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FROM CRADLE TO COFFIN.

We took the cradle, gay, and swing it to
A new life steps within it. In tender tones
Another mother to slumber, in love notes soft
While held in sleep and safety there rests
A newborn child.

As we rock the cradle, gay,
We lay aside the cradle, the bird's nest
And spread its pinions boldly to make its way
To the open air, in sorrow, or rise and keep its
Way.

Mid the temptations, triumphs, fair fruits
Of life's day,
As we lay aside the cradle,
We bend above the coffin, another soul has
The earthly fight is over, is won or lost,
Or dead.

The babe who in the cradle first knew of
earthly strife,
And there, with limbs close folded, lies all
We know of life's day,
As we bend above the coffin,
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PERPETUAL MOTION.

The Curious Contrivance of a New York
Inventor to Run Forever.

A city man who had been informed
that there was a piece of mechanism
purporting to be a perpetual motion
in existence at Lyons, Wayne county,
made a visit to the town a day or two
ago to satisfy his curiosity on the sub-
ject. On his return he said: "I can
not say, I came, I saw, I conquered,"
for to tell you the truth I was unable
to discover how the machine does what
I saw it do, but there is some trick
about it I am satisfied. Still, as a me-
chanical curiosity the contrivance
ought to pay in a dime museum. I
went down to Lyons and after a little
search found David Jennings, a man
of about 40 years old, the inventor of the
motor, or whatever you would call it.
I made known my wish to see his ma-
chine, and after a little parley he con-
sented to give me a view of it, prefac-
ing his consent by stating that it was
taken apart and would have to be re-
connected before it would work.

I went to his house, in the yard back of
the motor, every door of the shop
was locked, and as its owner produced
the key, I saw that it was a bench
that I could go in the back way with
less trouble than by the front, as I
would have to climb a ladder in the
latter case. He opened the back door
from the inside and I stepped into a
room twenty feet square, fitted up
like a carpenter shop, with various
tools lying around. The apparatus I
came to see was only a table, as I
understand it, and it consisted of a
chain of about five feet long made
of peculiarly shaped links that could
not easily be described without
a drawing. One of the links was
out of place and the inventor proceed-
ed to put it in order. When that was
done the contrivance was ready for
exhibition. The chain ran over three
rollers, one of which was a vertical
one, one of which was perpendicular,
and one of which was horizontal. The
chain was so constructed that in
running between the rollers that were
vertical and horizontal, it was momen-
tarily closed together so that in the
space of a foot there would be one
or two more links than in the same
distance when the links were extend-
ed. There was connected to the chain
a greater weight in the vertical line
in an equal distance than in any other
place in the chain. It was on this dif-
ference in weight that the inventor
said the power of the machine de-
pended. One of the pulleys over
which the chain ran was connected
with a brake-wheel by which the mo-
tion of the chain could be stopped by
applying the brake. After the chain
was connected and the brake taken off,
the chain began to run around the pul-
leys in a regular and uniform man-
ner. The pulleys over which it ran
were set on rollers that reduced the
friction to the minimum, but the force
of the chain was so great that it could
stop it with my fingers. The chain
seemed to carry itself around the
triangle continuously, but I noticed
that Jennings would not let me
take hold of the roller, and I half sus-
pected that it had something to do with
the constant motion of the chain,
which, apparently moved in deli-
cance of the laws of gravity. If I had
been allowed to closely examine the
whole thing I am satisfied that I could
have discovered the secret of its action.
I admit that it is a well-contrived
device to catch the eye and deceive the
unskilled into the belief that it is per-
petual motion. Jennings told me that
he had spent \$50,000 on the invention,
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