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THIS WORLD OF OURS.

BY W. G. J. BARKER.

This world of ours, if free from sin,

Sunshine above, and flowers beneath,

Glad Nature from an hundred throats

Each balmy breeze that wanders by,

And the clear fountains have a voice

Whispers some angel tone ;

Even the leaves of the forest trees,

Moved by the Zephyr's wing,

The busy bees, o'er garden flowers,

And the great waves upon the deep,

There's beauty in the summer sky,

Like a strong man refresh'd by sleep,

And when behind the western rocks

How beautious are the crimson clouds

When from the ocean bed,

The Sun uplifts his head :

That curtain his repose !

Are not the gassy volleys fair,

Deck'd in their spring array

How beautiful are they !

Look on the -ea, that girdle vast.

Even in fancy's wildest dreams

A paradise comple e-

If Sin had not in evil hour

Pass suddenly away :

Y.t. 'mid all trials of our life,

Earth is not our studing place-

So redolent of lovely things,

And the high hills with forest clad,

Wherewith the ear h is bound

Can sught more glad be found

Oh ! 'twere indeed a radiant world,

So filled with voices sweet-

Entered this pleasant clime,

Sad consequence of crime !

Yielding them over unto Death-

Hence it is that the choicest flowers

Fall by a swift decay, And hope to which we foully cling

That blessed thought is given.

Man's native clime is Heaven !

At eventide he goes,

Of music all their own ;

Make a low murmur of content To little birds that sing.

Joining with neverstiring mirth.

The minstrelsy of June ;

Leaping like g ants free, Add, in their hollow monotone,

The chorus of the sea,

A holy song attune,

Oh ! would it not be fair !

And beauty everywhere !

Pours her rejoicing lay.

The sir, the carth, the waters teem

With living things at play :

SUNBURY AMERICAN.

AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL.

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no app al but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism .- JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Elsely.

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, June 3, 1843.

EARTHQUAKE.

We noticed vesterday the fact of the arrival at the Astor House, of Professor Risley and his little son of six years old, and we also alluded to their having made one of the most astonishing escapes from the Guadaloupe earth-Mr. Risely has a most remarkable and original genius for elastic gymnastics, and his little son is a perfect proligy. They will soon appear at the Park. We shall now give some remarkable particulars of that great earthquake, as nearly as possible in his own words :

I and my little boy had been at Pointa Petre, Gaudaloupe, four days previous to the earthquake, which occurred on the morning of Wednesday, the eighth of February. I was there on a short professional engagement. I was taking my lodgings at the American Coffee House, and my meals at the French Coffee House, in different places, according to the custom of that country. Wednesday morning the eighth, was one of the most beautiful that could be imagined-the sun shone out in all its splendor-a soft and pleasant breeze came in from the sea-and everything seemed in a state of natural peace and quiet.

There were estimated to be about seventyfive persons in the French Coffee House where I was taking my meals. We had all sat down to breakfast on that morning as usual, and were quietly taking our morning meal, chatting and talking freely on the thousand trivial subjects that come up on such occasions; indeed, we had all nearly finished breakfast. For myself I had finished my breakfast, and was sitting partly sideways at the table, as one would naturally sit after eating-conversing with the gentleman who sat opposite to me; I had the towel ring in my hand, turning it about, and carelessly playing with it.

The first thing which attracted my attention was a sudden jar, accompanied by a rumbling sound like distant thunder. I had some two weeks before this been at Fort Royal, in the Island of Martinique, and seen the effects of a similar visitation, and I instantly knew what it meant. So sudden was the shock, that within two seconds from the instant I first felt the jar, I looked up and saw the whole building, commencing at the farther end, falling upon the people-the joists opened, and all began to come down with an awful crash. I instantly uttered the word "jump !"-the gentleman who sat opposite to me, turned his head, and looked broken, and finding that we were both of us up sideways, but never rose from his seat-

The first thing which called my attention (from the waltz, was hearing a noise, a sort of rumbling, which I took to be the little boy up stairs drawing his wagon over the floor, which had no carpet on it. At the same moment I upon the floor-it was broken all to pieces-the thing in the room was all shaken and upset together. All the family, young ladies and all, fell upon their knees, or were thrown flat upon

the floor. I instantly made for the stairs. And as I was going to the stairs, I caught sight of a large church through the window-part of it falling one way, and part the other-the steeple was the first thing that fell. I thought of my father, but don't remember any thing more till I found myself in my father's arms. I had no senses at all after that-I don't know how I got down stairs, nor whether I got down stairs at all-nor do I know where I went after 1 got out of doors, nor how long it was before I was in the arms of my father. I had no hat on ; the buttons were torn from my clothes, and my clothes too were badly torn. I was not otherwise hurt.

Mr. Risley says-When I recovered my consciousness, I found the towel ring crushed in my hand, and my boy in my arms,-how he came there I know not, nor does he know, nor are we ever likely to know what brought us together --forat that time there was no living being in sight. We seemed to have been saved purely by the miraculous preservation of the Almighty. As to my own clothes, my coat was litterally torn off of me : my watch was mashed in my pocket, both sides of it being broken in, my vest open and torn, and my pantaloons badly injured. I was obliged to borrow clothes to get out of the place. My hair was completely filled with lime, and 1 was altogether covered with dust and dirt. I received however no visible wound. but for two weeks was very sore, and hardly able to use my limbs. By the time I had esca-

ped to the distance of the thirty yards which I spoke of, the violence of the first shock had seemed to abate a very little, but was almost instantaneously renewed again, with far greater violence than before ; and then it was that I lost all consciousness, until I found my boy in my arms. When I thus partially recovered my senses, I first began to feel the arms and limbs of my child, to see if any of them were safe and sound, I got up and began to look about

On the morning of Friday, the 10th, I was ! was fortunately saved, in a man-of-war, to St. | nal gives the following : Pierre, of Martinique, where I was very kindly received by P. A. De Crany, the American saw a very large looking-glass which hung up | Consul of that town. He had, the day before I quake that ever was recorded in verse or prose. against the wall in the room where I was, fall arrived, fitted out a vessel loaded with provis- both natives of Ohio. He was, I believe, for ions and other necessaries at his own expense, sofa was upset, and the table too-and every- and despatched it to the relief of the sufferers at Point a Petre .-- N. Y. Herald.

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Whaling off New Zealand.

The whale-boats are admirably adapted for the purpose for which they are intended. They are of various constructions, and are designated Straits, but are at the same time swift and buovant. When starting on a whaling expedition, nel, where a view opens over Cook's Straits and Cloudy Bay from the southern headland, where they keep a 'look-out' for the spouting of a whale. The boat which kills the cali claims the cow, even though it should have been kil-

led by another boat's crew. If a whale has been killed, the different boats assist in towing it to Te-awa-iti. I once saw ten or twelve boats towing a whale. Each boat had a little flag. and the scene way gay and animated. One day a calf had been killed, and the cow, having been fastened upon but not despatched, was towed inside the channel. Gasping in the agony of death, the tortured animal, when close to our ship, threw up jets of blood, which dyed the sea all round ; and, beating about his tail, it broke a boat right in the middle, and threw the crew into the water; but at length died, exhausted from the many wounds which the irons and harpoons had inflicted. The calf was stated by the sailors to be six weeks old, (on what grounds I do not know.) and was about thirtyfour feet long. It was cut up in a few minutes. and gave several barrels of oil. The process was so rapid, that when I came ashore I found only the head. I cut out the brains, the weight of which, amounting to five pounds and one ounce, astonished me greatly. The whalebone way soft, and therefore useless. There were two hundred plates of it on each side of the roof of

CLEVINGER, THE SCULPTOR AND HIS WIFEforwarded by the Mayor of Point a Petre, who A foreign correspondent of the Ohio State Jour-

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"I never in my life became acquainted with a more interesting family than that of Mr. Clevinger, Sculptor. Clevinger and his wife are several years a common stone-cutter ; and perhaps if he had not been placed to that very business, the fire of his genius would never have been kindled, and the noble art of sculpture would have been deprived of the brightest lustre which that genius is shedding upon it. It is said that there is no native artist living who as English, French, or American; each has models Nature with more accuracy and spirit some peculiarity to recommend it. They are than he, and I believe there can be no one more capable of resisting the rough sea of Cook's determined to build up a name and reputation that shall live after him. His wife is as ambitious and enthusias ic as he, and is in all resthe boats leave Te-awe-iti before the dawn of pects just such a wife as such an artist should the morning. Each has either five or six oars, have. She is pretty, kind-hearted and intelliand a crew accordingly. The boat-stearer and gent, and so industrious that she takes the manthe headman are the principal men in the bost, agement of the household business and the and are generally Europeans ; the rest are na- education of her two children entirely upon hertives. They pull to the entrance of Tory Chan- self-relieving her husband from all responsibilities and anxieties out of his studio. They are both great favorites with all Americans who go to Florence ; and I hope that they will remain there till you and I can pay them a visit together."

> AN ARMY OF CHILDREN .- As children natually imitate the actions and manners of adults about them, when the crusades were the theme of every tongue they often wished to become pilgrims and knights errant -In the year 1212 many thousands of boys and girls abandoned their homes, not only in France, but in Germany and Italy, giving out that they were bent upon delivering the Holy Land. The eldest were not more than eighteen. It was in vain that their parents attempted to restrain them. They watched opportunities of escape, and got away by making holes in the walls ; and sallied forth from the paternal mansion with as much joy as if they had been going to a festival. The fate of these unhappy children, as may be supposed was unfortunate ; they were entrapped in numthe East with children. A great many were shipped in the Mediterranean ports, and many died of hunger and fatigue in the long journies to which they had voluntarily devoted themselves, but for which their strength was utterly

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HANDS OFF .- A young damsel was going to a party, when her mother charged her to keep the beaux at a respectable distance. You may let them converse with you as much as you please, but make them keep their "hands off." Miss went to the party, and was highly delighted with one gallant who was disposed to put his arms around her neck. She repulsed his advances, and cried "hands off, sir !" He sued humbly for the privilege of kissing her very softly on one cheek. 'Oh yes, you may kiss me as much as you please," said she, "but mainma says you must keep your hands off."

There is now living, near Georgetown Heights, D. C., a lady, aged near 100, who is the only person in the District, we believe, says the "Capitol," that can and has said, "Arise, daughter-go and see your daughter-for your daughter's daughter has a daughter.

LYDAL PERSPICUITY -In a recent book on Chancery Practice, vol. 1, p 125, is the following choice spec men of legal perspicuity :--"When a person is bound to do a thing, and he does what may enable him to do the thing, he is supposed in equity to do it, with a view of doing what he is bound to do !

SHORT BUT EFFECTUAL DIRECTIONS FOR VAatous Esps.-To embitter domestic life-Maintain your opinion on small matters at the point of the bayonet.

To secure yourself against a candid hear. ing-Call men hard names before you have signified them.

Malice, envy, and rev nge, often, like Haman erect their own gallows.

Ladies of fashion starve their happiness to feed their vanity, and their love to feed their pride-and pinch their stomachs to prevent waist !

PALLIATION .- "Pray, sir," said the Judge to a bankrupt brought up to be discharged on his petition-"Pray, sir, how could you wilfully, and with your eyes open, contract such a number of debts without any visible means of paybers by merchants of Venice, Genoa, and Mar- ing them !" "Why, Judge," said the petitionseilles, who were at that time engaged in the er, "you labor under a great mistake-I have infamous traffic of supplying the seragines of never in my life contracted a debt ; on the contrary. I have invariably done every thing to enlarge them !"

> A butcher about to kill a cow, employed Patrick to hold her. The butcher squinted, nd when looking at the cow, appear at the man. Pat, fearing he should get knocked down instead of the cow, said in much of a hurry, "Shure, man, do you strike were you luck!" "To be sure I do; where do you think I'd strike I" "Then you may howld the cow

of the tricks performed by a celebrated juggler now in that metropolis.

Among other incomprehensible doings, he boils four plucked pigeons in a kettle of water and out fly four living birds from an empty vessel ; he returns to their owners a score of handkerchiefs washed and ironed, that a moment be- jar, to the instant my fect struck the pavement. fore lay sorking wet in a pail; and he produces no end of boquets out of an old hat that he stamps upon and turns inside out, each pressure or squeeze of the hand being followed by a fresh supply of bunches of sweet-smelling flowers from the old battered hat. A young lady near us lent her straw bonnet, and was borrified at seeing it crushed up into a ball ; but to her great relief it appeared hanging at the top of the proscenium, and being brought down by a pistol shot, she found quite undamaged. A handful of gold watches is flung to the back of the stage, and presently re-appear banging from the branches of a plant that had just been watered, and placed under a heated cover for procuring this sort of golden fruit. Bunches of keys, that seem not to be out of sight, are found attached to the roots of a plant in a flower pot : and a head with goggle eyes, at the summons of a pistol shot, thrusts out a bunch of rings at the tip of his tongue, and stares with two gold watches for eyeballs, though one could have sworn both rings and watches were under certain covers.

MARRIAGE .- Marriage is a mystery. Marriage is a lottery. Marriage is "very like a whale," and very likely to introduce you among a "sea of troubles." A respected contemporary observes that marriage "is like a silk pursemost agreeable to bear when there is plenty in it." Marriage is like a mousetrap-once get in, and you are caught, without the least prospect of recovering your liberty. Marriage is like a "rose tree in full bearing"-how attractive are its flowers ! but the bright leaves fall after a season, and the thorns alone remain. Marriage among fools is like a boiled calf's head without the accompaniment of brains. Marriage is like a roast leg of mutton on Sunday, served up cold on Monday, ditto with pickles on Tuesday, and hashed up on Wednesday. In short, marriage is a mixture, and you can hardly taste the sweets without imbibing some portion of the sour.

The editor of the Lowell Courier has hit upon a new and pleasant way of dissolving the Union. He says that by simply transposing two to the lady of the house, went up stairs with his 000, and I could never see over 2 or 3 thousand He was xpatriated for his xcesses, and, to xpaletters in the word United States, we become grandmother, where he had before this been persons of the whole population, who were out tiate his xtravagance, xiled-and xpired in x-Untied States at once.

Jugatise .- The London Spectator thus speaks and at precisely the same moment, and with-

I think it could not have been over three to five seconds from the instant I first felt the My impression on touching the ground was its indescribably rapid motion-I can compare it to nothing unless it might be the seive of a first one way and then the other, that the lateral motion of the earth must have been from to another. eleven to fourteen feet. I succeeded, notwithstanding, in retaining my feet for some eight or ten seconds, till I got away from the build- terly impossible to give even the faintest ing to the distance of 30 or 40 yards into an idea. Even the place and direction of the open lot of ground.

While I was walking this distance of thirty or forty yards. I saw the buildings of the whole city tumbling into one mass of ruins-and also the earth opening in the lower part of the thing combustible, and also destroying a great town and spouting up immense volumns of water, to the height of an hundred or an hundred and fifty feet. The multitude of thoughts which passed through my mind during these few seconds is utterly inconceivable and incredible. If there could have been any first thoughts amid such an instataneous flood, my first thought was for my little boy. In relation to him he was not with me on that morning. At about

half past eight o'clock, Mr. Montague, a friend of mine, had by previous arrangement, called the dying from the ruins, wherever they heard for him, and taken him away to breakfast with cries of distress. In one instance we succeeded some friend of his-where or who it was 1 in very nearly extracting a man from the ruins. know not, and neither does the boy know. But having gotten him all out except his legs and knowing the reputation of Mr. Montague, I of the lower part of his body, when the fire broke myself no uneasiness about him.

tague took me to the distance of some six or been overwhelmed in the same ruins, and who eight blocks from the Coffee House where Heft | were all consumed in the subterranean fire.] my father, to the house of some friend of Mr. call it a subterranean fire because it is well M's, whose name I do not know. There was known that few of these honses in that country a store kept under the house, and I was taken were like to have any fire in them at that time. up to the second floor. There was one young lady who was playing upon the piano, and consciousness, I suppose I could have thrown a playing with a little wagon.

me. I was still so entirely bewildered that I I got the whole roof cut off, and, intended to

out waiting to turn myself about, I started from searcely knew what had happened, or whether my seat, and actually jumped sideways out of it were not all a dream. I then began to look the window, through glass sash and all, land- about me, and saw various individuals, men, wosuspended over a fire, and perfectly isolated, ing some ten or twelve feet in the yard below. men and children, of all classes and ages, wandering about half frantic like myself. Some were in search of a son or a daughter-others of a father or a mother-some brothers and sisters-others of friends and relatives-all weeping or in the utmost conceivable agony-pitch ing and falling about the ruins and dead bodies. thrashing mill in its most rapid motion. I They would go from one dead body to another, should judge from the distance I was thrown, overhauling them to see if they could find the person sought for-and if not successful, pass on

> At this time the whole city was one vast pile of ruins, the awful appearance of which it is utstreets were in many cases wholly obliterated, and could not be found.

Subterranean fires now began to burst forth in different parts of the city, consuming everynumber of persons who might otherwise have been saved.

At this time also the earth opened along the line of the wharves, as I afterwards learned from other persons, throwing up volumes of water, and then gradually closing again-and supposed to have swallowed up a great number of individuals.

Everybody immediately went to work, negroes, sailors, and all, to dig out the dead and course felt that Master John was safe, and gave out and burnt him to death before our eyes. At the same time and place we could distinctly Master John tells his story thus :- Mr. Mon- hear the cries of eight or ten others, who had From the place where I first recovered my several others were also present, who had been stone over at least 800 dead and dying. As to invited there that morning. The whole party the whole number of persons who ultimately were waltzing-I was also waltzing with one perished by that earthquake, I should judge of the ladies. Breaktast was nearly ready, and there must have been from ten to fifteen thouwe were just going to sit down to it. A mi- sand-I have no doubt fifteen thousand. The mute or two before this, a little boy belonging population of the town was said to be about 22.- ment, and xtraordinary in xtempore xpressions.

dry and preserve it, I placed it on the roof of a neighboring house, but on the following morning I had the mortification to find that the rate night and had eaten all the softer parts so that the rest fell to pieces. A portion of the heart

of this calf was roasted and sent to our table. In taste I found it very like beef, but it is darker in color. The cow was sixty feet long, and measured between the fins on the belly eightytwo inches. Her skin was velvet-like black, with the exception of a milkwhite spot round the navel. As regards the color of the whale I have been assured that it is sometimes speckled ; and that even perfect albinos, or creamcolored ones are seen, which must indeed be beautiful animals. The fat or blubber of this whale was nine inches thick, and yielded eight tons and a ha'fof oil. Whales have been known to yield twelve or thirtren tons ; but I have

been told, that so large a quantity is now rarely obtained, from the great decrease of the whales. A whale which yields nine tons is at present regarded as a very good one. The tongue was of a white or ash color, and blackish toward the roots. This organ gave several barrels of oil, and is a monopoly of the 'tonguer,' or 'cutter-in.' The latter operation is performed at Te-awa-iti, near the shores, where, by means of a windlass, the whale is raised to the surface of the water under a scaffold called a shears.' The blubber is cut off in square pieces by means of a sharp spade ; it is then carried to the shore, and immediately put into the trying pots. The 'cutting-up' of a whale, secundem artem, is a process which requires great proficiency, like that of the skillul dissector, who separates the cutis, and with it at once subscles. In the whale the blubber is to be regarded as the cutis, in the cellular structure of which the oily matter has been deposited. Shortly after the death of the fish the epidermis comes off in large pieces, looking like oiin New Zealand.

XTRAVAGANZA XTHAORDINARY .-- Charles X., x King of France, was xtravagantly xtolled, but is accedingly accrated. He shibited atraordinary xcellence in xigency; he was xemplary in xternals, but xtriasic on xamination; he was satic under shortation, streme in scite-

inadequate.

Throw away the last new novel, (says a writer in a late number of the Quarterly Review.) Go with me through these dark lanes, and native dogs had found their way to it in the blind courts, into the damp cellars and famisted garrets, where poverty, vice, and crime yourself till I get out of the way, jist." are crowded together, layer upon layer, where breeds the corruption that pollutes our moral atmosphere. Here, my friend, is a volume that may excite you-here is a work which you may read. Forget your luxury ; forget your luxurious case; blush for your repinings, your sentimental whimperings, your vapours and indigestion, and remember that you are men and women, and that it is our business to make this earth a paradise, and every human heart a meet temple for the living God.

> TO THE LADIES .- The following article to raise flowers in a peculiar manner, is inserted for your special benefit, with a hope that you will try it.

AMUSEMENT FOR YOUNG LADIES .- To obain different flowers from the same stem .---Split a small twig of elder bush lengthwise, laughed at by the soldiery on account of his and having scoped out the pth, fill each of the lameness, said "I am here to fight, not to run." compartments with seeds of flowers of different sorts, but which blossom about the same time, surround them with modd; and then tying together the two balves of the twig, plant the whole in a pot filled with earth property prepared The stems of the different flowers will then be so incorporated as to exhibit to the eye only the stem throwing out branches covered with flowers analagous to the seed which produced them.

THE DIFFERENCE .-... The difference between a republic and a monarchy : Pile all the people all fat and cellular tissue, from the subjacent into a pyramid, with the President for an spex, and you have the symbol of a republic. You can shake the President, but you can't move the united force of the people. Invert that pyramid, with a King for its base, and you have the symbol of a monarchy -Trip up that led and dried satin .- Dieffenbach's Travels King, and the whole structure falls in confusion."

> A MATERIAL DIFFERENCE .- A clorgyman of a country willage desired his clerk to give notice that there would be no service in the atterpoon, as he was "going to officiate for another clergyman." The clork, as soon as the service was ended, called out, "I am desired to give notice that there will be no service this afternoon, as Mr. L. is going a fishing with another clergyman !" Mr. L., of course, corrected the ackward yet amusing blunder.

SAM JOHNSING .- I'm 'stonished, Pete, at de want of taste in the conundrum committee .mine was delected. Pete-'Jected ! What was it ? Sam-Why is Sam Johnsing's flame Dinab, like a kind ob cloth dey make in Lowell ! Pete-Darkee, no guess dat. Sam-Coz she'san unbleached shee-ting. Pete-Well, you'll get her, and instead of one cup, you'll be a couple.

"I expect," said a young physician just entering on the practice of medicine, "to see a good many death-beds." "No doubt," said his friend, "if you should have much practice."

A GOOD RETORT -An Athenian who was lame in one foot, on joining the army, being

"How must Jony ha' telt when the wale swallowed him ?"

"Sort o' down in the mouth, I 'spose."

MATRIMONIAL COLLOGUY .- Husband, I don't know where that boy got his bad temper-not from mr, I'm sure." "No, my dear, for I don't perceive that you've lost any."

An Irishman says that some old topers are walking volcances, and the carbuncles on their noses are eraptions of the cratur.

GETTING OS .- "Sam, how many logs have you sawed, ch !" "Why, Ma'am, when I get this and three other ones done, 1'll have sawed four !"

Why is a pig in a parlor like a house on fl e; Because the sooner it's put out the better -When is a lady like a trout ! When she takes a fly that brings her to the bank .- Why is the sun like a good loaf? Because it's light when it rises .-- Why is a bird a greedy creature ! Because it never eats less than a peck .--- When is a fowl's neck like a bell ! When its rung for dinner .- Why is'nt a boy like a pretty bennet ? Because one becomes a woman and the other don't.

"Why is a jewsharp like a woman !" Ans : Because it is nothing without the tong ue.

and about, looking for their friends. lile.