

## WISHING AND HAVING.

BY H. STODDARD.

If to wish, and to have were one, my dear,  
You would be in my tender heart,  
With not a care in your bosom,  
Not a wrinkle upon your brow:  
The look of worth would go with you,  
All the world over, and with me,  
Till its golden hands had pointed out  
The happiest hour of your life.

I used to sit in the immortal hour;

The clock should no longer run;

You could not be sad and sick and old—

It was a joy to me to see you.

You are not here in the winter of my love,

The snow is not whirling down;

You are in the heart of the summer woods;

In your dear old man's-side towns;

A brother to your brother, a son to me,

A beautiful boy at your side;

He is a darling in the shady nooks—

He holds of his hands, and sing to him;

He has a scrupulous child as yours—

It is to wish and to have were one.

Mathinks I am with you there, dear wife,

In that old house by the sea;

I have the birds, the birds sing,

To his mate the poor old bird flies

A sailor's hammock hangs at the door,

A boat is standing on the beach;

He keeps on the sand;

Young brothers are coming—two many men

With me, and the world over, their days will be long in the land, dear heart;

It is to wish and to have are one.

If to wish and to have were one, ah! me!

I would be a poor, poor gentleman,

With never a dunt at the door:

The world over, and with me,

There would be no future drear,

Your brothers would be live again,

And my boy would not be dead;

Perchance it is all over, the last;

It may be, when all is done,

We shall be together in some good world,

Whence to wish and to have are one.

## A TALE OF THE OLDEN TIME.

In the summer of 1757, when we were fighting against the encroachments of France on our Northern and Western borders, there lay among the picturesque hills of Northern Virginia a large plantation. The family mansion stood on elevated ground, with sloping lawns and broad piazzas, shaded by an abundant growth of ivy and all sorts.

The owner of this beautiful estate was an eccentric old planter, whose chief pride lay in the immutability of his word. A law of the Medes and Persians could sooner have been broken than his commands changed; and under his arbitrary rule he had brought up a daughter—his only child. She was just 17, and was possessed of a beauty so rare and unconscious that, added to her prospective wealth, it caused her fame to spread far and wide.

About this time the atrocities of the Indians grew so daring and terrifying that the master determined on getting a son-in-law possessing strength and courage even at the sacrifice of his daughter's happiness; but he matured his plans before he revealed them.

One afternoon, late in August, the planter's daughter stood on the western piazza, leaning against a pillar covered with climbing roses. She was dejectedly gazing into the golden, hazy clouds that lay piled in the distant west, and nervously pulling apart the roses, until the door at her feet was covered with petals.

"Oh, dear," she exclaimed at last, "I wonder if anything can be done."

"About what, honey?" asked a moth-looking darkey, looking up from her knitting through a pair of large brass spectacles.

"Haven't you heard, mammy, of father's last whim?" sighed the girl. "We are to have a jumping-match on the east lawn in two weeks. All the young men of the villages are invited to take part, and I am to marry the one who jumps the farthest."

"Lord o' Massy, chile! de butcher's son might jump de furdest!"

"Oh, no, there is little danger of that. I fear others more."

"I'm not darlin', dem savages is de cause of all these trouble," said the woman thoughtfully. "We is fully fraid dey'll come up here an' butcher us without judge or jury, an' he's gettin' ole, honey, and needs a son dat can dearn an' larn de boys to fit, too."

A quick step on the gravel walk made the young girl turn. "Oh, here is Tom at last!" she exclaimed, as, with beaming face and heightened color, she sprung lightly down the steps to meet a fine-looking young military officer.

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