

Selected Poetry.

DON'T CROWD.

Don't crowd! this world is large enough
For you as well as me;
The doors of art are open wide—
The realm of thought is free.
Of all earth's places, you are right
To choose the best you can,
Provided that you do not try
To crowd some other man.

What matter, though you scarce can count
Your piles of golden ore,
While he can hardly strive to keep
Gaunt famine from the door?
Of willing hands and honest hearts
Alone, should men be proud!
Then give him all the room he needs,
And never try to crowd.

Don't crowd, proud Miss, your dainty silk
Will glisten none the less
Because it comes in contact with
A beggar's tattered dress;
This lovely world was never made
For you and me alone;
A pauper has a right to tread
The pathway to a throne.

Don't crowd the good from out your heart
By fostering all that's bad;
But give to virtue every room—
The best that may be had;
Be each day's record such a one
That you may well be proud;
Give each his right, each his room
And never try to crowd.

THE AFRICAN JUDGE.

Alexander of Macedonia came one day to a distant province in Africa, rich in gold. The inhabitants went to meet him, carrying baskets full of gold and fruit.

"Do you eat these fruits?" said Alexander. "I came not to view your riches, but to learn your customs." So they led him to the market, where their chief Judge held his court. Just then a citizen stepped forth and said: "O Judge! I bought of this man a full sack of chaff, and have found in it a considerable treasure. The chaff is mine, but not the gold, and this man will not take it back. Speak to him, O Judge, for it is his."

His adversary, also a citizen of the place, answered: "Thou art afraid lest thou shouldst retain something wrong, and I fear to take it from thee. I sold thee this sack, including all that it contains. Keep thine own. Speak to him to this effect, O Judge!"

The Judge asked the first if he had a son. He answered "Yes." The other was then asked if he had a daughter, and the answer also was "Yes." "Friends," said the judge, "you are both honest people, unite your children to each other, and give them the newly found treasure for a marriage dower. This is my decision."

Alexander was astonished when he heard the sentence. "Have I judged unrighteously?" said the judge of the distant land, "that thou art astonished?"

"By no means," answered Alexander; "but in our country it would have been otherwise." "How," inquired the African judge. "The disputants," answered Alexander, "would have lost their heads, and the treasure would have come into the hands of the king."

The judge smiled his hands together and said: "Does the sun shine with you, and does the heaven drop rain upon you?"

Alexander answered, "Yes." "Then must it be," he pursued, "on account of the innocent animals that dwell in your land; for over such men ought no sun to shine, no heaven to rain."

PURSLANE WEED AS A DYE.

It is not, we believe, as generally known as it ought to be, that the common weed Purslane, (*Portulacca Ovaracea*) a sort of air plant, growing most abundantly in all gardens at this season of the year, makes a most beautiful purple and blue dye for woolen or cotton yarns or goods. A correspondent says of it:

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For those desirous of using this weed as a dye, we would remind them that this is the proper season for thus utilizing what would be otherwise a nuisance and incumbrance on the ground and in the garden.

A TURKISH LOVE AFFAIR.—While Dr. Clarke was in the island of Oos, an instance occurred in which the fatal termination of a love affair occasioned a trial for what the Mohammedan lawyers called "homicide by an intermediate cause." The case was as follows: A young man, desperately in love with a girl of Stanchio, eagerly sought to marry her, but his proposals were rejected. In consequence of his disappointment, he bought some poison and destroyed himself. The Turkish police instantly arrested the father of the young woman as the cause, by implication, of the man's death. When the case came before the magistrate, it was urged literally by the accusers that "if he, the accused, had not had a daughter, the deceased would not have fallen in love; consequently, he would not have died; but he, the accused, had a daughter, and the deceased had fallen in love, and had been disappointed, and had swallowed poison, and had died." Upon these counts he was called upon to pay the price of the young man's life; and this being fixed at the sum of eighty piastres, it was accordingly exacted.

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