

Autumn in the Woods.

Every hollow full of ferns,
Turning yellow in their turns;
Straggling brambles fierce and wild,
Yielding berries to the child;
Oakballs tumbling from the tree
Beech-nuts dropping silently;
Hosts of leaves come down to die;
Leaving openings to the sky;
Bluebells, foxglove, gone to seed,
Everything to death decreed;
Nothing left of flowers or buds;
Such is Autumn in the woods.

And so there is an autumn known
To the heart. It feels alone,
Fearing its best days are past;
Sees the future overcast;
Fond of acquaintance broken through,
Friends departed, friends untrue;
Human flowers cold and dead,
Covered by a grassy bed;
Hopes, late blossoms putting out,
Withering soon, and flung about
By cruel winds, dread doubts and fears
Finding vent in sudden tears;
Yes, there is an autumn known
To some hearts thus left alone.

Yet, there's this thought after all—
Ferns may fade and leaves may fall,
Hearts may change or prove untrue,
All may look as these woods do—
Though sad autumn here is given,
Spring-time waits the just in heaven.
—Chambers' Journal.

An Actor in the Times of Charles II.

Joe Haines was an excellent comic actor, a wit and a practical jester, whose society was sought by the best people of the time. He was a scholar, and had been educated at Oxford, and had been Latin secretary to Sir Joseph Williamson before he took to the stage. There are enough good stories told of his impudent and miscellaneous disposition to fill a small volume. Once he served Hart a cruel trick. The great tragedian rather arbitrarily insisted upon his going on one night for a Senator in 'Cataline,' although his position in the theatre, and his salary being 50 shillings a week, exempted him from such service. Joe resolved to be revenged; he put on a scaremouch dress, a large ruff, huge whiskers, and a Merry Andrews cap, and thus attired, with a short pipe in his mouth, and a three-legged stool in his hand, followed 'Cataline' on the stage. Hart was always so absorbed in the part that he was acting that he had no eyes or ears for anything else, and, no matter what occurred, would never suffer his attention to be for a moment distracted. When Joe entered, seated upon his stool and began laughing and grinning behind the tragedian's back, the house was in a roar; but although he wondered what was amiss, he went on acting without once turning his head, until a movement in the part revealed to him the ludicrous scene. Haines was turned out of the theatre there and then. Soon afterwards he met with a naval Chaplain who was seeking a living, and succeeded in persuading the credulous parson that he could procure him the appointment of Chaplain of the theatre, with a handsome salary. All he would have to do would be to summon the company to prayers every morning by ringing a bell and repeating the formula, 'Players, players, come to prayers!' 'But,' he headed there's a terrible man there named Hart, who will rush out and abuse you; but take no notice of him, he's either mad or an atheist.' The next morning he introduced the clergyman behind the scenes, placed a bell in his hand, and disappeared to watch the joke. The victim began ringing his bell and shouting in a very sonorous voice, 'Players, players, come to prayers,' and all the company gathered around highly amused thinking he was insane, until Hart succeeded in obtaining an explanation. Upon which he very quickly opened his eyes to the trick which had been played upon his credulity, and, very indignant himself at it, invited the Chaplain to dine with him. But this jest might have turned out seriously for the inventor, had not his ready wit been equal to any occasion; for the victim had a choleric son, who sought him out and insisted upon his fighting upon the spot. 'Give me only a few minutes to pray,' said Haines, and I am at your service. Upon which he fell upon his knees and supplicated in a loud voice for pardon for having previously killed 17 men in duels, and for the eighteenth he was about to add to their number, which so cooled the challenger's courage that he took to his heels. Once, when Joe was arrested in the street for debt, he saw the Bishop of Ely's carriage coming along. Struck by an audacious idea, he said to the bailiffs, 'That is my cousin, and if you let me speak to him he will pay your demands.' The bailiffs assented. Joe stopped the carriage, and, hat in hand, thrust his head through the window. 'My lord,' he said, in tone of great emotion, 'here are two poor Catholic fellows who are so troubled by doubts and scruples of conscience that I'm afraid they'll hang themselves.' 'Let them come to me to-morrow morning and I'll satisfy them,' said the Bishop. Joe was set free, and the next morning the two men waited upon his lordship. 'Now, what are these scruples of conscience you have?' inquired the Bishop. 'Please your lordship,

we have no scruples of conscience,' answered one of the fellows, 'we are bailiffs who yesterday arrested your cousin, Joe Haines, for £20, and you said you would satisfy us. And the Bishop thought it best to do so.—Temple Bar.

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