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I of my Spencer quite bereft,
Last Winter sore was shaken;
Of Lamb I've but a quarto left,
Nor could I save my Bacon.

They picked my Locke, to me far more
Than Bramah's patent worth,
And now my losses I deplore
Without a Home on Earth.

They still have made me slight returns,
And thus my grief divide;
For, oh! they've cured me of my Burns,
And eased my Akenside.

But all I think I shall not say,
Nor let my anger burn,
For as they have not found me Gay,
They have not left me Sterne.

If thou art borrowed by a friend,
Right welcome shall he be;
To read, to study, not to lend,
But to return to me.

Not that impartial knowledge doth
Diminish learning's store;
But books, I find, when often lent,
Return to me no more.

—*From Notes and Queries.*

BLASTS FROM THE RAM'S HORN.

An unadulterated Bible would mean an undivided church.

Some people miss to-day's manna in looking for to-morrow's.

When God has a purpose His plan is always the best one.

It is not our burdens, but our sore backs that make life hard.

It is worth while making many foes to make one true friend.

We could not bear pleasure but for the preparation of pain.

Bigotry kills truth and seeks to frighten folk with her effigy.

Sorrow is the silken cord that makes the circuit of sympathy.

The old man may have a greater future before him than the youth.

We do not gain glory in heaven by making religion ridiculous on earth.

Sometimes a man finds that the pull he expected to get catches him in the neck.

God dashes pain into our pleasures that we may be willing to leave them for His joys.

Many of the jewels in the diadem of friendship are after all very small, yet very precious.

It is useless for our soldiers to fight our foes abroad while our saloons foster them at home.

The trouble with the Christian soldier is that he doesn't seem to care which side he fights on.

How he Spelled it.

He walked up to the hotel register and signed his name, with a flourish, E. K. Phthologuyrrh."

"Look here, Turner!" exclaimed the clerk, who knew him well, "are they hunting for you, or what? Where do you get that outlandish name?"

"Get back, my boy, get back! You're slow," replied Turner airly, as he lit a cigar. "That's my same old name, written in plain English and pronounced as usual just 'Turner.' Look at it. Of course, I do it just to get them all guessing. They wonder what nation I am from; what my name is. I can now hear people talk about me all around. It is as I said before English spelling. 'Phth,' there is the sound of 't' in 'phthisis,' 'olo,' there is the 'ur' in 'colonel'; 'gn,' there is the 'n' in 'gnat'; 'yrrh' is the sound of 'er' in 'myrrh.' Now if that does not spell 'Turner,' what does it spell?"—Chat.

A Hard Question.

When I was quite a lad, long before I became a preacher, I had some difficult questions put to me, one especially so, as I considered it. The Sunday school was rather a new thing in the section where I lived, and it put a great many to asking and answering questions. A little girl came to me one day as on a mission of great importance and began to ply me with questions, I answered them, of course, the best I could. She asked me who made me, why God made me, and a number of other questions, and then pausing for a while as if in deep study, she said: "Why did God make you so ugly?" That was a very hard question for me. I was obliged to ask for time, and have never answered it yet.—*Homiletic Review.*

A Valentine for Grandma.

I've watered it and watched it grow;
I've whispered ever, soft and low,
"O precious little plant of mine,
Be ready for my valentine."

And now, with blossoms blue and fair,
It goes to stand by grandma's chair.
O fragrant little flower of mine,
Bloom sweetly for my valentine.

—Youth's Companion.

Our Anglo-Maniacs.

"Ah—I suppose, Cholly, deah boy, you will summah at Narraganset next yeah—yaws?"

"Indeed, my deah Allie I caw'nt say, dontcherknaw, until I learn what part of the country Prince Henry admires most, raley."

"WHAT do you mean by chopping at that tree?"

"Oh, this is alright, dad; today is Washington's Birthday, and this is a cherry tree."—*Harper's Bazar.*

THE LITTLE MINSTREL IN THE STREET.

His hands are soiled, his throat is bare,
His face is streaked with dirt, and thin,
And many a slip is in the air
He plays upon his violin;
A sadness dwells within his eyes,
The shoes are ragged on his feet,
And scoffers stoop to criticise
The little minstrel in the street.

There by the curb he plays away,
Where flakes float past and winds blow chill,
And maybe, as the critics say,
He lacks the tutored artist's skill;
But now and then a little strain
Played faultlessly and soft and sweet
Floats up from where he stands out there—
The little minstrel in the street.

Say, ragged little minstrel, why
Must people listen but to hear
The false note, ever passing by
The strain that rises soft and clear?
Oh, it were well with us if we
Might in our own ways sound the sweet
And faultless notes as oft as he—
The little minstrel in the street.

S. E. KISER.

A Marylander's Long Overland Journey.

Franklin Williams, his wife, three children and all of their belongings arrived in Annapolis last week from Rock Point, on the Patuxent river, in a two-horse wagon, having made the entire journey from Bismark, N. D., a distance of nearly 2,000 miles. Williams is originally from Maryland. He left his home in Havre de Grace, 22 years ago and went to New York. He drifted thence to Michigan and from there to North Dakota, where he took up a homestead and settled down to work a farm of 65 acres. His farming venture was unsuccessful. He received only $17 for his produce in 1900. He, therefore, determined to return East, and left his Dakota home the first of last July. The family suffered many hardships from cold and hunger on the trip, but they encountered no weather more severe than they sometimes had northwest. Their wagon was fitted up with a stove, from which they burned fuel gathered by the roadside.

Mrs. Williams was sick when they reached Annapolis. She was on a bed in the wagon, under which huddled a dog and a litter of black puppies. On Church Circle they had a breakdown, and the entire outfit is being taken care of until they can continue the journey to Havre de Grace. They spent Christmas in West Virginia, and say that since entering Maryland they have been treated better than in any other State through which they journeyed. The horses look fairly well, considering their long journey.

COSTLY LOAD OF HAY.

Compellad Erection of a Drawbridge at Expenditure of $20,000.

Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. 13.—For fifty years Cumberland county has had a covered stationary bridge across the river at Dividing Creek. There is a wharf or two above the bridge, and a couple of owners are anxious to get a load of hay up there, but cannot get under the bridge. A petition was circulated asking the War Department to order the county to bild a draw-bridge. A public meeting was held, and the Government engineer recommended the building of a draw.

The War Department decided the matter, and the Board of Freeholders must spend about $20,000 for a new structure.

Might Not Suit.

They're telling a heavenly story which they say no more than does justice to the "kicking" propensities of the Togus veteran.

The old soldier dies, so the story goes. And after death he marches up to the gates of Heaven. He hits the door a thump and St. Peter peers out through the wicket.

"Who are you?" asks the saint.

"I'm an old sailor."

"Where from?"

"Soldiers' Home at Togus."

"Well, you may come in," says the saint, "but I don't know as the place'll suit you."—*Kennebec Journal.*

THE BEST FAITH.

I deem his faith the best
Who daily puts it into loving deeds,
Done for the poor, the sorrowing and the oppressed;
For these are more than creeds,
And though a blinded reason oft may err,
The heart that loves is faith's interpreter.

—*Edward Payson Powell.*

Juvenile Crime.

At a meeting the other day of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union at Fort Worth, Mrs. Morrow, of West Virginia, made the interesting statement that more than 1,000 cities and towns in the United States have adopted curfew laws, Indianapolis being the largest. She added that juvenile crime is on the increase in this country, 200,000 children being arrested every year.

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