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## POETICAL.

### The Hand upon the Latch.

A YOUNG WIFE'S SONG.

My cottage home is filled with light  
The stars all have given me the night,  
And half the sinking day;  
For eve restores me to my smile,  
And then I am in my mother's mantle,  
And life fresh seems dawning while  
His hand is on the latch!

When autumn fields are thick with sheaves,  
And shadows gather fast,  
The green grass covers o'er the leaves,  
Along our trellis wall—  
Leaving sit the sleepy bird  
To wake to joy when he is heard  
His hand upon the latch!

In the short winter afternoon  
I see my work added,  
The green grass covers o'er the leaves,  
Along our trellis wall—  
Leaving sit the sleepy bird  
To wake to joy when he is heard  
His hand upon the latch!

Then comes the frosty morn, while the moon  
Shines mistily and pale,  
On the dewy upland paths I peer  
With a start with delight, and hear  
His hand upon the latch!

Yes! I am his in bloom and shine;  
For he will call me mine,  
Both near and away,  
And when he leaves our garden gate  
At morn, his is the latch—  
His hand upon the latch!

VARIETY.

A good anecdote is told of a man named Bently, a confirmed drinker, who would never drink with a friend or in public, and always bitterly detested, when a little too steep, even tasting liquor. One day some bad witnesses concealed themselves in his room, and when the liquor was running down his throat, seized him, with his arm crooked and his mouth open, holding him fast, and with an air of triumph: "Aha! Bently, have we caught you at last? You never drink, ha? Now who would suppose that Bently would have acknowledged the corn? not he; with the most grave and inexplicable face, he calmly, and in a dignified manner, said: "General, my name is not Bently!"

An Arkansas editor got married recently, and has since become very enthusiastic. Hear him:

"There is not in this wide world a happier life  
Than to sit by the wayside and see a wife;  
Dish out the love of a man in a moment,  
And twist the tail's full of sins on your knee."

Poor fellow—happy the man who enjoys the pre-  
-sue—but let him remember:

"BAD MEMORY."—"Mary, my love, do you  
remember the text of this morning?"

"Mary."—"No, I never can remember the  
text. I've such a bad memory."

"Mother."—By the way, did you notice Susan  
Brown?"

"Mary."—"Oh, yes, what a fright! She had  
on her last year's bonnet down, a pea-green  
silk, a black lace mantilla, brown boots, an  
imitation of Honiton collar, a lace bracelet,  
her old ear-rings and such a fan! Oh, my!"

"Mother."—Well, my dear, your memory is  
certainly bad!"

"A fast man once undertook the task of  
teasing an eccentric preacher.

"Do you believe in the story of the fatted  
calf?"

"Yes," said the preacher, "it is a male or female calf  
that we're after."

"Well," replied the divine.

"How do you know that?"

"Because, looking at the interrogator in the  
face, I see that the male is still alive."

THE MESSAGE AND BREVIY.—We are told that  
a gentleman some hundred of miles distant, tele-  
graphed to his wife in Portland, Maine, to "read  
the 12th verse of the 2d Epistle of John." She  
replied by asking him to "read the 14th verse  
of the 3d Epistle of John." Any one, by reading  
these passages, will see how beautifully ap-  
propriate they are to the occasion to which they  
are applied.

### Take Warning.

John Mason, a convict in the State Peniten-  
tary, said the other day, "that he commended  
his career of rascality with the low, mean and  
despicable crime of CHEATING AN EDI-  
TOR OUT OF HIS SUBSCRIPTION TO HIS PAPER."

Mr. Winthrop called on Senator Mason,  
and, referring to his former visit to Massachu-  
setts, remarked in the bluntest tones: "I hope,  
Mr. Mason, we shall see you again at Bunker  
Hill." To which the Senator stiffly jerked out the  
response—"Not unless I come as an Ambassa-  
dor, Sir."

Paul Pry, spying a man who was dig-  
ging in a large pit, and being disposed to rally  
him, asked him what he was digging. "A big  
hole," was the reply. "And what are you going  
to do with such a big hole?" said Paul. "Go-  
ing to make it into small holes, and retail them  
to you folks to set fence posts in."

A wife, joining her husband in a convey-  
ance of real estate, was asked by the judge, who  
examined her in private, according to the as-  
sembly act, whether she acted without compul-  
sion on the part of her husband. She struck  
her arms akimbo, and replied, "He compel me!  
no—not twenty like him!"

The following may be found in one of the new  
Protestant church yards:

"Weep, stranger, for a father spilt  
From a single drop, and arch'd his head;  
And laid him low, the son of a passenger,  
Slain with three other outside passengers."

PRETTY "TOUCH WINE."—Some queer souls,  
who have tried wine say: There are two sorts  
of wine in Stuttgart—to drink one is like swal-  
lowing an angry cat; the other like pulling  
an animal back again by the tail.

"Can you tell me, Billy, how it is that  
that chameleon always keeps his feathers so  
smooth and sleek?" "No." "Well, it is be-  
cause, like many ladies, he always carries his  
comb with him."

If you are looking at a picture, you try to  
give it the advantage of a good light. As  
concerns to your fellow creatures, you are to  
a picture.

Value the friendship of him who stands  
by you in the storm; swarms of insects will sur-  
round you in the sunshine.

TALK of fame and romance—all the glory  
and adventure in the world are not worth one  
hour of domestic bliss.

There is nothing that we can properly  
call our own but our time, and yet every  
fools us out of it that has a mind to it.

Is it possible, miss, that you don't know the  
names of some of your best friends?

Certainly! I do not know what my own may be  
in a year from this time."

Why does a man injure his stature by encou-  
aging the growth of his whiskers?

Because he begins to grow.

When are soldiers like good names? When  
they don't shoot.

## MEDICAL HOUSE.

### RARE ATTRACTIONS!

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the city a safe and reliable place to go to,

for the purpose of getting their shoes made.

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