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AN OBERMANNIO EPILOGUE.

Amid our little worldly din,

And all the noise and din,

Approaches to its grave.

We three no praise, we would not blame,

The thing ourselves have made;

Nor part the honor from the shame,

The sunshine from the shade.

Alas, we three of today

Refuse to bless or ban;

Nothing we do at all, and say

As little as we can.

Let us have leave to eat and drink

And we shall be content.

We need not too exactly think

For what our lives were meant.

Indifferent happy with our lot,

We trudge the trodden way;

And if there be a God or not

We hardly care to say.

Could not the old philosophy

A better counsel give?

Live that you may love, to die,

So that you may live.

We have no heart to live our life,

Too cowardly to join the strife,

Too brave enough to fly.

We feebly fret, we mildly doubt,

We compromise with sin;

The old-world fashions have gone out,

The new yet not yet come.

Upon the borders of a time

We leave all things undone;

And live to see the

— STORM AND DRAG —

TWO BIRTHDAYS.

OR, THE ORGAN MAN'S BOY.

"Come, up with you, Leon, boy!"

Time was, and now it was not.

Leon turned over on his straw bed,

And his eyes were wide awake.

"What time is it, father?" he asked.

"It is so dark and dreary, dear,"

There are cold stars in a cold land."

"We sleep late, boy," was the reply,

"Very late. The clock in yonder steeple

Struck six before I woke you. We'll go

out beyond the city ways to-day. It

may be we'll find more for our money

my boy, and we'll never heed the cold

and gloom."

Leon was slowly dressing, and at last

buttoned the last buttonhole in his

waistcoat, and he looked at the door,

looked up over the stone steps which

led from his cellar-hole to the street,

and shivered with the cold blast that

came down quickly and fiercely to meet

him. "It is my birthday, father," said

the boy presently.

"The man who was busy rubbing an

old hand-organ, started at the words,

and lifted his eyes from his work. "Well,

it is your birthday, boy, sure enough;

but your old dad's glad you've lived to

see it, after all. Let's see—how old

are you, Leon, boy?"

"Ten years, sir,"—ten years, said

Leon. "You know, father, mother gave

me nine kisses last birthday; and—"

And away she went, leaving her

guests delightedly applauding their

father, wiping his eyes with his hand,

dragging her mother by the hand.

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