

Poetry.

TO CHARITY.

Like as a soft refreshing shower
To a thirsting fading flower,
As spring succeeding winters cold
Sweet scenes of beauty to unfold;
So words and acts of charity
Can cheer and bless humanity.

Slow to condemn, yet quick to heal
The wounds repentant sinners feel;
Like the Samaritan whose eye
Had pity when all else passed by,
And hope and courage to restore
Says "go in peace and sin no more."

And when remorseless words of gall
From slander's lips insidious fall,
To cloud a brother's brightening form,
Or cast a stigma on his name;
Thy voice is more than eloquence,
Or armed hosts in his defence.

Where mercy can no further go
But justice must let fall the blow;
Still thou art ever on his track
To lead the wretched wanderer back,
To teach him folly to forget
And how he might be happy yet.

Blest "bond of perfectness and peace"
Destined to bring mankind release;
Pure love of God which knows no bound
Encircling all creation round;
Happy the bosom filled with thee
From sin, from fear, and sorrow free.

Come Charity with healing powers
And sanctify this world of ours,
That man his fellow man may love
As angels do in realms above;
Then earth from every evil freed
Will become a heaven indeed.

WILLIAM CLEGG.

LIFE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT.

It may not be our lot to live
In Luxury's gay halls of pleasure,
It may not be our lot to find
In secret mines a hidden treasure;
Porchance the path that we must tread
Is not our choice—fate bids us take it;
Ah, well! we'll bow to Fate, for still
Our life is what we choose to make it.

The craven heart's subdued by doubt,
It wastes itself in vain repining,
It watches for the cloud of care,
Although the sun is brightly shining.
But the cheerful, brave, bold, trusting soul,
Knows that Grief's tempest cannot shake it;
Though very oft, it soars aloft,
And feels that life is what it makes it.

We may not always glide along,
With songs of joy and notes of gladness;
The happiest traveler on life's path
Must feel sometimes the touch of sadness.
Stern Duty offers us her aid,
Puts out her staff—ah! let us take it;
Her path is always well defined,
And life is what we choose to make it.

WESTWARD.

BY J. J. OWEN.

Westward flows the human stream,
And States are springing into life
And grandeur, like a fairy dream—
Are rallying for a noble strife;
A strife for empire, not with swords,
Nor bristling legions—pillage—war;
Their weapons, such as peace affords—
Their conquests, far more glorious are.

The engine's scream, their trumpet charge;
Their swords the cleaving share shall be;
Their spoils—full many a freighted barge
Shall bear their trophies to the sea.
One steaming forge, the clashing loom,
The coursing lightning's fiery wings,
The church, the school, the rural home,
Are blessings such as freedom brings.

THE CENSUS TAKER.

"Got any boys," the Marshal said,
To a lady from over the Rhine,
And the lady shook her flaxen head,
And civilly answered, "Nine!"

"Got any girls?" the Marshal said,
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again the lady shook her head,
And civilly answered "Nine!"

"But some are dead?" the Marshal said,
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again the lady shook her head,
And civilly answered "Nine!"

"Husband of course?" the Marshal said,
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again she shook her flaxen head,
And civilly answered "Nine!"

"The devil you have!" the Marshal said,
To the lady from over the Rhine;
And again she shook her flaxen head
And civilly answered "Nine!"

"Now what do you mean by shaking your
And always answering "Nine?" [head,
"Ich keun nicht English," civilly said
The lady from over the Rhine.

*Nien pronounced nine, is the German for No.

STAMP DUTIES.

The following is a corrected copy of the new schedule of stamp duties under the new revenue law, which took effect on August 1st, 1864:

Acknowledgment of deeds, exempt.
Affidavit, 5 cents.
Affidavit in suits or legal proceedings, exempt.

Agreement or appraisement (for each sheet or piece of paper on which the same is written), 5 cents.

Assignment or transfer of mortgages, lease or policy of insurance, the same duty as the original instrument.

Assignment of patent right, 5 cents.
Bank checks, drafts or orders, etc., at sight or on demand, 2 cents.

Bills of exchange (foreign) drawn in but payable out of the United States, each bill, or set of three or more, must be stamped.

For every bill of each set, where the sum made payable does not exceed \$100, or the equivalent thereof in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed, according to the standard of value fixed by the United States, 2 cts.

For every additional \$100 or fractional part thereof, in excess of \$100, 2 cents.
Bills of exchange (foreign) drawn in but payable out of the United States (if drawn singly or in duplicate) pay same duty as inland bills of exchange.

[The acceptor or acceptors of any bill of exchange or order for the payment of any sum of money, drawn or purporting to be drawn in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, must, before paying or accepting the same, place thereon a stamp indicating the duty.]

Bills of exchange (inland), draft or order, payable otherwise than at sight or on demand, and any promissory note, whether payable on demand or at a time designated (except bank notes issued for circulation and checks made and intended to be, and which shall be presented forthwith for payment) for a sum not exceeding \$100, 5 cents.

For additional \$100, or fractional part thereof, 5 cents.

[The warrant of attorney to confess judgment on a note or bond is exempt from stamp duty, if the note or bond is properly stamped.]

Bills of lading of vessels for ports of the United States or British North America, exempt.

Bills of lading, or receipt for goods, to any foreign port, 10 cents.

Bill of sale of any vessel, or part thereof, when the consideration does not exceed \$500, 50 cents.

Bill of sale exceeding \$500, not exceeding \$1,000, \$1 00.

Bill of sale exceeding \$1,000, for each \$500, or fractional part thereof, 50 cents.
Bill of sale of personal property (other than ship or vessel), 5 cents.

Bond, personal, for the payment of money. [See Mortgage.]

Bond, official, \$1 00.

Bond, for indemnifying any person for the payment of any sum of money, where the money ultimately recoverable thereupon is \$1,000 or less, 50 cents.

Bond, where the money recoverable exceeds \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof, 50 cts.

Bonds—county, city and town bonds, railroad and other corporation bonds, and scrip, are subject to stamp duty. [See Mortgage.]

Bonds of any description, other than such as are required in legal proceedings, and such as are not otherwise charged in this schedule, 25 cents.

Certificates of deposit in bank, sum not exceeding \$100, 2 cents.

Certificates of deposit in bank, sum exceeding \$100, 5 cents.

Certificates of stock in an incorporated company, 25 cents.

Certificates, general, 5 cents.

Certificates of record upon the instrument recorded, exempt.

Certificates of record upon the book, exempt.

Certificates of weight or measurement of animals, coal, wood, or other articles, except weighers' and measurers' returns, exempt.

Certificates of a qualification of a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Deeds, or Notary Public, 5 cents.

Certificates of search of records, 5 cts.

Certificates that certain papers are on file, 5 cents.

Certificates that certain papers cannot be found, 5 cents.

Certificates of redemption of land sold for taxes, 5 cents.

Certificates of birth, marriage and death, 5 cents.

Certificates of qualification of school teachers, 5 cents.

Certificates of profits in an incorporated company for a sum not less than \$10, not exceeding \$50, 10 cents.

Certificates exceeding \$50, not exceeding \$1,000, 25 cents.

Certificates exceeding \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof, 25 cents.

Certificates of damage, or otherwise, and all other certificates or documents issued by any port warden, marine surveyor, or other person acting as such, 25 cents.

Certified transcripts of judgments, satisfaction of judgments, and of all papers recorded or on file, 5 cents.

[N. B.—As a general rule, every certificate which has, or may have, a legal value in any Court of law or equity will require a stamp duty of 5 cents.]

Charter party, or letter, memorandum, or other writing between the captain, owner or agent of any ship, vessel, or steamer, and any other person, relating to the charter of the same, if the registered tonnage of said ship, vessel, or steamer does not exceed one hundred and fifty tons, \$1 00.

Charter party, etc., exceeding one hundred and fifty tons, and not exceeding three hundred tons, \$3 00.

Charter party, etc., exceeding three hundred tons, and not exceeding six hundred tons, \$5 00.

Charter party, etc., exceeding six hundred tons, \$10 00.

Check, draft, or order for the payment of any sum of money exceeding \$10, drawn upon any person other than a bank, banker, or trust company, at sight or on demand, 2 cents.

Contract. [See Agreement.]

Contract—Brokers, 10 cents.

Conveyance, deed, instrument or writing, whereby lands, tenements or other realty sold shall be conveyed, the actual value of which does not exceed \$500, 50 cents.

Conveyance, etc., exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$1,000, \$1 00.

Conveyance, etc., for every additional \$500, or fractional part thereof, in excess of \$1,000, 50 cents.

Entry of any goods, wares or merchandise at any Custom House, either for consumption or warehousing, not exceeding \$100 in value, 25 cents.

Entry exceeding \$100, and not exceeding \$500 in value, 50 cents.

Entry exceeding \$500 in value, \$1 00.

Entry for the withdrawal of any goods or merchandise from bonded warehouse, 50 cents.

Gaugers' returns, if for quantity not exceeding 500 gallons, gross, 10 cents.

Gaugers' returns, exceeding 500 gallons, 25 cents.

Indorsement of any negotiable instrument, exempt.

Insurance (Marine, Inland and Fire), where the consideration paid for the for the insurance, in cash, premium notes, or both, does not exceed \$10, 10 cents.

Insurance (Marine, Inland and Fire), exceeding \$10 and not exceeding \$50, 25 cents.

Insurance (Marine, Inland and Fire), exceeding \$50, 50 cents.

Insurance (Life), when the amount insured does not exceed \$1,000, 25 cents.

Insurance (Life), exceeding \$1,000 and not exceeding \$5,000, 50 cents.

Insurance (Life), exceeding \$5,000, \$1 00.

Insurance (Life), limited to injury to persons while travelling, exempt.

Lease of lands or tenements, where rent does not exceed \$300 per annum, 50 cents.

Lease of lands or tenements, exceeding \$300, for each additional \$200, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$300, 50 cents.

Leases of lands or tenements, perpetual, subject to stamp duty as a "conveyance," the stamp duty to be measured by resolving the annual rental into a capital sum.

Lease of lands or tenements, clause of guaranty of payment of rent, incorporated or indorsed, five cents additional.

Manifest for Custom House entry or clearance of the cargo of any ship, vessel or steamer for a foreign port, if the registered tonnage of such ship, vessel or steamer does not exceed 300 tons, \$1 00.

Manifest, exceeding 300 tons and not exceeding 600, \$300.

Manifest, exceeding 600 tons, \$5 00.

Measurers' returns, if for quantity not exceeding 1,000 bushels, 10 cents.

Measurers' returns, exceeding 1,000, 25 cents.

Mortgage, trust deed, bill of sale, or personal bond for the payment of money exceeding \$100 and not exceeding \$500, 50 cents.

Mortgage, exceeding \$500, for every additional \$500, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$500, 50 cents.

Pawners' checks, 5 cents.

Pension papers, powers of attorney, and all other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay, or pensions, or to receipt thereof exempt.

Passage ticket from the United States to a foreign port, costing not more than \$35, and not exceeding \$50, \$1 00.

Passage ticket for every additional \$50, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$50, \$1 00.

Powers of attorney to sell or transfer stock, or collect dividends thereon, 25 cents.

Power of attorney to vote at election of incorporated company, 10 cents.

Power of attorney to receive or collect rents, 25 cents.

Power of attorney to sell, or convey, or sent, or lease real estate, \$1 00.

Power of attorney for any other purpose, 50 cents.

Probate of will, or letters of administration, where the value of both real and personal estate does not exceed \$2,000, \$1 00.

For every additional \$1,000, or any fractional part thereof in excess of \$2,000, 50 cents.

Bonds of executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, are each subject to a stamp duty of \$1 00.

Certificate of appointment, 5 cents.

Protest upon bill, note, check or draft, 25 cents.

Promissory note—[See bills of exchange, inland.]

Promissory deposit note to mutual insurance companies, when policy is subject to duty, exempt.

Promissory note, renewal of, subject to the same duty as an original note.

Quit claim deed, to be stamped as a conveyance, except when given as a release of a mortgage by the mortgagee to the mortgagor, in which case it is exempt.

Receipt for the payment of any sum of money or debt due, exceeding \$20, or for the delivery of any property, 2 cts.

Receipt for the satisfaction of any mortgage or judgment or decree of any Court, exempt.

Sheriff's return on writ, or other process, exempt.

Trust deed, made to secure a debt, to be stamped as a mortgage.

Trust deed, conveying estate to uses, to be stamped as a conveyance.

Warehouse receipt for any goods, wares, or merchandise, not otherwise provided for, deposited or stored in any public or private warehouse, not exceeding \$500 in value, 10 cents.

Warehouse receipt exceeding \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000, 20 cents.

Warehouse receipt exceeding \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$1,000, 10 cents.

Warehouse receipt for any goods, etc., not otherwise provided for, stored or deposited in any public or private warehouse or yard, 25 cents.

Writs and legal documents:

Writ, or other original process, by which any suit is commenced in any Court of Record, either of law or equity, 50 cents.

Writ, or other original process, issued by a Court not of record, where the amount claimed is \$100, or over, 50 cts.

Upon every confession of judgment or cognovit for \$100, or over, except in cases where the tax for a writ has been paid, 50 cents.

Writs, or other processes on appeals from Justices Courts, or other Courts of inferior jurisdiction, to a Court of Record, 50 cents.

Warrant of distress, when the amount of rent claimed does not exceed \$100, 25 cents.

Warrant of distress, when the amount exceeds \$100, 50 cents.

Writs, summonses, and other process issued by a Justice of the Peace, Police or Municipal Court of no greater jurisdiction than a Justice of the Peace in the same State, exempt.

Writs, and other process in any criminal or other suits commenced by the United States in any State, exempt.

Official documents, instruments, and papers issued or used by officers of the United States Government, exempt.

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