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Cradle Song of the Poor.

BY CHARLES DICKENS.

Hush, I can not bear to see thee,
Stretch thy tiny hands in vain;
I have got no bread to give thee,
Nothing child to ease thy pain.
When God sent thee first to bless me,
Proud and thankful too was I;
Now, my darling, I, thy mother,
Almost long to see thee die.
Sleep my darling—thou art weary;
God is good, but life is dreary.

I have seen thy beauty fading,
And thy strength sink day by day—
Soon I know will want and fever
Waste thy little life away.
Famine makes thy mother rockless,
Hope and joy are gone from me,
I could suffer all, my baby,
Had I but a crust for thee.

I am wasted, dear, with hunger,
And my brain is sore oppressed;
I have scarcely strength to press thee,
Wan and feeble to my breast.
Patience, baby, God will help us,
Death will come to you and me;
He will take us to his heaven,
Where no want or pain can be.

Sleep, my darling—thou art weary;
God is good, but life is dreary.

GEN. LEE—How he is DRESSED.—A lady correspondent of the Richmond *Whig* writes as follows, respecting the Confederate commander of the army of Virginia: "A plain grey coat, faded and war-worn, pantalons of the same hue, and a woolen hat, was the costume in which I first beheld the great 'Lion of Arlington.' There was no bewildering glitter of gold to dazzle the feeble old eyes which looked so eagerly from behind the spectacles to see the honored hero. I saw the noble face beneath the woolen hat, and felt that a king's diadem would not add a grace to those features. I ran my eyes over the stately form, and thought that a robe of purple would not hang more gracefully than the old faded coat of grey; and my woman's head bowed as readily in honor of the noble brave, as if he had been radiant in costly apparel."

The human heart gives 96,000 strokes every twenty-four hours.

Affairs like salt fish ought to be a good while soaking.

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

Make yourself all honey, and you will soon find flies to devour you.

If all fools wore white caps, mankind would appear like a flock of geese.

He who serves only himself is the slave of a fool.

Two days per annum is the average sickness of human life.

Richter enumerates 600 distinct species of disease in the eye.

A work spoken pleasantly is a large spot of sunshine on a sad heart.

He that scoffs at the crooked had need go upright himself.

Avoid the gossip as you do the hissing snake.

The human brain is the twenty-eighth of the body, but in the horse but a four-hundredth.

About the age of thirty-six the lean man generally becomes fatter and the fat man leaner.

Fashionable ladies are often like French dishes—more prized for their dressing than their substance.

To smile at the jest which plants a thorn in another's breast, is to become a principal in the mischief.

He that knows useful things, and not he that knows many things is the wise man.

Under Democratic management, it was our boast that the American Republic was an asylum where the oppressed of every nation could find protection and a home.

Under abolition rule, our own citizens are forced to seek refuge under a foreign flag from the most infamous and shameless tyranny at home.

HUMAN OVER-WORK.—A valuable medical remark is given below: The majority of the fatal diseases arising from overwork are now discovered. Give a human being over-work and deficient food, and he is the victim of diarrhea and dysentery. Give him over-work and bad air and bad food, and he is the victim of typhus. Give him over-work and bad air, and he is the victim of consumption. Give him over mental work, with whatever air and weather food, and he is the victim of brain disease, and one of other of its sequences, insanity, paralysis, diabetes, premature death in any case; death by suicide not infrequently. Give him overwork purely physical, with air, with food, and the laboring heart, trying to keep up against its weariness, succumb, and so the over-worked smith, boatman, or woodworker, falls suddenly, not more honored than the prize fighter of today or the fleet slave and gladiator of a past and more barbarous age (*Dr. Richardson*).

Why is the nose put in the middle of the face? Because it is the center.

A DEMOCRATIC FESTIVAL.

One of those reunions for which the Democratic party was celebrated in the days of "Old Hickory" took place last evening at Paramus, Bergen county, New Jersey. For some days past preparations had been made to render the occasion one of the most delightful of its kind ever known to its history of that ever faithful State. Ever since the last election the Democracy of that section, having carried the county by a large and increased majority, have had in prospect a reunion at which the steadfast and true of the always straightforward county of Bergen could meet and have a "good time" over their successes.

As usual and proper on such occasions a number of ladies, the real bright eyed ones, were present and participated in the festive exercises.

The supper was all that could be desired. It was delicious; it was a perfect luxury, for all of which the committee, under the leadership of Stephen G. Berdan, Esq., deserves the thanks of those who were present.

Chauncey C. Burr, Esq., president, and as soon as the good things of the table had been partaken of, called the assembly to order and read the first regular toast of the evening.

The toasts were then taken up in order, as follows:

First Toast.—The Union and the Constitution—God defend them from every foe.

Second Toast.—Our Distinguished Guest—the Hon. Fernando Wood.

Which was replied to by Mr. Wood, in his usual style.

Third Toast.—The State of Illinois—the star of hope in the West.

It was expected that the Hon. T. W. Singleton would be present and respond to this toast. Being unable to attend he sent a letter, which was read by G. P. Anderson.

Fourth Toast.—The State of New Jersey—the only spot of dry land in the Deluge.

This toast was responded to by ex-Gov. Price, of New Jersey, in an able and eloquent speech, in which he reviewed the acts of the Administration, and advised all true Democrats to show their consistency by never swerving from the principles laid down by the Fathers of the Republic. His remarks were frequently applauded.

Fifth Toast.—The County of Bergen—the Banner County of Democracy, which has not such a nondescript as a War Democrat within its borders.

The Hon. Daniel Holman, Senator-elect of the Legislature of New Jersey, made a pertinent response to this toast. He painted a very graphic picture of politics in Bergen County, and concluded by saying that he had never voted a cent for the war, and that he never, by the help of God, would do so. [Applause.] At the approaching session of the Legislature he intended to introduce a bill compelling the National "Greenback" Banks to deposit securities in the office of the Treasurer of the State, before allowing them to circulate their scripplets in New Jersey. [Immense applause.]

Sixth Toast.—Blessed are the Peacemakers.

Responded to by C. Chauncey Burr, Esq., substantially as follows:

GENTLEMEN.—A man might suppose that those who asked him to speak to this sentiment had some designs on his liberty. Behind this divine word, there sits a battle. It was the Son of Man who said blessed are the peacemakers; but Abraham Lincoln, and all the worshippers of blood and negroes, declare them accursed. To pray for peace was once a Christian virtue. It was the evidence of a pure heart, and of an elevated intellect. It is treason now. The paths of peace, instead of leading men's footsteps to heaven, lead to a dungeon. If you dare speak for peace there will come such a clamor of profanity, impudence and brutality about your ears as was never heard out of Paradise.

But still we dare speak for peace. Appealing to God for the rectitude of our motives, and despising the base wretches who would impugn them, we cry aloud for peace. We cry for peace, as a man cries for water when his house is on fire. We are for peace, not alone because we know that war is rendering the restoration of the Union impossible, but also because it is destroying the organic life of our Government. It is tearing out the keystone of the arch on which the whole edifice of the American principle and American liberty rests.

This is the irrepressible reason why every patriot opposes the war. To cover up this black spot, and to draw away the public mind from the real issue, the Abolitionists continually cry out "what would you do if the South seceded?" No, we would not, if we have power to prevent it. What we propose to do is, to prevent you from driving them off eternally. It is precisely because we do not intend to abandon the Union, that we are for peace, just as you are for war, because you have abandoned it. You boldly declare that the Union as it was cannot and shall not be restored. Vice-President Hamlin says it is demagogism to talk of such a thing. Therefore you are not fighting to restore Union. There is but one Union. That is the Union as it was—formed by the Constitution as it is, which you affirm shall never be restored, because it would perpetuate the labor institutions of the South, as they are scored by the Constitution. It is as impudent as it is impious to call them traitors to call themselves friends of the Union, as it would have been for the French revolutionists of 1793, to have called themselves friends of the throne of France. They were seeking to revolutionize the Government of the Union. Robespierre said, "away with the throne that grants letters patent of nobility." Lincoln and his party say, "away with the Constitution that allows white men to hold negroes as taxable property." This is the milk in the coconut. The coconut is a negro's head. That is what we are fighting for. In relation to the war, there are three parties: First, the Abolition or Republican party, which says that the Union shall not be restored under the Constitution as it is, second, the party of nondescripts, or War Democrats, who profess that they want the Union back just as it was, and yet support a

war which they admit is waged for the purpose of destroying the Constitution and the Union. This should be called the lunatic party. Must not men be crazy to support a war that they denounce as unconstitutional, carried on, and meant to revolutionize the Government and destroy the Union? It is a charitable conclusion to suppose that such men are crazy. Is it for plunder and office that they connive at the barbarous murder of hundreds of thousands of our people, and at the everlasting destruction of the Union that was formed by our fathers, and the overthrow of the law of our Government of the United States? Is it for plunder that they connive at these base and brutal designs? Then are they dogs, and not men. But, we are told it is policy. What is policy? Is that the mild name you give to the base cowardice that immolates your own laws, and aids the Abolitionists in breaking to pieces the altars of liberty that were built by our fathers? But the people are not yet ready for the truth. When will they be ready for the truth, if you continue to teach them a lie? But the people are ready, they are always ready for the truth. It is the cowardice or treachery of the politicians that has confused and demoralized the ranks of the people. The meaning of this word policy is a lie, it is the life of a coward and a scoundrel. If the word was not made in Hell, it ought to have been, for it is the devil's own trick to cheat a man out of his virtue. It was not policy that won liberty for these States. It was principle. The policy mongers said wait the time is not yet. The true man said, strike! the time to be free is now and forever! No lighter was liberty ever preserved. The true policy of the Democracy is to stand by its own principles of State sovereignty and State equality. These are the foundations of our Government. Strike them down and the whole superstructure falls. When Federalism, or centralized despotism obtained control of the Government in 1793, under John Adams, it commenced a war upon the sovereignty or equality of the States, which threatened as now, the destruction of the Constitution. Under the lead of Jefferson and Madison, the one the father of the Declaration of Independence and the other of the Constitution, the Democracy rallied around the banner of State Sovereignty, defeated the usurpers and banished Federalism so deep, that it lay quietly in its grave for more than sixty years. But now Federalism has come to the surface again, and is waging its old war upon State Sovereignty with a fury and a malice that threatens to strike the sun of liberty out of the sky of Columbia. This is the paramount object of the war. Opposition to secession is a secondary matter with the party waging the war. They know that war is neither a constitutional nor a possible remedy for secession, and they have the frankness to declare they will never consent to the restoration of the Union under the Constitution as it is. Therefore the war is for disunion, for the overthrow of the Constitution, and for the destruction of the sovereignty of the States. It is as much a war against the organic being of the Northern as of the Southern States. It is a war upon State sovereignty, and thus far in its progress it has been much more successful in subverting the sovereignty of the Northern than of the Southern States. 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