

THE GUARDIAN.

RETURN OF SPRING.

God shield ye breakers of the spring
Ye faithful swallows, fleet of wing,
Hoops, cuckoos, nightingales,
Turtles, and every wilder bird,
That make your hundred chirping heard
Through the green woods and daisies.

God shield ye Easter daisies all,
Fair roses, buds and blossoms small,
And he whom erst the gods
Of Ajax and Narcissus did print,
Ye wild thyme, anise, balm and mint,
I welcome ye once more.

God shield ye, bright embroidered train
Of butterflies that on the plain,
Of each sweet hermit sup;
And ye new swarms of bees, that go
Where the pink flowers and yellow grow,
To kiss them with your lip.

A hundred thousand times I call
A hearty welcome on you all;
This season how I love—
This merry din on every shore—
For wind and storm, whose sullen roar
Forbade my steps to rove.

Age.

- 15 Rebels against whipping and wishes he was a man.
- 16 Begins to chew tobacco and cast sheep's eyes at the "gals."
- 17 Quits school and goes to loafing.
- 18 Concludes to read law and be President, or a member of Congress.
- 19 Gives it up and goes to clerk-ing.
- 20 Grows a mustache, and talks grandly about "we men."
- 21 Begins to part his hair in the middle.
- 22 Engages himself to a nice girl.
- 23 Falls in love with another more stylish, and cuts the first.
- 24 Flirts with every girl he meets.
- 25 Spends his time in training side whiskers.
- 26 Concludes to marry a girl with the "stamp."
- 27 Devotes his attention to an heiress.
- 28 Is heart broken because she won't have him.
- 29 Concludes to marry a young widow.
- 30 Is disgusted when the widow marries a rich old widower.
- 31 Almost dispairs of ever finding any one to suit him.
- 32 Very particular about his dress and personal appearance.
- 33 Courts a miss of sixteen who jilts him for a boy of eighteen.
- 34 Is astonished at the silliness of the girl for preferring green boy to intelligent men.
- 35 Swears he will never marry.
- 36 Spies a gray hair and begins to dye.
- 37 Begins to talk politics and run for office.
- 38 Finds out people won't vote for him.
- 39 Gets mad at being called an "old bachelor."
- 40 Gets cross.
- 41 Gets bearish.
- 42 Ralls against the extravagance of women.
- 43 Writes articles for the papers about their dress, faults and failings.
- 44 Spends most of his time darning socks and sewing buttons on his shirts.
- 45 Turns up his nose when he hears of a marriage and talks of "single blessedness."
- 46 Hates women and despises children.—*Ex.*

Words of Wisdom.

Mediocrity deals much in relating stories.
Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.
Envy shooteth at others and woundeth herself.
Politeness is the just medium between form and rudeness.
Experience is the name men give to their follies or their sorrows.
Many have lived on a pedestal who will never have a statue when dead.
There are reproaches which give praise, and praises which reproach.
A life of full and constant employment is the only safe and happy one.
In character, in manners, style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.
The greater part of men have no opinion, still fewer an opinion of their own, well reflected and founded upon reason.
A man's fortune should be the rule for his sparing not spending. Extravagance may be supported, not justified, by affluence.
Memory is the cabinet of imagination, the treasury of reason, the registry of conscience and the council chamber of thought.
We should often have reason to be ashamed of our brilliant actions, if the world could see the motives from which they spring.

The young lady that married Mr. Shilling, when brought before the justice on a charge of assault and battery, excused herself by saying she only bit him to see if he was good.

He said that money could do everything for a man; and his friend replied: "Nay, verily; money can't do as much for a man as some men will readily do for money."

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An Honest Man.

The other day six men sat around a stove in a Detroit tobacco store. There had been a long period of silence when one of them rubbed his leg and remarked:

"That old wound feels as if it was going to open again. I shall always remember the battle of Rich Mountains."

There was a slight stir around the stove, and a second man put his hand to his shoulder and observed:

"And I shall not soon forget, Brandy Station. Feels to day as if the lead was going to work out."

The interest was now considerably increased, and the third man knocked the ashes off his cigar and said:

"Yes, those were two hard fights, but you ought to have been with Nelson at Franklin. But wasn't I excited that day! When these two fingers went with a grape-shot I never felt the pain!"

The fourth man growled out something about Second Bull Run and a saber cut on the head, and the fifth man felt of his left side and said he should always remember the lay of the ground at the Yellow Tavern. The sixth man was silent. The other five looked at him and waited for him to speak, but it was a long time before he pointed to his empty sleeve and asked:

"Gentlemen, do you know where I got that?"

Some mentioned one battle and some another, but he shook his head sadly and continued:

"Boys, let me be honest and own right up. I lost my arm by a buzz-saw, and now we will begin on the left and give every one a chance to clear his conscience. Now then, show your wounds."

The five men leaned back in their chairs and smoked fast and chewed hard and looked at each other, and each one wished he was in Texas when a runaway horse flew by and gave them a chance to rush out and get clear of the one armed man. It was a narrower escape than any one of them had during the war.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Shall We Meet Again.

The following is one of the most brilliant paragraphs ever written by the lamented George D. Prentiss:

The fiat of death is inexorable. There is no appeal for relief from the great law which dooms us to death. We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forests, and the flowers that bloom, wither and fade in a day have no truer hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his footsteps.

Generations of men will appear and disappear as the grass, and the multitude that throng the world to day will disappear as footsteps on the shore. Men seldom ever think of the great event of death until the shadow falls across their own pathway, hiding from their eyes the faces of loved ones, whose living smile was the sunlight of their existence. Death is the antagonist of life, and the thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valley, although the dark passage may lead to paradise; we do not want to go down into damp graves, even with princes for bed fellows.

In the beautiful drama of "Ion" the hope of immortality, so eloquently uttered by the death devoted Greek, finds deep response in every thoughtful soul. When about to yield his life a sacrifice to fate, his Ciceronian asks if they shall meet again, to which he responds: "I have asked that dread question of the hills that look eternal—or of the clear streams that flow forever—of stars among whose fields of azure my raised spirits have walked in glory. All are dumb. But as I gaze upon thy living face, I feel that there is something in love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Cicerone."

Charity.

True charity is the sweetest and most attractive of qualities. It soothes away the tangles and rubs off the roughness and diminishes the friction of life. It adds grace to daily courtesies and makes burdens easier to be borne. The loving heart is the strong heart. The generous hand is the hand to cling to when the path is difficult. There is room for the exercise of charity everywhere—in business, in society and in the church; but first and chiefest is the need of it at home, where it is the salt which keeps all things sweet, the aroma which makes every hour charming, and the divine light which shines star-like through all gloom and depression.—*Ex.*

So-called particular men have a great contempt for theory. But in all ages the men of theory have been the governing men of the world. When Dr. Adam Smith wrote "The Wealth of Nations," he had no practical knowledge of the subject. Some one made this objec-

tion to his work in the presence of Dr. Samuel Johnson. But he quickly replied: "It is not necessary to have practical knowledge to write well upon any subject. To write a good book on trade, a man must have extensive views. But a merchant seldom thinks but of his own particular trade." Orotius, Pifgen-drof, and other great writers on law were not practical lawyers. When he wrote his "Commentaries," Blackstone had not been much in practice. Buckle, in some of the most remarkable passages, places the theoretical far above the practical. Some of the greatest discoveries were first in the nature of theories.

Cash Versus Credit.

Any retail dealer can buy closer with cash than with credit. The closer he buys the greater are the profits. Money put down on his counter gives him a chance to discount his paper, meet his notes and pay current expenses. Charges on the book means cash next month, or the month after, or next year. Cash asks no favors except to be waited upon. Credit must have a book-keeper, a collector and a lawyer. If a retail dealer in groceries asks the price of starch, he is told that he can have it at so much credit, or so much for spot cash. If a consumer asks the price of the retailer, it is one price to Cash Down or Dead Beat.

The more one thinks this matter over the more he realizes the force of the remark of a prominent Western financier, who lately observed: "The man who pays cash when he can get credit is a fool." And so say we all. If Dead Beat is to have the same price as Cash Down, with an additional advantage of sixty-six days' time—which means ninety in nineteen cases out of twenty—why do any of us pay cash? Why not all take credit.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Don't Judge.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears for God made one and the tailor the other.

Don't judge him by his family connection, for Cain belonged to a very good family.

Don't judge him by his speech for the parrot talks and the tongue is but an instrument of sound.

Don't judge a man by the house he lives in, for the lizard and the rat often inhabit the grandest structures.

Don't judge him by his activity in the church, for that is not unfrequently inspired by hypocritical and selfish motives.

Don't judge him by his lack of display, for the long eared beast is the most humble of all animals, but when aroused is terrible to behold.—*Ex.*

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