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Poetry.

A WILL AND A WAY.

BY JOHN O. BAKER.

It was a noble man, In Rome's imperial day, Who heard a crowd of slaves, Before the battle day.

"They're safe in such a fortress; There is no way to shake it," "Out on!" exclaimed the hero, "I'll find a way or make it!"

Is Fame your aspiration? Her path is steep and high; In vain she seeks the temple, Content to gaze and sigh.

The shining throne is waiting, But he alone can take it, Who says with Roman firmness, "I'll find a way or make it!"

Is learning your ambition? There is no royal road; Alas the poor peasant Must climb to her abode; Who feels the thirst for knowledge, If he has the Roman will, "I'll find a way or make it!"

In Love's impassioned warfare, The tale has ever been, That victory crowned the valiant, The brave are they who win, Though strong is Beauty's castle, A lover still may take it, Who says with Roman daring, "I'll find a way or make it!"

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MATRIMONY.

A couple sat beside the fire, Debating which should first retire. The husband earnestly had said—"Wife, you shall go and warm the bed."

"I never will," she quickly replied; "I did so once, and nearly died." "And I will not," rejoined the spouse, With frowns and lowering brows, And she a war of words arose, Containing still their angry force.

When both grew mute—and hovering either, Around the faintly glowing fire, They trembled o'er the dying embers, As though the angels had seized their members, Resolved like horses 'er to yield, But force each other from the field; And thus this once fond loving pair In silence shook and shivered there, Till every spark of fire was gone.

And looks were crowing for the dawn; When all at once the husband said—"Wife—hadn't we better go to bed?"

Five years since, the writer was one of a party that was journeying in the province of Pekin. Our equipage was under the guidance of an old schoolmaster, mounted upon a magnificent ass, so full of ardor and ability, that the two mules that completed our team had all the difficulty in the world to keep up with him.

This ass, however, was so filled with the sense of his own superiority, and so proud of it, that whenever he became aware of the presence of any of his brethren he never failed to commence boasting of it in such loud and sonorous tones, that his folly became quite insupportable.

When he was willing to spend two dollars and fifty cents for the newspaper a whole year, you would have saved in the single item of your wheat crop alone fourteen dollars. Just think of that—Wakefield takes the newspapers and watches them closely. He knows every week the exact state of the market, and is always prepared to make good bargains out of you and some dozen others around here, who have not wit enough to provide themselves with the only avenue of information on all subjects—a newspaper.

"Have you sold your potatoes yet?" asked Gaskill, with concern in his voice. "O, no. Not yet. Wakefield has made me offers for the last ten days. But from the prices they are bringing in Philadelphia, I am satisfied they must go over thirty cents here."

"Above thirty? why, I sold to Wakefield for twenty-six cents." "A great chance you were, if I must speak plainly, neighbor Gaskill. It's only yesterday he offered me twenty-nine cents for four hundred bushels. But I declined. And I was right. They are worth thirty-one to-day; and at that price I am going to sell."

"Isn't it too bad?" ejaculated the farmer walking backwards and forwards impatiently. "There are twenty-five dollars literally sunk in the sea. That Wakefield has cheated me most outrageously."

"And all because you were too close to spend two dollars and fifty cents for a newspaper. I should call that saving at the spile and letting out at the bung-hole, neighbor Gaskill."

"I should think it was, indeed. This very day I'll send off money for the paper. And if any one gets ahead of me again, he'll have to be wide-awake, I can tell him."

"Have you heard about Sally Black?" Mr. Alton said, after a brief silence. "No. What of her?" "She leaves home to-morrow for Ravenna."

"Indeed! what for?" "Her father takes the newspaper, you know."

"Yes." "And has given her a good education." "So they say. But I could never see that it had done anything for her, except to make her good for nothing."

"Not quite so bad as that, friend Gaskill. But to proceed. Two weeks ago, Mr. Black saw an advertisement in the paper, for a young lady to teach music, and some other branches, in the Seminary at Ravenna. He showed it to Sally, and she asked him to ride over and see about it. He did so, and then returned for Sally, and went back again. The Trustees of the Seminary liked her very much, and engaged her at the salary of four hundred dollars a year. To-morrow she goes to take charge of her classes."

"Have you sold your wheat yet?" asked Mr. Alton. "Yes, I sold it day before yesterday."

"How much did you get for it?" "Eighty-five cents."

"No more?" "I don't think that I had a right to expect more. Wheat hasn't been above that for two months past."

"But is above that now?" "How do you know?" "Why, I thought that every one knew the price had advanced to ninety-two cents! To whom did you sell?"

"To Wakefield, the store keeper in Ravenna. He met me day before yesterday, and asked me if I had sold my crops yet. I said I had not. He then offered to take it at eighty-five cents, the market price, and I told him he might as well have it, as there was little chance of it rising. Yesterday he sent over the wagons and took it away."

"That was hardly fair in Wakefield. He knew prices had advanced. He came to me also, and offered to buy my crop at eighty-five. But, I had just received my newspaper, in which I saw, by the prices current, that in consequence of accounts from Europe of a short crop, grain had gone up. I asked him ninety-two cents, which after some higgling, he was quite willing to give."

"Did he pay you ninety-two cents?" exclaimed Gaskill, in surprise and chagrin. "He certainly did."

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Proverbs of the Building Family.

Preserved by Johnson Billings.—Don't swap with your relations unless you ken afford to give them the big end of the trade.

Marry young, and, if circumstances require it, often. If you can't get fine cloths, and education too, get the cloths first.

Say "how are you" to everybody. Cultivate modesty, but mind and have a good stock of impudence on hand.

Be charitable—three cent pieces were made on purpose. Don't take anybody's advice except your own.

It cost more to borrow than it does to buy. If a man flatters you, you can talk back in a rone or a fule.

Keep your eyes open, but don't say mor'n half you nose. When you pray, prayrite to the center of the mark.

Don't mortify the flesh too much; twasn't the sores on Lascarus that sent him up to heaven. If you itch for him, go inter a grave yard, and scratch yourself agin a turn-estun.

Young men, be more anxious about the pedigree you're going to leave than you at about the one somebody left you. I wud say to all young men, "Go and to old fellers, "Git out."

As good a way to get rich as any is to run in debt twohundred thousand dollars, and then go to work and pay your debts. Fillosophers tell us the world revolves on its axis, and Josh Billings tells you that full half the folks on airth thinks they are the axis.

N. B. These ere proverbs has stood a hundred years, and hain't gin out yet.

Miss Gest, the efficient lady who has in charge the contraband schools in Louisiana, has just arrived in this city from New Orleans. She relates a curious incident which took place upon the steamer Olive Branch, coming up the river.

Among those on board were some rebel women, one of whom had a parrot. The bird was profuse in the inquiry to those on board, "Are you a rebel?" An affirmative answer would elicit the reply from Poll, "All right." When in the vicinity of Natchez a scout hailed the boat and informed the Captain that a rebel battery was rapidly approaching the river a little distance above and would reach a certain point before the boat could. There was an immediate rush of the ladies to the hold the rebel woman leading the way, frantic to escape from her friends. As they reached the hold, a shrill voice evidently from one in great alarm, was heard crying "Take me! take me!" Investigation was made, and the owner of the voice was found to be Poll, who had evidently made up his mind, from the confusion that something was wrong. The rebel woman went back for the bird, and again joined the passengers in the hold. As soon as order was restored and quiet prevailed, in the crowd, and not the least, the rebel women, were dumbfounded at the parrot's sudden conversion to loyalty, evidence by his vigorous vociferations of "D—n the rebels! d—n the rebels!" The rebel woman protested that she never taught the bird the latter phrase.

The Atlanta Intelligencer publishes the following among its selected items: It is a well known fact that the reason assigned, by many, for the panic which caused our troops to break at the battle of Mission