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From Blackwood's Edinburg Magazine. THE PROPHECY OF THE TWELVE TRIBES.

"And Jacob celled unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearlien ento Israel your father." Gannesis, xlix, 1, 2, &c

The patriarch sat upon his bed-His check was pale his eye was dim; Long years of woe had bow'd his head, And feeble was the giant limb And his twelve mighty sons stood nigh, In grief-to see their father die!

But, sudden as the thunder roll, A new-born spirit fill'd his frame, His fairting visage flash'd with soul-His lip was touch'd with living flame ; And barst, with more than prophet fire, The stream of Jodgment, Love and Tre

" REURES. " thou spear-head in my side, Thy father's first-born, and his shame; Unstable us the rolling time,

A blight has fall'n upon thy name. Decay shall follow thee and thine : Go, ourcast of a hallow'd line!

" States and Livid sons of blood That still hangs bravy on the land; Your flocks shall be the robber's tood, Your folds shall bloze beneath his brand. In swamp and forest shall ve dwell: Be scatter'd among Israel!

" Jupan !] All hall, Tuou priest, thou king! The crown, the glory, shall be thine; Thine, in the fight, the cagle's wing-Thine, on the hill, the oil and wine.

Thou lion ' nations shall turn pale When swells thy rear upon the guie * Judah, my son, ascend the throne, "Till comes from heaven the rubern king-

The prophesied the mighty one, Whose neel shall crush the serpent's sting 'Till earth is paradise again, And six is dead, and death is slain

* Wife as the surges. Zenuloval Thy daring keel shall plough the sea; Before thee sink proud Sidon's sun. And strong Issachar toil for thee Thou, reaper of his corn and eit,

Lord of the grant and the soil! "Whose bannor flames in hattle's van Whose mail is first in slaughter gored! Thou, subtler than the serpent, Day, Prince of the arrow and the sword. Woe to the Syrian charieteer.

When rings the rushing of thy spear "Crush'd to the earth by war and woe, Gan. I shall the cup of bondage drain. Till hold revenge shall give the blow That ways the long arrear of pain. Thy cup shall glow with tyrant-gore.

Thou be my son-and man once more, "Loved Narutate ** the snow white hind thell bask beneath the rose and sine. Proud Asurer, to the mountain wind Shall star-like blaze, thy battle-sign All bright to both, from birth to comb. The heavens all sunshine, earth all bloom!

* The privileges of the first-born passed away from the tribe of Reuben, and were divided among his brothern. The double portion of the inheritance was given to Joseph-the priesthood to flevi-and the severeignty to Ju. whose pyramids of sparkling waters descend Cab. The tribe never rose into national pow- into basins of oriental granite, 50 feet in cirer, and it was the first which was carried into

† The massacre of the Shechemites was the the tribe of Simeon was Jepressed; and ite position, on the verge of the Amalekilles, always expected it to sufficiency. The Levites, though heritance in Palestine; they dwell scattered as church is 360 feet, nearly equal to the width of

mong the tribes. the beginning of the nation. It led the van in the march to Patestine. It was the first an-

and, most glorious of all titles, was the tribe of Zebulon was a maratime tribe-its location extending along the sea-shore, and stretching were located in the country afterwards called Lower Galilee; were chiefly tillers of the soil; were never distinguished in the military or civil transactions of the nation; and as they dweit among the Canaanites, seem to have habitually served for hire. Issachar is characterined as the "strong ass" -- a drudge, powerful,

t The tribe of Dan were remarkable for the daring of their exploits in war, and not less so for their stratagems. Their great chieftan, subtlety, might be an emblem of their qualities

and history. Gad, a tribe engaged in continual and me-

morable conflicts. ** Naphtali and Asher inhabited the most fertile portions of Palenstine.

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

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" Joseph, tt come near-my son, my son! Egyptian prince, Egyptian sage, Child of my first and best-loved one-Great guardian of thy father's age. Bring Ernrain and Manassen nigh, And let me bless them ere I die

" Hear me-thou God of Israel ! Thou, who hast been his living shield In the red desert's lion-dell, In Egypt's famine stricken field, In the dark dungeon's chilling stone, In Pharaoh's chain -- by Pharaoh's throne.

"My son, all blessings be on thee, Be blest abroad, be blest at home: Thy notion's strength-her living tree, The well to which the thirsty come; Blest be thy valley, blest thy hill,

Thy father's Gop be with the still! "Thou man of blood, thou man of might, Thy soul shall ravin, Benjam's it Thou walf by day, thou wolf by night, Rushing through slaughter, spoil, and sin; Thine engle's beek and vulture's wing

Shall curse thy nation with a king ' Then ceased the voice, and all was still The hand of death was on the frame; Yet gave the heart one final thrill.

And breathed the dying lip one name "Sons, let me rest by Leah's side!" He raised his eyes to heaven-ned died

If The two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseli descended from Joseph, possessed the finest por-tion of the land along both sides of the Jordan. The united tribes numbered a larger population than any of the rest. Busides Joshua, five of the twelve judges of Israel were of the united tribes. In the formation of the kingdom of Israel, an Erbraimite was the first king.

If The tribe of Benjamin was conspifor valor. But its turbulence and ferocity wrought its fall, in the great battles recorded in Judges xix and xx. Saul was of this fierce tribe. It was finally lost in that of Judah.

From the Reading Gazette. JOURNAL OF A TOUR IN EUROPE.

ROME-St. Peter's .- I rose at an early hour and proceeded to the Pente San Angelo the ball of St. Peter's. This brings to my mind one being wide enough to admit two carriages abreast. Its width is 56 feet and its heighth 55. The balustrade on its top is ornamented 126 feet in height, including the pedestal and Caligula and erected in the Circus of Nero. On Tu es Petrus, et supher hane petram redeficable either side of this is a magnificent fountain cumference and hewa out of single blocks. The piazza, approached by a magnificent flight of stens, stands the stopendous metropolitan temfinally entrasted with the priesthood, bad no to. | ple of the Catholic world. | The width of the immense entublature which is surmounted by

the church only, or the long part of the Latin | sions. The baldaquino or canopy and the cocross. The short part of the cross measures 500 feet in length and is of the same height more buildings of the dimensions of the Court house, making in all 27 ft. Then you have the side-aisles and chapels unoccupied. The dimensions of the cupola are vasi beyond conception. On some remarks being made in presence of Michael Angelo in regard to the size and beauty of the come of the Pantheon, he replied that "he would make as fine a dome as. his word literally in the construction of the dome of St. Peter's. This gigantic dome rests upon four enormous pillers placed at the four angles where the two parts of the cross intersect, and are joined to each other by sublime arches. Thees colorsal pillars measure each 206 feet in circumference, and occupy a good deal more space than our Episcopal Church and tower to the enormous height of 166 feet, which is higher than the Court-house steeple. The diameter of the dome is 130 feet, (nearly twice whole height is 500 feet, equal to the height of Two and a half Lutheran Church steeples placed ed already to 47 millions of dollars. upon each other !! To support this vast superstructure the walls of the building at this part are 21 feet in thickness. The whole enace occupied by this stupendons edifice is not far short of being equal to two of our squares. You ascend to the roof by a stairway wide chough to admit a carriage, and the ascent is so easy that you might readily ride up, at least with a mule, The top is surrounded by a high parapet wall, is paved with stones, and farmished with a numiber of ledges for the attendants, of which I was told there were 500 constantly employed in various capacities about the building. You would here rather suppose yourself in a considerable town than on the top of St. Peter's, the indges This great prophecy was delivered about representing the houses, and the domes (for three hundred years before the conquest of there are three of them) the churches or public buildings. From here you ascend between the outer and inner walls of the cupola until you come to a small door which opens upon the upper gallery, a projection of masonry about two and a half feet wide protected by a delicate iron railing. Upon this apparently insecure footbold I walked around the immense circumference of by appointment, to meet my obliging friend Mr. the dome, suspended in air at the dizzy and fear-Mancinelli, who promised to accompany me to ful height of 275 feet from the pavement! Persons below had dwindled into pigmies, and the the promise I made you to give you some ac- footfall and hum of the rervices in the chapels count of this mighty edifice before leaving beneath fell upon the earlike the marmur of Rome. But how shall I make you comprehend distant waters. It was an awfully grand and the vastness, the stupendousness, the sumpto- heart-stirring position! We again proceeded self the standard of all comparison ! Perhaps which is 55 feet in height and is furnished with by comparing its dimensions with objects with- numerous windows from which the most magin your knowledge. But we will stop a mo- nificent views of the city and surrounding counment to examine the grand piazza, at the end try enrapture the heart. We next ascended of which St. Peter's is placed. This is a mag-through the stem of the ball into the bell itself n ficent open space, beautifully paved, over a which is of sufficient eimensions to permit me thousand feet in length by five hundred wide, to walk in it erect, and of a capacity to contain enclosed on two sides by the bold and graceful at least sikteen persons. It is furnished with sweep of the splendid semi-circular covered openings to silmit light and air, and from them colonnade constructed by Bernini, under Pope the Mediterranean can be discerned. I often Alexander VII. This colonnade is compered of regarded the ball from the pinzza below, and its 384 immense columns of travertime, and 64 diameter did not appear to my eye to be more pilasters, forming three passages, the middle than eighteen inches. The whole internal part of this immense dome is finished in splendid masaics, and the vault is divided into compartments, gilt and filled up with pictures in with 92 colossal statues. In the centre of this musaic, and crowned with a representation of pazza stands the Egyptian obelisk, measuring the Deity. On the entablature beneath the dome, in letters four and a half feet in length,

Immense and incredibly vast on are the inhighest jet is said to rise 61 feet. On a gentle dividual parts of this gigantic structure, yet erime of the two brothers. For a long period, elevation at the extreme and of this splendid so perfect are the symmetry and proportions tablished a communication with Zaida, the that the whole does not strike you very powerfully at first sight. But it is a common remark among strangers, that the oftener you visit St. Peter's, the more extended and vast it appears one of our squares, and its height is 150 feet, or | I was constantly deceived in my estimation of * The tribe of Judah was distinguished from higher than the Court House steeple. Its fa. the distances of objects nexted me, for owing helpies. The aller-struck at such such as the distances of objects nexted me, for owing helpies. cade is formed of a double row of stupenious to their immensity they appeared to be very near pointed to expel the Canannites. It gave the columns of travertine, measuring 8 feet in di. when in residy they were at a great distance, to want while he went for a larger house; then first judge, Onlineil. It was the tribe of Davidt ameter and 50 feet in height, supporting an Scroblects that record small, when approached enlarged into incredible magnitude. One day statues of Christ and the twelve spostles, of co. I was entering the piazza of St. Peter's and oblossal size. The vestibule measures 439 feet | served a carriage approaching an arch on the | tice and laid the matter before him. His exto the borders of Sidon. The tribe of Issachar in length, 37 in width, and 62 in keight. At side of the church opposite to me, which appear cellency got into his carriage and went to call one end is the equestrian statue of Constantine, ed at most seven feet high; but I saw the coachand at the other that of Charlemagne, Its vault. man crack his whip as he drew near it, and ed ceiling is splendidly painted and gilt. The supposing him to be a stranger who did not his back supported by cushious, smoking latagreat central door of bronze must measure 40 know that he could not pass under it, I stopt to kin in a chiboque, while an icoglan scratched by 30 feet, being at least equal to the whole see the result. To my utter astonishment the the soles of his feet, and two slaves fanned him. front of one of our two-storied houses. The carriage entered the arch and disappeared. It The minister made his three salaams: the Dey length of the great nave or main body of the seemed like a miracle, and I went under the arch nodded his head, church is 614 feet, or 126 feet longer than our to examine it and found that I could not reach longest squares, its width is 82 and its height lits top with my cane extended at arms length! Samson, distinguished alike for strength and 145 feet, so that it would contain 15 of our As you enter the church from the vestibule you Court houses, (calculating the height at 50 feet) push aside with difficulty, the immense leathern three piled upon each ciner, and five set end to door-curtain and stand in the great nave. At end, and would then leave a passage all around the opposite end you see the high alter which a sufficient width to let a curriage pass. This, appears quite near you, but you will find it a please to recollect is the great middle sisle of Journey to reach it. It is of gigantic dimen- mitting a crime.'

lumns are at bronze gilt, which required the enormous weight of 1963 hundred of metal to his interlocutor in the most profound astonish- sound between a sigh and a roar. with the long part, and would contain twelve form them. The canopy rises to the immense ment, height of ainety feet above the pavement. Before you arrive at the great alter, you come to what is called the Sucree Confessione, the place where the remains of St. Peter are said to rest, beneath the level of the pavement of the present Church. The space is protected by a balustrade of precious marbles, and a double staircase leads to the oratory below, which is that and suspend it in the air." He has kept ornamented with bronze gilt and encrusted with a profusion of the richest marbles. The whole is decorated with a hundred someth and elegant. lamps, which are kept burning night and day. Behind the alter is the Tribung,-but how is it possible for me to describe what would require months of time and volumes, to make comprehensible. All the great works of the great painters are here copied in mosaic, and room, the monuments and other objects of sculpture seem interminable. As I could ascertain nothing about recent estimates of the cost of St. the length of the Lutheran Church,) and its Peter's, I conclude that they have ceased to calculate; but in 1694, the sum expended amount-

DUMAS IN HIS CURRICLE.

The Blackwood for March gives in a very amu-ing article, the salient prints of humor contained in the work of M. Dumas upon Naples From it we take the following story of the late

ex-Dev of Algiers: In the first we are informed of M. Dumas's installation at the Tistel Vattoria, kept by M. Martin Zill, who, besides being an inn-keeper, is a man of much seems in act, a distinguished antiquary, an amateur of pictures, a collector of autographs and enriesities. Apropos of the hotel, we have an anecdote of the ex-Dev of Algiers, who, on being dispossessed of his domintions by the French, took refuge at Naples, and established filmicell under M. Zell's hospitable roof. The third story was occupied entirely by his suite and attendants, the fourth was for himself and his treasure, the fifth or the garrets, he converted into his harem. The carious arms, costumes and jeweis which Hussien Pacha had brought with him, were a godsend to the virtuous tavern-keeper, who was never weary of examining and admiring them; and, before the African had been a week in the house, he and his host were sworn triends. Unfortunately this harmony was not destined to last very

"One morning Hussein Pacha's cook to Nubian as black as into and an chining as if it had kitchen of the hotel, and asked for the largest kulle they had. The head wook gave him a nort of curving knife, some eighteen inches long, sharp as a razor, and pliant as a foil. The negro looked at it, shook his head at it in doubt whether it would do, but nevertheless took it up stairs with him .- Presently he brought it down again, and asked for a larger one. The cook opened all his drawers, and at last found a sort of cutlass, which he hardly ever used on account of its enormous size. With this the Number appeared more satisfied, and again went up stairs. Five minutes afterward be came down for the third time, and returned the knife, asking for a bigger one still .- The cook's curiosity was excited, and he inquired who wanted the knife, and for what purpose,

The African told him very could that the Dev. having left his dom nions rather in a hurcrors, which was brought from Heliopolis by executed to mosaic, are the following words, ry, had forgotten to bring an executioner with him, and had consequently ordered his cook to ecclesiam meam, et tibi daba playes regni co. get a large knife, and cut off the head of Osmia, chief of the connels, who was convicted of having kept such negligent watch and ward over his highness's scraptio, that some presumptuon- Giacur had made a hole in the wall, and es-Dey's favorite relatioque. Accordingly Osmin was to be decapitated; and as to the offending lady, the next time the Dev took an airing in the bay of Naples, she should be put into the hout in a such, and consigned to the keeping of the coolings, the cook desired his Nulson brother hastening to M. Martin Zill, he told him what he had just heard.

M. Martin Zell run to the minister of poupon the Dey.

He found his highness reclining upon a divan,

'Your highness,' said his excellency, 'I am the ted with keed, her teeth blackened with betel, minister of police."

'I know you are,' answered the Dey. the motive of my visit."

'No. But you are welcome all the saw e. I come to prevent your highness from com'A crime! And what crime!' said the Dey,

'I wonder your highness should ask the question. Your intention to cut off Osmin's head !' 'That is no crime,' answered the Dey.

'Does not your highness purpose throwing Zuida into the sea !"

'That is no crime,' repeated the Dey. 'I aught Osmin for five hundred piasters, and Zaida for a thousand sequins, just as I bought this pipe for a hundred ducats,"

"Well," said the minister, 'what does your highness deduce from that !'

'That as the pipe belongs to me, as I have bought it and paid for it, I may break it to atems, if I choose, and nobody has a right to obthrew the tragments into the middle of the

'All very well, as far as the pipe goes,' said the minister: 'but Osmin, and Zaida!'

Less than a pipe, said the Doy gravely. 'How! less than a pipe! A man less than

a pipe! A woman less than a pipe!" 'Osmin is not a man, and Zaida is not a woman; they are slaves. I will cut off Osmin's

lead, and throw Zaida into the sea." 'No t' said the magistrate. 'Not at Naples,

'Dog of a Christian !' shouted the Dey, 'do

You are the ex-Dey of Algiers, and I am the Napolitan minister of police; and, if your Deyin is impertinent, I shall send him to prison,' lded the minister very coolly.

'To prison,' repeated the Dey, falling back tpon his divan.

"To prison,' replied the minister. 'Very well,' said Hussein. 'I leave Naples

'Your highness is as free as air to go and to ome. Nevertheless, I must make one condition. Before your departure, you will swear by the Prophet, that no harm shall be done to O-m n or Zaida.'

'O min and Zaida belong me, and I shall do what I please with them."

Then your highness will be pleased to deliver them over to me, to be punished according to the laws of the country, and, until you do so, you will not be allowed to leave Naples.'

.Who will prevent me ?"

The Pacha laid his hand on his trigger The minister stepped to the window and made a sign. The next moment the tramp of heavy boots and jingle of spurs were heard upon the stairs; the door opened, and a gigantic corporal of gend' armes made his appearance, his right and raised to his cocked hat, his left hand upon the seat of his trowser.

'Gennarro,' said the minister of police, 'if I gave you an order to arrest this gentleman, would you see any difficulty in executing it?"

'None, your excellence.' 'You are aware that this gentleman's name

s Hussein Pacha ?"

'I was not, your excellency,' 'And that he is Dey of Algiers !'

'May it please your excellency, I don't know

'You see said the minister, turning to the

'The devil !' exclaimed Hussein.

'Shall I ?' said Genoarro, taking a pair of

handcuffs from his pocket, and advancing a pace him, I was on top-u-graphy; when I want toward the Dey, who, on his part, took a step him to canter, I say ge-o-graphy; when I waste

cessary. His highness will do as he is bid. Go and search the hotel for a man named Osmin, and a woman named Zaida, and take them both to the prefecture."

'What !' cried the Dey ; this man is to en-

'He is not a man,' replied the minister; 'he is a coporal of gend'armes. But if you do not the same was sufficiently dried in the sun, he wish him to go, send for Osmin and Zaida your- found no difficulty in fitting a mouth piece

"Will you promise to have them punished!" guired the Dev. "Certainly; according to the utmost rigor of

'Hussein Pacha clapped his hands. A door concealed behind the tapestry was opened, and

a slave entered the room. 'Bring down Osmin and Zaida,' said the Dey, The slave bowed and disappeared without utter. ing a word. The next instant he came back

"The cunuch was a little round fat fe llow, with beardless face, and small hands and feet. Zaida was a beautif al Circassian, her eyelids painher nail reddened with henna. On perceiving Hu sein Pacha, the cunuch fell upon his knees; 'Then your highness probably conjectures Laida raised her head. The Dey's eyes flashed, and he clutched the hilt of his kanigar.

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them, and led them out of the room. As the taking the pipe from his mouth, and gazing at door closed behind them the Dey uttered a

> "The magistrate looked out of the window. till he saw the prisoners and their escort disappear at the corner of the Strada Chiatamone .-Then turning to the Dey-

> 'Your highness is now at liberty toleave Naples, if he wishes so to do,' said the imperturbable functionary with a low bow.

> 'This very instant !' cried Hussein. 'I will not remain another moment in such a barbarous country as yours."

'A pleasant journey to your highness,' said the minister.

'Go to the devil !' retorted Hussein.

Before an hour had elapsed the Dey had chortered a small vessel, on board of which he emject '-So saying, the Pacha broke his pipe, and | barked the same evening with his suite, his wives, and his treasures; and at midnight he set sail, cursing the tyranny that prevented a man from drowning his wife and cutting off the heads of his slaves. The next day the minister of police had the culprits brought before him and examined. Osmin was found guilty of having slept when he ought to have watched, and Zaida of having watched when she ought to have slept. But by some strange omission, the Neapolitan code allots no punishment to such offences; and consequently Osmin and Zaida, to their infinite astonishment were immediately set at liberty .- Osmin took to selling pastilles for a livelihood, and the lady got employment as dame de comptoir in a coffee-house. As to the Dey, he had left Naples with the intention of going to England, in which country he had been informed, a man is at liberty to sell his wife, if he may not drown her. He was taken ill, however, on the road, and obliged to stop at Leghorn, where he died.

> CURE FOR A FOUNDERED HORSE .- A correspondent of the Louisville Journal says that if a horse is foundered over night, he may be cured in three hours, if it is attended to in the morning. Take a pint of hog's lard and heat it boiling hot, and after cleaning his hoof well and taking off his shoe put his foot in the lard. and with a spoon apply it to all parts of the hoof as near the hair as possible. This he says he has tried for more than fifteen years, and has never known it tail. The application should be to the foot of each found-red limb.

> A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT.—The following extract is from the Speech of Hon. John W. Dana, President of the Senate of Maine, at the close of the Legislative session :

bly, never all to meet again on castle. May our lives be such that we may be allowed to reassemble in that realm, where human imperfections will have censed to require human begislation; under that Great Lawgiver, whose code is but one law, and that, of perfect love."

THE TEST FOR A DRUNKEN MAN .- The Picayone states that a witness in Court being asked whether a man on trial was drunk or not. replied that 'he never would say a man was drunk for certain, except he saw him try to light his pipe in the river.'

GRAPHIC .- Tom Dibdin, the author and celobrated punster, had a horse which he called 'Graphy,' and gave his reason for christening as follows: When I made up my mind to buy a horse, I said I'll bi-o-graphy; when I mounted him to stand still and he wont, I say but you 'No, replied the minister, 'it will not be ne- au-to-graphy; and therefore I think Graphy is

> Tell a Yankee that it is impossible to do a thing, and he will be sure to try. One hearing the old adage that "it is impossible to make a whistle out of a pig's tail," procured one and stripped the skir, off whole. After &c., and now it squeaks most pathetically.

OFFICIAL WIT.-A postmaster writes as follows, says an exchange paper :

Dear Sir :- The Courier addressed to N. O. Moore, of this place, is no more wanted. N O. Moore being no more, his executors decline Vaking it any more.

"Black or green tea, sir !" said a waiter at public table to a live Yankee.

'Any color !' was the reply--'steel-mixe

'Where are you bound Jack !' asked !!-Bowling to his shipmate. 'To Chus-Ann firm', and then to Hav-Anna,' answered Jack. Then you are really going to Hav-re, wai-

Osmin grew pale ; Zeida smiled. The minis-What do rich people generally give the ter of police made a sign to the gend'arme, poor relations! Advice-for that costs to who stepped up to the two captives, handcuffed thing,