audience. She has actually been known to play and sing for more than an hour with no listeners but her husband and family! She does not dance, but as her husband does and likes to, she willingly attends balls and dancing parties, where her observing mind, keen appreciation of the ludicrous, and genial good humor, find no lack of entertainment. She does not speak "all the modern languages," but her English is well worth listening to.

She is not, strictly speaking, pious, (were this a fancy sketch, she would be, but as it is a portrait, the truth must be told:) but she has a heartfelt love of the good, the true, and the beautiful, and does the duty which lies nearest her to the best of her ability.—Cheerfulness is her chief characteristic; and promoting the happiness of her life. In matters of importance, if she and her husband differ in opinion, she states hers calmly, and listens to his reasoning with a mind open to conviction; but in trifles his wish is her will.

Is she ready for visiting or shopping, and he thinks it looks like rain, she lays off her bonnet and stays at home. Is she somewhat tired and indisposed for exertion, and he requests her to go out, she complies. Has she a new dress or cap to which he objects, it disappears.

She never wants to read when he wants to talk, nor to talk when he wants to read; never complains of her nerves; never makes any reply when he hints that breakfast is a little late; never objects to his smoking; never teazes him to give her new furniture, dresses, etc., knowing that when he can afford them he will do so without being asked. She never looks grum, or calls him "my dear" in that carefully softened, but portentous tone, which strikes terror to the heart of the henpecked husband, when he brings an unexpected visiter to dinner; never asks what kept him when he comes home late; and, climax of wifely amiability, never *objects to his kissing all the young ladies that visit them!*

Her health never compels her to leave him four or five months every summer to the house-keeping of servants, and the ennui of loneliness; or, worse still, the discomforts of boarding, and the society of his bachelor friends.

Her children—of course she has plenty—are never tormented about keeping clean and taking care of their clothes nor screamed over and petted when they happen to fall; nor paraded for exhibition when they get new garments, nor scolded or neglected at any time. They are well governed, well bred, active, healthy and happy.

Her faults, of course she has some, are mostly those that lean to virtue's side, and are, in her husband's estimation, amply counterbalanced by the antithetical virtues of being fond, yet reasonable; clearsighted, yet confiding; wise, yet womanly.

HOW FLORENCE WAS RID OF BEGGARS.—Many years ago an ingenious plan was adopted by the Grand Duke to rid Florence of beggars. It was proclaimed that every beggar who would appear in the grand plaza at a certain mentioned time, would be provided by the Duke with a new suit of clothes, free of cost At the appointed time, the beggars of the city assembled, and the Grand Duke causing all the avenues to the square to be closed, compelled the beggars to strip off their old clothes, and gave each one, according to promise, a new suit. In the old clothes thus collected, enough money was found concealed to build a beautiful bridge over the Arno, still called "the beggars' bridge," and the city, for the time being, was relieved of beggars by which it had been previously overrun, as none would give to the well dressed individuals who implored charity, not believing their tale of distress.

BANKRUPTCY.—Two merchants were standing in Wall street, discoursing on bankruptcy, when one of them perceived a real live Yankee lumbering down the street, with a knife and stick in his hand.

"Now for some sport," ejaculated the merchant—"We'll ask his opinion on the subject of bankruptcy, or rather his ideas." He now hailed the Yankee with "Hollo, friend, can you tell us the meaning of bankruptcy?"

"Well, I reckon I kin—and skin me if I don't."

"Please explain."

"Well, you jist lend me a five for about three minutes."

"Here it is, friend—now proceed."

"Well, now, I owe Zeke Smith fifty cents; Sam Brown, the tailor, five dollars for this ere coat, and you five."

"Well," said the merchant, "now give me my five."

"Oh, git out! I'm a bankrupt, and you come in for your share with the rest," and he left the astonished merchants.

TO RESTORE FROZEN PLANTS.—The following is worth testing: Order a tub of water deep enough to immerse the whole plant; bring the pots out of the cold one at a time, and put them in the water about five minutes Take them out, drain off the water, and dry them in a dark room, and keep the temperature at fifty or sixty degrees for a few days, and your sick patients will recover.

☞ Punch wants to know the reason why gentlemen, upon their healths being drunk, invariably feel it to be "the proudest moment of their life!"