

to dream—ay, there's the nightmare; caused by no mince pie, but by just plain grub or want of grub, which all amounts unto the same. How not to die, but how to live; but how to live so not to die. O, there's the rub, To suffer long, to patient be, to keep a cinch upon this mortal coil. To coil, to wrap, to glue up dead heads free. To pay the printer for the same. But soft you, now! Here comes the fair subscriber, to pay her bill. Nymph, in my square meals, all thy payings shall be remembered.

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Saint Peter sat smiling at the pearly gate. A halo, brighter than the sun, encircled his sainted head. He jingled his keyes continually, so that the clinking noise of the bits of metal as they struck together made most harmonious sound. The passers by—and they were of far greater number than the passers in—lingered a little before the saint and, as if to make up, in part, for lost joy, drank in the sweet tones that they were permitted to hear but once. They paused but a moment, and then went on—down, with the ceaseless stream of lost souls. But of these wanderers, some came up who were bolder than the rest. They were unwilling to be satisfied with the jingle of holy keys. They begged, even demanded admission to heaven's glory. Their audacity so surprised Saint Peter, that he was, at first, undetermined whether to admit them because of admiration of their cheek or deny them entrance because they possessed a superabundance of that quality. At last his conscience came to the rescue of his honor and he shouted in stentorian tones, "Avaunt ye doers of evil. Ye attended not chapel in the days of thine youth; now ye shall not have seats in the great chapel where holy saints sit, singing eternally."

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