

A POOR MAN'S WEALTH

Sittin' down along the fence,
Brother Tom an' me,
Talkin' 'bout our trials and sich
Hard times as we see;
Kinder looked at him an' smiled,
And I said, says I:
"Ain't no use at all, old man,
Fer to set an' sigh."

"Ain't no use, yer right," he said,
Dreamin' uv our wealth;
"Got a fairly middlin' crop
Uv gumption an' uv health;
Taters panned out purty well,
Corn'll yield 'ght smart;
See them yaller pumpkins there,
Shinin' in the cart!"

"Mary's canned ernuff termats
Fer to fill a bin;
'Sides this yer complainin', Bob,
Sounds—a heap like sin."
"Yas, an' here's my hand, old man,
I agree with you—
Ain't no notes as I kin see
Just now fallin' due!"

"Sure, we ain't no Vanderbilts,
Can't put on much style;
Still, we've got er perfect right
Fer to smoke an' smile.
Home, there's Sarah, wadin' in,
Workin' like a bee;
An' a little baby, Tom—
Who's got more'n me?"

"Who's got more'n me, old man,
When you think uv it?
Yet we climb up on the fence
An' we sit an' sit;
Sunshine's cheap, an' laughter, too,
An' we shouldn't swear
When it comes to countin' out
Just a poor man's share."

"You've Marler an' the kid,
An' you got your corn;
I've got two li'l rosy arms
Roun' my neck at morn;
Two blue eyes a-shinin' sweet
In the evenlight;
Two li'l lips as fair as love
Kissin' me good-night."

"After all, a poor man's wealth
Ain't so much fer show;
But yer got ter calkerlate
Just how fer 'twill go.
I kin count the length o' mine,
Though I'm not so smart;
Fer I've measured it, you see,
Down here in my heart."

"Measured it with Sarah in,
An' ther child ter boot;
Git up, Tom, an' tune yer lips
Fer a little toot!
Gold is mighty fine, I guess,
But we've both got health;
And them little lips at home
That's enough uv wealth!"
—Bentztown Bard in Baltimore Sun.

THE RIVER OF TIME

Oh! a wonderful stream is the River
Time,
As it runs through the realm of tears
With a faultless rhythm and a musi-
cale rhyme.
And a broader sweep and a surge
sublime
As it blends in the Ocean of Tears.

How the winters are drifting like
flakes of the snow,
All the summer like birds between,
And the years in the sheaf, how they
come and go
On the river's breast, with its ebb
and its flow
As it glides into shadow and sheen.

There's a magical isle up the River
Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing,
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical
clime,
And a song as sweet as a vesper
chime,
And the Junes with the roses are
straying.

And the name of this isle is the
"long ago."
And we bury our treasures there;
There are beams of beauty and
bosoms of snow,
There are heaps of dust—Oh! we
love them so—
There are trinkets, and tresses of
hair.

There are fragments of songs that
nobody sings,
There are parts of an infant's prayer,
There's a lute unswept and a harp
without strings,
There are broken beads and pieces of
rings,
And the garments that she used to
wear.

Oh! remembered for aye be that
blessed isle,
All the day of our life until night;
And when evening grows with its
beautiful smile,
And our eyes are closed in slumber
awhile,
May the home of our souls be in
sight.

—Benjamin Franklin Taylor.

NO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS

If congress will appropriate even
a part of \$17,000 for the trip to
Alaska, Mr. Taft will have no trouble
in finding a proxy if he can't go him-
self.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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the month of April nearly eight
thousand more immigrants came into
the United States at Laredo, Texas,
than during the previous entire fiscal

year of 1907-8. The total admissions
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first ten months of this fiscal year
amounted to 10,169, against 2,252
for the entire previous year. Those
excluded were three idiots, two im-
beciles, three turpitudes, six mendic-
ants, one assistant to aliens, sixteen
white slaves, three agents accompany-
ing aliens, twenty-one sufferers from
sore eyes (trachoma), three Japanese

without passports, sixty-four persons
liable to become public charges
(none of these were Mexicans) and
thirty-nine violators of the contract
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