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## Poetry.

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LIFE.

Why this tolling, why this hurrying,  
Through a life, however long,  
Why this ceaseless care and worry,  
As we jostle "mong the throng?"

Always for a phantom rushing,  
Seeking almost in our grasp,  
Half revealed and then eluding—  
Mocking, alas, our eager grasp.

Some for wealth are madly speeding,  
Crushing fellows along the way,  
Never half their perfume heading,  
Only asking, "Will it pay?"

Some the boy's wings are trying,  
They rise and now they fall;  
Ever for an Eden flying,  
Though the curse is over all.

There's a temple, brightly shining,  
Luring countless victims on,  
Kane, the password at the portal,  
But the way is steep and long.

Mind and Matter! this the answer  
Why we hurry on our way;  
Sorrow's shadow and pain's shadow,  
Each holds back the shrinking clay.

M. F. A.

New Buffalo, Feb. 15th, 1871.

Story.

LOU MAYVILLE'S CHOICE.

BY J. M. MALONE.

Harry Carlton sat in his mother's

cozy little parlor, resting from the

fatigues of a hard day's labor. Harry

was head clerk in the establishment

of Wightman & Bliz, merchants of

the town in which he resided; and it

was only by his unremitting assiduity

and close attention to business that he

managed to support himself and his

widowed mother comfortably.

He was a young man of perhaps

some two and twenty years of age,

and one that might, in every respect,

be denominated handsome. He was

tall, though well and proportionally

formed. His features were of Grecian

mould, and faultless to perfection.

His eyes were of a rich, lustrous hazel,

deep, clear and penetrating; and his

brow was broad and fine, with a pro-

fusion of dark auburn hair curling

about it. A glossy beard of the same

stamp, in point of color, as his hair,

and a well-defined moustache, curling

slightly at either tip, gave to his other-

wise handsome appearance a more

notable likeness.

The little town of Abbeville could

boast of few as fine looking men as

was Harry Carlton; and none at all

that was more just, honest or gener-

ous than he.

The widow Carlton, a busy, moth-

erly looking little woman, that was all

smiles and sunshine, was engaged in

preparing tea, and detailing to her

son all the little odds and ends of stray

news that had fallen into her posses-

sion during the day.

"By-the-by, Harry," she said, after a

bit, wiping the last china and plac-

ing it upon the daintily-arranged table,

"I saw Mr. Trevant over the way again

to-day."

"Where? At Colonel Mayville's?"

"Yes, Harry, he was here, for the first

time evincing any interest in his moth-

er's conversation."

"Yes," replied the widow; and it is

said that he and Louisa are engaged."

"Engaged! he repeated, in husky

tones. "Who told you that, mother?"

"Many; it is rumored all over town."

"But is there any veracity in it?"

the youth asked, with a strange earnest-

ness.

"I do not know, my son," the matron

replied. "Barle Trevant appears to be

quite a gentleman, is very wealthy,

## Proctor's Order.

State of Michigan, County of Ber-

rien, ss.—At a session of the Probate Court for

the County of Berrien, held at the Probate Office, in

the village of Buchanan, on Thursday, the 17th day of February,

in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one,

the undersigned Judge of Probate, in

the matter of the Estate of John W. Martin, deceased,

on reading and filing the petition, duly verified,

of Elizabeth W. Martin, administratrix of said estate,

praying for reasons therein set forth that she may be licensed

and empowered to sell the real estate in said petition de-

scribed.

It is ordered, that Tuesday, the 4th day of

April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned

for the hearing of said petition, and the heirs and

creditors of said estate, then and there to appear at a session

of said Court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in

Buchanan, and show cause, if any there be, why the

prayer of the petition should not be granted. And it is

further ordered, that said petition be given notice to the

persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said

petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy

of said petition to be published in the Berrien County Record,

a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of

Berrien, for three successive weeks previous to said day of

hearing.

DANIEL CHAPMAN, Judge of Probate.

(Attest copy) Clerk of Probate.

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