

Select Poetry  
WHILE THE DAYS ARE GOING BY  
There are lovely hearts to cherish  
While the days are going by;  
There are weary souls who perish  
While the days are going by;  
It is a battle with the foe  
On our journey we pursue,  
Oh! the good we all may do  
While the days are passing by.  
There's no time for idle sorrow  
While the days are going by;  
Let your face be like the morning  
While the days are going by;  
Oh! the world is full of sighs  
And of sad and weeping eyes,  
Help your fallen brother rise  
While the days are going by.  
All the loving links that bind us  
While the days are going by;  
One by one we leave behind us  
While the days are going by;  
But the seeds of good we sow  
Both in shade and shine will grow,  
And will keep our hearts aglow  
While the days are going by.

Wit and Humor

A Wedding Night Shirt  
It was hardly the fair thing that the boys did to Joe Thompson the night he was married, but the temptation was irresistible. They couldn't have helped it to save their lives. I'll tell you how it was. Joe was about the most fancifully dressed buck in the town—over nice and particular—a regular Miss Nancy in manners, always putting on airs, and more dainty and modest than a girl. Well, when his wedding night came he was dressed to kill, and his pants, especially, fitted him as if they had been molds and his legs candles, and run into them. Tight was no name for them. Their set was immense, and he was prouder than half a dozen peacocks.  
"Aren't they nice, boys?" he asked of the two who were to be groomsmen and see that he threw himself away in the most approved fashion.  
"Stunning! gorgeous!" replied Tom Bennett. "Never saw anything equal to them. But, I say Joe, aren't they just the least bit tight? It strikes me that you will have some difficulty in bending 'em, won't you?"  
"Pshaw, no! They are just as easy as an old glove. See!"  
"To prove the matter he bent down so as to touch his patent leathers, when crack! crack! followed like the twin reports of a revolver.  
"Thunder!" exclaimed Joe, as he clapped his hands behind, and found a rent in the cassimere from stem to stern. "Thunder! the pants have burst, and what shall I do!"  
"I should rather think they had," answered Tom, getting purple in the face as he endeavored to control his laughter. "But there is no time to get another pair. It only wants half an hour of the standing-up time, and we have got to go to the carriage waiting to."  
"What shall I do?—what shall I do?"  
"I'll tell you what Joe, if mine would fit you, you should have them; and welcome; but they are a mile too big, would set like a shirt on a bean pole. I see no way but to have them mended."  
"Who can I get to do it, Tom?"  
"Well, I am something of a tailor, and can fix them so they won't show. Hold on a minute, and I'll get a needle and thread."  
"Can you? May God bless you!"  
"Of with your coat!" commanded Tom, as he came back.  
"Now lay yourself over on the bed, and I will fix you in short order."  
The command was obeyed—the pants mended—the coat tails carefully pinned over, so as to conceal the "distress for rent," and all went as merry as a marriage bell, until Joe followed his blushing bride to the nuptial couch.  
There was only a dim light in the room, but it enabled Joe, as he glanced bashfully around, to see the sweetest face in the world, the rosy cheeks and ripe lips, the lovely and loving eyes, and the golden curls just peeping out from the snowy sheets; and he distinguished it altogether, and hastened to disrobe himself. Off came coat, vest, fancy necktie and collar, boots and socks in a hurry, but somehow the pants stuck. The more he tried, the more they wouldn't come, and he tugged vainly for half an hour.  
"Thunder!" muttered Joe.  
"What is the matter dear?" came in the softest accents from the bed, where somebody was wondering if he was ever going to come to her arms.  
It was a moment of desperation; Joe was overcome by the situation, and forgetting his accustomed bashfulness, blurted out:  
"Molly, that cursed Tom Bennett has sewed my pants, drawers, shirt and undershirt altogether!"  
"It is too bad. Wait a moment, dear."  
A little stockinged foot peeped out first, then a ruffled night dress, the lamp was lighted, a pair of scissors found, and Joe released.  
"Hallo steward!" exclaimed a fellow in one of the steamboats after having retired to bed.  
"Hallo steward."  
"Bring me the way bill."  
"What for, massa?"  
"I want to see if those bugs put down their names for this berth before I did. If not I want them turned out."  
"Somebody says the first thing that turned his attention to matrimony was the neat and skillful manner in which a pretty girl handled a broom. Yes, he may see the time when the manner in which that broom will be handled will not afford him so much satisfaction.  
An ugly young lady is always anxious to marry and young gentlemen are seldom anxious to marry her. This is a resultant of two mechanical powers—the inclined plane and leave her.  
A young woman's fancy is like the moon which changes continually, but always has a man in it.

Spring, and Seasonable Reflections.  
Now that buds are beginning to blossom, poets to poetize, flowers to bloom in open air, ladies to put on new hats and spring habits (to the joy and delight of fashionable modistes), students to yawn and indolence spring fever, we suppose that we of the editorial staff may indulge ourselves and our readers to such *dehors* *sur* reveries as come upon us, seeking expression in the mild spring-like manner of the season's herald.  
It will hardly, we fancy, be necessary to inform our readers that St. Patrick's day has come, was duly celebrated, and is gone, that spring-time is upon us, and the grassy vales and the green woodlands, the sunny slopes, the budding flowers, full gardens, dusty roads (but delightful rick and driver), will soon succeed the bleak winds, blinding snows, and milk-white cerements of winter. This, and more than this, they have already gathered from the almanac, the daily papers, and the show windows; from the balmy air, the soft winds, the light costumes and the daily converse in the parlor and on the street; and though the changes of the seasons, like that of faces, habits and stories, affords a great relief to writer and composer, and suggested a whole poem to Thompson (in whose nature was much of human nature), it is not simply for the spring as a new season that we refer to present—it is to bring with it and produce such thoughts and feelings as are suggested by it.  
There was much of wisdom and philosophy in the division of the months and seasons by the Indians of this country, who gave both, names significant of the changes occurring at these periods in nature herself and in her children. Our readers will recall the language of Hiawatha and the divisions of the year therein contained, and see how much of poetry possessed the children of the forest.  
What other equally important and significant influence this season exerts upon the civilized and christianized denizens of the world, is a matter of interesting and not altogether uninteresting inquiry, and it is specially to these we would at present advert.  
Well and sweetly does the Laureate sing:  
In the Spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast;  
In the Spring the wren's lapwing gets himself another crest;  
In the Spring a lovelier iris changes on the burnish'd dove;  
In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.  
but how it touches the maiden's heart and influences its action, or that of the world throughout the many thousand ramifications that feel its silent influence equally potent, a more steady and prosaic pen must teach us.  
In the lines quoted we have only the poetic, sparkling temperament laid bare, not the whole man, soul, passion and nature.  
In our estimate of Eden, we feel sure neither writer or reader has ever thought of it in any light but that of a bright beautiful land, of spring time and flowers; and the richest romance has always colored the happy land as a land of eternal summer. But the world (the stern, hard world), unfitted for everlasting, all enduring good, required change, and that change has come upon us in the dark and gloomy seasons that so rapidly succeed the bright and cheering ones. What lessons such changes teach; what thoughts they suggest, were a theme useful to preacher and worthy of a text; but what beauties they develop may interest and amuse the less stern moralist who "finds tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything." To the many we know it brings no thought, no reflection, no philosophy but that of the poor shepherd, who minds his flock and sees the grass grow for no other purpose but to feed his sheep. Do we not pity thought and mind that soars not beyond such limits, and yet do not pass every hour those whose thoughts rise not above such philosophy and such reflection, and who contemplate the changes of season only as they affect complexions or toilets, the last but not the newest bonnet?  
But the season suggests harmony, happiness and content, and we cease to moralize, to hope for better and happier results throughout the country, with the return of bright, beautiful spring-time.—*Southern States.*  
Dogs more dangerous than Guns.  
The value of the dog for watch purposes was recently presented in a new light. According to the Richmond Dispatch, Jim Patterson, a venerable mulatto, in discussing the important question, "which is most dangerous, guns or dogs?" before a negro debating society at White Sulphur, in Virginia, spoke as follows:  
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"The New York Times" argues that the modern watch dog is no protection against burglars, but, as we presume the Times never practically tested the question, we must accept the declaration of Jim Patterson as conclusive evidence on the point.—He declares that the dog is more dangerous than the gun, and Jim talks like a man of experience; therefore it naturally follows that the modern watch dog is of some account. Property owners should make a note of this fact, and present it as one of the reasons why the watch dog should be exempted from taxation.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*  
BUNYAN AND THE QUAKER.—John Bunyan, while in Bedford jail, was called upon by a Quaker desirous of making a convert of him. "Friend John I have come to thee with a message from the Lord, and after having searched for thee in all the prisons in England, I am glad that I have found thee at last."  
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