

Poe's

MARY.

A BALLAD.

Her form was bent, her steps were small,
She came up the path alone;
And sat her down on the church-yard wall,
With her foot on the stepping-stone.

A look she wore of the wasted year,
Whose beauty and strength were over;
But her voice was low, as of old, and clear,
And she sang of her buried lover:

"The year is dying, its leaves are red,
Its sighs and its sounds are dreary;
The year is dying above the dead,
And the living are lone and weary.

"Drearily swings the church-yard chime,
And drearily creaks the yew;
He died in the goodly summer-time:
May I die in the summer, too!"

"He died while the corn was tall and green,
Ere the brood of the lark had flown;
He died while the blossom was on the bean,
He died while the fields were mown.

"He died while the scent was in yon lime,
And the woodbine that wreathed it blew;
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May I die in the summer, too!"

"I kept my last watch over his bed,
'Twas noon, and his hour drew near;
'I would look on the earth once more,' he said,
'Will you show it me, Mary dear?"

"So I raised him up till he saw the skies,
The fields, and the church, and the river;
Then I laid him down and closed his eyes,
The eyes that I loved, forever.

"God grant me to live till the spring be here,
And to look on the young year's bloom;
'Twere sad to die while the earth is drear,
Amid winter winds and gloom."

She rose, and under the wall she passed,
To her home in the village lane;
Through the yew-tree branches hurried the blast
And the bells brake forth again;

But there seemed a tongue in their clanging
chime,
And a voice in the creaking yew,
That said, "He died in the summer-time,
Thou shalt die in the summer, too."

The close of the year should bring about, as far as possible, a closing of accounts. No man should enter upon the new year with shreds and patches of debt here or there, for these loose ends may make or mar the success of the year past, and the year to come. If you can clear yourself of debt, do so by all means. If you cannot pay all you owe, do so as far as you can, and know precisely how much you must mortgage the income of next year to make good the balance against you for the year closing. You don't care to have a mortgage on the little house you live in, but the debt you contract to-day is a mortgage on the earnings of tomorrow, and the days to come. Just bear this fact in mind, and sooner or later there will be but little need of enterprises like the *Collector*, if you rightly construe the lesson we would teach. In humble life there is only one safe course to pursue. "Pay as you go," or go without all the luxuries and superfluities of life until you are enough above water to afford them. You will find it the most pleasant course in the end, the only one that will lead you to independence, and the only one that is absolutely right.—*Exchange.*

The waves at one of the London opera-houses on a recent occasion were so unsuccessfully worked, that at times they recalled a story told by Poole, the dramatist, of an occurrence at one of the theatres. The sea was made of loose painted canvass, and two sets of boys—one short and the other tall—were employed to stoop and raise alternately beneath the canvass, and thus to give the idea of waves. One night the ocean was in a singular commotion and all the waves seemed to be in the middle of the stage; fearful noises were also heard. The affrighted lessee rushed behind the scenes to seek an explanation, and was told by his stage manager, "It's all right now, sir; the eighteen-penny waves were giving the shilling waves a licking."

A sergeant of the One Hundred and Tenth meets a pleasant woman on the train: She—"What regiment do you belong to?" He—"The Hundred and Tenth." She—"How lucky! My son is in the Hundred and Eleventh, right next to you. Will you take him this ham?" He—"With pleasure." (Takes it.) She—"Well, wasn't I in luck!" (*Exeunt Amob.*) They have ham at the sergeant's mess of the One Hundred and Tenth for dinner next day.)

They had been engaged for a long time, and one evening were reading the paper together. "Look, love," he exclaimed, "only fifteen dollars for a suit of clothes!" "Is it a wedding suit?" she asked, looking naively at her lover. "Oh no," he answered; "It is a business suit." "Well, I meant business," she replied.

Footed one day at Richmond. When the landlord produced the bill, Foote thought it very exorbitant, and asked his name. "Partridge, an't please you," replied the host. "Partridge!" said Foote; "it should be Woodcock, by the length of your bill!"

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