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And still he keeps away!
And still I listen for his knock
Each disappointing day;
Time hangs so heavy on my hands,
My spirit cease to flow;
I wonder if he likes me still?—
I should so like to know!

He can't be ill, for every day
They tell me where he's been;
For oh! at every ball and rout
The traiter has been seen!
I didn't mean a word I said
That night I bade him go;
I wonder will he come again?—
I should so like to know!

I'm sure he's just like all the men,
As false as false can be;
I don't believe he cares the least
What may become of me;
And after all his vows of love,
To turn and treat me so;
I wonder will we make it up?—
I should so like to know!

He might have known I did not mean
He was to come no more;
I'm sure I've cried so ever since,
That both my eyes are sore;
I do believe that was his knock!
And yet don't like to go;
I wonder if he can forgive?—
I should so like to know!

LONGEVITY.

On the subject of longevity, th New Orleans Surgical and Medica Journal contains some interestin facts:

It seems that an eminent Frenc chemist, M. Ed Robin, in a memor al presented to the Academy of Sc ences, has expressed the belief tha human life may be prolonged, an he gives his reasons for it. He think human life may be compared with furnace always kindled; life exists i a state of combustion, but the com bustion which occurs in our bodie like that which takes place in ou chimneys, leaves a residue, a detr tus, ashes. This detritus, which always accumulating, is according t M. Robin, the principal cause of ol age and senile death. He think that the mineral matter which co stitutes an ingredient in most of ou food, after the combustion is left i our system, to incrust and stiffen th different parts of the body, and t render imperfect many of the vita processes, M. Robin sets forth man facts to prove the reasonableness his position, but proposes to institu a series of experiments on anima whose lives are of short duration, verify his theory. Among the s ries of experiments which he prop ses is one which consists in admin tering lactic acid with ordinary foo The lactic acid is known to posse the power of dissolving the incrust tions which form on the arteries,