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There was once a Neolithic Man,
An enterprising wight,
Who made his chopping implements
Unusually bright.
Unusually clever he,
Unusually brave,
And he drew delightful Mammoths
On the borders of his cave.
To his Neolithic neighbors,
Who were startled and surprised,
Said he, "My friends, in course of
time,
We shall be civilized!
We are going to live in cities!
We are going to fight in wars!
We are going to eat three times a day
Without the natural cause!
We are going to turn life upside down
About a thing called gold!
We are going to want the earth, and
take
As much as we can hold!
We are going to wear great piles of
stuff
Outside our proper skins!
We are going to have Diseases!
And Accomplishments! And Sins!!!"

VII

Then they all rose up in fury
Against their boastful friend,
For prehistoric patience
Cometh quickly to an end.
Said one, "This is chimerical!
Utopian! Absurd!"
Said another, "What a stupid life!
Too dull, upon my word!"
Cried all, "Before such things can
come,
You idiotic child,
You must alter Human Nature!"
And they all sat back and smiled.
Thought they, "An answer to that last
It will be hard to find!"
It was a clinching argument
To the Neolithic Mind!

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CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF MAN

A man when boiled down and extracted (as any principal
chemical compound in a laboratory) will yield:

Fat - enough for seven bars of soap
Iron - one nail
Sugar - to fill a sugar bowl
Lime - whitewash a chicken coop
Magnesium - one dose of magnesia
Phosphorus - 1000 matches
Sulphur - rid a dog of fleas

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