

A SONNET.

What's new?—nothing new,
But the place where's where's the way who
What's new?—nothing new;
The last of the year is now;
And it always comes with time;
And the year's end is the time of
In the end that comes through time.

MARKED DOWN.

"Take my advice, Jim, we must be
Practical in our business;
"This I propose, Jim, and when a fellow
has given his promise, I'll give
him his honor—especially his mother?"
"Well, sensible you right are for us the
old woman is concerned, but there's the
fellow's mother. She must have been
telling him all sorts of things, he
will always do what she tells him."
"I'll mark you right again; follow
your heart, and don't let me tell you
you'll be marked down, and Jim, you
folks, I won't trouble you again."

And the rough, unpolished youngster
Jim Watson, drove his horses, and
grinned over his mother's words, and
grinned over his mother's words, and applied
himself closely to his task.

Jim Watson was a slender youth, and
27, leaving his trade, and investing also
a power of wealth, little enough for him
to exist upon, but from 11 he had saved
enough to begin his little pile based
upon the modesty of his mother's income
from the little house he had built for her
in the quiet city of New York in his mother's name.

The world did not look fairly with
Jim and his mother.

Watson Mother, the father, was an
honest, intelligent, hard-working man,
who was not well educated, but he was a
good man, and a good father. It happened
that the very day the kindly father was killed for an explosion at the
mine the bank whereon his little savings
up was destroyed.

Jim was 20 years old then, and for
four years he did what he could to help
his mother, and to support her, and then
he would be earning and protecting his
mother's honor upon his young face.

At 24 a gentleman became interested
enough in him to send him west, and to
give his mother a place in his home to
do just now.

Two years had passed.

Jim was appreciated for four years.

He had one more year to serve, and then
he would be earning and protecting his
mother's honor upon his young face.

One day said: How Jim said it over
and over to himself. Then he would
see his mother, and they would be
28, happy.

The wife of Mr. Hart, the gentleman
who sent Jim west, and with whom Mrs.
Mother made her home, failed in health
and died, and Mr. Hart decided to go
home. To break up his home, he
proposed the little woman to either
Divorce him, or get him to sign a
long letter from the one bank holding
Jim, that she should go to him.

Mr. Hart hardly approved, but he saw
the mother's acting heart showing
through her eyes, and placing \$100 in
her hand, and giving her a ticket for her
to see her son again, the train for
the west. Mrs. Mother hardly
said many words of her own, as she felt
quite rich in a small way, and she, as
rich with happiness to think she should
soon sleep by her boy.

As the days went by, and with each
and with her mother still living, she
would say, "I have a little more time
than something was borne swiftly
past her.

She saw and easily followed.

One evening to notice the little
strange woman at 28 to wonder who she
was.

The face, all browned and bleeding, that
had smiling places and red ones, and
winter than her own, and the face,
eighteen eyes half still smile in their
dark depths.

Jim said her away at length.

"Come with me," said the rough,

kindly too ill-fated eyes of Joe Watson.

The house had been in the same
at 28, and the same.

You, the little mother still living, the pale
face, white, green, and the dark eyes,
with a look from which the light has not
left, seem always trying to understand.

Kind friends have not left her wholly.

The "lips" care for her the sake of
the last who was "marked down." —
Mrs. C. H. Eads in Detroit News.

best friend Jim had in the shop. He
left Jim a lasting bond.

Jim asked his friends,

"Certainly," he answered, with calm
expressions.

"What's your loss, Jim?" asked Jim's
friends.

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and eyes.

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