

WHETHER COMMON OR NOT.

When the Clock Strikes Nine.

Back to the home of childhood days,
To scenes of long ago;
'Midst old-time scenes and old-time
ways
To wander to and fro.
Beneath the moss-grown old roof-tree;
'Midst lilac bush and vine—
Hark! Through the mist of gathered
years
Hear the clock strike nine!

Sweet visions come of days ago
When on this porch we stand;
We feel again the loving touch
Of mother's tender hand.
We hear the slow and solemn tick,
The same low, warning sign
That always came from out its wheels
Ere the clock struck nine.

In yonder room the old clock stood
With quaint and solemn face;
There, too, each night we'd gather
'round

The cheery old fire-place.
There 'round each child a mother's
arms
Would lovingly entwine,
A mother give a good-night kiss
When the clock struck nine.

There, too, the ancient bookcase stood
Well filled with treasures rare,
But one old book—the Book of
Books—
Held place of honor there.
Each night we heard from father's lips
Its messages divine,
And hearing, kneel before the throne
Ere the clock struck nine.

Those dear, dead days of long ago,
Recalled through misty tears—
And mem'ry walks with lengthy stride
Back through the vanished years.
O, how we yearn to live again
The days of auld lang syne;
To bid good-night to mother dear
When the clock strikes nine.

When death's dark angel comes at last
To beckon unto me;
When o'er the waters deep and dark
The jasper walls I see,
This boon I ask, may mother's hand
Once more be laid in mine
And lead me into life and light
When the clock strikes nine.

A Marked Man.

"There goes the most prominent
man in our city."

"Indeed? Has he built a library or
endowed a college?"

"Neither. He is the only man in
town who has not been decorated by
the kaiser for favors shown to Prince
Henry while here."

The Siqueret.

A bachelor in Mozambique
For a life partner long did sique.
He, while unwed,
Bore high his head—
He's married now, and very mique.

A Little Fable.

While walking down a public high-
way an Humble Citizen was set upon
by a band of Arrogant Trusts, severely
beaten and all of his personal effects
divorced from his pockets.

"Why am I thus beaten and
robbed?" wailed the Humble Citizen.
"What have I done to deserve this
treatment?"

But the Arrogant Trusts were so
busy dividing the swag that they did
not deign to make reply.

"Have I not always defended you
against unjust attacks? Have I not
insisted that you were the natural re-

sult of industrial evolution? Have I
not always voted in your interests
and yielded to no man in my defense
of the system whereby you have
waxed fat?"

But the Arrogant Trusts had not yet
completed the division of the swag
and replied by Haughty Silence.

"I insist," continued the Humble
Citizen, "that I am not deserving of
this treatment."

"O, come off!" ejaculated one of the
Arrogant Trusts, growing impatient
at the importunities of the Humble
Citizen. "You've been such an easy
mark all these years that you've no
right to make a Holler at this Stage
of the Game."

Moral: It's your own fault.

A Chapter on Boys.

Many bad boys would be good boys
if given as much attention as the
average hunting dog or trotting horse.

Boys will be boys; and they will be
gentlemen, too, if properly taught.

There are as many ways of training
boys properly as there are boys.

Boys who are led thrive better than
boys who are driven.

It is useless to expect manly boys if
we have no manly fathers.

The man who cannot remember that
he was once a boy is a very poor hand
at interesting boys.

Boys follow example better than
they do precept.

Wanted to Know.

"Johnnie," remarked the mother as
she prepared to run across the street
to a neighbor's, "I am going away for
an hour or two. While I am gone
you must not get into the pantry. Now
heed my injunction."

"Mamma," replied Johnnie, who
happened to be a close reader of the
daily papers, "is this a Philander Knox
sort of injunction, or do you really
mean it?"

Proof.

"What makes you think Dulwitte is
devoid of a sense of humor?"

"He can't see the joke in the asser-
tion that the tariff should be revised
by its friends."

Before and After.

"You say you have good grounds for
a divorce, madam? What are they?"

"Well, before marrying me my hus-
band made as many promises as a re-
publican platform."

"Yes?"

"And after our marriage he acted
like a republican administration
elected on the platform."

Being well posted the attorney in-
stantly realized that his client had a
good case.

Seasonable.

With dripping brow and collar limp
The poet now the sweet muse nurses,
And midst the heat and dust and flies
Is grinding out his Christmas verses.

A Sad Case.

"I hear that Bently has been ad-
judged insane. What is his mania?"

"O, the poor fellow actually came

to believe that trusts were really or-
ganized for the purpose of reducing
prices to the consumer."

Brain Leaks.

The true standard of morality knows
no sex.

A trust in subjection will be worth
two in New Jersey.

Modern love laughs at locksmiths,
but not at goldsmiths.

Giving the swag to charity makes
robbery none the less a crime.

Heaven is nearest the home where
happy children laugh and play.

Better be preparing for tomorrow
than regretting yesterday.

The greater the obstacles sur-
mounted the better the Christian.

Reading maketh a full man, but not
all the full men you see are readers.

Some men excuse their wickedness
by carefully training their conscience.

The money-changers were not driv-
en from the temple by a writ of in-
junction.

The man who prepares for death
misses much that is enjoyed by the
man who prepares to live.

The difference between foresight
and hindsight is the difference be-
tween rejoicings and regrets.

It is fortunate for humanity that it
will be judged by its intentions and
efforts, and not by its achievements.

The man who moans loudest about
"disreputable politics" is usually the
man who is too negligent to attend the
primaries.

Some men are like unconfined gun-
powder, easily ignited, go up in a puff
of smoke and leave no trace save a
disfiguring mark.

Some men believe that they could
have made a better world than the
Creator, but it's a good thing for the
rest of us that they were not given an
opportunity to try.

—Will M. Maupin.

Items of Interest

Many severe cases of burns from
celluloid have been reported.

The demand for American goods is
increasing throughout Canada.

Every one of the large automobile
factories is far behind its orders.

A Londoner has perfected a method
of manufacturing paper stockings.

Methodism has gained in New York
city nearly 47 per cent since 1875.

The transfer system is not used by
any street railway in Great Britain.

About 70 per cent of the population
of the Klondike is from the United
States.

Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Walsh of Brook-
lyn has given nearly \$800,000 to Cath-
olic charities.

A beetle one-third the size of a horse
would be able to pull against more
than a dozen horses.

The state of New Jersey is about to
build a sanitarium for indigent suf-
ferers from consumption.

One of the public playgrounds in
Kansas City is to be fitted with a
shower bath for children.

Two torpedo boats of the imperial

German navy will always be stationed
in future on the Rhine.

Seventy pounds profit was made on
the first week's working of the Yar-
mouth municipal electric tramways.

Wakes time is a fair which occurs
every year in each of the groups of
English towns which form the Pot-
teries.

Lord Acton, who died recently in
London, had the finest private library
in England, consisting of over 60,000
volumes.

The dairy business is increasing rap-
idly in New Zealand, and the govern-
ment is doing all in its power to
boost the trade.

The Berlin de Hirsch school fund in
Galacia maintains 50 schools. The
number of teachers amounts to 247,
and there are 5,634 pupils.

Military spectators present at the
review of the Argentine army are re-
ported to have said that the evolutions
and appearance of the troops were
worthy of the best organized armies
in Europe.

Thirty thousand dollars was paid re-
cently for a bronze statue of Hercules
at the concluding sale of the Bardini
collection in London. The total
amount realized by the entire collec-
tion was \$228,640.

The native clematis can scarcely be
valued too highly. A fairly hardy per-
ennial, it will thrive and bloom gen-
erously under much more trying con-
ditions than those usually considered
necessary for its success.

A Nervous Woman

Will often feel compelled to stop the
clock whose ticking seems unbearable to
her. In such a nervous condition the
woman needs a building up of the entire
system. It is useless to attempt the cure

of the nerves
while the cause
of the nervous-
ness remains un-
cured. A very
common cause
of nervousness
in women is a
diseased condi-
tion of the delicate
womanly organism.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite
Prescription cures
womanly diseases and
the nervosness which
they cause. It changes
irregularity to regular-
ity, dries the drains
which weaken women,
heals inflammation and ulceration and
cures female weakness. It is a perfect
tonic and nervine, tranquilizing the
nerves, promoting the appetite and in-
ducing refreshing sleep.

"When I first wrote you I had been to three
different doctors and two of them said I would
never get better without going to the hospital
for an operation," writes Mrs. Selma Erickson,
of 496 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minn. "Was not
able to do anything. If I would get up and walk
to the kitchen and back I would have to lie in
bed for a day or sometimes two days. Now I
have used six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-
scription and six of the 'Golden Medical Discov-
ery,' and the result is just wonderful. I was so
nervous I had to have some one by my side all
the time even in day time, and I could hardly
eat anything. I took treatment from a doctor
twice a week, and every time I would go there I
felt so sick, but since I quit all the doctors and
began taking your medicines I gained right
along. I weighed 125 pounds, when I began
taking your medicines (in August) and now
I am up to my usual weight 165. I am as well
and feel as good as ever."

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