

## A GLIMPSE.

A GLIMPSE through an interstice caught,  
 Of a crowd of workmen and drivers in a bar-room around the  
     stove late of a winter night, and I unremark'd seated in a  
     corner,  
 Of a youth who loves me and whom I love, silently approaching  
     and seating himself near, that he may hold me by the hand,  
 A long while amid the noises of coming and going, of drinking  
     and oath and smutty jest,  
 There we two, content, happy in being together, speaking little,  
     perhaps not a word.

## A LEAF FOR HAND IN HAND.

A LEAF for hand in hand ;  
 You natural persons old and young !  
 You on the Mississippi and on all the branches and bayous of the  
     Mississippi !  
 You friendly boatmen and mechanics ! you roughs !  
 You twain ! and all processions moving along the streets !  
 I wish to infuse myself among you till I see it common for you to  
     walk hand in hand.

## EARTH, MY LIKENESS.

EARTH, my likeness,  
 Though you look so impassive, ample and spheric there,  
 I now suspect that is not all ;  
 I now suspect there is something fierce in you eligible to burst forth,  
 For an athlete is enamour'd of me, and I of him,  
 But toward him there is something fierce and terrible in me eligi-  
     ble to burst forth,  
 I dare not tell it in words, not even in these songs.

## I DREAM'D IN A DREAM.

I DREAM'D in a dream I saw a city invincible to the attacks of the  
     whole of the rest of the earth,  
 I dream'd that was the new city of Friends,  
 Nothing was greater there than the quality of robust love, it led  
     the rest,  
 It was seen every hour in the actions of the men of that city,  
 And in all their looks and words.