Entertaining a Choir.

Since the great Boston Peace Jubilee. our hitherte quiet village has been in a state of continual uproar. Glee-clubs vie with the town-choirs in making both day and night hideous with their per-

petual turmoil. I could withstand this with a commendable degree of patience would they give us old familiar songs and tunes; but in lieu thereof, we have a something that would even puzzle Watta, or any of the old hymn-makers, to make either head or tail, middle or beginning out of.
"Once upon a time" I had the honor

to lead the good old-fashioned choir of the aristocratic church of our neighborhood. Then it was that when I pitched the tune, they went ahead, and did up the business on hand in short meter and took their seats like a well-behaved and modest set of people; and those were the times that tried the muscular arrangements of the throat and mouth ;

Let me tell you. Jane—Jane is my oldest daughter— she is a member of the choir, of the Mendelssohn, Beethoven, and I don't remember how many other clubs besides. The choir meet for practice every Friday evening. They meet at the several residences of its members. Last Friday evening mine was the house to be given up to the sacrifice.

I debated within myself whether to

become oblivious to all sounds, sweet or otherwise, by liberal potations of liquor, or to take refuge with some kind but

distantly-removed friend.

Jane noticed my troubled mind, as reflected on my countenance. She bade me for her sake to cheer up, and entertain the non-combatants - singers, I should have said.

should have said.

They came—the organ, the choir, and the audience; filling the house to overflowing, save one room, which I had reserved for myself and my particular

Obedient to my daughter's request, I made myself conspicuous by my acts of gallantry, especially to the young and fair—out of which number I expect to choose my second wife, at some future

The first song or two was remarkably well done, being of the simple, plain old school of long time ago. The next on the repertoire was an anthem. Composed of but eighteen words, it required three hours and a half of unrelaxed effort on the part of the choir to finish it

The organist struck up, and rattled off a medley composed of "Oh, for a thousand tongues," "Old dog Tray," "Put me in my little Bed," etc. Then the leader in a sleepy tone, sung "Praise," the alto, "Por-aise," the basso, "P-o-r-a-i-s-e," then they subsided; and suddenly, as if struck by a streak of lightning, all joined in "Praiseyethe-Lord." The female portion here rested, while the males went at it again. "Praise ye, praise ye—ye praise, ye praise ye—the hee-hee-hee—the Lor, the Lor—thelothelothelo." Then the femenines took a turn in about the same manner.

But the thing couldn't last, sure. It was now nearly ten o'clock, and the anthem not half through with. Myself and friends paid quite a number of visits to our room, to consult over this style of music, and to sample the Bour-We now bolted the door, and went into secret session.

'Hank!" says Jim White, "do you know what I think is the matter down there? The last word of that sentence that they are at now is Lord, according to the best of my belief. Now, give me pen, ink and paper."

The implements were provided. He indited a note to the with compliments, and suggesting the lost word.

Teogue, the Irish boy, was called, and commanded to carry the note to Doctor Brightman (the leader) without delay. The messenger performed his part admirably. Rushing into the midst of the singers, with a loud voice, he proclaimed to the doctor :

"There's a dead man wants to see you, sur, and here's a letther he sent you." The music ceased, the note was perused, and the anxious crowd of inquirers imformed that the dead man was of their

own murdering. Again they resumed their song, with but little hopes for a speedy conclusion. "Now, if this was my house," says Jim, "I'd turn the whole lot of 'em out." "But you wouldn't tell them to quit in so many words, would you?"

"No. Start 'em up with an earth-quake, or something of the sort. Where's the cannon yeu celebrated with last year ?" " Housed up, down in the cellar."

"Just the argument-just the place Now, one more bumper all around, and to this sentiment: 'Here's to the lame, and broken-winded, vainly endeavoring to 'escape the Day of Judgment. May they have abundance of faith to carry them through the trying ordeal in a be-coming manner. Hank, take the light, and show the way."'
I suppose my head must have been

affected by the stimulants, besides being confused by the noise, or I should never have consented; but that is neither here or there. We unearthed the article-a small-sized, but loud-toned instrument of war. Jim installed himself as chief gunner, while I served as powder-monkey, supplying him with two one-pound canisters, and a couple of cast-off petticoats for wadding.

All was ready for action. "Now, wait," says Jim to the man who had volunteered to apply the match-" wait until they simmer down on the little end of that 'For-ever,' and then let her rip."

For ev-

"Not yet," says Jim. "For-ev-ev-ev-for-ev," came louder and more of it-"f-e-r-e-v-e-r."

An explosion followed, which came near demolishing the entire fabric. The glass rattled from the sash, and the entire population of the house made for the doors and windows. Some ran to the village for assistance, but more redead gone in a faint, and others calling on the Lord to save them from the wrath to come. The villagers came pouring down like a flood. They assist-ed in caring for the wounded—in spirit -while myself, Jim, and the selectmen of the town began an investigation as to the cause of the disturbance. Jim expressed the opinion that it must have been an earthquake. I suggested Guy Fawkes, and an underground visit was

There stood the disturber, looking as cold and grim and brassy as if nothing had occurred.

But who was the individual with malicious intent?

"Have you any enemies, Mr. Wilkins?" inquired the squire.

"Enemies? No, sir, not that I am ware of; and I herewith authorize you to offer a reward of five hundred dellars

for the detection of the scoundrel." No one as yet has claimed the reward; but glee-clubs, etc., are not as popular in our town as they were.

### Normal School Exercises.

In the Richmond Normal School, a few days ago, the lesson in elocution was upon "articulation" and various examples of difficult enunciation were cited and practiced. At the close of the exercises the principal called for such exmples to be handed in as the pupils might know or be able to find. The folowing are some of the results of the inrestigation, and furnish a very good collection for practice:

"Amidst the mist and coldest frost, With bare wrists and stoutest boasts, He thrusts his fists against the posts, And still insists he sees the ghosts." "Of all the saws I ever saw, I never saw

eaw as this saw saws." "Up the high hill he beaves a huge round

Crazy Craycroft caught a crate of crickled crabs, A crate of crickled crabs Crazy Craycroft caught.
If Crazy Craycoft caught a crate of crickled

erabs, Where's the crate of crickled crabs Crazy Craycroft caught?" "Thou wreathd'st and muzzled'st the far

fetched ox, and imprisond'st him in the vol-canic Mexican mountain of Pot-o-cat-a-pet-l in Co-to-pax-i." "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pep-pers; a peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?"

twist,
For twisting a twist three twists he will twist,
But if one of the twists untwists from the twist, The twist untwisting untwists the twist."

"Robert Rowley rolled a round roll round a tound roll Robert Rowley rolled round. Where rolled the round roll Robert Rowley rolled round?"

"Theophilus Thistle, the successful thistle-sifter, in sifting a seiveful of this les, thrust three thousand thistles through the thick of his thumb." "Peter Prangle, the prickly pear picker,

picked three pecks of prickly prangly pears from the prangly pear-trees on the pleasant prairies. "Villey Vite and vife vent a voyage to Vest Vindsor and Vest Vickham von Vitson Ved-

"Bandy-legged Borachio Mustachio Whiskerituscus, the bale but brave Bombardino of Bagdad, helped Abormilique Blue-Beard, Ba-shaw of Balemandeb, to beat down an abom-mable Bumble of Bashaw."

#### A Broken Spirit.

Fifty years ago, in a little town of

Delaware, a lad aged nineteen, and bear-

ing the name of Charles Draper-only recently left fatherless, and believing himself wronged in the patrimonial estate by his stepmother and her children—waged fierce feud with the later occupants of his early home, and was even betrayed by passionate sense of in-jury into striking the oldest of his stepbrothers. For this offence of hot blood he paid a heavy penalty; for it gave the incensed lady and her family an op-portunity to brand him with ignominy. They had him "bound ever to keep the peace" toward them; and when in his accumulated wrath at this he uttered threats they caused him to be cast into jail. A high-spirited, imperious nature, he took this disgrace, as he deemed it, so bitterly to heart that from the moment of his introduction to prisonquarters his whole character seemed to change. He did not care, he said, ever o leave the jail, now that brand was upon him; and if he should go forth again it would only be to return soon again with greater desert of imprisonment. In short, Charles Draper, partly by his own action, remained in jail at Georgetown for no less than thirteen years! He was in his thirty-third year when Judge Edward Wootten, one of the associates of the Sussex County Court, became acquainted with and interested in his curious case, and caused him to be discharged. The same humane magistrate gave him such aid in law, too, as to exable him to recover about \$3,000 from his father's contested estate; but the now morose, broken-spirited man retained no ambition for life, and, instead of undertaking any honorable career, became bar-keeper in a hotel. That vitiation of appetite had nothing to do with this selection is proved by the fact, that although a barkeeper for over twenty-five years, or the whole remainder of his broken life, Draper never drank a drop of liquor,

vas heart-sick and in prison. The first dandy was made by Dame Nature out of the refuse matter left from making Adam and Eve. He was concocted with a bouquet in one hand and a looking-glass in the other. His heart was dissected in the thirteenth brains and a soul, and the dandy has neither. He is a long-lived bird; he has no courage, never marries, has no virtues, and is never guilty of first-class vices.—Josh Billings.

used tobacco, or even uttered a coarse

phase. The Wilmington Commercial, af-

ter giving his story, reports his death at Milford last week; and adds, that, hav-

ing increased his little inheritance from

amount, the departing bearer of a broken

spirit has bequeathed every cent to the kind judge who befriended him when he

THE ABBE LISZT, acknowledged by the leading musicians of the world as the Grand Master of instrumentation on the Piano Forte, has been so chary of his commendation of planes of any particular make, that the follow-ing testimonial written by him bears additional weight, aside from the high source from which it emanates. This voluntary testimony, from the distinguished Maestro, is a triumph for America, a triumph for Boston, and an endur-ing triumph for Messrs. Hallet, Davis & Co., the doors and windows. Some ran to the village for assistance, but more re-mained scattered about the lawn, some recent improvements, purity of tone, and superiority of workmanship

WRIMAR, May, 1871. [Translation.]

Mn. FLORENCE ZIEGFELD, Director of the Chicago Academy of Music:

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#### AGRICULTURAL

HOW AGRICULTURAL PAPERS PAY-We quote from the Carolina Farmer this edifying story of what a far-seeing husbandman, in one of the back neighborhoods of Eastern New York did, some twenty years since, to enhance the value of his property by elevating the standard of agriculture among the farm-ers around him, no one of whom took a weekly newspaper or an agricultural periodical:

He subscribed for 20 copies, and had them mailed to as many of his townsmen, selecting those in whom he had most hope. He wrote to all, telling what he had done, and saying he would receive nothing for the paper the first year, at the end of which, if they did not consider it worth the club price, they could stop it, and inform him of their decision. Some of the farmers their decision. Some of the farmers were so prejudiced that they would not read them, but their children did, and told the parents what they had found, and finally all became interested, and every one subscribed, or got their sagacious neighbor to do so for them, the next year. From the time the journals began to be read, improvement in the general farm practice commenced. Improved implements were obtained, draining, and turning in of green crops was introduced, one bought a new breed of fowls, and another a fine ram, another a Berkshire boar, and another a mowing machine, and so on; by degrees there was a general improvement in the system of farming, and a corresponding increase in the market value of the land in the neighborhood, and this liberal pickled peppers, where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?"

"Thou wash'd'st the rickety staff over the mountain-height cliffs, and clearly saw'st the full-orb'd moon."

"When a twister twisting, would twist him a twist.

For twisting a twist three twists he will twist, not given impetus to farm improvement in the neighborhood by inducing the farmers to read.

> HORSES IN CALIFORNIA.-Most of the horses of California are still of Mexican stock, and are admirably adapted to wild pasture and the saddle. They are healthy and hearty; they keep fat on scanty feed; they can travel long dis-tances, even a hundred miles in a day, without injury, and after having been broken, they are docile and kind. For general service in the southern part of the State, they are decidedly superior to American or English horses. They are usually allowed to run wild until they are four years old, and they are then harnessed and broken. On some of the ranches, the old custom of keeping the mares exclusively for breeding is still observed, and none save the geldings are used for the saddle or harness. The Mexican horse is better than any other for the herdsman er vaquero, but is not swift enough for racing, and is not large

enough for teaming.

Near the middle of the State, most of the horses are of American stock. The cross of the Clydesdale with the Cali-fornia stock makes a large horse just suited for heavy work; but for the buggy and parade, the Morgan and thoroughbred are in demand. There are now several hundred thoroughbreds in the State, some of them equal to the best of their kind. There are also large numbers of American horses, of mixed blood, but of fine quality, excellent for general farm work. Most of the California horses are never fed with cultivated food or kept in stables, and many of the American horses, except when engaged in hard work, are treated in the same manner. There are 190,000 horses and 24,000 mules in the State.

A NEW HONEY PLANT.-In a late number of the American Bee Journal it is stated that a very limited quantity of the seed of the Partridge Pea (cassia chamacrista of botanists) has been placed in the hands of the Commissioner of Agriculture, for distribution among bee-keepers who may desire to give it a trial. Those wishing it should make application for the same at once. It should be known, however, that the plant is classed among weeds, and is often regarded by good farmers as little better than a pest. It is described by Darlington, in his "Weeds and Useful Plants," page 110, who says it is common to sandy fields, especially south-ward, flowering from July to September, and often as late as the middle of October. The only thing to recommend it as a honey producing plant, is that it blooms during the interval between spring and autumn pasturage, and thus furnishes feed for bees at a time when other vegetation fails to give a supply. It is an annual, and the Journal says on this account "ought not to be difficult to get rid of by proper management, when its presence is undesirable." With the caution above given, in regard to this plant, perhaps our bee-keepers had better give it a trial. \$3,000 to more than four times that

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## The Fatal Trichina.

It behooves those people who are fond of pork to be particular as to the quali-ty of the article. We have already re-ferred to two deaths in Cleveland from trichina, through eating diseased pig meat. Two other people, in the same city, are now suffering from the same disease, with very little probability of recovery. As in the first case, the complaint was brought on through eating sausage made of pork. Part of the food was composed of meat bought in the market, and part from an animal fatten-ed by the sufferers themselves. On examining the two kinds of pork with a microscope, it was discovered that the meat procured at the market was full of trichins, while none could be seen in the home-fed portion. As there is no intimation that the former was at all decomposed, the disease was probably the result of bad feeding of the hogs from which the purchased meat was taken. However that may be, it is incumbent upon the consumers of pork to be very particular as to the quality of There is no doubt that many diseased beeves and sheep, as well as hogs, are killed and sent to market for food. The poorer classes are, of course, the most likely to suffer from this unscru-

pulous conduct of the dealers; but beef

REFORMATION OF THE WORKING CLASSES.—It has been suggested, speaking of the great need of reforming the working classes, that the non-workers need reforming more; and, could they be made to earn their living, they would be reformed indeed. It is because the working bees have to support so many drones, of various kinds, that is so terribly hard for them. The number of real producing men is very small in-deed, compared with the entire mass of mankind; and sometimes five hundred persons labor for a mere subsistence, in order that one family of five persons may wear purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day. Let the work of reformation begin at the top, and

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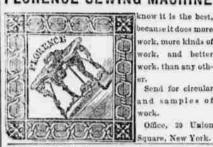
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