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With a bright eye that looked through the haze.

He had a heart as sweet as the forest flowers,
And his eyes were like the summer's sun,
And his smile was the light of the dawn,
And his voice was the music of the fountains.

For the summer had passed—re-faded the Rose,
And the green wood was stripped of its beauty,
He sought the sweetest spot of quiet repose,
And death caught her life's latest day.

They buried him where the poplars daily sleep,
Who his favorite stream flows serenely,
They buried him where the wild cat's leaps,
And the rainbow entwined its coils so gently.

But years have now passed—since that trial of youth,
From Mary's life's best—richer treasure,
Her song is still sweet—and unaltered her truth,
For her spirit is in his stony measure.

Her footfall is slow, and dimmed is her eye,
And she looks on the world with a sad content,
Her heart is still bright—her thoughts are on high,
For she knows that a spirit land dwells.

She knows that the loved who have gone before,
Will await us at Heaven's bright portals,
That the hand and the heart will meet once more—
That peace be to those who are there.

A Messenger yesterday pale and grim,
Announced her life's pilgrimage ended,
The faithful heart in the light of the dim,
And she knew that their spirit love's blended.

And the grave that had held but Wilhelm alone,
Now scattered its flowers a new day,
As the rainbow shone in the crystal dew,
Where the cat's paw was the last day.

HOME PAPERS NO. 1.

THE USE AND NOBILITY OF LABOR.

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Lives there a man who scorns the dignity and nobility of honest labor? Who looks with contempt upon the horny hands of toil, and turns in derision and haughty pride, from the sun-burnt brow of the sturdy farmer, the artisan, or sailor?

If such an anomalous specimen of humanity is to be found, in the vast universe of creation, let him go forth to some lofty eminence, which, if it were possible, overlooked the entire territory of New England, then with face averted from the present, let him look back over the checkered fields of the Past—back to that eventful period in the annals of our Country's history, which witnessed the brave-hearted Pilgrims, on these then uncultivated and inhospitable shores.

One vast, and almost unbroken wilderness met his eye, through which the red man roamed at will, fearless and unimpeded; while here and there, from among the tall tree tops, which proudly reared their heads against the cloudy sky, curling their blue wreaths of smoke, the boaters of the Indian wigwam.

The rivers and lakes, like sleeping in peaceful severity, undisturbed, save by the untamed and untameable savage, as he paddles his birch canoe along the rocky shores. No where in all this vast panorama of ocean and island, does he behold one foot print of civilization. No where can he trace the workings of art, of science, or mechanical genius. Not even the first red plowman to indicate the dawn of that day which shall witness their mighty efforts and heroic achievements.

Still, and statue like, he stands there

oblivious to every other thought and feeling, wrapt in the mute contemplation of this primeval scene of solitary grandeur and wilderness. The ambrosial perfume of uncultivated flowers has wooed him into forgetfulness of every thing else around him.

But suddenly, by some unseen kaidoscope power, the scene changes. Only here and there, a stricken few of the red men remain. Their graves are severed far and wide by moat, by stream and seat—their shall war whoop no longer resounds through the darkling woods—their council fires have gone out, while the grave, solemn sables who were wont to gather round them, sleep in peace beneath the great turf of their own native valleys; and in their stead, he sees another, and fairer race of beings, surrounded by every comfort and luxury, that heart can desire.

The order, harmony and beauty which so delights his eyes, reveals to him the fact, that he lives in an age of refinement, taste and culture. As if by magic, the almost impenetrable forests are swept away, and in their place he beholds splendid cities, populous towns, rural villages, cultivated gardens, blooming with the beauty of a thousand aromatic and to him nameless flowers, and waving fields of grain.

At his very feet a hundred factories start into life, filled with curious machinery by which human hands weave out an almost endless variety of fabric, some of them rich and beautiful, as those from the looms of Persia and India. From the din and clatter of this busy scene, he turns with feelings somewhat akin to awe and superstition, to behold the great railway invention. Onward, right onward, comes old Ironsides, proud and defiant, in his matchless strength, sweeping with the velocity of lightning over the smooth and even rails, which have become the strong ligaments to write more closely in the bonds of fraternal concord and union, every city, town, village and hamlet, throughout America.

But scarcely has the heavy tramp of the iron horse, died away in the distance, when a still more wonderful, more wizard like invention than the last, claims his attention—the powers and achievements of electricity are displayed before his already bewildered eyes, by which, in a moment's time he can converse with friends and friends, though separated a thousand miles and more.

And not only on the land, but the sea too is alike witness of these marvelous changes and improvements. The ocean, rivers and lakes, are whitened with the canvas of a thousand vessels, of every model and description, which nautical architecture can invent, from the palatial steamship to the gaily painted pleasure yacht.

But it were vain to attempt the enumeration of all the facilities and avenues, which open before him, for the interchange of commerce, for speed and comfort in traveling, for convenience, utility and beauty in the construction of dwellings, churches and school houses; for the dissemination of knowledge, and the unfolding of Art and Science among all classes and conditions of mankind, in the form of books, journals, periodicals and lectures. In short, the powers of every natural agent is called forth and unrelentingly applied.

The elasticity of metals, the winds, the water and steam, all are made subservient to the will of man.

But starting up from his Rip Van Winkle lethargy he exclaims, "Tell me your powers invisible, what has produced this mighty change—to what cunning and subtle influence do we owe all these glorious triumphs, these bold achievements and unequalled improvements?"

From every rugged mountain, from every green hill-top, from the fertilized fields, and blooming valleys, from the wide spread ocean, the laughing rivers, and placid lakes, breaks forth one united voice to answer him, that only by toil and labor, has this change been effected—Hard, unflinching and unremitting, mental and manual labor.

Not all the wealth of California, or the Indies could alone have brought about these changes, or wrought out these improvements.

Neither could ten thousand such weak brains and inefficient hands have accomplished the work, which looks upon labor with contempt, and scorns to engage in honest toil, either of the head or hands.

Of vain, short-sighted man it is idle, and slothfulness which thou shouldst look upon with contempt. It is those which enervates man's principal and moral nature, and not honest toil and labor, these, either of the brain, heart or hands are the only sure badge of a true manhood, the true nobility.

Then give to the laborer his just meed of praise, award him his true position in society, and pass him not by in derision because of his soiled, and weather stained

garments; but extend to him the hand of brotherly love, bidding him God speed in his honest avocation, whether it be that of teacher, sailor, minister, or mechanic. West Gloucester, Jan. 4th, 1860.

The Japanese.

We find in the New York Herald an interesting account of these distinguished strangers, who are already at our gates.—They had come to New York in the steamer Rosnoke, where an order from the Secretary of the Navy intercepted them, directing their immediate departure to Washington. The President will receive them first. The account states that the Embassy