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Rhymed Review

The Financier

(By Theodore Dreiser, Harper & Brothers.)

This Work—and, say, it's pretty good— Concerns the egotistic mania Of Mr. Frank A. Cowperwood Of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

A pleasant chap, when all is told, Urbane, resolved, by Fate undaunted, Unmoral, winsome, selfish, bold, He took whatever things he wanted.

He married young. With wondrous case
He gathered pelf, for none was subtler,
His lawful consort ceased to please—
He fell in love with Aileen Butler.

She loved him, too. They met by stealth.
Alleen's papa, a politician
Of influence and ample wealth,

At length was filled with dark suspicion;

And when he learned the truth, he vowed

That Cowperwood—the devil take him!—

Should pay the most that law allowed, And quickly found a way to break him.

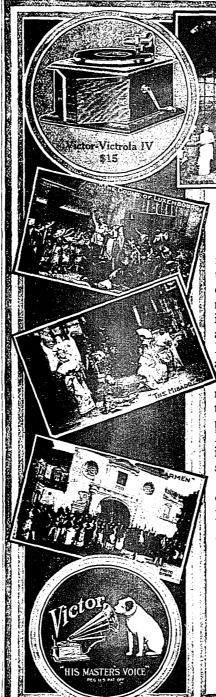
Then, having made our hero fail, Old Butler took a fiercer pleasure

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For making free with city treasure.

Old Butler died. They let Frank go;
And now there came a lucky panic;
By selling short and buying low
He won a fortune aldermanic.

His injured wife perceived 'twas best To cut their marriage bond asunder, He wed Aileen, they went out West And in Chicago rolled in plunder. But wait!—To save our moral health
This Epilogue the Author flashes:
That Lawless Love and Tainted Wealth
Proved, in the end, but Dust and
Ashes!

He moralizes somewhat more
With broodings neither wise nor
weighty.

The book is good, I said before;
The pages number seven-eighty.

Arthur Guiterman.