

Selected Poetry

OH! LET THE SOUL ITS SLUMBER BREAK.

Oh! let the soul its slumber break, Arouse its senses, and awake, To see how soon Life with its glory glides away, And the stern footsteps of decay Come stealing on.

And while we are the rolling tide Down which our flowing minutes glide Away so fast, Let us the present hour employ, And deem each future dream of joy Already past.

Let no vain hope deceive the mind; No happier lot us here to find To-morrow than to-day Our golden happiness is here we find; Like them the present shall delight; Like them the future.

Our lives like passing streams must be, That into one unquenching sea Are doomed to fall— The sea of death, whose waves roll on O'er king and kingdom, crown and throne, And swallow all.

Alas! the river's torrid tide, Alas! the humble rivulet, glide To that sad wave; Death levels property and pride, And rich and poor sleep side by side Within the grave.

Our birth is but the starting place, Life is the running of the race, And death the goal. There all those glittering toys we brought, The path alone of all our thought Is found of all.

Say, then, how poor and little worth Are all those glittering toys of earth That lure us here? Dreams of a sleep that death must break, Alas! before it bids us wake, Yea disappear.

ADVICE TO GIRLS.

One of the evils of the times is the disposition of girls to get through girlishhood hurriedly and get into womanhood, without waiting to enjoy the beautiful season of girlhood. Speaking on this point, Bishop Morris says, "Wait patiently, my children. Do not enter womanhood, let it come to you. The cares and responsibilities of life will come soon enough. When they come you will meet them, I trust, as true woman should. But, oh! be not so unwise as to throw away your girlishhood. Rob not yourself of this beautiful season, which, wisely spent, will brighten all your future life."

THE ART OF LIVING TOGETHER.

If people are to live happily together, they must not fancy, because they are thrown together now, that all their lives have been exactly similar up to the present time, that they started exactly alike, and that they are to be for the future exactly in the same mind. Avoid having stock subjects of dispute. Do not hold too much to logic, and suppose that everything is to be settled by sufficient reason. If you would be loved as a companion, avoid unnecessary criticism upon those with whom you live. Let no familiarity swallow up all courtesy.

THE GOLDEN NUTS.

On a sacred Christmas evening several children were standing before the Christmas tree, whose green branches were adorned with sparkling lights and all manner of gay things. Little Laura was kneeling in prayer with some golden nuts, and she wished to have them. Her mother replied: "These nuts make the tree look very beautiful, let us leave them hanging on it. See here, you may have some other nuts." But Laura cried out whispering: "I don't like brown nuts; I want the golden ones. Oh! they must have very sweet kernels." Her mother remembered that often one can punish selfish children in no better manner than by letting them have their own way. She gave her the golden nuts and divided the brown ones among the other children. Laura was greatly delighted, and cracked the beautiful nuts with great eagerness. But to her extreme vexation they were all hollow, and her sisters laughed at her. Her father remarked: "These nuts were only to be looked at, and not at all intended for eating. So I simply glued some nutshell together and spread a little gilding over them. Besides, there are many things in this world that resemble these nuts. The outside is gold while the inside is hollow."

Household Hints.

A Nice Dessert.—Grated cocoanut sprinkled with sugar and served with cream. ONE-EGG CAKE.—A cupful of sugar, a piece of butter the size of an egg, half a cupful of milk, an egg, two scant cupfuls of flour, three teaspoonfuls of Congress yeast powder, lemon and salt. FRUIT CAKE.—A pound of butter, a pound of sugar, eight eggs, two pounds of currants, two pounds of raisins, some of a pint of molasses, two teasp. of saleratus, and pound of citron. Two loaves. RUSTIC CAKE.—Four eggs, a cupful and a half of sugar, a cupful and a half of butter, a cupful of milk, two cupfuls of flour, a teaspoonful of cream of tartar, and a half a teaspoonful of saleratus; flavor with lemon. Cousin Sarah's Telegraph Cake.—Two eggs, a cupful and a half of flour, a cupful of sugar, four tablespoonfuls of cold water with half a teaspoonful of soda, a teaspoonful of cream of tartar, a half a cupful of lemon. Mrs. Watt's pancakes.—A cupful and a half of sugar, two cupfuls of sour milk, two eggs, one tablespoonful of lard, one teasp. of salt, and a pinch of soda. Sift the flour till it is enough to dip out with a spoon, and lay it out in a thin layer on a greased board. Excellent Chocolate Frosting.—Take equal quantities of grated cocoanut and white sugar; pour on a little boiling water, make it just thick enough to spread well.

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