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Select Poetry.

From the Independent.
Lady Franklin.
The following graceful tribute to Lady Franklin is from the pen of Elizabeth H. Whittier, sister of the Quaker Poet of Amherst.
Fold thy hands, thy work is over,
Cool thy watching eyes, thy tears
Let thy poor heart, overwrought,
Rest alike from hope and fears
Hopes, that saw with sleepless vision,
Fears, that followed, vague and nameless,
Lifting back the veils of snow.
For thy brave one, for thy love,
Truest heart of woman, weep
Owning still the love that granted
Unto thy beloved sleep
Not for him that hour of terror,
When the long ice-battle o'er—
In the sunless day his comrades
Deathward trod the Polar shore
Spared the cruel cold and famine,
Spared the fainting heart and pain,
What but that could more grant him
What but that has been thy prayer?
Dear to thee that last memorial,
From the cairn beside the sea:
Evermore the month of roses
Shall be sacred time to thee?
Sad it is the mournful yew tree
O'er his slumbers may not wave,
Sad it is the English daisy
May not blossom on his grave
But his tomb shall storm and winter
Shape and fashion year by year
Pile his mighty monument
Block by block, and tier on tier
Guardian of the gloaming portal
Shall his stainless honor be,
While thy love a sweet immortal,
Hovers o'er the winter sea.

Miscellaneous.

New York Gossip.
[Correspondence of the Charleston Mercury]
New York, Oct. 27.—It is refreshing to talk with Lowe, the big balloon man. He is perfectly sure of crossing the ocean in safety. Such sublime confidence in himself breeds it in others; and all who have availed themselves of the Professor's calm discourse upon the possibilities of the thing, share with him the belief that he will achieve a comfortable passage to Europe. The attitude of his flight be about three miles; and should he find the expected easterly current flowing, steadily enough, and the texture of the balloon, and the operation of the machinery (for ascending and descending without a waste of gas) equal to his hopes, the daring navigator will probably continue his journey from his first landing place in Europe, and make the entire circuit of the globe by a series of flights, landing eventually on the American seaboard. The principal backer of the enterprise, Mr. Gilbert, a driving young business man in Ulster, in this State, is wholly confident in the successful result of the grand experiment. He offers the best proof of his faith by investing a large sum of money in a shape on which the insurance companies will take no amount of premium. His only hope of remuneration is in the twenty-five cents patronage of the fickle public, for the securing of which he has obtained from the Common Council the free use of the Crystal Palace Square, fenced in, and will there exhibit the balloon and all the mechanical apparatus and paraphernalia, for about a fortnight before the excursion. Should the trip be made as safely and expeditiously (thirty-six or forty-eight hours) as he expects, he may, with the continued cooperation of Lowe, attempt to establish a regular balloon express between this country and Europe, for the purpose of taking out orders, and other important business paper from our merchants, and doing, in fact, the same class of work which the Atlantic Telegraph was intended to perform, and for which the merchants of New York could afford to pay handsomely. An order upon a European house for goods, sent overnight ten days in advance of the steamer might be worth thousands of dollars to a large dealer at a particular state of the market. The express charges will be paid only on proof of delivery. Of course the balloon will have to be sent back by steamer, as no regularly westerly current has yet been discovered.—Mr. Lowe's accompanying party of six persons is said to be made up, but he keeps their names to himself. I saw a young fellow at the Crystal Palace Square, the other day, anxiously hunting for the steamer, to offer him \$125 for one seat in the car. Although Mr. Gilbert is supposed to be the principal capitalist of the enterprise, several other smart operators have a financial finger in it—among them Benjamin and Henry Wood, brothers of Fernando. Fernando himself is investing, not half so wisely, in the Mozart Hall organization, with the idea of being elected Mayor.
You will observe that a Col. Forbes makes some very interesting disclosures about the Harper's Ferry treason and murder through the columns of the Herald of to-day. This Forbes is one of the best known figures on Broadway. He is a tall, bald-headed, carefully-dressed man, with a half-warrior and half-student look, and about 55 years of age. He is an ardent Republican, of the congressional school. He has been an adherent in turn, of Mazzini, Kossuth and Garibaldi.

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Soona in a Go.

After a well known Georgia Solicitor General had administered the usual oath to the grand and petit juries and bailiffs, he turned to the presiding Judge and remarked:
Solicitor—May it please your Honor, I do not remember any form of an oath administered to the lobby bailiffs, but by your permission, I think I can frame one that will be satisfactory to the Court.
Judge—Proceed, Mr. Solicitor.
Sol.—Put your hand on the book—whereupon a tall, lean, vengeful son of Anak stepped up and promptly grabbed the book.
Sol.—You do solemnly swear, in presence of this Court, and as lawyers, that you will take your position in the lobby, and there remain with your eyes skinned during the entire session of this court. That you will not suffer any one to speak above a low whisper, and if any one shall dare to do so in presence of your royal highness you will vociferously exclaim, "Silence in the lobby!" and if order is not immediately restored, you further swear that you will, by one ponderous blow of your fist, planted between the peepers of the offender, knock him down. All this you will do to the best of your skill and knowledge, as help you God.
The bailiff took the position assigned him, and immediately after the court was organized, Tom Digger, who looked as green as young brooms No. 11, and his hands thrust deep in his pockets, and inquired:
"Hello, fellows, where in thunder is Jim Snellins?"
"Ince in the lobby!" roared the enraged official.
Brograms—You must be an all-fired jarnal fool, and of ye just open that bread trap of your'n again, your mammy won't know ye.
Whereupon Jim Jarvis, the bailiff, let fly the dogs of war, and greeny fell flat on his back, with his pedesals at an angle of forty degrees in the air. He grabbed greeny by the seat of his trousers, and dragged him wrong end foremost into the presence of his Honor the presiding Judge and said:
"Mr. Judge, here's that infernal John Digger, that wam't never in a court house afore, and he undertook to run over this chicken; but according to my oath I fetched the tarnation critter up standing, by giving him a jerk between the eyes 'cordin to law, and now say the wad and I'll maud the dogwood yew outter him afore you kin wink yer eyes twice."
Judge—Turn him loose, Mr. Bailiff, and accept the thanks of the Court for the prompt discharge of your official duty.
[Exit greeny, with eyes as large as saucers.]

The Bashful Man.

Washington Irving, at a party in England, one day playfully asserted, that the love of annexation which the Anglo Saxon race displayed on every occasion, proceeds probably from its *mauvaise honte* rather than its greediness. As a proof, he cited the story of a bashful friend of his, who, being asked to a dinner party, sat down to the table next to the hostess in a great state of excitement, owing to his reticent life. A few glasses of wine mounting to his brain, completed his confusion, and dissipated the small remains of his presence of mind. Casting his eyes down he saw on his lap some white linen.
"My heavens!" thought he, "that's my shirt protruding at my waistband!" He immediately commenced to tuck in the offending portion of his dress, but the more he tucked in, the more there seemed to remain. At last he made a desperate effort, when a sudden crash around, and a scream from the company, brought him to his senses. He had been all the time stuffing the tablecloth into his breeches, and the last time had swept everything clean off the table.—Thus our bashful friend annexed a tablecloth, thinking it his own shirt.

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Playing to an Audience of One.

Governor Foster, the well known theatrical manager, some time ago organized a theatrical company to play short engagements in various towns and cities of the West. A week or two ago they arrived at Bucyrus, where bills were issued, a hall rented, and proprietors engaged. During their stay a novel incident occurred, which is told so graphically by the Journal of that village, that we give it in its own words:
Mr. Foster was sitting in the hotel, ruminating, in all probability, upon the full house he had to have in the evening, when a stranger entered the room, with the bill for the evening's entertainment in his hand. "Are you the manager of the theatre?" quoth the stranger.
"I am, sir," replied Mr. Foster.
"You are to play Richard III. to-night?"
"Yes, sir."
"I am, and always have been extremely fond of theatricals, but never have had an opportunity of seeing Richard III."
"Very well, sir, come to-night."
"Unfortunately, I leave tomorrow evening on the 6.46 train. New how much money would you induce your company to play Richard for me, this afternoon?"
Foster, thinking the stranger was joking, replied that he would do it for twenty-five dollars. The stranger looked at the bill again, and inquired what would be the extra charge for the "Rough Diamond?" To carry out the joke, Foster replied ten dollars. To his utter surprise, the stranger "pulled his wallet," counted out thirty-five dollars, and handing it to him, remarked that he would like to have the play commencing no later than two o'clock.
Foster got the company together, and related the circumstance. The idea of playing Richard to an audience of one, was so excessively ridiculous, and so new to their experience that they consented.
Two o'clock came, and the solitary audience assembled. Choosing an eligible position, and cocking his feet upon the back of a seat in front of him, he waited for the performance to begin. The bell rang, up went the curtain, and the play commenced. Never did actors do better. They all carried themselves to give their part as if it were the only one worth the price paid for it, and they succeeded. The stranger applauded vigorously at different points, and at the close of the play called Mr. Fanning before the curtain, who responded in a neat little speech. A dance and a song followed, after which the face of the "Rough Diamond" was played, the audience laughed, roared, and applauded, and as at the close of the first piece called out the leading actors. Who this liberal patron of the drama is we know not, but a more eccentric operation we never witnessed.

Union of a Man and Wife after a Separation of 47 Years.

A man and wife have recently been united in Iowa, after a separation of forty-seven years. Mrs. Crull recently applied for a bounty land warrant, as a reward for the service of her husband during the war of 1812. He had enlisted while on a visit to Philadelphia, and was reported to have been killed in an engagement near Lake Champlain. Messrs. Shepard & Overton, of Burlington, Iowa, her lawyers, ascertained that Mr. Crull himself had entered a land warrant for lands in Hancock county, Illinois, and it was eventually shown that he was living in Jefferson county, New York. The Burlington Hawkeye says: "It seems that soon after the enlistment of Mr. Crull, Mrs. Crull, finding it difficult to support herself and her two small children, one a babe, removed to another part of the State, and there hearing that her husband was killed, made no further effort to learn of him. And he, after his discharge, returned to the town where he formerly resided, and was there told that his wife and children had moved away, and she died. Believing himself alone in the world, he left forever his old residence and associates, and took up his abode in Jefferson county, New York, where he has since resided, ever cherishing in fond remembrance his now, to him, forever lost family. After years of hard toil and successful effort, and the marriage of her only daughter, Mrs. Crull in company with her son and son-in-law, moved to this State, and settled in Wappello, Louisa county, where she has since resided in the family of her daughter. A few days since, Mr. Crull arrived in Wappello, eager to see her whom he had mourned as dead, and once again behold his children. But what a change forty-seven years had brought about! A formal introduction was needed to acquaint those who should have spent their lives together."
RATHER ROMANTIC.—A butcher in an English provincial town, was recently