

Poetry.

JOHNNY'S SOLILOQUY.

It seems to be father's greatest joy. To tell what he did when he was a boy. Nothing very wonderful, so far as I can see; And it seems pretty rough on a fellow like me, When I've worked like a man all the long summer day— And boys can get tired, I don't care what they say— To have father declare in his evening chat, "When I was a boy I did better than that."

"I was bound out when I was a boy, Had never a play-day, a book or a toy, I earned my first suit when I was of age, By working at odd hours for old Deacon Gage, I often went barefoot, had seldom a hat. Of course I had extra clothes in cold weather, But the boots were not broadcloth, Nor the clothes patent leather."

Miscellaneous Items.

If meet turns bad, can it be cured? "Man wants but little here below," and he generally gets it, too. When is a watch like a cork?—When it's a stopper. The wisest of men is he who has the most complaisance for others.

A life of prayer is a life whose litanies are ever fresh acts of self-devoting love.

Money was a wise contrivance to place fools somewhat on a level with men of sense.

How miserable is the condition of those men who spend their time as if it were given them, not lent!

Heaven is your home; therefore, often think about it. Tribulation is your lot; therefore daily expect it.

There certainly exists a magnetism or electricity in love, which is communicated simply by the contract of the fingers.

"Reaching after the unattainable"—A man feeling up under the back of his vest, for the end of a parted suspender.

A real friend is one who will tell you of your faults and follies in prosperity and assist you with his hand and heart in adversity.

There is no burden that the Christian can have but the burden-bearer can enable him to rise beneath it, and walk happily with God under it.

Nothing is so great an instance of ill-manners as flattery. If you flatter all the company you please none; if you only flatter one or two, you offend the rest.

Revenge commonly hurts both the offerer and sufferer; as we see in the foolish bee, which, in her anger, envelops the flesh and loses her sting, and so lives on a drone ever after.

As all error is meanness, it is incumbent on every man who consults his own dignity to retract as soon as he discovers it, without fearing any censure so much as that of his own mind.

The character of a wise man consists in three things—to do himself what he tells others to do; to act on no occasion contrary to justice; and to bear with the weakness of those about him.

The world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it, and it will in turn look surly upon you; laugh at it and with it and it is a jolly, kind companion.

The drug-store men are omniously getting down their bundles of porous plasters from the upper shelves. The man who came out in a duck suit Sunday has ordered half a dozen already.

Make the bridge from the cradle to manhood as long as you can. Let your children be children as long as they will. Let them be children and not little apes of men and women.

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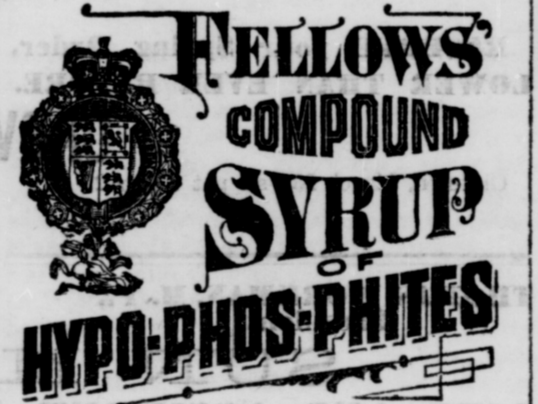
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