

THE GUARDIAN.

THE SONG OF THE FIDDLER MAN.

MARY E. C. WYETH.

The fiddler man was old and gray,
The fiddler man was thin;
And his fiddle it had a gruesome crack
All up and down its poor old back,
And it let a discord in
But wherever he went or wherever he came
The fiddler's welcome was ever the same;
And the song that he sang had a cheery sound.

All day as he traveled his weary sound:
"The sun may shine and the rain may fall,
But the good God ruleth over all."
Sang the fiddler old and gray.

The fiddler man had neither lands,
Nor flocks, nor herds, nor gold;
He earned what he had of meat and drink,
And lodging, and clothes, and a bit of chink;
With his fiddle so cracked and old;
As up and down thro' each street and lane,
In the sultry sun or the chilling rain,
With twanging string, but with cheery strain.

He fiddled, and sang the old refrain:
"The sun may shine, and the rain may fall,
But the good God ruleth over all,
And all are led by His hands."

The fiddler man had wealth untold;
Aye, sure he had great gain;
For he came and went as free as air,
And his brow was bent with no brooding care.

As he trudged through street and lane,
And o'er city pavements, hot and dry,
Or in grassy lanes, beneath the open sky,
As he lolled along on his lony foot,
The children hastened his steps to greet,
As he cheerily sang to the great and small.

Of the God who ruleth over all,
And whose love is better than gold.

Ah, fiddler man, the grass is green
Above the graveyard hill;
And the fiddle that had such a gruesome crack
All up and down its poor old back
Forevermore is still.

But wherever they name the fiddler's name,
Its kindly welcome is ever the same;
In the rose hedges lane or the city's street,
Where often went straying his weary feet,
Fond hearts re-echo the cheery sound,
Of the fiddler's song, with his faith profound.

"Though the sun may shine, or the rain may fall,
Yet the dear God ruleth over all,"
So the keep his memory green.

Drink Pure Water.

First in importance, in the sanitary regulation of a household, is the securing of wholesome water for drinking purposes. Too great care cannot be exercised in this, for most of the malarial disorders incident to our semi-tropical climate arise from neglect to purify the water used as drink.

In this city, the water generally consumed for this purpose is rain water, collected from the roof and kept in a cistern. Now, it is obvious, that besides water, this cistern will also receive all the dust and accretions accumulated upon the roof during dry weather, and further, that these accretions are for most part organic and decomposable matter blown up from the streets, fully capable of tainting the water and rendering it unfit for use. In neighborhoods where pigeons are kept the noxious quality of this roof-washing is greatly heightened.

Besides the organic matter collected from the air by the rain in its descent, and that already spoken of, there will be the bodies of numerous larva insects that make the cistern a breeding place—and the decay of these give rise to gases of a highly noxious nature. Again, as water is a great absorbent of gases, especially of ammonia, sulphuretted hydrogen and ammonia sulphide, and as most cisterns are placed quite close to the outhouses—there will be found additional and most of the cistern water employed in this city.

The purification of cistern water being any easy and inexpensive matter, there is no reason for the existence of the evil referred to. All cisterns may be kept in perfect condition in the following manner:

1st. Where practicable, the first water coming from the roof during a rain, should be diverted, from the cistern, until the roof washings are carried off. This will lessen to a great degree the amount of cistern impurities.

2d. To clear the water, six pounds of lime to every 1000 gallons should be immersed in the cistern. This precipitates the organic matter, prevents the growth of fungi and breeding of insects, and neutralizes all acid gases absorbed or already generated.

3d. To absorb noxious gas, a sack of coarse, fresh burned charcoal should be lowered so as to rest midway in the cistern—the proportion being at least 10 pounds for every 1000 gallons of water. At the end of every month the charcoal should be taken out, allowed to dry, fairly ignited, quenched again, well washed from ash and replaced.

A somewhat foolhardy act has been performed at Calais by an actress, who entered the lions' cage at the manageric and there recited Victor Hugo's "Caravane." Her musical voice evidently had the traditional effect of "soothing the savage breast," as the lions never attempted to interrupt her performance.

Strange what a difference a few words will make. The Republicans now call it "Senator Hampton's statesmanlike speech." A short time ago it was "Wade Hampton's rebel yell."—Boston Post.

She Got a Husband After All.

(New York Tribune.)

A young couple recently presented themselves at the principal church in a suburb of Odessa and requested the priest to marry them. When they reached the altar rails and were there awaiting the fulfillment of their dearest hopes, the priest, detecting a certain unsteadiness of gait in the bridegroom, which appeared incompatible with the solemnity of the occasion, declined to perform his sacerdotal office upon a person whom he described as a "boozing swine." Indignant at the untimely imbricacy, the father of the drunkard seized him by the collar, dragged him out of the church and belabored him soundly with a stout cudgel in the vain hope of restoring him to such self-possession as might qualify him to undergo the marriage ceremony with ordinary steadfastness. The bride's father took a more practical view of the situation. Addressing the congregation from the altar steps, he declared his daughter freed from her matrimonial engagement, and further stated that any eligible candidate for her hand, presenting himself then and there, might wed her on the spot, without incurring any expense, and count upon a fond parent's tender blessing to boot. Two aspirants came forward. After inspection by the bride and brief interrogation as to their respective worldly means and position, one was politely dismissed and the other took the "boozing swine's" place at the altar, where, a few minutes later, he was made a happy husband.

A Fox in a Fix.

A fox hunt in New York State, near Poughkeepsie, a few days ago, came to an end in the following singular manner. The fox took to the woods in which was a ledge of rocks, and in the rocks was a fissure fourteen inches wide at the outside, and just large enough at the other end for a rabbit to crawl through. The opening or tunnel is cone shaped. When the hunters reached the ledge the fox was found to be firmly wedged into the fissure by the hips, where he had been driven by the hounds. All of the hunters vainly endeavored to extricate the animal.

It was becoming dark and the party concluded to return to the woods the following morning with a crowbar and pick. At sunrise the party was on hand. So was the fox, alive and well. Several vigorous blows with a sledge hammer failed to loosen the rocks, which like a vice, encompassed the fox. A strap from a hunting bag was wound around the forelegs of the fox and also around the end of a crowbar. Two of the hunters took hold of the end of the crowbar and used it as a lever. The forelegs of the fox were literally wrenched from the sockets. Rarely, if ever, a fox makes a cry of pain, but in this instance a plaintive wail was uttered by the animal. To put an end to its misery it was shot.

Domestic Economy.

Omelet.—Take two eggs, beat them well, white and yelks; add one cupful of milk, in which a teaspoonful of corn starch has been dissolved; add a little salt and pepper; have butter sufficiently hot in pan; stir up the omelet while cooking; enough for two persons, and no more.

Fancy Biscuit.—Into three pints of flour mix a teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of lard or butter, one teaspoonful of warm milk. To this add two eggs well beaten, and one teaspoonful of home-made yeast. Mix well and set in a warm place to rise, which will take about five hours; form into biscuit, let them rise again and bake. These are nice for tea.

Indian Bannock.—Into one pint of Indian meal stir a pint of sour milk or buttermilk, half a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful each of melted butter and molasses, add two well beaten eggs, and then stir in a pint of wheat flour. Thin it with milk to a consistency of drop cakes, add a heaping teaspoonful of soda dissolved in water, pour into buttered pans an inch thick and bake thoroughly.

The following preparation is recommended as food for a weak baby: One teacup of oatmeal in two quarts of boiling water, slightly salted. Let it cook two hours and a half, then strain. When cold, to one gill of the gruel add one gill of this cream and one teaspoon of sugar. To this then add one pint of boiling water, and it is ready for use. This can be digested when milk and all else fail.

Did you ever notice a poor chap that stands in the first picture of the almanacs with fish and sheep and scorpions and bull twins, etc., around him? Did you ever notice that he was naked and had nothing in his stomach? Well, that poor fellow used to edit a newspaper.

John A. Logan's brother Tom is an ardent Tilden Democrat.

Pins and Whisky.

Mr. Gongh, in one of his addresses, spoke of some things that "save life by not being swallowed."

They tell us that alcohol gives strength and nourishment. No, it does not; it gives stimulons. You sit down on a hornet's nest, and it may be quickening, but is nourishing.

A man once said to a friend of mine: "You are fighting whisky. Whisky has done a good deal of good. Whisky has saved a great many lives."

"What do you mean?" said he.

"Why, whisky has saved a great many lives."

"You remind me," said my friend, "of a boy who was told to write an essay about a pin, and, in his boyish way, he said, 'A pin is a very queer sort of a thing. It has a round head and a sharp point, and if you stick them into you, they hurt, and women use them when their buttons are off. If you swallow them they kill you. For five cents you get a packet of them, and they have saved thousands of lives.'"

The teacher said: "What on earth do you mean? How have they saved thousands of lives?"

"By people not swallowing them," answered the boy.

Read's Gilt Edge Tonic restores the appetite.

The Keokuk Gate City has a leading article on Vanderbilt's enormous investments in United States four per cents, which our readers may recollect figure upwards of \$51,000,000. The Gate City says something which would seem calculated to make Vanderbilt feel a little uncomfortable:

"If ever the National bonds get into the hands of a few persons they will be repudiated. There will be little use to argue about the wickedness of it; it will be done. The widespread latent desire already existing throughout the country that the bonds should be repudiated has been easily kept from getting much vitality by the thought that the bonds were in the hands of farmers, widows, orphans, saving banks, working people, small capitalists, a great body of investors. But let a few very wealthy men or corporations get ownership of the bonds and the situation will be changed."

Read's Gilt Edge Tonic assists digestion.

There is an interesting story told in the Jewish Talmud. There had been a long season of drought in palestine, and all the heads of the Jewish religion gathered themselves together to pray for rain. There were the priests praying for rain, but it did not come. And the Pharisees prayed; still no rain. The rabbis and the scribes prayed; but there was no result, no rain came.

At length a man whom no one knew at all stood up and prayed for the same object; and immediately He who causes His wind to blow, and His rain to fall, blackened the whole face of the sky with clouds, and there was a burst of abundant rain. Amazed at this, all the Pharisees and scribes and rabbis turned to this obscure and unknown person, and said—

"Who art thou, whose prayers are heard when all ours have been rejected?"

"I am a teacher of little children."

Read's Gilt Edge Tonic cures dyspepsia.

In the Cates murder trial at Ridge Spring, S. C., the other day, a young colored man said: "I jes tell you, white folks got no business gwine to black folks' parties, case darkies is not got much sense no how, and when dey gits a quart of mean whisky dey jes as leave kill dey selves as any other pusson."

The immense importance of purity of the air is shown by the fact that from 1000 to 2000 gallons of air are daily brought into contact with the blood in the lungs, and that the whole of the blood of the body is thus presented to the air about a thousand times every day.

A Bald-Headed professor, reproving a youth for the exercise of his fists, said: "We fight with our heads at this college." The youth reflected for a moment, and then replied: "Ah, I see, and you have butted all your hair off."

Why is it that when you meet a man "ker chuck" on the sidewalk, he always turn to his right while you turn to your left, and not satisfied with that, he immediately turns to his left, and you are just fool enough to turn to your right?

The Kansas Herald picturesquely observes that "energy is the ramrod with which a successful man drives home the bullet of each enterprise in the rifle of his plans."

During a period of nearly two centuries the first born of the House of Austria has been a girl—a curious fact.

Gin Sling is the name of a Chinese student at Harvard who is preparing himself for the bar.

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For further particulars, send for Catalogue! T. S. SLIGH, A. M. Pres., Homer, Claiborne parish, La. Aug. 6, 1879. 52y

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NOTICE. THE thorough-bred McGUIRE JACK, "Brigham Young, Jr.," will stand at my stable on the following terms: Five Dollars cash for first service; Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents additional when the mare is discovered to be in foal. Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but no accountability for any. After the first April Pasturage will be furnished free of charge. W. A. WATSON. Tulip, La., March 1, 1880. 30.3m

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