

THE GATE OF LIFE.

After a short pause, Mrs. Saw said—
“on account of you.”
I have read, “Why Burn your hair never for
Ruth.”
(It’s a name I have played—although never for
you.)
And if you but know it as well as I know it,
You would find, oh! most genial and pleasant
It teaches a lesson more useful than one
To be gleaned from the pastimes—“If I play it
alone!”

Soul-relations, we have it an excellent trait;
“He who has a friend of choice who perfectly
trusts him.”

Until this time has developed the traits they pre-
ferred.

Doubtless, high place on the Record of Pre-
ferred.

And often in life, so is Ruth, I own,

You makes big March—“you play it alone!”

But to “go it alone,” you do not hesitate,
You must hold the Big Kisses of the past—
And now often in life, in a similar fix,

You depend on such cards to secure you the
treasure.

So that, notwithstanding the much of the know-
how there may be,

I am a foolish doctor to “go it alone!”

But the game you describe as a “trivial strife,”
Has a moral to point for the Battle of life.

It is the same the cards decide—“play it alone!”

And each player looks anxiously into his hand,

How bravely will our world of you “play it alone!”

“and soot”

The great Gothic, impressed and bound,

In the midst of his trials this sympathy found

When angry “Dumbness” buried at his feet

A fair form appeared through the darkness—

“dissimulation”

And a daughter’s soft voice whispered low—

“What’s the worth of this world, if, desiring
and envied, You could not all the Masters to hold?”

Repeating your neighbors with glasses of wine,

And the like, harshly spoke, “I’ll play it
alone!”

No, no! Higher up on humanity’s hill

Is he who can cheerfully say—“I’ll asset it—

Then in love; Oh, rare past! I of who whose
bright eyes—

Are given to me with a tender surprise,

Should apply to you over me the moral yoke’s—

“shown.”

And again, call now to “play it alone!”

With what passionate ardor these lips would
blaze!

Till they murmured once more the soft words—

“Weil du schaffst die packt: Get the cards once
again!”

And let a new moral awake your brain!

Go to the world that the Battle of Life

May lead us to all who take part in the
strife.

If the generous lesson thus taught be not missed,

Each man to his neighbor will say—“I’ll
asset it—

—

RYE COFFEE;

or How Samuel Awi was Converted.

Before we attempt to tell you how,

permits us, kind reader, first to intro-

duce to you the subjects of our tale—

Mr. Samuel Awi, and his neighbor,

Mrs. Saw.

Samuel Awi is a gentleman, a knight
of the ‘last,’ a good natured, industrious
sort of a fellow, a man of principle,
sound common sense, and highly
esteemed by all who know him. His
neighbor, Peter Saw, follows the occu-
pation of Joseph of old, and is a gentle-
man in the full expectation of the term—a
man of great discernment, fond of
reading, well informed and a prodigy
at figures. An individual in whose
company any one may spend an occa-
sionable hour, however agreeably and profitably—

—the result, not of carelessness,
but of untiring industry. The “old
economy—and a father of an inter-
esting family of air, children, 4 boys
and 2 girls. His political tenets are,
as a matter of course, of the Democ-
ratic order. (No sensible being, as
you well know, will believe in any other.)

Well, then, it so happened one day, or rather evening, of last week, that
we found ourselves a friend of Peter
Saw’s. On entering the spacious
kitchen, we found a number of persons
congregated there. The female portion
industriously plying their needle, the
boys perusing some of the latest
papers, others their books. Mrs. Saw
was busily preparing the evening re-
past, while the old gentleman was ex-
tolling the virtues of “Rye Coffee” to
his neighbor, Samuel Awi.

“Dear you rye stop,” exclaimed the
latter, “give me the real, genuine stuff.
I am determined to have it so long as
my life will buy it.”

“Well, every one to his liking,” replied our old friend, “if you prefer and
desire it, I will get it for you.”

By this time my master was annoyed
and feeling something of an objection,
we gladly accepted the invitation ex-
tended to us. Not so neighbor Awi.
“Thank you, I had my supper,” said he.
“Can’t you manage a few cups of coffee?
I know that you are fond of it; hence you may as well sit by. A
few eggs on top your supper won’t
hurt you.” Neighbor Awi, while the
way, in a great desire of conciliation,
had the hand invited us to sit down
and drink coffee. But we declined
the offer, and he was greatly dis-
turbed, and said, “I am sorry for it.”

“I recollect a lesson more useful than one
to be learned from the pastimes—“If I play it
alone!”

a third time, Saw could hardly keep
from laughing. “Well, you take
another cup, neighbor Awi?” inquired
Mrs. Saw. “Well, I don’t care if I
do—there is not a woman in my par-
ticular—she makes better cups of coffee
than I do.” Then, as the boy was
about to leave, he again called him back.

The cup, the 4th in succession, was again
filled and Awi emptied it in double
quick time. At this Mr. Saw could
not preserve his gravity no longer, and
for obvious reasons, could not but
join in the laugh.

Awi was puzzled—he did not know
what to make of it.

“I thought you didn’t like rye sleep?”
inquired Saw.

“I don’t mean to say to my—”

“I’m sorry, Rye coffee,”
interposed our old friend.

“Was it? Well, to be honest, I must
say it was very good. Upon my soul
it was excellent,” exclaimed Awi.

“Didn’t I tell you that there wasn’t
much difference between the two?”

Indeed all the difference I can perceive
is that one is Rye, while the other is
Rye—humorously responded our
friendly neighbor.

Now although Mr. Awi’s prejudice
was very strong, he was a man of
good sense, and I might say, a
man of principle, and he well understood
that the best way to secure the support
of the slaves was to make them pay
a tax.

“South Saw, it is true the saving
on a single pound amounts but to
a trifly, yet it is the aggregate amount
of needless expenditures which you
must take into consideration, to arrive
at a proper estimate.” “Many a little
goes a long way,” said Awi.

“I have never bothered my head
much about such matters,” replied
Samuel Awi.

“If you didn’t I did, and I can show
you my accounts if you wish to see
them.”

“I’m afraid I need not,” responded our friend of
the “last.”

At this juncture, Mr. Saw returned
to his desk, took out a paper and sum-
dry account books and proceeded—

“By a reference to my accounts, I find
the quantity of Groceries consumed by
us during the year 1860, and the cost
of the same, to have been as follows:

20 gallons Molasses at 50 cents, \$5.00

50 lbs. Flour at 12 cents, .60

100 lbs. Sugar at 12 cents, .12

12 yards Kentucky Cloth at 25 cents, .30

100 lbs. Coffee Beans at 15 cents, .60

1 pound Tea at 10 cents, .10

2 lbs. Peppermint at 6 cents, .12

Adding to these \$30.30

To purchase the same quantity and
quality of these articles at current
rates, the same is, Molasses at 70, Sugar
at 12, Rice at 10, Coffe Beans at 22,
Flour at 25, Tea at 10, Peppermint at 6,
etc., would require \$56.10. In other words, using
the same quantity and quality of these
goods would be imposing upon our-
selves a TAX of \$17.71.

Again, the quantity of Dry Goods
purchased by us in the year 1860, em-
braced the following items:

45 yards Muslin at 10 cents, \$4.50

50 yards Calico at 12 cents, .60

100 lbs. Cotton at 12 cents, .12

12 yards Kentucky Cloth at 25 cents, .30

100 lbs. Coffee Beans at 15 cents, .60

100 lbs. Tea at 10 cents, .10

24 pieces Wool at 25 cents, .60

Cotton Laces at 6 cents, .36

Adding to these \$32.36

To buy the same quantity and
quality at present prices, namely: Muslim
at 17, Calico at 16, Gingham at 16,
Kentucky Jean at 25, Cotton Flannel at 18,
Woolen Flannel at 6, Wool at 50
cents, etc., would require \$86.58; making
the difference \$54.22.

Thus, to get rid of the tax we would
have to pay \$56.10.

Having demonstrated the necessity
of the tax, we now proceed to show
Abolitionists the necessities
which we consume. I shall in the next
place inform you how we are taxed on
that which we sell.

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