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The Story of a Popular Song.

A correspondent gives the following account of the singing of" Father, Come Home," in one of the music halls of London:

Having reached the hall we paid an admission fee of sixpence. There was a very neat stage, with gaudy drop scene, side wings and a tolerable good orchestra. In the stalls sat the chairman, to keep order over as motley an audience as ever was seen out of the gallery of Victoria Theatre. "Costers" seemed to predominate. All appeared plentifully supplied with porter, and all were enjoying their pipes to such an extent as to make the place almost suffocating, for there must have been an audience of nearly five hundred A nigger "walk around" was just being finished, and the shouts of "encore," whistling, and stamping of feet made the hall perfectly bewildering A name was announced from the chair man, which we could not catch, and amidst clapping of hands and stamping of feet there was a buzz of "This is the song!" The waiter called loudly, " any more orders!" and these being taken and duly executed, all seemed to settle down quietly to listen to the song. There was the symphony, and another buzz of "This is it!" and we began to feel anxious. Presently a female came in front of the curtain, amidst great applause, and commenced "Father, dear father, &c. Every word was distinct, and she sang the ballad with great feeling. In Dalley's Salve. order, however, to fully describe the scene which followed each verse, it is thieves Thursday night and \$2,000 in necessary to give "little Mary's song:-

. Father, dear father come home with me now, The clock in the steeple strikes one !

You promised, dear father, that you would come home As soon as your day's work was done.
Our ire has gone out—our house is all dark,
And mother's been watching since tee,

With poor little Benny so sick in her arms, With no one to help her but me. Come home, come home, come home, Please father, dear father, come home."

At the conclusion of the last line the drop scene drew up, disclosing the father sitting at the door of a public house, in a drunken, bemuddled state, with a pipe and a pot before him. Little Mary was cothe, Ohio. trying to dang him from his seat, at the same time pointed to a curtain behind and touchingly sang. " Come home," &c This other curtain was now drawn aside. boy in her lap, and in the act of feeding more than the American barely him with a spoon. Simultaneously with the drawing of the curtain, the lime light was brought to bear upon the tableaux. giving them a truly startling effect .-

came down, and the lady proceeded :-"Father, dear father, come home with me now, The clock in the steeple strikes Two ! (gong, gong.)

After a moment or two the act drop

The night has grown colder and Benny is worse, But he has been calling for you. Indeed he is worse, mother says he will die, Perhaps before morning shall dawn,

And this was the message he sent me to bring-Come quickly, or he will be gone. Come home, come home, come home. Please father, dear father, come home

The net drop rises again, and now the child has hold of the pewter pot, trying to take it from the drunken parent, and, as she continues the last two lines. " Come home," &c., the other curtain is drawn aside, and we next see the child stretched out on its mother's lap, and as it just raises its little head and falls back with a grasp, with the lime light reflecting strongly upon it. there was a reality about the whole, terrible to view. Sobs were heard coming from all parts of the many a male cheek. We have seen suffer either from my example or precept."
"Susan Hopley." "The Strauger," A gentleman traveling on a steamer. "Jane Shore," ' East Lynne," and other did we witness such a scene of general told by a servant that it was dessert .crying. The principal feature called to mind the picture of the "Sister of Mercy," would eat it if it were a wilderness." with the dying child in her lap, and death was fearfully natural. Even the lady who sang the song was affected, and verse:

"Father, dear father, come home with me now, The clock in the steeple strikes Three ! (gong, gong, gong.)
The house is so lonely, the nours are so long. For poor weeping mother and me.

Yes, we are alone-poor Benny is dead, And gone with the angels of light, And these are the very last words that he said-I want to kiss papa good-night! " Come home, come home.come home,

Please father, dear father, come he

Again the drop rose, disclosing little Mary on her knees appealing to her father, who, with the pot elevated, is in the act of striking her with it, as she curtain draws aside, showing the mother but 196 miles; praying over a child's coffin. But now gladly turned our eyes away.

weeping over the coffin with the mother, and little Mary on her knees singing, "Home, home, father, dear father's come by the name of 'Uli Damyer?"

"There," said a workingman by our side, as he heaved a sigh of relief, "Mr. Spurgeon never preached a better sermon than that," an expression to which we assented, and then left the hall.

A LEGAL "PLACER" EXHAUSTED .-The Hartford Post says the case of the British government against the Sharpe court in favor of the British government | with him.

In 1856, the British government made a contract for arms for the Crimean campaign with the Sharpe company. To secure the fulfillment of this contract, the British government took a mortgage of certain lands near Sharpe factory. The government claims a non fulfillment of the contract, and asks for a foreclos ure of the mortgage, in order to sell the lands; and that is what they have at last got. The whole amount in controversey is about \$100,000, and the lawyers concerned have had by far the best of

The British government has kept a colonel of the army on full pay, \$10,000 a year in gold, in New York all the time, to manage the case, but all he has had to do has been to pay the counsel for the Crown their \$50 per diem in gold, when engaged on the case, and to sign his nrme occasionally, while he boarded at the first class hotels. The lawyers, naturally enough, regret the "death of the old goose.

NEWS ITEMS.

The last quotation of gold 1.35 1-2

Corn is selling at Denton. Texas, for ten cents a bushel-no distilleries there. The total loss by the recent flood at Albany is estimated at \$125,000.

A valuable horse, with cracked or grease heel, may be cured quickly with

Senator Nyle's house was entered by money and a quantity of valuables were

An artesian well in St. Louis is nearly 8,500 feet deep. It is now the deepest in the world, but is to go 500 feet deeper

By the sudden closing of the Delaware and Hudson canal 40,000 tons of coal have been left in boats along the canal.

It is not fashionable now to announce no cards" for a wedding-in other words, they are again to be played out.

One of the jury which tried Aaron Burr for treason, is still living at Chilli-

Lent begins this year on Wednesday February 10th. Good Friday falls on as she took up the refrain from the lady, March 26th, and Easter Sunday on March

Some Cincinnati brewers are importing disclosing a wretched room in which was barely direct from Germany, and report the mother with the poor, sickly-looking that it weighs eight pounds to the bushel

About three millions of dollars' worth of property was lost on the Lakes during the past season by wrecks, fires and other accidents, 321 lives were lost.

The worthless ruins of Fort Lafayette. New York, which was lately seriously damaged by fire, are to be taken down, and the site of the fortification is aban-

Charles Dickens is suffering from the "seriveners palsy," a maiady affecting the muscles of the arm and han I in consequence of long use of the pen, and is able to do but a small amount of work.

"The dearest spot on earth is home," the song being believed. Mr. Peggit: says it's true-costs him twice at much as any other spot-ruins in fact, a \$100 spot each month.

"Remember who you are talking to, sir!" said an indignant parent to a fractions boy; "I'm your father, sir!"-"Well who's to blame for that?" said the young impertinence: "'taint me!'

Gov. Palmer, in a letter to Rev. Mr. Carr, of Griggsville, Ill, says:-"You hall, coming from the female portion of the audience, while tears trickled down of Illinois, the temperance cause will not

one day, at dinner was making way with effective pieces played, but never before a large pudding close by, when he was

Strakosch, it is stated pays Miss Kellogg the sum ot \$50 per night for one hundred nights, making a snug little ington. From present appearances, we could scarcely proceed with the third total of \$50,000. He says his friends predicted certain ruin for him; but he is all right so far, and thinks he can see himself clear.

Miss Olympia Brown of the Waymouth, Massachusetts Universalest church is about to be married, and the Gospel Banner hazards the facetiousness that it is in obediene to the recent remark of George Francis Train, We need more Olympia Browns."

The Union Pacific Railroad, on Tuesday completed 1000 miles of its road -It is now but twenty miles from Salt Lake Valley, and from the end of its sings' "Come home." and then the back | track to the end of the Central Pacific, is

In Texas, on the 1st inst, about 30 Inthe sobs burst still more freely, and two dians attacked the El Paso mail stage .females were carried out fainting. The The driver was killed, stripped naked and scene was truly harrowing, and we tied by the heels to the hind boot of the stage and dragged off the road about a An additional verse sung labout "Poor mile. The four mules were then taken Benny" being with the angels above - out and the harness and stage-coach were The drop rose; the father, sober now, is out to pieces.

The Hartfort Post makes the following inquiry: "Is there a little boy in town home." At this moment the curtain was drawn aside, and little Benny is suspend- from the newsboys who frequent our ed over the coffin with wings, smiling alley. We judge from the earnestness down upon them and pointing upwards of the cries, that the good little newsboys The father falls forward on his face, the act drop descends, and for a few minntes will only appear so that the good little all is hushed save the sobs of the females. boys won't have to call him so often, we shall feel relieved."

It is said of Frank Reno, one of the express robbers lynched the other day in New Albany, Indiana, alone knew of the place where was deposited ninety thousand dollars, the proceeds of one of his many robberies. His sister visited him some days before he was hanged, and tried to induce him to tell where this Rifle Company of that city, which has hoard was concealed, but he refused, tell been before the courts for twelve years, ing her that if he could not live to enjoy it, has at last been decided by the supreme no one else should. The Secret died

In a time of much religious excitement and consequent discussion, an honest Dutch farmer on the Mohawk was asked Christians were on the right way to heaven. "Vell, den," said he, "ven we ride our wheat to Albany, some say dish road is the best, and some say dat; but it don't make much difference which road we dake for when we get dare dev never ask us vish vay we come—and it's citing much attention throubout the State, none of their bizness—in our wheat is and the feeling is general in the Republican none of their bizness-in our wheat is

Poisons and Antidotea

The following list gives some of the more ommon poisons and the remedies most likely to be at hand in case of need. The directions may be old, but in case you happen to get a strong dose of poison down, you will not object to a cure on account of its age: Acids; these cause great heat and sensa-

tion of burning pain from the mouth down to the stomach. Remedies; magnesia, soda, pearlash or soap, dissolved in water; then use the stomach pump or and emetic.
Alkalies; best remedy is vinegar.

Ammonia; remedy; lemon juice or vinegar. Alcohol; first cleanse out the stomach by an emetic, then dash cold water on the head and give ammonia (spirits of Hartshorn.)

Arsenic; remedies; in the first place, evac-uate the stomach, then give the white of eggs, lime water, or chalk and water, charcoal and the preparation of iron, particularly by

Lead, white lead and sugar of white lead; remedies; alum, cathartic, such as custor oil and epsom salts, e-pecially.

Charcoal; in poisons by carbonic gas, remove the patient to open air, dash cold water on the head and body, and stimulate the nostrils and lungs by hartshorn, at the same time rubbing the chest briskly.

Corrosive sublimate; give white of eggs

freshly mixed with water, or give wheat flour nd water, or scap and water freely. Creosote; white of eggs and the emotics. Belladona. Night Henbane; give emotics

and then plenty of vinegar and water or lemonade. Mushroons, when poisonous; give emetics,

and then plenty of vinegar and water with doses of either, if handy. Nitrate of Silver (lumer caustic) give a strong solution of common salt and then

Opium; first give a strong emetic of mustard and water, then strong coffee and acid irinks; dash cold water on the head. Laudanum; same as opium.

Nux Vomica; first emetics, then brandy. Oxalic Acid (frequently mistaken for Ep om salt;) remedies: chalk, magnesia, or soap and water, and other soothing drinks. Prussic Acid; when there is time, admin-

ster chlorine in the shape of soda or lime .-Hot brandy and water. pentine are also useful. Snake bites, etc.; apply immediately strong baytshorn, and take it internally; also give

sweet oil and stimulants freely; apply a fixture tight above the part bitten and then apdy a capping glass. Tartaric Emetic; give large doses of tea, made of galls, Peruvian bark, or white oak

Verdigris; plenty of white of eggs and

White Vitriol; give the patient plenty of milk and wrter.

An Early Convention.

With few exceptions, as we have frequently written, the Republican press of the State now favor an early meeting of a convention to nominate a candidate for Governor. In conversation with a distinguished State Senator, a day or two since, he reduced the proposition for an early convention to means of ecomodating the delegates and members of the Legislature in a very practical manner. The great majority of those who usually attend such conventions are men who generally go to a Presidential inaugeration and participate in the changes of a new administration. Members of the Legislature of the party dentify with the President inaugerated, also desire to be present during such coremonies. It is proposed to hold a Republican State Convention on the 2d of March. If this is done, the delegates in that body can leave Harrisburg (or from wherever the Convention assembles) on the 3d and be in full time on the 4th of March, in the city of Washjudge that the Democratic State Convention will be held on the 4th of March. If this be so, one adjournment of the Legislature will serve to accomodate both parties with time to attend their conventions. The Senator in question takes this practical view of the subject, and we agree with him as to its utility and the accommedation it will afford all concerned. There is no denying the necessity of holding an early convention .-The Gubernatorial and Supreme Judge campaign will require active exertion and sufficient time, as it is of vital importance to the voters as well as to the State that the election in Pennsylvania for 1869 result in an overwhelming Republican victory. We must elect whoever we nominate, but their is no denying that the character of our naminees will greatly add to our ability to elect.

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The return of easy money, the approaching completion of the Pacific railroad and the prospects of a heavy spring trade stimulate speculation, particularly in the railway stocks, which, it is thought, will be the first property of the country to feel the effect of the busy era on which we are entering. The speculators all think alike.

WE believe that the Pacific railroad, before the end of this century, will have paid for itself ten times over, and that the Government will not have cause to regret investhis opinion as to which denomination of ing in it. But the innumerable "branch concerns "now projected, can safely be left to private enterprise for their completion.

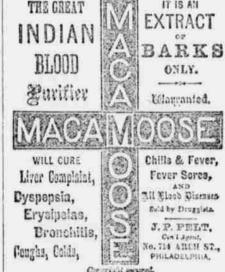
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