

LONGFELLOW'S POETICAL APHORISMS.

MONEY.
Who is money good?
Who has it is his birthright,
Who has it has much trouble and care,
Who once has had it has despair.

THE BEST MEDICINE.
Joy and temperance and repose.
Siam the door on the doctor's nose.

ART.
Man-like is it to fall into sin,
Fleid-like is it to dwell therein,
Crist-like is it to sin to drive,
God-like is it to sin to drive.

CHARACTER.
Though the might of God grind small;
Yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience we wait,
With this patience grinds He all.

POVERTY AND BLINDNESS.
A blind man is a poor man, and blind a poor man is.
For the former see not man, and the latter no man is seen.

LAW OF LIFE.
Live I, to live I,
To my Lord heartily,
To my Prince heartily,
To my Country heartily,
Die I, so die I.

CREED.
Lutheran, Puritan, Calvinistic, all
true; but there are three
Lutherans, he still die I, where
Christianity is.

THE RESTLESS HEART.
A.mitious and the human heart are driven ever
round by the world.
If they have nothing else to grind, they then
themselves are ground.

CHRISTIAN LOVE.
What love is like a fire,
Warm, and kind, and bright,
But, alas! it now is quenched, and
Only剩下 is, like, the smoke.

ART AND TACT.
Intelligence and courtesy not always are combined,
Often in a wooden house a golden room we find.

TRUTH.
When by night the toads are croaking,
Kindle is the torch's fire;
But, alas! now all are silent!
Thus truth silences the lie.

THE END OF A STAGE COACH TRAGEDY.

I was traveling agent for a large firm, and in the course of business, I was on the flouring and the middle of Bellair, where our people had many customers. It was about the middle of August, and on the very night of my arrival that usually quiet and sober place was thrown into a state of consternation by the occurrence of a very unusual circumstance. The stage coach was accustomed to arrive about 8 o'clock, but on the day in question the hour passed and the stage did not come.

This timekeeper was in a state of great agitation, walking to and fro, and wondering what had become of the coach.

It was at last supposed that some accident must have befallen the coach, and assistance was being prepared in the shape of horsemen to search the road. These were nearly ready, but when just upon the point of starting the road became so dark that the stage coach was lost, and anxiety as to the safety of the stage was exchanged for wonder as to the cause of its delay. A few moments later it drove up in due form before the office, and a little crowd gathered to investigate the origin of such an unusual circumstance.

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One of the porters lounging about very naturally, had opened the coach door and prepared to assist the passengers to alight. But no one stired within. It was too dark to see, but the porter, putting his hand in, felt the person of a human being, as he thought, very wet, and who must, from his insensibility, either be sleeping, or else was perhaps stunned by the accident on the road.

"Halibut, you are crimped, who the devil have you got here?" The old gentleman's either deadly asleep or else he's fainted when the horses ran off!" The coachman, whose name, it may be stated, was John Rush, replied very calmly:

"Oh, he's all right, Bill. Him and his pal had a tiff, but I fancy they'd been drinkin', and now he's got asleep."

Saying so, he brought forward a lantern, and Bill, who had at first thought made him deadly pale, then however, cast the light into the coach upon the sleeping gentleman, and the next second they drew back with a shout of horror. Bill saw by the light that it was not the rain which had damped his hands; and the stain upon them could not be mistaken. "It's blood! It's blood!" he cried, shaking the thick crimson drops from his fingers.

As for poor Bill, the coachman, he looked in that blank amazement, like a man stricken dumb. The noise which Bill made attracted the attention of all around, who were now only just beginning to guess at the cause of the delay. A scene of terrible excitement followed. The whole street was in confusion. It was discovered that the coach contained only one passenger, or rather his corpse, which was lying dead, blood quite dead, and it was evident that he had been most foully murdered. Examination showed that he was a man in the prime of life, well dressed and of gentlemanly appearance, but without purse, pocketbook, papers, or any other article by which he could be identified, excepting a small envelope with two cards in it supposed to be his own—and bearing his name, Mr. Sam'l. Robinson. It was evident that he had been stabbed suddenly in the neck, and death must have been almost instantaneous.

The excitement at Bellair was very great. The proper officials were sent for and an investigation made. Every one was questioned as to who the murderer could be and what steps could be taken to effect his capture. As might be expected, all eyes were turned to Rush, the coachman, who was naturally supposed to be likely to know something about the matter. In fact, some people even suggested that he might possibly know more than he cared to tell; but this was only scandal. He was very calm and collected, and, stating to the police authorities that he thought he could give valuable information, he accompanied them to the station.

There he made the following important statement: "He had started, he said, from Woodley, the morning, with five passengers. "What of course," he said, "was verified by reference to the officials there. At various places, so he said, he had set down five passengers. He had also taken up two, but did not remember what they were like, as he thought nothing about them at the time; but could not say even if the two were men or women; thought they had alighted on the road, and that the gentleman, the coach was one of those who started first at Woodley. When about two miles on the other side of Winfield Hollow he heard what seemed to him to be a violent dispute going on inside the coach. He stopped the horses and went to the door. Only two passengers were there, and one of them had dark eyes and dark hair, and the other could swear was the murdered man. They seemed to be in high dispute; but when they saw him, and knew that their altercation had stopped the coach, the murdered man—he was certain he could swear it was the murdered man—put his head out of the window, and said: "What do you want? My friend and

I had a few harsh words, and what is that to you?"

When he heard this he unbuttoned the box. About five minutes later, when the gentleman stopped him to get out, seeming to be much agitated, which he supposed to be on account of the dispute. He did not notice at the time which gentleman left, but could certainly swear that it was the murderer man who had spoken to him from the window, and who appeared to be the principal speaker. A few moments after the unknown gentleman left the murdered man the accident occurred which prevented the coachman from any very close remembrance of particular incidents.

Then, the stage coachman, appeared to be much troubled during his examination by the police, who was very nervous, and he had a good reason to know that he would be greatly blamed, and would probably in the end be dismissed for carelessness. It is no pleasant thing to drive a coach, and to have people murdered in it. He was, however, much relieved when he found that his conduct, on account of the excitement occasioned by the accident, was not considered to be very culpable, and that he was only bound over to attend and give evidence at the inquest, which he was very willing to do.

The inquest was held in due course. Mr. Pritchard, the Coroner, being an active, sensible man, nothing was left undone which might subserve the ends of justice. Several people were called as witnesses, but only three gave evidence of their cognizance. The first was the clerk of the office where the coach started. He gave the names of the passengers booked, but could not identify the murdered man.

The next was the coachman, John Rush, whose tale was much as had already told.

The most important point in his evidence was that he affirmed that the murderer man spoke a little huskily through his nose, and had a way of hissing out his words so that, even in the midst of the fight, he could hardly help laughing at them.

All this evidence he gave in a clear, straightforward manner, such as, it was thought, proved him beyond a doubt to have no complicity in the foul deed.

The third witness was the porter who discovered the dead body; and after these were one or two others who were present at the time, including the man who examined the corpse.

The Coroner summed up in great detail, and the jury, without a moment's consideration, returned a verdict of willful murder against some person or persons unknown.

The next day the body of the murdered man was buried and the police renewed their search, but everybody said that, after a little popular indignation, and a little fuss on the part of the Bellair stage, the murderer man was found, and anxiety as to the safety of the stage was exchanged for wonder as to the cause of its delay. A few moments later it drove up in due form before the office, and a little crowd gathered to investigate the origin of such an unusual circumstance.

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