THE BUTT OF THE DAY.

We sit with folded hands, and think what we

With money idling in our purse. We dream out endless plans, and use of all but

The rest keep weaklingly at nurse We use alone the pence, employ but exarged thoughts.

While gold and schemes the richest rust. kily retrograde, thrite the harehest droughto-

Are beasts, and flounder in the dust

The "Love ye one another" 's hidden from our suspicion's dust begrimes the page

There comes up to the business sky no sun t This dark, unconfidential age.

Act we like noble men, in God's own image That moodily we naught perform ! How would it do to turn our utness strength

to trade. Sour brothers trust, ourselves reform Until the purse, take off the fetters from the

mind. Let circulate the thoughts and coins Such food with which are heads, and banks and gran'ries lined.

It needs to gird the Nation's loins. Wipe off the page whereon the law of life is

Wed Faith and Work, blest pair, again; Call back the children to the spindle, plow, and

The railroad, river, lake and main.

Let presses throb, and platforms pulse, with freshest thought; Let trust push off the ships from sands;

Let gold into receipted bills and goods be wrought: Employ the dreams unclasp the hands.

A Romance in Poe's Life. Referring to the boyish poet-love of Byron, Edgar A. Poe says, "It was born of the hour, and of the youthful necessity to love," adding further that in similar circumstances of frequent and unrestricted intercourse, such as the children are represented to have enjoyed, "it was not merely natural, or merely probable; it was as inevitable as destiny itself." That any maiden, not positively repulsive, would have served sufficiently well as the incarnation of the ideal that haunted the fancy of the poet," he also opines, notwithstanding the fact that the affection may not have been reciprocated, or "if she felt at all, it was only while the magnetism of his actual presence compelled her to feel." Finally, with the evident remembrance of the ideal of his own boyhood, he deems that "He, to her, was not un-handsome, and not ignoble, but a somewhat portionless, somewhat eccentric young man;" while "she, to him, was Egeria of his dreams; the Venus Aphrodite that sprang in full and super-nal loveliness, from the bright foam up-on the storm-tormented ocean of his thoughts."

Reading his own story by these words how suggestive, and how intensely in-teresting is it to be enabled, owing to the cordial co-operation and generous frankness of the still living "Egeria" of Edgar Poe's own boylsh passion, to re-cord the incidents of his first, as it was also his last, love!

Between the years 1822-'25, Edgar Poe was a scholar in a well-known Richmond academy. The adopted son and reputed heir of a wealthy Scotchman. the lad-during this period being be-tween thirteen and sixteen years of age. and already well grounded in general education from several years' tuition in England—was enabled to make no mean figure among his fellow-students. His memory is still cherished by some of them for his classical attainments, his athletic feats, and for a certain magnetic, rather than sympathetic, influence which he exercised upon them. Fore-most among those, however, who fell more completely under the spell of his nobler qualities, was a little maidea. but a year or two younger than himself. Elmira Royster's parents lived opposite to the Allans in Richmond, and in the usual course of events she made the acquaintance of their adopted son. Edgar, she says, "was a beautiful boy; he was not very talkative, and his general manner was sad, but when he did talk his conversation was very pleasant. He was devoted to the first Mrs. Allan, and she to him. Of his own parents he nev-er spoke. I have seen his brother Henry, who was in the navy. He had very few associates, but he was very intimate with Ebenezer Berling, a widow's son, of about the same age as himself. Berling was an interesting, intellight young man, but somewhat inclined to dissipation. They used to visit our house together very frequently." Berling, it may be mentioned, was to have accompanied Poe when he started for Europe to offer his services to the. Greek insurgents, but died before the departure of

the poet, who had to journey to Europe warm and realous in any cause he was interested in, being enthusiastic and impulsive. He had strong prejudices, and hated everything coarse and unrefined. I can still remember him saying to me, when an acquaintance made an unladylike remark. I am surprised you should associate with any one who could make such a remark!" "

make such a remark?"

"He was very generous. He drew beautifully, and drew a pencil likeness of me in a few minutes. He was passionately fond of music. . . It distresses me greatly when I see anything scurrilous written about him. Do not believe the tenth part of what is said. It is chiefly produced by jealousy and envy. I have the greatest respect for his memory. . . Our acquaintance we kept up until he left to go to the university, and during the time he was at the university he wrote to me frequently. Br: my father intercepted the letters because we were too young—for no other reason. I was between fifteen and sixteen when we were engaged. I was

"I was ready to go to church, when a servant entered and told me that a gen tleman in the parlor wished to see me I went down and was amazed at seeing bim," (i. e., Poe), "but knew bim in-stantly. He came up to me in the most enthusiastic manner, and said. Oh! El-mira, is it you? I told him I was going to church, that I never let anything interfere with that, and that he must call again. . . When he did call again he renewed his addresses. I laughed; he looked away serious, and said he was in earnest, and had been thinking about it for a long time. When I found that he was very serious. I became serious also, and told him that if he would not take a positive denial, he must give me time to consider. He answered. 'A love that hesitates is not the love for me. but he stayed a long time and was very pleasant and cheerful. He came to visit me frequently. . . I went with him to the Exchange Concert Room, and heard him read. . . When he was going away he begged me to marry him, and promised he would be every-thing I could desire. He said, when he left, that he was going to New York to wind up some business matters, and that he would return to Richmond as soon as he had accomplished it, altho he said, at the same time, that he had a presentiment that he should never see me anymore. . . I was not engaged to him, but there was a partial understanding. . . . He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was one

him more than any man I ever knew." Nothing can be added to this history of the poet's first and his last love, which the lady concerned permits us to use. A week after parting from Mrs. Shelton, Edgar Poe was found unconscious and dying in the streets of Baltimore. Appleton's Journal.

How to be Handsome.

Most people would like to be hand-ome. Nobody denies the great power which any person may have who has a handsome face and attracts you by good looks, even before a word has spoken. And we see all sorts of devices in men and women to improve their

Now, all can have good featuresthey are as God made them-but almost any one can look well, especially with good health. It is hard to give rules in a very short space, but in brief these

Keep clean - wash freely. All the skin wants is to act freely, and it takes care of itself. Its thousands of air holes must not be closed.

Eat regularly, and sleep enough—not too much. The stomach can no more work all the time, night and day, than a horse. It must have regular work and

Good teeth are a help to good looks. Brush them with a soft brush, especially at night. Go to bed with cleansed teeth Of course, to have white teeth it is needful to let tobacco alone. All women know that. Washes for the teeth should be very simple. Acids may whiten the teeth, but they take off the enamel and injure them.

Sleep in a cool room; in pure air. No one can have a cleanly skin who breathes bad air. But more than all, in order to look well, wake up mind and soul.

when the mind is awake, the dun-sleepy look passes away from the eyes. I do not know that the brain expands, but it seems so. Think, and read, not trashy novels, but books and papers that have something in them. Talk with people who know something; hear lectures and learn by them.

Men say they cannot afford books, and sometimes do not pay for a newspaper. In that case it does them little good, they In that case it does them little good, they feel so mean while reading them. But men can afford what they really choose. If all the money spent in self-indulgence, in hurtful indulgence, were spent in books or papers for self-improvement, we should see a change. Men would grow handsome, women too. The soul would shine out through the eyes. We were not meant to be mere animals. Let us have books and read them, and sermons and heed them. - American Farm Journal.

England's Decline and Fall-

Nothing that is purely human can exist forever; everything mundane is subject to the universal law of growth, perfection in its order, decay and death. It is the same with empires as with insects-the only difference is one of time. It is then possible that those observers and thinkers who are now saying that England has reached the summit of her growth and progress, has passed it and entered upon her downward path, may be corrected. Lord Macaulay's New Zealander may already be born; but, on the whole, we think that it is more likely to be his son or his grandson who will sit upon the broken arch of Westminister Bridge, etc.! etc. However, the Cassandras are not speaking without book as concerns England. She is, to begin with, growing poorer. Within the last few years her people have lost the immense sum of \$2,000,000,000 in foreign investments. lost as completely as if mense sum of \$2,000,000,000 in foreign investments; lost as completely as if they had thrown it into the sea. Then, her great iron trade is leaving her, and will not return; no more American railways will be laid with English iron; here and in Europe the English manufacturer is left almost wholly out in the cold. The decay of the iron trade means prostation to the coal trade; and the owners of coal mines in England are not making a penny. The manufacture of cotton goods, a vital industry in England, can no longer be carried on with gain; we can undersall Hanchester in Manchester itself; it rests only with ourselves to drive British goods out of the South American, Indian and Chinese markets. The silk looms of Spitalfields are idle; France and the United States at pply the world with siln goods. Sugar because we were too young—for no other reason. I was between fifteen and sixteen when we were engaged. I was not aware that he had written to me from the university, until after I was married, when I was seventeen, to Mr. Shelton."

Many years passed by: Mr. Shelton died, and left his widow wealthy. Of Poe she lost sight for years. At last, in the summer of 1849, he returned to the

scenes of his childhood, and, again in mother," as Mr Jefferson Brick un-Richmond, called upon his boyhood's kindly termed her, has a hard time love. Mrs. Shelton thus describes the before her. But probably she will last meeting:

Cucie Remus and old man Plato, who fient specimens of the old time darkey, met at the passenger depot and

Dose is mighty hard times, Brer Re-

"You'er hospin', now, honey; an'
y are gettin' harder. De man dat
us a dollar dese days is got to onlimr hissel, sho's you bo'n. He's gut to
t runn' like he was at a camp-meetin'

"but of the land the land of t de sun an git fat, but wid me, hit's a scuffle and a scramble from day's cend ter day's cend, an' I'm monst'ous glad when night comes of I got er slice er bacon rine fer ter grease my stummik

"Some er dese yer niggers, Brer Re mus, wat stan's roun' an suns deyse'f look like dat dey got rich kinfolks some-

wherea. "No use fer ter bodder 'bout der kin-folks, lirer Plato. Ef 'twa'nt for dese sunshine niggers de chain-gang would-n't be able fer ter dig a pos' hole. Hitud be mighty nigh or weak or de toddy Niggers don't fatten on no sunshine. of the most fascinating and refined men I ever knew. I never saw him un-W'en you wake 'fo' day an' hear de hen's a cacklin an' a squallin, you kin der the influence of wine. I admired des put it down dat one er dese sunshine niggers is makin his livin, and if a p'lecceman happin for ter santer up, dere's anudder candydit for de chain-

You'er chawin Guverment terbacker now, Brer Remus," responded Uncle Plato, approvingly.—Atlanta, Ga., Con-

General Babcock is planting in his orange grove at Mellonville, Florida, a a number of fire seedlings sent to him from Europe by General Grant.

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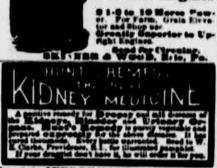
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