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### SELECT POETRY.

#### THE DEAD.

The dead alone are great! While heavenly plants abide on earth, The soil is one dewless dearth; But when they die, a morning shower Comes down, and makes their memories flower With oders sweet, though late.

The dead alone are fair! While they are with us, strange lines play Before our eyes, and chase away Gon's light; but let them pale and die, And swell the stores of memory-There is no envy there.

The dead alone are dear! -While they are here, long shadows fall From our own form, and darken all; But when they leave us, all the shade is round our own sad footsteps made, And they are bright and clear.

The dead alone are blest! While they are here, clouds mar the day, And bitter snow-falls nip their May; But when the tempest time is done, The light and heat of Heaven's own sun Broods on their land of rest.

#### A Select Cale.

From the Knickerbocker. A PROFESSIONAL SCAR.

BY AN OLD LAWYER.

Your kind letter, Henry, came duly to hand; and you will be surprised to learn that a careless question of yours will draw forth enough to cover a sheet : 'What caused that scar on my temple?

It is a professional scar, Harry; one that I have carried ever since my earliest praclice; and although I have now arrived at a tolerable old age, and have many, many intimate friends, it is a most singular fact that you are the first and only person that inquired into its origin. I can tell you all about it, but must avoid names and places, for the parties most interested in the incident are yet living, and I am under strong bonds of secresy.

In the year -, after passing through a long examination before grave Judges and shrewed barristers, I was pronounced a properly qualified person to appear before juries and courts for others as well as myself, and at once proceeded to a large ed on the scene. southern city, where by a modest little sign over the door of a modest little office, I. not what you do! announced my readiness, to commence the sat in my office on a dreary night, at about eleven o'clock, in this very comfortable position: my money was gone entirely my board bill was to be paid in the morning, and my rent on the day following; and I absolutely feared to go to my boarding-house, and waited in what seemed the forlorn hope that something in the way of a fee might appear, either dropping from the skies, or suddenly appearing on my desk. Outside, no step was heard; and as I occasionally glanced through my win-dow, the flame of the street-light, moved

by the wind, would seemingly move me homeward; but I would not go. A lootstep sounded in my entry; a second, and a third, and more, but so light that my heartbeating prevented my counting them; and then a little delicate knock. I compelled myself to say 'Come in' with a calm voice, although I expected to be instantly vis-a-vis with a young woman; the door opened, and I saw-an old one.

I had only time to move toward a chair before she was in the centre of the room and speaking.

'I have no time to sit. Young man you are a lawyer: are you good for anything? My insulted dignity was controlled by an effort, and I answered that I flattered myself that I possessed some talent for my profession, or I should not have chosen it. Well, well, no gas; can you draw a

saw from her impatient manner that she wanted no trifling. Before I finished the sentence, she interrupted me with a fierceness of manner exceeding her former rough

one saving : 'I want a will drawn ; quick ! hurriedly but so strong that all the furies in h-ll can't undo it! Can you do it? and she fairly glared at me with impatience for my

Now you know, Harry, that my legal taments I felt myself sufficiently posted up. it to pass the ordeal she mentioned, would, I was sure, be proof against the efforts of

all the lawyers in Christendom.

And now her manner changed from the

and you shall pocket one thousand dollars of the fifty dollars in my treasury. I made for your night's work " she exclaimed. cautious inquiries about the — House as And, amazed and bewildered as I was, I to the subsequent movements of my mystefound myself at the neighboring corner,
stepping into a hack, before the startling the old couple arrived on that eventful but comfortable words, 'One thousand dol-lars for your night's work!' had ceased ringing in my ears. My conductress fol-lowed me, and without orders we were city. My visions of one thousand bright man-servant; that the old woman went off of our countrymen are dependent upon the dollars kept my tongue bridled, and I was alone; and that finally the young man paid cotton crops of America; their destiny may

I have an attorney, here, Sir; shall he

The old man's eyes brightened up, and after glaring on me for a moment he spoke : 'If you can draw my will, do it; quick, now, for I must save my breath.'

I turned to the table where I found paper, pens, ink, and everything necessary and by the light of two sperm candles in heavy silver candle-sticks I was soon busily engaged at the will.

I will not trouble you with the details, nor, in fact, do I remember them; but it is enough to say that a large amount of property, real and personal, bonds, mortgages, etc., were left, in the words of the will to 'my good and faithful housekeeper, Angeline \_\_\_\_, as a token of gratitude for her long, faithful, and meritorious service.'\_\_\_ But the concluding words of the will I shall never forget; they were written from his own mouth, and made me shudder as I wrote them. There is something fearfulyes, devilish-in this deliberately recording, in what porports to be your last written wish, a curse upon your own offspring. And I felt, as I wrote it, an involuntary desire to tear the paper into fragments, and to rush from the room, but the thousand dollars were like so many anchors, and I staid and wrote.

'I leave to my daughter Dona all the satisfaction she can obtain from my hearty curse. When rags whip about her in her only home, the street, and dogs share with her the refuse of the gutter, she may regret that she disobeyed him who once loved ber, but who, dying, cursed her.'

There was something like a chuckle in the direction of old Angeline as the dying wretch dictated these fearful words; but as looked and saw the stern face as rigid as marble, I concluded I must have been mistaken. I could not, however, divest myself of a certain feeling that all was wrong. A rich old man, accompanied by an old housekeeper, and dying in a strange city; her anxiety to have the will so strong : the curse on his daughter, and the large fee, all conspired to make me feel that I was being instrumental in the accomplishment of some villanous object. Again 1 meditated the destruction of the paper, and again my fee and my wants conquered. The will was finished, and I read it over-loud, the old man groaning, and the old woman looking an occasional assent; but when I read the terrible curse, a new actor appear-

'Oh! tear it! tear it! Oh God you know

practice of the law. For three months I my heart, even before my eyes beheld its waited, but alas! no būsiness came, and I owner; but when I saw her, heavens and earth! what an angel she was! The language is yet undiscovered. Harry, that is competent to give you a description of that face, the eyes dancing with excitement, yet liquid with tears; the mouth proud as Juno's yet compressed with anguish. But why do I attempt description ! The most majestic, yet the sweetest countenance I ever beheld appeared to me, and not in vain : for while the old man, weak as he was, jumped from his bed screaming 'Kill her! kill her!' I tore the will into fragments, and we both fell to the door, he dead, and I stunned by a blow from the heavy candlestick wielded by the old hag,

When my consciousness returned, I found myself in my own bed at my boarding house, my host and hostess my sole attendants. My mind was clear the moment I looked about me, and I knew I had been brought home, and was now confined from the effects of that blow. I resolved to keep my old counsel, and to ascertain what I could of the subsequent proceedings of the night. Upon inquiry, I found that I had been brought home by a young gentleman in a carriage, who had left funds tor the employment of a physician, and had also left a letter for me. I opened the

letter as soon as I was alone, and found a fifty dollar bank-note, with these words: You did last night a deed worthy of more gratitude than our present means en-Here again I ventured to remark, that it depended somewhat on its nature, but I so nearly belonged to the infamous has who struck you, will soon be ours, and you shall then hear from us. May the same kindness which prompted you to tear the paper, seal your lips hereafter as to the

painful scenes of last evening. Gratefully yours,

DORA AND HER HUSBAND. My first act was to conceal the letter beneath my pillow: my second to call my host and tender him the amount of my board bill; to my astonishment he told me education was obtained entirely in a sur- that my companion paid it when he left rogate's office, and you way presume that the letter. It seems I raved a little about on the law and forms of last wills and tes- my inablity to pay my host while I was my inablity to pay my host while I was unconscious, and thus the husband of Dora I therefore assured her that I could draw a (for I had no doubt it was he "who brought will which, although I could not warrant me home) had ascertained the fact and paid my bill. Added to this my wound was not severe enough to need any surgery more than was offered by my kind landlady ; so when I had recovered, (which was fierce and bold to the anxious and hurried. soon) I had only my office rent to pay, and \*Come, then, quick! quick! young man, then resumed business with the larger part rattled furiously along the streets to the man's body was immediately boxed up and - House, then the largest held in the shipped for the north under charge of his O'Greats. The lives of nearly two millions

Thirty years of hard work rolled by, Harry, during which I acquired a family, fortune, name, and gray hairs; but I never, in all that time, saw or heard from my clients, with the exception of one letter, which was received some years after the occurrences which I have related, and, which contained two more fifty dollar bills, with the words: We are very happy may God bless you!

SUNBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA., SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1854.

But in all that time, I have never forgotten that Seautiful angelic face, nor the mute appeal which it made to my heart the answer to which cost me the deep rear which is the object of your present curiosi-ty, and a one thousand dollar fee less the ount received from the young folks .-Neither did I, in that time, regret the course I took.

Some ten years ago, as you probably remember, I spent a winter in Havana .boarded with a Spanish landlord, whose house was generally filled with American visitors. But, strange to say, I passed one week with him without a single American arrival; and I was mentally resolving one day to leave for New Orleans, where I could find troops of friends, and rid myself of the ennue consequent upon my solitary position, when I heard my host calling

"Senor, Senor, los Americanoes-Amer-

Looking from my window, I saw a fine portly gentleman attending to his luggage, and answering the demands of the thousand and one leeches of porters who each claimed to have brought something for him.-Thinking I might be of service to him, I went out, and with two or three dimes dispersed the villians who, knowing me for an old stager submitted to my orders. The gentleman turned to thank me, but suddenly started back, then glanced at my temple and seeing the end of my candlestick mark peeping out beneah my sombrebo, he caught me by the hand exclaiming : We have met before, sir! how glad I

am to see you !" And then, without explanation, he drew me to the door-way in which stood a matronly but still beautiful woman.

'See Dora,' said he, 'is not this our old At the word "Dora," I started, and there thirty years previous, still retaining many ceipt given. Each deposite is then melted

tures.

and we were out enjoying the sea-breeze, the whole story was told me. I will not give you the details of it; it was long, but he main features of it were about what I had surmised. Dora was the only child of copper, tin, &c., are absorbed by the porous her wealthy father; her mother died when she was a mere child; old Angeline had remained with her father in the capacity of housekeeper, and had, while Dora was away at school, acquired, as is generally the case, complete influence over him. Dora was woord and won by a poor clerk? the father would not listen to it; an elopement was the consequence: and the old man in his rage broke up house-keeping, and taking old Angeline with him, he started for the South. Dora followed him with her husband, although she knew he would not see her, and altho' he had always been harsh and unkind to her, yet she knew he was in the last stages of consumption, and she determined, if possible, to be with him when he died. At the time of his death, they had been following him about a month from place to place, keeping concealed from him, and eluding even the keen eyes of Angeline. When Dora appeared in the room, it was only because the man servant, who had been with her father, and who, as you remember, left the room when I entered, had observed their arrival and had kindly gone to her and informed her that her father could not live an hour; she was at reconciliation, when my voice reading put the many pieces of the will together, raving like a bedlamitie. He and the man servant put the old man's body into the bed, took Dora to her room, and while the me home in a carriage. The rest you

north, either alone or with my wife and family, we always stop at the house of our kind friends. They have spent one winter with us at the south, and we expect them again in the coming season. And the young gentleman who studied law under my instruction, and who now practices law with my name on the sign with his (as senior partner, although he does all the isiness,) is Dora's son and from certain conscious looks and bright blushing on my pretty daughters cheek when he calls I imagine he may possibly be mine, too. But of this, Harry, rest assured-I shall not curse her if she marries him.

Corres to Kisa.—Charles Dickens, in a late number of his "Household Words," after enumerating the striking facts of cotton,

"Lot any social or physical convulsion visit the United States, and England would feel the sheek from Land's End to John

# Poctru.

WIDOWOLOGY PHILOSOPHIZED. Oh none of your boarding-school misses, Who rave about Cupid and blisses, Yet know not what either may be; I dont feel at all sentimental, Nor care I for Byron a rap— But give me a jolley and gentle Young widow in weeds and a cap!

Fo her I would offer my duty, For in truth all belief it exceeds, To see how the blossoms of beauty
Is brightened by peeping from "weeds."
She is armed eap a-pie for the struggle—
To her cap I a captive belong,
And the wink of her magical ogle Is a challange to laughter and song.

The tremors of girlhood are over, Love's blossom has ripened to fruit; And her "first love," asleep under clover, Is the soil where my passion took root; 'Tis pleasant to know "the departed" Was tenderly cared to the last-And then she will not die broken-hearted, If I should pop off just as fast.

Her temper is never so restive Her duty she knows - and a shape Is never so sweetly suggestive, As when it is muffled in crape, The maid wears one ring when she marrie In proofs she all others discards— But the widow-wife wiselier carries A pair of these martial guards!

So none of your boarding-school misses, Your sweet, timid creatures for me. Who rave about Copid and blisses, Yet know not what either may be! don't feel at all sentimental, Nor care I for Byron a rap-Give ME a plump, jelly and gentle Young widow in weeds and a cap!

The United States mint has been comple ted in San Francisco, and is probably ere this time in active operation, coming down daily vast treasures of golden ore. It was intended that it should be prepared to coin thirty millions of dollars yearly. The following description of the systen which is about to be established there, will afford a good general idea of the ordinary process of coining

The metal, after being received in the debefore me, sure enough, stood the Dora of posit room, is carefully weighed and a reof her charms, but with the marks of time, separately in the melting icom, and moulded not withstanding, impressed upon her fea- into bars. These bars next pass through the hands of the assayer, who with a chisel, most pleasant; and after dinner was over, ship is then rolled into a thin ribbon, and chips a small fragment from each one. Each filed down until it weighs exactly ten grains. It is then melted in a little cop made of calcined bone ashes, and all the base metals, material of the cup, or carried off by oxydation. The gold is then boiled in nitrie acids

which dissolves the silver which it contains, and leaves the gold pure. It is then weighed, and the amount which it has lost gives the exact proportion of impurity in the original bar, and a certificate of the amount of coin due the depositor is made out accord-

ingly.

After being assayed, the bars are melted with a certain proportion of silver, and being poured into a dilution of nitrie acid and water, assume a granulated form. In this state, the gold is thoroughly boiled in nitric acid, and rendered perfectly free from silver or any other baser metals which may happen to ching to it. It is next melted with oneninth its weight in copper, and thus alloyed, is run into bars, and delivered to the coiner for coinage. The bars are rolled out in a rolling mill until nearly as thin as the coin which is to be made from them. By a process of annealing, they are rendered sufficiently ductile to be drawn through a longitudinal orifice in a piece of steel, thus reducing the whole to a regular width and thickness. entering the room to make one last effort A cutting machine next punches small

round pieces from the bar, about the size of the fearful words of her father's curse cau- the coin. These pieces are weighed sepased the outcry and denouncement. Her rately by the "adjusters," and if too heavy husband, who followed her in, found the are filed down-if too light they are re-melold man dead, Dora in a swoon, me sense- ted. The pieces which have been adjusted less, and old Angeline in vain trying to are run through a milling machine, which compresses them to their proper diameter and raises the edge. Two hundred and fifty are milled in a minute by the machine servant kept guard over Angeline, he took They are then again softened by the process of annealing, and after a thorough cleaning. are placed in a tube connecting with the I have only to add that, when I wander stamping instrument, and are taken thence one at a time by the machinery, and stamped between the dies. They are now finished. to the Treasures for circulation.

The machinery, of course, for all the cosses must be of the nicest kind. The of the California Mint, cost \$1000.

A NEW AND BEAUTIFUL TREE IN OREGON Mr. Brooks, writing from Olympia, Oregon,

"A strange and beautiful tree has lately been found here, which is from one to seven feet high, with a leaf resembling that of the pear, and the truck and branches those of the orange. The upper side of the leaf is coated with gum, of the consistence of oil, and it is highly fragrant, the odor resembling that of bergamot or ripe fruit. It will be a highly ornamental and desirable addition to our gardens, as it is an evergreen."

ARASOLS, in plant and Glingham Cotton and Glin CHOLERA FROM LIQUOR DRINKING -Seven

#### NEW INVENTION-GAS FOR COUNTRY

By a recent invention, people living in towns where no coal gas company is or can be profitably formed, may still obtain the luxury of a brilliant home-made gas light, at a cost cheaper than that of the ordinary oil or fluid. This important improvement was in complete operation, a few evenings since, at the residence of a well-known literary and scientific gentleman on Spring Hill, Somerville, Mass, being the first house into which it has been introduced in this section of the country. The light produced is superior to that of coal gas, being clearer and more powerful, as the flame is of fuller volume and burns with greater steadiness, while the exper thousand feet. It is the combustion of benzole, a resinous liquid, sold at \$1,50 per gallon, mixed with atmospheric air-the gas being generated by means of an ingenious and not inelegant apparatus, which may stand in the house entry way, or even be placed on a closet shelf, and from which common gas fixtures may extend in all directions and give the light in any or every room at pleasure. The apparatus generates no requires for the purpose only the heat of one of the burners used as a light-so that the

and the benzole. An apparatus of sufficient capacity for a good sized dwelling house i afforded for a rotating air pump, which is revolved by a cord and a weight wound up by a crank, a stream of air is forced into the generator, more mistaken. which is partially filled with benzole. The

August last by Mr. O. P. Drake, a practical "Commit no nuisance!"-Blackwood. electrician of Boston, and must be regarded of the time. It is applicable to houses, shops, hotels, factories, or other places in the country, and even on shipboard. Hereafter the dwellers on the remotest hill-tops, or in the deepest shades of the "back-woods," may enjoy as much as those of the cities in the way of artificial "enlightenment" in their domestic arrangements.

INDIAN THEOLOGY. The precise idea which the western Inried round for many centuries, until, at last, and Selah a vigerous blast of trumpets .he would be gradually sucked in towards Bibliotheca Sacra. the centre of the vortex, and finally engulphed in an immense bottomless hole What became of the unfortunate sinner, the Indians could not surmise, further than he lived THE marriage of the emperor of Austria

dynasty, which took place on the 24th ult. has been followed by numerous magnificent fetes at Vienna. The imperial couple are closely allied by blood as well as marriage, being first cousins, the children of two sis- Illinois." and, being thrown into a box, are delivered ters, one of the Princess Sophia and the other of the Princess Louisa of Bavaria. The em press Elizabeth was born on the 24th Decem" her, 1837; the Emperor Joseph Francis the weighing scales alone, in the deposit room 18th August, 1830. The Empress Elizabeth is granddaughter on the father's side of Pius Augustus, count of Berkenfield Geinhauser, dispossessed by the French in 1794. The sister of Pins Augustus married in 1808 flonapart's Marshal, Berthier, prince of Wagram. Their son is now prince of Wagram, senator of the French empire. A young daughter of the prince of Wagram has just Lucien Murat, now the French Prince.

> A SPLENDED DIAMOND - The following paragraph in regard to a remarkable diamond found in South America appears in the money solumn of the London Times :-

> "One of the largest diamonds known, was

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LUDICROUS MISTAKE. A Frenchman, newly arrived in London, mpatient to see the town, but fearful of not finding his way back to the hotel, carefully copied upon a card the name pointed upon the wall at the corner of the street in which it was situated. This done he felt himself safe, and set out for a ramble, much upon the principle valgarly known as "following one's nose." The whole day long he strolled and started to his heart's content ; wearied at last, he jumped into a cab, and with the easy confident air of a man who felt at home. he read from the card he had prodently preserved the name of the street he dealt in .-The cabmen grinned horribly. "This English pronounciation is sadly difficult," said pense is about the same as coal gas at \$2,50 | the Frenchman to himself, "he does not understand me." And he placed the card before the man's eye. Cabby grinned more than ever, gazed in his fare's astonished face, and ended by sticking his hands in his

pockets, and roaring with laughter. Indignation on the part of the foreigner he appealed to the passers-by who gravely listend to him at first, but beholding his card, joined one and all in chorus with the coachman. The Frenchman now got furious, more gas than is immediately consumed, and swore, stamped, gesticulated like a candidate for Bedlam. He went so far as to threaten the laughers; a crowd assembled; whole cost of the gas is that of the apparatus everybody sympathised with him till they learned the circumstances of the case, when they joined in the infections hilarity. Up came the police, those guardian angels of be \$150. It is so constructed that, by means of wildered foreigners in London's labyrinth .-

The aggrieved Gaul felt sore of sympathy, succor, and revenge. He was never

The gentlemen in blue roared like the generator contains a vaporator exposing a rest. They evidently could not help it .large surface of benzole to the action of the Compunction mingled with their mirth, but air as the latter is forced through both apart- they nevertheless guifawed exceedingly .-ments by the pump and weight-and the To what extremities the desperate Frenchthus vaporated benzole combining with the man might have proceeded it is impossible air, produces a gas of the highest quality for to say, had not a gentleman acquainted illumination. The apparatus is so perfectly with his language appeared upon the scene. simple, safe and durable, that it may be He too laughed violently on beholding the managed by the dullest domestic, only re, card, and when he had spoken a few words quiring the weight to be wound up before to the Frenchman, the Frenchman laughed use and the generator to be filled twice a likewise, which was a signal for a recommonth, or not so often if the lights are not mencement of the general hilarity. The address so carefully copied by the foreigner at This beautiful invention was patented in the corner of the street was the following :

#### THE WORD "SELAHA"

Hebrew word Selah, which occurs so often in the Psalms, as they found it, and of course the English reader often asks his minister, or some learned friend, what it means. And the minister or friend has most often been obliged to confess ignorance, because it is a matter in regard to which the most learned have by no means been of one mind. The Targums and most of the Jewish commentatoss give the word meaning eternally, forever. dians entertain of a future life is this; As Rabbi Kinchi regards it as a sign to elevate soon as the Indian threw off the flesh, he the voice. The authors of the septuagint would find himself standing on the bank of translation appear to have regarded it as a the river, the current running with great ra- musical sign, equivalent perhaps to the word pidity. Across this river was a slender pole repeat. According to Luther and others, it stripped of its bark, and lying close down to means silence !- Genius explains it to means the water. The Indian who had lived a let the instrument play and the singers stop .-good life, then sees a bright object on the Wochem regards it as equivalent to sursum other side; that was "Right." He would cords, up my soul ! Summer, after examining then, desirous of embracing the object he all the seventy-four passages in which the loved so well in the world, walk across the word occurs, recognizes in every case "an pole, unmindful of the raging torrent beneath actual appeal or summons to Jehovah." his feet, arriving in safety on the opposite They are calls and prayers to be heard, exshore; and Right would then lead him pressed either with entire directness, or if amongst mountains covered with gold and not the imperative, "Hear, Jehovah!" or silver, into noble hunting grounds, where he "Awake, Jehovah !" and the like still earwould hant for eternity. But, on the other nest addresses to God that he would rememhand, the man who followed "Wrong" all ber and hear, &c. The word itself he rehis life, when attempting to cross the pole, gards as a blast of trumpets by the priests .-after death, would fall into the forming Selah itself he thinks an abriged expression, stream, and be swept down into a whirlpool used for Higgaion Selah-Higgaion indicasurrounded by rocks; there he would be ear- ting the sound of the stringed instruments,

AN AFFECTING APPEAL .-- A small vessel was found capsized on Lake Michigan, with writing on the bottom, indicating the names of those who had clung to the wreck until hope and endurance were both exhausted -The following touching words were a part of and the princess Elizabeth, of the Bavarian the writing:-

Whoever finds this boat J. Miller, muster, (a word illegible) intelligence to my wife -1100 and 42 dollars and 50 cents lashed to this boat. H. S. Bushnell, Dixon, Lee Co.,

Some years ago, a lady noticing that a eighbor of her's was not in her seat at church one Sabbath, called on her return some, and was surprised to find the family at work. As she entered, her friend address

"Why, la! where have you been to-day dressed up in your Sunday clothes ?"

"To meeting." "Why, what day is it ?"

"Sall stop washing in a minute. Sabbath day! Well I did not know; for my husband married in Paris a young American, son of his got so plagny stingy he wont take the papers now and we know nothing. Well who preschad!"

"Mr. B \_\_\_\_ 78 "What did he preach about ?"

"It was on the death of our Savingr." "Why, is he dead? Well, all Boston might be dead, and we no nothing about it.