













## POETRY.

### The Puritan Blossom.

PROVIDENCE-1649.

Good Master George Williams said:  
"I have a heavenly call;  
Methinks if I should but know  
That Master Williams dearest son,  
Then could I bear it all."

Yes, though my mother, dearest son,  
Now I am like thee,  
Both labor with my day and night  
And strive to please the Lord,  
One care I must pass by.

"What's that, my mother?" said I,  
"I have a heavenly call;  
Methinks if I should but know  
That Master Williams dearest son,  
Then could I bear it all."

"Sweet Mistress Lovell, in thy prayers  
I'll give thee my part;  
O'er dark eyes, will ye not go  
From my father's hall."

"My many days for mine own sake  
I have been living;  
More than my mother and prayer;  
That kindliest voice was mine."

Our gentle guide doth give me hope  
That I shall live;  
Alas! I am now forlorn;  
Yet still one care forbids my bliss."

I know not if he loveth me,  
Yet lives he in my heart;  
I can but turn me to my God,  
And pray, remembering what he said—  
"Thy love is mine part."

Good Master Williams whispers a kiss,  
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—Nora M. Hutchinson in Harper's Magazine for September.

[From Appleton's Journal.]

## A FRIEND IN NEED.

The following story was told to me by a woman well known in the city of B— as a dealer in diamonds and as a money-lender. She is a girl of about thirty years of age, and she has gained by her long experience in a nice and perilous business, a deep insight into human nature, and a young man who enables her to accomplish her work in spite of all ordinary circumstances.

I was sitting before my shop in my shop at four o'clock on a very dark and stormy day of January last, when a boy entered and handed me a note. He did not ask a question either of me or of my brother, who stood near by, but he ran off at once.

The note was very prettily written upon fashionable paper, and it was addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. B—, kindly oblige one who is in a very great distress by going without hesitation or delay, to the corner of Bayard and East streets, where you will find a man who is a friend in need."

"Will Madame R— kindly oblige one who is in a very great distress by going without hesitation or delay, to the corner of Bayard and East streets, where you will find a man who is a friend in need?"

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"No; but I can convert some stocks and some bonds that I have, and I can draw five thousand dollars from each of my two bank accounts."

"What! you, yourself?—Can you do it without the aid of an attorney or lawyer?"

"Yes, I am independent, and I am of age."

"Yes; I want only two thousand dollars more."

"I turned and looked at the dresses. The young lady at once drew me toward them, talking rapidly meanwhile of their beauty and value. She said that the uppermost garment, it was an opera-coat, or, rather, a long pelisse of a very heavy white fabric, heavily embroidered and fringed. Its original cost must have been in the neighborhood of six hundred dollars."

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"One becomes capable of a great many things."

"He exerted himself, and I managed to impress him with the idea that he must not attempt flight. He promised me humbly that he would obey me, and that he would be found at the Alton at the hour I mentioned. He went away terror-stricken, and in great fear of me."

"He had not been gone ten minutes when a lady, heavily veiled, entered and approached me. She was Miss Kingsford."

"I have not brought the cross," she stammered. "Do not fret about it," I replied, in a manner which banished her agitation at once. "Perhaps we may find it some day, but with you it is a matter of force, to the Alton."

"That is, you will take me into custody," she replied with a sort of laugh. "No, not that exactly, but I will go and see if something cannot be done to prevent too great a sacrifice on your part. Where is your brother?"

"Poor Alan—I do not know. I—I have not seen him to-day. Ah, if he knew what I was doing, he would be so angry!"

"I begged her to go into my private office, in the rear, and to rest there until the time when I should call to visit the 'prisoner.' She did as I wished, and she lay her tired head upon a heap of cushions that I arranged for her, and she fell into a deep slumber."

"At half-past seven we entered her coupe, which we found two blocks away, and drove to the place of meeting."

"The Alton was a small hotel, built of stone, and it was very old. Most of its windows were narrow, and its rooms dark and dingy. It was fitted up with the most comfortable furniture, and it was much liked by fashionable people."

"We were shown to a parlor, its windows looking out upon a beautiful view of the city. There was a bright fire in the grate. Miss Kingsford was exceedingly anxious. She showed her wallet. It contained banknotes of large denomination; in all, eighteen thousand dollars."

"She sent to inquire if any one was waiting for her. In a moment the 'President' was ushered in. He was the man already described to me by both Miss Kingsford and her brother. His face was an expression of profound sympathy. This vanished however, when his eyes rested upon me. He looked annoyed, if not angry."

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"Ah, madame," he cried, in a trembling voice, "how kind you are to me! I was afraid of you. I thought this would be one of the hardest moments of my life, but you have shown me that I am not alone. I am safe. I am safe. I am safe."

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