FROM THE PRENCH OF ERCKMANN CHATRAIN.

Carl Hafitz had spent six years in working at thorough-bass; he had studied Haydn, Gluck, Mozart, Beethoven, Rossini; he was in the full enjoyment of robust health, and of a modest fortune which allowed him to pursue his artistic vocation. In a word, he had all the requisites for composing grand and beautiful mdsic-except the one little indispensable thing-inspiration.

Every day, filled with noble ardor, he would take to his master very long and harmonically very good scores-every phrase of which, unfortunately, went to the account of Peter, or James, or Christopher.

Master Albertus, seated in his great armchair, smoking his pipe, with his feet on the andirons and his elbow on the table, would set to work to strike out his pupil's original discoveries, one after the other. Carl would cry with vexation, get angry, argue-but the old master would placidly open one of his innumerable music-books, and, with his finger on the passage, say:-

"Look there, my boy!" Then Carl would hang his head and despair of the future.

But one fine morning, when he had handed in to Master Albertus, under his own name, a fantasia of Baccherini, with scraps from Viotti, the old gentleman's composure gave

"Carl!" cried he, "do you take me for an Do you think I don't notice your wretched stealings? Really this is too bad!' Then, seeing him in consternation at this address.

"See here," said he, "I think it very likely you are cheated by your own memory, and take your own reminiscences for invention; but, decidedly, you are getting too fat; you drink too good wine, and, what is more, you are too loose in counting your glasses. That is what clogs the channels of your intelligence. You must get lean!"

"Yes!-or give up music. It is not science you lack, but ideas. The thing is very simple. If you passed your life in coating the strings of your violin with a thick layer of grease, how could they ever vibrate?"

These words of Master Albertus were a gleam of sudden illumination for Hafitz. "If I have to wear myself to a skeleton," cried he, "I shall shrink from no sacrifice, Since it is matter which clogs my soul, I will grow Ican!"

His features, at this moment, spoke such heroism that Master Albertus was touched; he embraced his dear pupil and wished him good luck.

By the next day Carl Hafitz, with wallet and staff, left the hotel of the "Three Pigeons" and the brewery of "King Gambrians" for a long journey.

He set out for Switzerland. Unluckily, by the end of six months, though his plumpness was considerably reduced, his inspiration was none the better for it.

"Could there be an unluckier fellow than I?" thought he. "Fasting or good livingwater, wine, beer-nothing can screw up my soul to sublimity pitch. What I have done to deserve so dismal a fate? While a crowd of uses are producing remarkat I, with all my science, all my work, all ray courage—I don't come to anything! Oh, Heaven is not just! No, it is not just!"

Thus meditating, he was plodding along the road from Bruck to Friburg. Night was falling; he began to lag, and was ready to drop with weariness.

At this moment he perceived, by the moonlight, an old shanty, squatted a little back from the road, with steep roof and ramshackle door, shattered window-panes, and chimney in ruins. Nettles and briars grew thick about it, and the little window in the roof scarcely peeped out over the bramble bushes of the plain, now swept by a wind which would have taken the horns off an ox. At the same moment Carl descried through

the gloom the pine branch dangling over the "Come," said he, "the inn is not fair to

look at-it is even a bit uninviting; but we must not judge by the outside." So, without hesitation, he rapped on the

door with his stick. "Who's there? What do you want?" cried a gruff voice from inside.

"Shelter and food." "Ah, ha! very well-very well!" The door opened suddenly, and Carl found himself face to face with a stout fellow, with square-cut features and gray eyes, clothed in an old sack coat out at elbows,

and holding in his hand a hatchet. Behind him flamed the fire on the hearth, lighting up the entry to a shed, the steps of a wooden stair-case, the crumbling walls, and crouching close to the fire, a girl, pale, emaciated, and dressed in a poor gown of brown calico, spotted with white. She looked towards the door with a sort of fright-in her black eyes was an indefinable expression of wild sadness.

Carl saw all this at a glance, and instinctively tightened his grasp of his stick.

"Well-come in-why don't you?" said the man. "This isn't weather to keep people

Thinking, then, that it would be ill-judged to look scared, he walked boldly into the shanty and sat down on a stool before the fire-place. "Give me your wallet and stick," said the

This time Master Albertus' pupil shivered

to his very marrow; but, before he could get over his dismay, the wallet was unstrapped, the stick leaning in a corner, and the host quietly seated again in the chimney-corner. This circumstance somewhat restored his composure.

"Herr Wirth," said he, smiling, "I shouldn't object to some supper." "What would you have?" said the other

"A bacon omelet, a jug of wine, and some cheese."

"Hey! hey! You've an excellent appetite, sir, but provisions are out."

Out "Yes."

"All?" "All." "You've no cheese?"

"No.

"Nor butter?"

"No bread?—no milk?"

"No." "Wby, good heavens! pray, what have you got?"

picking and smoothing his feathers.

"Potatoes baked in the ashes." At that moment Carl noticed in a dark corner, on the staircase steps, a whole regiment of fowls—white, black, and russet asleep, some with their heads under their wings, others with their necks sunk between their shoulders. There was even one big.

dry, dilapidated old fellow, who was coolly

must have eggs. "We took them all to market this morning

at Bruck. "Ah! Well, then, anyhow, put me on a chicken to roast."

Scarce had he pronounced these words, when the pale girl, with dishevelled hair, rushed to the staircase, crying: -"No one shall touch my fowls-no one shall touch my fowls! Ho, ho, ho! Leave

the Lord's creatures alive." There was something so terrible in the poor creature's looks that Hafitz hastily an-

swered: -

"No, no; we won't kill the fowls. Let us see the potatoes. I go in for potatoes. I shall stick to you. Now I see my vocation clearly. Here I stay three months-six months-long enough, anyhow, to get as lean as a fakir!

He said this with singular vivacity, and the host cried to the pale girl:-

"Geneveva!-Geneveva!-look-the spirit has him-like the other!"

The gale outside grew stronger, the fire fiared unsteadily on the hearth, and sent its volumes of greyish smoke in whirling eddies to the ceiling. fowls, in the flickering firelight, seemed to dance on the steps of the stairs, while the mad girl sang with her shill voice a strange old-fashioned air, and the green fagots, sweating with sap in the flame, simmered a mournful accompaniment.

Hafitz understood that he had got into the den of Hecker, the wizard; he swallowed two potatees, and raising the great red water jug, drank long and deep. Then his spirit grew calm again; he noticed that the girl had gone, and only the man was left before the fire. "Herr Wirth," he resumed, "show me to

The innkeeper, lighting a lamp, went slowly up the worm-eaten stairs, raised heavy trap-door with gray head, and showed Carl to the garret,

under the thatch. "There's your bed," said he, setting the lamp on the floor, "pleasant dreams; and be careful with the light!"

Then he went down again, and Hafitz remained alone, crouching before a great straw mattress with a big feather bed for a coverlet. He had been musing for some moments, wondering whether it would be prudent to go to sleep or not, for the old fellow's face was far from reassuring, when, thinking over the light grey eyes, the livid mouth thick-set with wrinkles, the broad, bony forehead, and parchment skin, he suddenly recollected that on the Galgenberg (Gallows Hill) were three hanged malefactors, and that one of them curiously resembled his host—that he, too, had sunken eyes, ragged elbows, and his

by the rain. He recollected, too, that the poor wretch, Melchoir by name, had been a musician, and had been hung for knocking on the head with his jug the landlord of the "Golden Lamb," who was dunning him for a conven-

great toe protruding through his shoe rotted

tionsthaler. The poor devil's music had formerly touched him deeply—it was wild and fan-tastic, and Master Albertus' pupil used to envy the vagabond; but, at this moment, seeing in fancy the figure on the gallows, its rags fluttering in the night breeze, and the the shed against the wall, a fiddle with two withered palm leaves over it.

He would have been glad to make his escape, but at that instant the rude voice of the host reached his ears.

"Put out the lamp, will you?" cried hego to bed-I told you to look out for the

At these words Carl shivered with fright, but he stretched himself on the great mattress and blow out the lamp. Everything grew still.

Now, spite of his resolution not to shut his eyes, what with listening to the howling of ths wind, the hooting of the owls through the darkness, and the scampering of the mice over the rotten floor, towords one in the morning Hafitz was sound asleep, when a sob -sad-grievous-heartrending-waked him with a start, and his face bathed in cold sweat.

He looked, and saw doubled up in the corner of the garret the figure of a man; it was Melchoir, the malefactor! Its black hair hung to its lean waist, and its neck and chest were bare. So lean was it, one might have taken it for the skeleton of an immense grasshopper; a moonbeam, which found its way through the little window, lit it up faintly with livid gleam, and long spiders' webs angled about it.

Hafitz, in silence, with staring eyes and wide open mouth, gazed at the strazge being as one might gaze at death standing behind one's bed-curtains when the fatal hour draws

Suddenly the skeleton stretched out its long bony hand and seized the violin from the wall, put it to its shoulder, and then, after a moment of silence, began to play.

In its music there were-why there were notes as funereal as the sound of the earth crumbling on the coffin of one we have dearly loved—solemn as the thunder of waterfalls long drawn out by mountain echoes-majestic as autumn gales through sounding forests; and then again sad-sad as incurable despair. Then, in the midst of these sobs, would come a song-light, dulcet, silvery as the warbling of a flight of joyous sparrows fluttering over flowering shrubbery. It would swell and eddy in graceful waves, with an ineffable thrill of careless delight, and then in an instant take flight, scared off by the waltz, mad, palpitating, eestatic; love, joy, despair, all sang, wept, streamed forth beneath the vi-

And Carl, despite his inexpressible terror,

stretched out his arms and cried: -"O, great, great, great artist! O, sub-lime genius! O, how I pity your sad fate! To be hanged for having killed that beast of an innkeeper, who knew not a single note of music! To wander through the woods by moonlight-without your body-but with

such a talent! O, heavens! His exclamations were interrupted by the rude voice of the host, crying out:-"Hallo, up there! Will you be quiet, or won't you? Are you ill, or is the house

Heavy steps sounded on the creaking stairs, a bright light pierced through the cracks of the door, which opened under a push from the shoulder of the innkeeper, and showed him standing in the

doorway. Herr Wirth," oried Hafitz. "Herr "Ah, Wirth, what is going on here? First I am awakened by heavenly music, which ravishes my soul to spheres above-and then it all

fades like a dream !" The host's features grew grave and thought-

"Yes, yes," he muttered, musingly, "I might have expected it-Melchior has come again to break our rest. So he will always keep coming. It is all up with our repose-

"Why," said Hafitz, pointing at them, "you | no use to think of sleeping. Come, comrade,

get up; come smoke a pipe with me. Carl waited for no further invitation-he was only too glad to get away. But once down stairs, with his elbows on his knees and his face in his hands, he remained a long time plunged in an abyss of sad meditation.

The host, for his part, had rekindled the fire, and, taking his place again on the rickety chair in the chimney corner, was smoking in silence. At last the dawn broke, faint and gray. It

looked in through the dingy little windows; then the cock crowed-the fowls hopped down from step to step. "How much do I owe you?" asked Carl, as

he strapped on his wallet and grasped his

stick. "You owe us a prayer at the Chapel of St Blaise's Abbey," said the man, with a strange accent. "A prayer for the soul of my sou Melchior, who was hung, and another for his affianced—crazy Geneveva!"

"That's all? "That's all."

"Good-by, then-I won't forget it." In fact, the first thing Carl did, on getting to Friburg, was to go and offer up a prayer for the poor vagabond musician and the girl he loved. After that he went to Master Kilian's, mine host at "The Grapes, spread his music-sheet on the table, and ordered a bottle of rikevir; then, heading the page "The Malefactor's Violin," he composed, at one sitting, his first really original score. - From the Aldine.

COMICAL COINCIDENCES, -Dr. Doran tells of a comical coincidence of which the rector, curate and congregation of a Western village were the victims. The rector and his curate both returned to their duty, after a long absence, upon the same day. The curate took the morning service, and preached so well as to astonish his hearers. In the evening the rector, who had officiated in a neighboring parish in the morning, ascended the pulpit, and rather surprised his flock by giving out the same text as the curate had chosen in the forenoon. Their surprise became puzzled wonderment when they found it was not only the same text but the same sermon; and one can imagine the horror of the listening curate. The fact was, rector and curate had each purchased some lithographed sermons, and were so unlucky as to inaugurate their return home with the same one. Good as this story is, it is capped by the misadventure attending three young candidates for a Scotch ministry. The first one put upon his trial. while putting on his robes, happened to descry an ancient-looking, well-worn roll of paper, which proved to be a sermon upon the text, "Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents." Seeing that the old sermon was much better than his new one, the aspirant to pulpit honors took possession of it, delivered it as his own, and then returned it to its old resting-place. The sermon was a good one, and pleased the hearers, although they would have preferred one delivered without book. Great was their astonishment the following Sunday when preacher number two treated them with the same sermon from the same text; but it was too much for Scottish patience when a third minister, falling into the same trap, commenced his sermon by carrion crows hovering and cawing about it, announcing that "Jacob was a plain man, he felt a chill run over him; and his fear was dwelling in tents;" and one old woman renot diminished when he saw, at the back of lieved the feelings of her fellow-sufferers by exclaiming, "Deil dwell 'nm. Is he never gann to fit?"—Chambers' Journal,

PROPOSALS.

D STATES MAILS. PENNSYLVANIA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Washington, Sept. 30, 1870. PROPOSALS for conveying the Mails of the United States from July 1, 1871, to June 30, 1872, on the fol-lowing routes in the State of Pennsylvania, will be received at the contract Office of the Department until 3 P. M. of March 1, 1871, to be decided by

March 30 following:—
2366 From Butler, by North Oakland, Barnhart's
Mills, Baldwin, and Bruin, to Lawrenceburg,
22 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Butler Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,

Arrive at Lawrenceburg by 4 P. M. ; Leave Lawrenceburg Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 7:80 A. M.; Arrive at Butler by 4 P. M. 510 From Liberty Corners, by Storr's Mills, to New Ern, 11 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Liberty Corners Saturday at 8 A. M.; Arrive at New Era by 12 M.; Leave New Era Saturday at 1 P. M.; Arrive at Liberty Corners by 5 P. M. 634 From Bedford to Downingsville (Imlertown P. O.), 6 miles and back, twice a week.

Leave Bedford Tuesday and Friday at 3 P. M.;

Arrive at Imiertown by 5 P. M. ; Leave Imiertown Tuesday and Friday at S A. Arrive at Bedford by 18 A. M.

From West Bingham, by Bingham Centre and Bingham, to Spring Mills (N. Y.), 7 miles and back, twice a week. Leave West Bingham Tuesday and Saturday at Arrive at Spring Mills by 5 P. M. ;

Leave Spring Mills Tuesday and Saturday at 12 Arrive at West Bingham by 2 P. M.
SS6 From Pottstown to Cedarville (no office), 2
miles and back, three times a week by a

schedule satisfactory to the postmaster at Cedarville 2637 From Oxford, by Mount Vernon, Colerain, Kirkwood, Forestdale, and Bartville, to Christiana, 18 miles and back, three times a

Leave Oxford Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 P. M.; Arrive at Christiana by 6 P. M.

Leave Christiana Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 A. M.; Arrive at Oxford by 12 M. This route is supposed to be covered by exist-ing service, and, if so, will not be let. 2608 Frem Horton's, by Rochester's Mills (no office), to Brady, 12 miles and back, once a week. Leave Horton's Saturday at 8 A. M.;

Arrive at Brady by 11 A. M.; Leave Brady Saturday at 1 P. M.; Arrive at Horton's by 4 P. M. Proposals for more frequent service invited, 2639 From Osceola Miks, by Houtzdale and Madera to Smith's Mills, 15 miles and back, twice a

Leave Osceola Mills Tuesday and Saturday at 7 Arrive at Smith's Mills by 12 M.; Leave Smith's Mills Tuesday and Saturday at 1 Arrive at Osceola Mills by 6 P. M.

2640 From Hanlin Station, by Eldersville (no office) and Independence, to Bethany (W. Va.), 16 miles and back, once a week. Leave Hanlin Station Saturday at 8 A. M. ; Arrive at Bethany by 12 M.;
Leave Bethany Saturday at 1 P. M.
Arrive at Hanlin Station by 5 P. M.
Proposals for more frequent service invited.
2041 From Troy Centre (no office) to Tryonville, 6

miles and back, once a week. Leave Troy Centre Saturday at 10 A. M.; Arrive at Tryonville by 12 M.; Leave Tryonville Saturday at 1 P. M.; Arrive at Tryo Centre by 3 P. M. Proposals invited for service twice a week, on Wednesday and Saturday.

2642 From Flicksville (no office) to Penargil (no Bidders will state distance and proposed schedule of arrivals and departure.

2643 From Coopersburg, by Lanark, Limeport,
Stinesburg, and Zion Hill (no office), to
Coopersburg, 18 miles, three times a week,
equal to 9 miles and back, three times a

Leave Coopersburg Tuesday, Thursday, and

Saturday at 12 M.

Arrive at Coopersburg by 6 P. M.

2644 From Dixon, by East Lemon (no office), to
Pierceville, 6 miles and back, three times a Leave Dixon Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 A. M. Arrive at Pierceville by 9 A. M.

Leave Pierceville Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10 A. M.
Arrive at Dixon by 12 M.
2645 From Milroy to Siglerville (no office), 3 miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule estisfactory to the postmaster at Sigler-2645 From Sandy Lake, by North Sandy and French Creek, to Utica, 11 miles and back, twice a

Leave Sandy Lake Tuesday and Saturday at 3 P. M.
Arrive at Utica by 6 P. M.;
Leave Utica Tuesday and Saturday at 7 A. M.;
Arrive at Saudy Lake by 10 A. M.
Proposals for an additional weekly trip on
Thursday invited.

647 From Allertown, by Coffman's (no office), Uhi's Store (no office), Barnes' Hotel (no office), and Miller's Store (no office), to Mc-Ree's Half Falls, 18 miles and back, once a week. Leave Millerstown Saturday at 6 A. M.;

Arrive at McKee's Half Falls by 12 M.; Leave McKee's Half Falls Saturday at 1 A. M.; Arrive at Millerstown by 7 P. M. From Edge Hill Station (no office), by Fitzwatertown, Jarrettown, and Three Tons, to Prospectville, 8 miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule making close connections at Edge Hill Station with regular mail

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Leave Newport Saturday at 3 P. M.;

Arrive at Montgomery's Ferry by 6 P. M.;

Leave Montgomery's Ferry Saturday at 7:30

A. M.;
Arrive at Newport by 10:30 A. M.
Arrive at Newport by 10:30 A. M.
COO From Tobyhanna Mills to South Sterling, a
miles and back, once a week.
Leave Tobyhanna Mills Saturday at 1 P. M.;

Arrive at South Sterling by 4 P. M.; Leave South Sterling Saturday at 7 A. M.; Arrive at Tobyhanna Mills by 10 A. M. 2651 From North East, by Greenfield, to Wattsburg, 16 miles and back, once a week. Leave North East Saturday at 2 P. M.; Arrive at Wattsburg by 6 P. M.;
Arrive at Wattsburg Saturday at 6 A. M.;
Arrive at North East by 10 A. M.
Proposals for an additional trip on Tuesday in-

vited.

2652 From Herrickville, by James Mittens (no office),
and William Nesbits (no office), to Rummerfield Creek, 5 miles and back, three times a week, in close connection with railroad mail trains, by a schedule satisfactory to the post-

trains, by a schedule satisfactory to the post-masters.

2653 From Wyalusing, by Lime Hill, Ballebay (no office), and Camp School-house, to Herrick, 10 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Wyalusing Teesday, Thursday, and Sa-turday, at 11:30 A. M.—or after arrival of mail

train: train; Arrive at Herrick by 2 30 P. M.; Leave Herrick Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 7 A. M.; Arrive at Wyalusing by 10 A. M. 2654 From Russell Bill to Keiserville (no office), 21/2

miles and back, once a week, by a schedul-satisfactory to the postmaster. 2856 From Phoenixville, by Pickering and West Pikeland, to Chester Springs, 7 miles and back, three times a week, back, three times a week. Leave Phœnixville Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 12 M.; Arrive at Chester Springs by 2 P. M.; Leave Chester Springs Tuesday, Thursday, and

Saturday at 6:30 A. M. : Arrive at Phoenixville by 8:30 A. M.
2656 From Cochransville to Londonderry, 2% mHes and back, three times a week, by a schedule satisfactory to the Postmaster at London-

derry.

From Lanark to Alientown, 4 miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule satisfactory to the Postmaster at Lanark. 2658 From Trunkeyville to Fagundus Forest (no office), 1 mile and back, three times a week,

by a schedule satisfactory to the Postmaster. From Carrolltown, by Nicktown and Kim-mell's, to Pine Flats, 13 miles and back, once a week. Leave Carrolltown Saturday at 8 A. M.;

Leave Carrolitown Saturday at S A. M.;
Arrive at Pine Flats Saturday at 1 P. M.;
Leave Pine Flats Saturday at 1 P. M.;
Arrive at Carrolitown by 5 P. M.
From Central office, in Philadelphia, to the following named sub-offices, from October 1,
1871, to June 30, 1872, viz.: Somerton, Byberry, Holmesburg, Olney, Tacony, Bustleton, Fox Chase, Milestown, Oxford Church,
Torresdale, Verree's Mill, and Wheat Sheaf, twice daily, except Sunday, in each direction or oftener if required, by a schedule satisfac-tory to the postmaster at Philadelphia, and the whole service and means of transporta-

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For forms of proposals, etc., and other informa-tion, see advertisement of October 31, 1867, and of this date, in pamphlet form, at the principal post offices.

JOHN A. J. CRESWELL, Postmaster-General.

TO IRON MANUFACTURER U. S. LIGHTHOUSE DEPOT, Office Lighthouse Engineer Third District, TOMPKINSVILLE, Staten Island, N. Y., January 13, 1871

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