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GEMS IN VERSE.

Humanity. Of all the graces of the mind and heart, Nature's best gift or excellence of art, Higher than all—yea, man's divinest part— Is sweet humanity.

When you've looked this wide world over, Tender husband, sighing lover, Bought among the sex so charming with an intuition true, You will find, I think, that woman Is not angel, but just human, Blessed with earthly aspirations, cursed by human frailties too.

Good enough for man—the sinner— Good as nurse and as breadwinner, Good to banish gloom around you when God's other lights are dim, Good to guide your feet to virtue, Keep you back from sins that hurt you, Good to frighten off the specters thronging round death's angel grim.

The Royal Lovers. They stand in a bower of roses, 'Neath the chandelier's soft light, I sit in my easy chair smoking, Watching them there tonight. He's a handsome, gay young fellow, With an air of manly pride, And she smiles as he looks down fondly On a maiden by his side.

Alas, who does not envy them? The life so sweet and staid— This Royal Worcester maid, And his Royal Worcester maid.

Why Should We Weep? Why should we weep for those who die? They fall; their dust returns to dust; Their souls shall live eternally Within the mansions of the just.

Why should we sorrow for the dead? Our life on earth is but a span, They tread the path that all must tread; They die the common death of man.

The noblest songsters of the dale Must cease when winter's frowns appear; The reddest rose is wan and pale When autumn tints the changing year.

The soul, th' eternal soul, must reign In words devoid of pain and strife, Then why should mortal man complain Of death, which leads to happier life?

The Way of the World. Aloft on a bow the fair fruit hung, Carressed by the wind and kissed by the sun, And standing below as it swung out of reach, One longing for a taste of so luscious a peach.

The Weary Way. Though we march to the margin of measured No matter how far or fast, The pilgrim who never has left one place Has the tireddest soul at last.

Only One Mother. Hundreds of stars in the lovely sky, Hundreds of shells on the shore together, Hundreds of birds that go singing by, Hundreds of birds in the sunny weather.

Friendship, like love, is but a name Unless to you stint the flame. The child that many fathers share Hath a friendlier, kinder mother's care.

OLD INSTRUMENTS.

A BROOKLYN DEALER WHO HAS AN INTERESTING PAIR. A Lute That is One Hundred and Twelve Years Old—A Lyre That Has Existed Nearly as Long—History of Various String Instruments.

William V. Pezzoni has on exhibition in a window in Brooklyn a lute that is 112 years old. It is said to be the only one of its kind in existence.

In the earliest ages of Egypt instruments having the same general form as the harp, lyre and guitar of modern times were common, as the discoveries of travelers in that country have proved.

The lyre is supposed to be more ancient than the harp. A very old painting at Beni-Hassan in Egypt represents the arrival of some foreigners in that country supposed to be Joseph's brethren.

The lute was adopted by the Arabs from Persia and reached the west about the time of the crusaders. In the psalms of David it is spoken of as the mahanath, and it is said to have been used by the children of Israel in their rejoicings after the overthrow of Pharaoh's host.

The large double necked lute has two sets of tuning pegs, the lower set for the finger board and the higher for the diapason strings. This style lute was known as the theorbo. Its height varied from 3 feet 6 inches to 5 feet.

Venero of Padua, celebrated as a maker of lutes, flourished in 1690. His instruments were highly ornamental and were admired for their shell, ivory, mother of pearl and tortoise shell being used in decorating them.

Mr. Pezzoni was placed in the possession of the lute a short time ago by Signor Giuseppe Vitale, a prominent Brooklyn musician, who obtained it at a pawnbroker's sale.

Trading in Live Rattlesnakes. Live rattlesnakes are sold for \$1 a snake by peddlers in the streets of southern California towns. Buyers are found among persons who want to tan the hides for various uses, and each buyer can kill his snake in the manner that he regards most conducive to the preservation of the skin's color.

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