

NOVEMBER SONG.

BY WILLIAM ROSE WALLACE.
O well amid these withered woods,
November, loudly sobbing, goes,
His forehead wreathed with yellow leaves,
And on his breast a pale dead rose.
Wild-counsel! let me walk with thee
Until the dawn,

And underrane a requiem
For the beloved, the gone.

While I sing the gentle ones
Of rainbow'd heart and seraph-smile;
Pale mourner! sweep a gentle harp
Along the lonesome forest aisle—
A harp thy trembling hand hath strung
For those alone—
Whose lives have kept in unison
With Being's tender tone.

But when my voice shall change for those
The strong fire-heated, restless, bold,
Great mourner! from a stormy trump
Let thy mourners dirge be rolled.
So let me walk, sad one, with thee
Until the dawn,

And underrane a requiem
For the beloved, the gone!

Fact, Fun and Fancy.

No Blame in Him.

Cuff was a gentleman down in old Virginia, and a "knight of most undoubted honesty and truth; who would sometimes tell long stories." He met "Kern Johnstone's" alibi, "as he called him, the other day and after consulting and discussing various matters appertaining to their masters, fell into the following conversation:

"Sam—Well, Cuff, how you was?"

"Cuff—O, Iish no wus."

"Sam—How is all deth doh down at dehouse?"

"Cuff—O, day is able to be round, 'cept de old man's doster; she had de doster de other day. He came in, looked at her, kept lookin' at her; said she was bilious, and giv her a box of eugene vegetable pills. When de doc togo, she up 'n' threw the pills out de window. She wouldn't take de pills, no sir!"

"Well, she old turkey cook kum an'—creels—cause he gobbleed down de pills, but an' all wid de whole directions in four different languages."

Next day we had company, and had to kill dat turkey cock, you see. Brought him on de table wid inter sass; mass flourish his knife, and try to cut him up; couldn't get de knife into him.

"Cuff—says he, "how long did ye bite disturbance?"

"Bite him an hour, sah."

"Take him away and bite him another hour."

"So I took him away and bite him another hour."

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