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Poetry.

THE ALARMED SKIPPER.

Many a long, long year ago, Nantucket skippers had a plan Of finding out, though 't'ying law,

A Select Tale.

POILING A RIVAL.

'The critter loves me! I know she loves me!' said Jonathan Doubkins, as he sat upon the cornfield fence, meditating on the course of his true love, that was running just as Shakespeare always said it—rather roughly.

EXECUTION OF ARTHUR SPRING.

On Friday, the 10th inst., Arthur Spring suffered death for the murder of Ellen Lynch and Honora Shaw. During the twenty four hours immediately preceding his execution, every effort was used by the officers of the law, and especially by his spiritual advisers, to induce him to make a confession of his crimes; but all these appeals were in vain.

THE WONDERFUL IMAGE.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY CHARLES G. LELAND. The mother heard the daughter say 'I fain would go to church and pray

CHAPTER ON HOUSEKEEPING.

I never could see the reason why our smart house-keeper must, of necessity, be Nantippes. I once had the misfortune to be domesticated during the summer months with one of this genus.

JAPANESE MANUFACTURES.

The King of Holland has sent to the Dublin Exhibition a number of specimens of Japanese manufacture: Among the things, specimens of silks and velvets, are to be equal to any of European manufacture; also, silken cords of various thickness, painted wax candles, toilette cabinets, and parasols; of these latter articles, the part that is made of silk with us, is of paper, creased into many folds; the ribs are of thin spiced bamboo, they open and close with great ease, and are a much better defence from the sun than shades of semitransparent silk.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

The following certificate was duly granted to the parties therein named, and signed by an embryo justice of the peace, in Peoria, Ill. 'To all the world greeting, know ye John Smith and Peggy Myers, is hereby certified to go together and do as other folks does, anywhere in corpora proci, and when my commission comes I am to marry, em good and dute lem back to kiver accidents.'