

The blind man's hope.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

The bearer having lost his eyesight in the pursuit of his business, and having a family depending on him for support, and not wishing to become a burden to the public, takes this means of gaining a livelihood for himself and family, and most respectfully craves your patronage.

THE BLIND MAN'S HOPE.

On me the world has darkly frowned,
And cast a withering blight ;
Affliction's clouds o'erspread my sight,
And hide the morning light.
Misfortune, too, has aimed at me,
Her most envenomed dart,
And all her weapons brought to bear
Upon my broken heart.

But still, through trouble dark and deep,
I strive with all my might,
And all the broad creation round
Is gloomier than night.
Though oft my spirit seemed to sink,
And Hope yielded to Despair,
My strength is from the mighty One,
Who hears the blind man's prayer.

From the cup that's mixed for all,
Be pleasure mixed with pain ;
The bitter portion I have drunk—
The sweet must yet remain.
Through many pleasant future years,
May happiness be mine,
And no corroding griefs assail,
To mar my peace of mind.

Where thorns were wont to throng my path,
Grow roses in their stead,
And on the breeze that fans my brow,
A hallowed fragrance shed.
And when to other worlds I'm called,
And bid farewell to this,
May all my sorrows be assuaged
In everlasting bliss.

Please buy my Appeal.—Price 5 Cents.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

The Board of Directors of the American Blind Association, having a kindly regard for the blind, and desiring to promote their education and employment, and to secure for them a more comfortable and useful life, have decided to publish this book, and to distribute it gratis to the blind.

THE BLIND MAN'S HOPE.

On the subject of the blind,
And how to be benefited;
And how to be employed;
And how to be educated;
And how to be comfortable;
And how to be useful;
And how to be happy.

By the American Blind Association,
Published by the American Blind Association,
100 North Second Street, New York.

And how to be benefited;
And how to be employed;
And how to be educated;

And how to be comfortable;
And how to be useful;
And how to be happy;
The great need of the blind;
Through many of our blind friends;
My hope is to be known;
And how to be benefited;
To be a blessing to the blind.

Where the blind are to be known;
And how to be benefited;
And how to be employed;
And how to be educated;
And how to be comfortable;
And how to be useful;
And how to be happy.

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