

POETRY.

THE MAY QUEEN.

(Adapted to a School Drama.)

BY MARY WATSON.

[From "The May Queen" for 1875.]
If you're waking, call me early, call me early,
And soon I'll be in my room, mother, and
And the first to be in bed.

BEFORE THE LEAVES FALL.

I wonder if oak and maple,
Willow and elm and all,
Are stirred at heart by the coming
Of the day their leaves must fall.

LITERATURE.

KATHARINE.

A TALE OF WOMAN'S TRIALS.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

With the quick perception which considerable
knowledge of the world always gives, the
stranger saw at once that any attention
ofed to Kate, who he now discovered to be

RANDOM READINGS.

Drawing materials.—Corkscrews.

A Dish for a Lawyer.—Suet.

Coquettes are like weather-cocks.—only
fixed when they become rusty.

Ministers of the interior.—The cook and
the doctor.

What is the best key for a Christmas box?

A turkey.

When does a chair dislike you? When it
can't bear you.

An unpleasant sort of arithmetic.—Division
among families.

Why is grass like a penknife? Because
the spring always reaches the blades.

"Thieving in the outskirts" is the latest
for picking ladies pockets.

A young sailor asserts that he always finds
himself more at sea when on shore than
when on the water.

Dr. Johnson used to say that the habit of
looking at the best side of things was worth
more than a thousand pounds a year.

From an Unhappy Spouse.—Man's happi-
ness is said to hang on a thread. This must
be the thread of matrimony, and to sew on
a shirt button that is always off.

Probably the oldest timber subjected to the
use of man is that which is met with in
the ancient temples of Egypt. It is found
in connection with the same work which
is known to be at least four thousand years
old.

A lawyer engaged in a case tormented a
witness so much with questions that the
poor fellow cried out for water. "There,"
said the judge, "I thought you would pump
him dry."

"What are you going to do?" asked a
man of his friend who had been injured in a
railway accident. "I am first going in for
repairs, and then for damages," was the reply.

The chief metal industry of Jerusalem is
the manufacture of brass, which is called
"Jerusalem ware," consisting of chaplets,
corkscrews, beads, crosses, and the like, made
principally of copper and olive-
wood, and sold to the pilgrims who annually
resort to the Holy City to the number of
from six to eight thousand.

"Think of it, Mr. Bobbs, the United States
drinks \$90,000,000 worth of spirits every
year!" Bobbs (excitedly)—"How I wish I
was the United States."

An erring husband, who had exhausted
all explanations for late hours, and had no
apology ready, recently slipped into the
house about one o'clock, very softly, denuded
himself gently, and began rocking the cradle
by the bedside, as if he had been awakened
out of a sound sleep by infantile cries. He
had rocked away for five minutes when
Mary Jane, who had silently observed the
whole manoeuvre, said, "Come to bed, you
fool, the baby ain't there."

Cheer Him.—At a fire in a large city,
while the upper stories of a lofty dwelling
were wrapped in smoke, and the lower
stories all glow with flame, a piercing shriek
told the startled firemen that there was some
one still in the building in peril. A ladder
was quickly raised, and a man about the
height of a giant, and smoking down the
smoke a brave young fireman rushed up to
the second on his errand of mercy. Stilled
by the smoke, stopped, and seeing about
himself that the crowd was in agony, as a life
seemed lost, for every moment seemed every
second a longer one, he called out, "Cheer
him, cheer him, cheer him!"

"Hurray" burst from the excited spectators.
As the cheer reached the fireman he started
upward through the curling smoke, and in a
few moments he was standing on the ground
with a child in his arms. That cheer
did the work.—How much can we do to
help the brave ones who are struggling with
temptation, or almost fainting in their efforts
to do good in the world! Do not forget your
brother in his trial, but cheer him. Give him
a word that will urge him on his way, and
if you can't help him in any other way,
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Great Britain will be well represented at
the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia,
the Disraeli Government having decided to
make arrangements worthy of the Mother
of Nations and her vigorous progeny on
this side of the Atlantic. It is thought
that the British Government will be well
represented at the Austrian Exhibition, with
the British Commission, and Mr. P. Cunliffe
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