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So gnawed by rancour and chagrin
 One thing remained: he sold the skin.

40 What next the man did is not worth
 Your notice or my setting forth,
 But hearken what befell at last.
 His idle working days gone past,
 And not one friend and not one penny
 45 Stored up (if ever he had any)
 Friends: but his coppers had been many),
 All doors stood shut against him, but
 The workhouse door which cannot shut.
 There he droned on—a grim old sinner
 Toothless and grumbling for his dinner,
 50 Unpitied quite, uncared for much
 (The ratepayers not favouring such),
 Hungry and gaunt, with time to spare:
 Perhaps the hungry gaunt old Bear
 Danced back, a haunting memory.
 55 Indeed I hope so: for you see
 If once the hard old heart relented
 The hard old man may have repented.

"A HELPMEEET FOR HIM."

Woman was made for man's delight;
 Charm, O woman, be not afraid!
 His shadow by day, his moon by night,
 Woman was made.

5 Her strength with weakness is overlaid;
 Meek compliances veil her might;
 Him she stays, by whom she is stayed.
 World-wide champion of truth and right,
 Hope in gloom and in danger aid,
 10 Tender and faithful, ruddy and white,
 Woman was made.