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Poetry.

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In There a Hell!

BY GRANT P. ROBINSON.

Is there an ever-lasting Hell For sinful man at last, In which, when this brief life is o'er, He surely will be cast—

For a certain seedling lake Of forest flood fire, For all the weary souls of Earth Who have provoked God's ire;

For all the wretched, hungry wretches, The homeless ones of Earth, Who never knew a mother's care, Or where their place of birth;

No hand to guide their steps aright, These outcasts of the world, Shall they be held responsible, And into Hell be hurled?

And does a kind and loving God, Who rules the Earth and sea— "Our Father," and who when we pray Daily on bended knee—

Onlook, unmoved, this dire reality, And hear His children wail, While He looks on the chaste few— Stand smiling 'round His throne?

Not such the God whom I adore, Not such the God who rules the world, To whom for guidance I resort, And trustfully appeal.

I see Him in the twinkling stars, I worship Him as Father—God— In the bright sun's shining rays, And in the gush of shower.

I see Him in the moon's pale light, In all that's good or ill; I see Him in the babbling brook, And in the rippling rill;

I worship Him as Father—God— Another name for love— The Ruler of the Earth below, And of the Heavens above.

My God is merciful and kind, And for our sins will feel Compassion, when to Him we bend, And make our low appeal.

To such a God I fully trust, Without a doubt or fear, For well He knows the many wiles His children meet with here.

Our Selected Story.

JUMPING ON A TRAIN.

"Catching a train" in England is a very different affair from catching it in this country, for there it signifies that the individual has sufficient time to enter the railway carriage before the guard closes the doors and gives the signal to start. After that, no matter who arrives, he is too late.

In America, however, if by dint of a smart run the belated passenger is enabled to reach the hand-rail of the last car of the rapidly receding train, as it is leaving a station, and is hauled on board, minus his hat or part of a coat, perhaps helped by baggage-masters to "catch the train," he is congratulated by the conductor on "just acing it." Instead of being fined and reprimanded for risking his life. Indeed, the average American so thoroughly believes in taking the responsibility, that he resents the erection of gates separating the track from the waiting rooms, or any interference with his getting on or off a train in motion, with the idea, perhaps, that no person in this land of liberty has any right to restrain his eyes from putting his life in jeopardy if he himself deems it so to do.

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placed his baggage, had it placed on the roof of the vehicle, bestowed wife and party inside, and was about following, when he was tapped on the shoulder by a quiet, plainly-dressed individual, who remarked:

"Sorry to detain you, really; very unpleasant duty; but you are wanted on a charge of assaulting the guard in the discharge of his duty as the train left Leamington."

Here the official displayed a paper, and his credentials, leaving no doubt he was one of those "policemen in plain clothes" who the Dickens and the English story-tellers write about.

Here was a dilemma. A stranger in London, after dark, arrested! What should he do? He at once explained that he was an American tourist; that he was not aware of the law. His wife and he both strangers. "Hain't even been to his hotel yet. Couldn't it be arranged in the morning?"

It was certainly, if he would kindly give his card, the official would call at his hotel at eleven to-morrow.

Mr. Smith said that definite. The American whistler out his card-case, handed over the bit of pasteboard to the officer, who glanced at it, nodded to the cab-driver, who closed the door of the vehicle, and the party were soon rattling over the London pavements.

As they whirled along, the first view of London by gaslight was forgotten in the explanation of the affair by the American to his wife. "But it's all over now, I guess," said he, "for, although I gave the fellow my name, I don't give him any address, and he won't know where to come, after all."

Here again was a mistaken guess, for a second thought might have informed him