MY OLD SWEET BRIER.

BY CALEB DUNN. A faithful friend is my Old Sweet Brier-A treasured companion in hours that are That burns as if with a fond desire

To fill the place of the leved one gone.

Many a time I have laid him by,
Locked him in closet, or drawer, or box, Only to give him his liberty As soon as against my heart he knocks. For he is a friend that a King might prize, And the poet love in that quiet time

When before his charmed vision lies The realm where thought becomes sublime. For, somehow or other, the Sweet Brier brings A sense of pleasure so perfect and mild. That the heart casts off all meaner things, And forgets there is aught in the world de-

The moon looks down from her highest throne, For the storm is past and the last bolt

Which the lightning forged in a heat its own, To cast in wrath at the helpless world. And the stars come out with a beauty new. And burn as if with a brighter fire, While their silvery gossamer I view.

Through the smoke that ascends frem my old Sweet Brier.

Many have railed at the men who love Their Killikinick and sweet Bouquet; But a thousand testimonies prove That the pipe is a friend not to cast away. For the heart may hang like a stone in the breast,

The eye grow moist with the bitterest tear. But I know there is joy to make me blest So long as my Old Sweet Brier is near.

The storms may pelt the window pane, And the wind may pitch its shrillest key, But what care I for the snow or rain, So long as my Old Sweet Brier's with me? There may be lonesome hearts around, And desolate hearthstones cold and drear. Where the phantom Sorrow is ever found,

And thought is dark as the grave or bier; But trouble and pain may pierce my heart With the fiercest shaft and sharpest blade, May strike my soul with the trustiest dart That ever the forge of misery made. And yet I will take from its place on the

shelf That talisman true, my Old Sweet Brier, For I know that it loves me more than itself, And will burn my sorrow to crisp in its fire. Others may fly to the beaming wine

To drown their woe in the sparkling bowl, But there's treachery in the juice of the vine, And a power to damn the strongest soul. It opens the door to the panper's doom,
It steals its gleam from the widow's tear, And through its brightness the drunkard's tomb

The eye can see with the vision clear. Then away with the glass and away with the

Of the rubiest wine that ever shone; Away with the blessing that's but a dream, And the laugh which is but a ribald groan. But bring me my well-filled pouch of Bouquet, When the path is dark and fond hopes

expire, And the clouds of sorrow shall pass away In the bloom that is shed by my Old Sweet

The Associations of a London Square. A writer in Belgravia gossips about some of the squares of London. Here is what he has to say of one of them :-

"Now, with a stride westward, let us pass on to Grosvenor square, which Pope mentions as early as 1716. It derived its name, Mr. Cunningham tells us, from Sir Richard Grosvenor, fourth baronet (of the Gros-Veneurs), who died in 1732. That arrogant, virulent friend of Pope's, Bishop Warburton, lived in this spot; here he propounded his paradoxes, and reviled Methodists, Wilkites, infidels, and indeed anybody that differed from him. Thrale, the good brewer, who with his generous hospitality at Streatham cheered the melancholy of his friend Dr. Johnson, died in this square in 1781. At No. 30 John Wilkes The distiller's son, thin, squinting, lisping, yet delightful, after all his duels, and political squabbles, and sedition, came here and ended his days as a quiet constitutionalist, active against the Lord George Gordon rioters.

"Wilkie's patron and Haydon's horror, Sir George Beaumont, lived at No. 29. Here he talked his pleasant platitudes about high art, and descanted over the Claudes that he used to carry about with him in his carriage. 'I see no brown in grass,' said Constable to him one day in the country, laying an old Cremona on the dazzlingly green lawn, to prove that the old masters were darker than they should be. But Sir George's mind was not original; and he went off with his brown trees and his receipt for composition till Turner came and painted as Claude should have done. and put twenty miles' more landscape within the four sides of a frame than Lorraine ever could pack.

"No. 39 Grosvenor square is a house indissolubly connected with the Cato street conspiracy, 23d of February, 1820. The conspirators-of whom the chief was Thistlewoodex-ensign in a West India regiment and a disgraced gambler of infamous character, who had dabbled in the Spafield troubles and in all the dangerous seditions of the day-with his lieutenants, Ings, a savage pork-butcher, a man of color, and a cobbler, met in a loft over a stable in Cato street (now Homer street), Edgeware road. They were armed with pikes, pistols, swords, and hand-grenades; and were to rush into Lord Harrowby's, directly Thistlewood rang the bell, with a pretended letter. Some of them were to guard the kitchen stairs and the area, to keep back the servants; while the rest were to enter the dining-room, and slay all the Cabinet Ministers that day invited to dinner. Ings carried two bags; one intended to contain Lord Sidmouth's, the other Lord Castlereagh's head, which were to be put on pikes, and carried before the conspirators through the streets. They were then to seize the cannon of the City Light Horse in Gray's Inn lane, fire some houses near there, and then march on the Bank and the Mansion House. The Bow street runners surprised them as they were arming, and secured the ringleaders. Thistlewood, however, ran ringleaders. Smithers, one of the officers, through, and escaped. He was soon after captured, and with his coadjutors, Ings, Brunt, Tidd, and David-son, hung at the Old Bailey; and afterwards clumsily beheaded, much to the disgust and horror of the crowd."

PREMATURE BURIAL .- A French paper, the Journal de Pontarlier, relates a case of premature interment. During a funeral of a young woman at Montflorin, who had apparently died in an epileptic fit, the grave-digger, after having thrown a spadeful of earth on the coffin, thought he heard a moaning from the tomb. The body was consequently exhumed, and a vein being opened, yielded blood almost warm and liquid. Hopes were for a moment entertained that the young woman would recover from her lethagy, but she never did so entirely, and the next day life was found to be extinct.

Mortality Among Married Men and Bachelors.

The London Daily News says:- "The tenth 'detailed annual report' of the Registrar-General of births, deaths, and marriages in Scotland, directs attention to the striking difference land, directs attention to the striking difference between the death rates of the married and unmarried men at each quinquennial period of life. Taking the mean of the years 1863 and 1864, it seems that at every quinquennial period of life from 20 years of age up to 85, married men died in Scotland at a much lower rate than the unmarried. Thus, from 20 to 25 years of age, in every thousand married men only 6.26 died annually, but in every thousand unmarried men at the same age, 15.01 died. From 25 to 30 years of age, only 8.23 died annually in every thousand married men, but 14.94 in every thousand unmarried. From 30 to 35 years of age, only 8.65 died in every thousand married men, but 15.94 in every thousand unmarried men. From 45 to 50 years of age, in every thousand of each class, only 17:04 married, but 21:18 unmarried died annually.

In every thousand of each class from 50 to 55 years of age, 19.54 married men died annually, but 26.34 unmarried. In every thousand of each class from 60 to 65 years of age, 35.63 married men died annually, but 44.54 unmarried men. In every thousand of each class from 70 to 75 years of age 81.56 married men died annually, but 102.17 unmarried men. Even to the extreme age of 80 to 85 years, in every thousand of each class there died annually only 137.88 married men, but 195.40 unmarried. Above this age the numbers for both classes were too small to yield trustworthy or steady results; and so few attain these extreme ages that no dis-crepancies in the results, at such ages, could affect the conclusions deduced from the mortality at the other ages.

"Small, however, as are the numbers who attain such extreme ages, the difference on the whole preponderates in favor of the married men. 'These carefully ascertained facts,' says the Registrar, 'applicable to the whole male population of Scotland who are above twenty years of age, and for a period of two years, seem to prove that the married state is the condition of life best fitted for mankind, and that at every successive stage of life married men die at a much lower rate than unmarried men of the same ages. It seems impossible, therefore, to avoid drawing the conclusion that it is to marriage, and the more regular domestic habits which attend that state, that the result is attributable."

Styptic Ether to Stop Bleeding.

It is well known that cold, if applied in the proper manner, as by the use of ice, etc., will put an immediate stop to the flow of blood, even when it comes from small arteries. After a time, however, if the cold be withdrawn, there is reaction, renewal of the circulation and bleeding. More permanent and complete effects, however, have been recently obtained from a new compound of ether, prepared and used for the purpose by Dr. Benjamin W. Richardson, of London. He calls it styptic ether, the chief feature of which is its holding in solution oxyloidine and tannin, the astringent principle of oak bark. It is thrown on the bleeding part in the form of a fine spray, through a tube prepared for the purpose. In order to test the extreme effects of the compound as a styptic, or means of checking bleeding, Dr. Richardson took sheep's blood, removed all the fibrin or coagulable part, and then let the blood remain exposed to the air for two days, to insure partial decomposition. In this way the blood was rendered nearly as fluid as port wine, and in the most unfavorable condition for being transferred into clot. A few teaspoonfuls of the blood were now placed in a saucer, and this was warmed to the temperature of the body. The spray of the styptic ether was then directed upon the fluid blood from a full-sized spray tube, and in five seconds the whole mass of blood was so thoroughly solidified that the saucer could be turned upside down without the escape of any fluid. The blood, which had previously presented the odor of putrefaction, was also deodorized, and remained so for ten days after the experiment.

Women and Tea.

Much of the nervous unrest and over anxiety of the women of this generation is due to the excessive use of tea. "Our grandmothers" drank it and worked it off through the muscular system; but those of this age, with brain and nerves more sensitive, and engaged in pursuits which intensify this condition, are rendered more excitable by stimulants, which, under other circumstances, might be used with much less harm. Women who do much manual labor drink their tea, do their work, and sleep well; while those are very nervous and wakeful whose employments are sedentary, or such as induce more mental than muscular activity. I have known many of the latter class who lived largely upon their tea, eating little food and growing thin, sensitive, and sleepless, sharp in face, sharp in feeling, and often sharp in words too. Tea may be one of the good things when used to steady and strengthen the nervous system when depressed by accident, severe sickness, or overwork; but those who live on it live too fast, and, when they have once come to rely upon it, feel weak and worthless without it, and with it grow more and more nervous still, wondering why, because they fancy their "breakfast tea" is as safe to be drank as new milk at all times of day and night. Black tea is less stimulating than green, con-sequently less injurious, but even this will not do for "victuals, drinks and lodging," as the Irishman said of his whisky .- Herald of

A Mountain Peak in the Magnesium The Oswestry Advertiser says;—"The inhabitants of the neighborhood of Dolgelly were afforded a spectacle of almost unequalled magnificence on Friday night, through the libe rality of Mr. E. Jones, of the Ship Hotel, Dolgelly, who at his own expense engaged the services of Professor Day, of Chicago, to illuminate the summit of Cader Idris and the surrounding country with a series of the most brilliant electric, magnesium, and other lights. The effect produced by the varied colors and the brilliancy of the light employed surpasses the power of language to describe. Flashes of scarlet, yellow, blue, and green lights played over the rugged surfaces of the rocks here lighting up the innermost depths of the recesses, there bringing out some bold point into more than mid-daylight. The aspect of the country beneath exhibited a most singular and weird appearance under the brilliant light of the burning magnesium. A haze over the sea prevented the auswering light simulta-neously displayed from the Wicklow Mountains from being seen, but those burning upon Snowdon and the Wrekin were very distinet; and by observations taken at the time by Professor Day he professes to detect some serious errors in the ordnance trigonometrical survey, to which the attention of the ordnance surveyors will be drawn,"

-The Spiritualists claim recognition as a strong wing of the Republican party, and want Andrew Jackson Davis to run as Chaplain for

Sleep among the Asiatics. Rev. Mr. Dall, the Unitarian Missionary at Calcutta, in describing the way of life in summer, with the thermometer at 100 degrees in the daytime, and 85 to 88 degrees in the night, says that wakefulness is the exception and drowsing the rule. The poor, old or young, who brings you a note from this 'mas-ter' (a word in which Asiatic reverence delights), no sooner delivers it than he flings himself on his back, at full length, and is sound asleep in three-quarters of a minute; so that it is hard to arouse him if you are five minutes in penning your reply. This Indian faculty of literally dropping asleep used to make me smile; but I've got used to it. I now expect to see Bengali "gentlemen" asleep in their carriages, on their way to office; and their carriages, on their way to omce; and the less wealthy, as a matter of course, asleep in their palankeens, which, by the way, are never palankeens here, but palkeys. When the Rajahs, etc., see English people dancing at Government House, they ask in wonder, 'Why not make your servants do this?' Eternal sleep in the bliss of God, and "never be born again !" is Hindooism, is Buddhism, is Asianism, is the oriental as contrasted with our idea of religion. You see it in all normal Asiatic life.

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