AFTER THE BATTLE.

A waste of land, a sodden plain, A lurid sunset sky, Mild clouds that fled and faded fast, In ghostly phantasy.

A field upturned by trampling feet.

A field upplied with slain,
With horse and rider blent in death. Upon the battle plain.

The dying and the dead lie low; For them no more shall rise
The evening moon, nor midnight stars,
Nor daylights soft surprise.
They wake no more to tendorest call, Nor see again each home Where waiting hearts shall three and break
When this day's tidings come.

. . . Two soldiers lying as they fell Upon the reddened clay,
In daytime foes, at hight at peace,
Brothing their lives away.
Brave hearts had stirred each manly breast, rate only made them foes And lying, dying, side by side A softer feeling rose.

Our time is short," one faint voice said, "To day we did our best On different sides; what matter now? To morrow we're at rest.
Life lies behind; I might not care
For only my own sake,
But far away are other hearts That this day's work will break

Among New Hampshire's many hills There pray for me to night
A woman, and a little girl,
Withhair like golden light—
And at the thought, broke forth at last
The cry of anguish wild, That would not longer be repressed—
"Oh God! my wife—my child"

"And." said the other dying man, "Across the Georgia pinin, There watch and wait for me loved ones I'll never see again. A little child with dark bright eyes, Each day waits at the door The father's step, the father's ki-s That never greet her more.

"To-day-we sought each other's lives-"To day-we sought each other's liveDeath levels all that now,
For soon, before (Tod's mercy seat
Together-we shall bow.
Forgive each other while we may.
Life's but a weary game.
And right or wrong, to-morrow's sun
Will find us dead the same."

The dying lips the paid on breathe.

The dying hands entwine.

The last ray dies, and over all The stars from Heaven shine And the little girl with golden hair.

The one with dark eyes bright,
On Hampshire's hill and Georgia's plain, Were fatherless that night.

Elopement in A Skiff---The Story of a Young Couple who Roosted one Night on a Sand Bar.

Yesterday morning as Justice Jecko was setting in his office poring over the The happy couple put up at Barnum's The Sudge is a military appointee. election returns and congratulating him. intending to remain two or three days to self on his good luck in being swindled see the sights of the city out of the nomination for sheriff, a young man from the rural districts entered and inquired timidly if the squire was in Jecko informed him that he was a justice of the peace, and was some times called squire for short

State when he wants to get married "" the justice. "is to get a woman "

"Nary license—nary church If he's reading old enough, and the gire is old enough, "If I enough, and the rest is nobody's busi- shall never make up

in Illinoy whar I come from 'Squire," he continued lawing his hand familiarly on the Judge's shoulder, "I've got a gal awful anxious to get spliced. We had a hard time stealing away from the old river in a skift Last night we camped on a sand bar, and I tell you it won't do to put of the gettin' married part any if it was put off, because she says there would be talk about us roosting on the

"Well, just bring Susan in, and I'll fix the thing all right in fire minutes Siegwart the constable, will be here pretty econ, and he will be the witness ' "All right; she's right out here in that the two thousand dollars were his.
The gentleman then said that the boy a reliable in the water, and on looking. As I said, Blue eyes slood for a mofetch her in at once."

The young man stepped out and in a checked damsol, dressed in red calico him go with white spots and wearing a heavy green veil. Lifting up her veil she said: foolin' about this here marriage. If you are a real equire it's all right; but I have heard of fellers passing themselves off for squires that was no squires at

"You see my sign out at the door; ain't that enough to satisfy you? I'll show you my commission "

ain't nothin' about 'squire on it."

"Well, go ahead, 131 take you at a ding his entrance and his exit:

venture, but if you fool me you'll catch Ou Saturday night's train arrived the says I, and I dived him a second time, Half Columbus for it some of these days. Judge slightly fainting. On Sunday, he looked almost like a drowled rat. - sinns have made use of the expansive If you wasn't a good looking man I and especially at night, the Judge be Now, this is the third and lat time of properties of freezing water in quarrywould doubt your word: but yo. are too come boastly drunk, using language to axin; 'will you be a Christia,' says I. ing operations. In summer they drill

ooking folding at each other. In less Judge. Shortly, however, it was never | The turnister thought it we apeculiar the smallest expenditure of manual he alliance will be a certain guarantee of En. you should not say so; I'm sure I'am mentioned the twain were fained that be had departed for the mode of making a concert

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word was spoken the bride stepped up to search of buttermilk. Jurors and witthe Justice, and putting her lips close to nesses were pouring into town. During hie, said,

don't you ?"

"Certainly," replied Jecko, and putbroken.

left for me I guess."

can have another if he wants it "

The bridegroom then handed the Justice a a ten dollar bill, and told him his no better condition, but he finally manfirst hoy should be named John, and if aged to reach the stand, shorn of the it was a girl he'd call her Josephine in extra mud Court was called, the Grand honor of the constable. He became Jury with little or no charge, court adhis confishin and elopement. He said took another smile, and reached his hothat he and Susan had long had a han- tel. During the night he became no kering after each other, but ber mother better wanted her to marry a preacher on the | On Tuesday morning, about daylight, circuit, who had recently lost his wife, in a bar-room he announced his intenand had four children who were suffering tion of going down on the train When for a step mother. Susan did not like acked what he would do with the Court, the idea of taking care of other people's he said "let it go to h-ll." "Then, children, and the short and long of it Judge, what will you do with the Grand was that one night they stole away from Jury, now sitting " "Let them sit till the neighborhood, and purchasing a they hatch, we answered. The train of heart If a change of heart would skiff from a fisherman near Perkin, had conveyed the Judge on his homeward come down the river to St Louis to get trip married. Thomas said if the preacher. The above is a plain, unvarieshed him a sound thrashing when he returned. seen, and needs no comment at our hands.

The Two Apprentices.

Two boys were apprenticed in a carpenters shop. One determined to make himself a thorough workman, the other "didn't care." One read and studied, Well," said the young man blushing and got books that would help him to Having acquired the reputation of a and casting his eyes upon the floor, understand the principles of his trade penceable and agreeable neighbor, the "what has a fellow got to do in this He spent his evenings at home reading." The other liked fun best. He often went "The first thing be must do," replied with the other boys to have a "good called on Jack every Sunday, for several game," "Conc" he often said to his weeks, to induce him to go to church 'O, is that all' No liceque " telling it shopmate, "leave your old books, come with us. What is the use of all this now " asked Jack, "when I wasn't

off I waste these golden moments. the law considers they are both big answered the boy, "I shall lose what I you lie " acked the minister

While the boys were still apprentices ways done live never doffe any "That's just as easy as rolling off a an offer of two thousand dollars appearing Think I'll come to Missourito live ed in the newspapers for the best plan "That They have more freedom here than over for a State House to be built in one of the Eastern States The studious boy "Have you ever done any good" saw the advertisement, and determined on the Judge's shoulder, "I've got a gal to try for it. After a careful study he out that at the door and she and me are awful anxious to get enless! We had committee We suppose he did not realy expect to gain the prize, but still folks, and had to come down the Illinoy he thought, "there is nothing like try-

in about a weck afterwards, a gentle man arrived at the carpenter's shop, and longer Susan would never forgive me inquired if an architect by the name of by a way of my own "

Washington Wilberforce lived there "No," said the carpenter. "no architect, but I've got in apprentice by that

"Let's see him." said the gentleman The young man, was summoned, and informed that his plan was excepted, and The gentleman then said that the boy must put up the building; and his em ployer was so proud of his success that

The studious young carpenter became one of the first architects in the country. "Mister, I don't want to have any one of the first architects in the country. to let him drown, but a feeting 1 flat for state of the first architects in the country. It let him drown, but a feeting 1 flat for state of the first architects in the country. The made a fortune, and stands high in his soul made me change my mind. So The gentlemen who saw the little ones gives satisfaction to neither party on this leads to the made a fortune, and stands high in his soul made me change my mind. So The gentlemen who saw the little ones gives satisfaction to neither party on this the estimation of everybody, while his with my hand over hand by the cable, I told their father of it, adding ... We wide of the water. for himself and family by his daily lihis head above the water Will ou be Alas and is sisterly and brotherly love are six hundred and twenty three of him fashionable call, and reports verbation

A Court on a Bust.

made man and wife, and when the last country in company with a freedman in Jonny Shrimp's Composition, on Ma CHARGE OF THE DRESS BRIGADE. the evening the Judge returned, and af-"I spose you want to salute the bride, ter imbibing attempted to reach the wife of Mr. Shrimp, and Mr. Shrimp is court house, in which he finally succeeded. After conning the steps of the ting one arm around the plump neck of courf-yard and climbing up the steps, the lady, he gave her such a smack that he succeeded in reaching the bench -Siegwart thought a pane of glass was The court was called, but adjourned until four o'clock the following day. The "Fire away, Equire!" said the bride- Judge was certainly the muddlest man groom "take just as many of them as ever seen, and exhibited the appearance you can stand up under; there's plenty of having wallowed with the hoge. By the assistance of an attorney he was en-"You got yours in advance. Thomas abled to reach the hotel, amid the laugh and Squire is such a pretty man that he and jeers of thousands who witnessed this strange procedure

The next evening found the judge in communicative, and told a long story of journed, and the Judge called at the bar,

made any fuss about at he would give statement of facts, as we hear and have

Making a Convert.

Juck Taffrail had been a sailor for twenty years Being very saying and economical, so unusual with the craft, he was at last possessed of a bandsome amount of money, and then he resolved to settle on shore and get married minister of the parish took a decided interest in his welfare. He therefore "What's the use my going there

there busonce since I was a boy " "Where do you expect to go to, when

"Oh, I'll ruff it out, as I have al-

"That is not enough," replied the minister, and, in continuation, asked

"Yes, sir, I have, a very good thing I did once "

"What was that?"

hristian faith "

complish such a difficult task

you managed that "

you the whole yarn

commenced his story thus

moment roturned accompanied by a rovy he willingly gave him his time and let dealer. Oh, sir, I knew him well, for arms around her and said. "Dou't cry, ongiged in furnishing it. fellow apprentice can hardly carn food soon grabbed him by the hair, and held never saw anything like that before," The Texas papers have for some days your money, says I; and so I died him be kind and loting to all, but especially 1 seed John Jecko. Justice of the been alluding to the exciting donduct of again, holding him fast all the ime. - so to your sisters and brothers, whom Pence' painted on a board, but there Judge Sabin, military appointed to the Presently I let him up, and I are him God has given you to love Try to be one aware of it; but a badly made girl canoffice of Judge of the Circuit Court. - agin.'s Will you be a Christian." says like Jeaus, who not only loves those who 'O, it's all the same, we are called The Brenham Inquirer thus describes the L. 'No, I can't be a Christian, 'says he. love Him, but He loves His enemics. Justices in Missour, and not squires." conduct of his honor at Brenham, inclu- that save me, and Phylice you He died that His memies might live. a hundred pound. Blast you money,

Ma is my mother. I am her son. Ma's name is Mrs. Shrimp; she is the her husband. Pa is my father. My namqıs John George Washington Shrimp Half a peck, half a peck, half a peck fully-Therefore, pa's mame is Shrimp too; and and so'is ma's.

My ma has a ma. She is my grandma She is mother-in-law to my pa. -My pa says that mother-in-lawsesought to be vetoed. I like my grandma better than pa does. She-brings me ten-cent stamps and bolivars She don't bring any to pa Maybe that's why he don't like her.

Aunt Jerusha is my aunt When pe was a little boy she was his little sister I like little sisters Dicky-Mopps has a little sister, Her name is Rose I take her out riding on my sled. Atht Jeru sha don't like her. She calls her "that Mopps girl" 1 think Aunt Jerusha ought to be ashamed of herself.

A unt Jerusha is a very pious woman. She never wants us to talk aloud on Sunday", and says we ought to have cold dinner. She hears me say the catechism, and knows it all without the book She says that Susan Jane is spoiling that boy Susan Jane is ma, and that boy is me She says she hopes that the baby will early show a change make baby stop crying, I wish so too.

Aunt Jerusha lives with us Sometunes I think ma would rather have her live with somebody else. I asked Aunt Jerusha once why she didn't marry somebody and set up for kerself. She said that many and many a man had wanted to marry her, but while her poor Susan Jane was in such a state of health she couldn't think of leaving .--Besides, she said, what would become o your poor pa ?

Aunt Jerusha sometimes has a state of health, too. On washing-days she has the headache, and does her head up with brown paper and vinegar, and I have to make togat for her at the kitchen fire. I make some for myself, too

Aunt Jerusha says that nobody know what she has done for that boy That boy is ME, again I told pa what she said He said it was just so Nobody did know Ma Says that Aunt Jerusha means well, and that she's pa's dear sister I don't see why that's any reason she should always scold me when I cat cabbage with a knife.

John G. Washington Shring.

A TRUE STORY -Once upon a time as stories were generally begun in my childhood ilays—there lived two little sisters in the town of T -- They ol made a convert of a Jew to the brothers should always do As they were playing one evening on the pave a darn bore "I hardly think you have enough of ment before their father's door, the lit-"Oh, it wasn't by larnin' I did it, but hitting her sister, whom we will call gotten. "Blue eyes" Several gentlemen stand Well, I should like to hear how ing near, seeing the accident, expected classes those who have more dinners than to hear a loud scream and angry voice, appetites, and those who have more appe-"Please air down, then, and I will tell saying "You ugly thing, I'll just tell tites than dinners mother: You dident a purpose - I know **One day, when I was on the deck of these gentlemen heard nothing of the poodle besides the one she marries

several times he shut up my eye in buy! little sister, I know you didn't mean to ____ Revordy Johnson, of whom so much ing clops from him I thought at first hit me Kiss me, dear," and the sisters was expected, seems to have "lost his head," to let him drown, but a feelin' I had for kissed and embraced each other fondly. And we presume will less has place. He Christian, says he; but save us, and loving sister's conduct should call forth him who are named John have dwindled I'll give you ten pound.' I don't want a remark like that? Dear children, do

--- For a great many years the Rus-

Half a league, half a league, half a league Right through the mire and dirt, Much to its beauty hurt, Dragged the rich silken skirt, lisif a longue rearward.

Hirsute and woolly, Right into the liquid air-Rose up the pile of hair, n other heads sundered. Nobly astraddle on it, Rode the brave bonnet— Rode, though it wondered. Curls to the right of it, Curls to the left of it, Curis to the rear of it, Curis that were plundered.

What though men shout, "Oh, fe" "Fortune you have squandered;"
Their's not to make reply,
Their's but to dress or die-. "Charge " to the clerks they cry, Charge by the hundred "

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

--- What is the next thing to hen-stealing? Why, a cock-robin, of course. --- "Give the devil his due," but be care ful there am't much due him.

---- What goes most against grain? His mowing machine.

-The most effective eye water-Wo man's tears. ----How to feel the beautiful -Take hold

of a pretty lady's hand. ---- To promote early rising - Take a good swig of yeast before retiring.

-- Beneath one's notice-Advertise ments on the pavement. --- "Working for dear life" is defined to

be making clothes for a new baby. --- Motto for the female suffragists-"Once more into the breeches, dear friends." ---- Large chromium beds have been found in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

--- Mexico, in three centuries, has pro duced \$3,500,000 in silver bullion.

Why is a butcher's shop like his hoots? Because he carries his calves there. in Richmond, Va , employing 2,500 persons who comes to the clock door as we call) when he holds his hands before his face

---- Robert Bonner says his New York Ledger is to be the "official organ" of President Grant's administration.

-- The New Orleans Picoyune says the eported Cuban filibustering movement in New Orleans is a "myth"

--- A city ice boat has been launched at Philadelphia, and will probably be ready for service by the first of January

--- Il anging a mackerel to your coat tail and imagining yourself a whale, constitutes cod fish aristocracy.

---- Color is a good thing, but where it is confined exclusively to the nose, it is neith-

There is a real idol temple erected a splash in the water, and on looking over the board, whom did I see flounder.

As I said, Blue eyes stood for a mo-and formally established in the United come in order to comply with a considerable portion of his income tooking at poor, dismayed Brown-States, at Portland, Oregon. The building come in order to comply with every ing there but lkey Solomons. a clothes eyes, then she ran to her, throw her is completed, and the Chinemen are actively

-Smith lives in Cincipnati. There his head above the water will for be and forbearance so rare a thing, that the doing business in that city, and those of all that was said, as follows: diwn to two hundred and ten.

-- A woman who has a good figure prove what the bare fact denies.

A lady who refused to give, after parson could not find the way to my pocket, but the devil did "

would doubt your word: but yo. are too came beastly drunk, using language to axin,: will you be a Christia, I says it ing operations. In summer they arise the water The Moscow facette, the official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin of the Russian Emperor, contains and which alone saved him from a sound eyes, die in the Christian fith" so I water The official of winter causes the aditorial urging an alliance of France and which alone saved him from a sound eyes, die in the Christian fith" so I water The official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an again seen. "The Moscow facette, the official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an again seen." "Do oati which alone saved him from a sound eyes, die in the Christian fith" so I water The official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an additorial urging an alliance of France and which alone saved him from a sound eyes, die in the Christian fith" so I water The official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin "Do oati which alone saved him from a sound eyes, die in the Christian fith" so I water The official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin to make." "Do oati which alone saved him from a sound eyes, die in the Christian fith" so I water The official organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin the Russian Emperor organ of the Russian Emperor, contains an agoin of the Russian Emperor organ of th

Slurs on Women.

At a recent dinner in this city, at which no ladies were present, a' man, in responding to the toast "Woman," dwelt almost solely on the frailty of the eex. claiming that the best among them were little better than the worst, the chief lifference being their surroundings.

At the concletion of the speech, a gentleman present rose to his feet, and

"I trust the gentleman present in the application of his remarks, referred to his own mother and sisters, and not to

The effect of this most just and timey rebuke was overwhelming; the maigner of women was covered with confusion and shame.

This incident serves an excellent purpose in prefacing a few words on this aubject

Of all the evils prevalent among men, we know none more blighting in its moral effects than the tendency to speak slightingly of the virtue of women. Nor is there anything in which young men are so thoroughly mistaken as in the low estimate they form of the integrity of women-not of their own mothers, who, they forget, are somebody else's mothers and sisters.

Plain words should be spoken on this point, for the evil is a general one, and deep rooted. If young men are some times thrown into the society of thoughtless, or even lewd women, they have no more right to measure all other women by what they see of these than they would have to estimate the character of honest and respectable citizens by the developments of crime in our police

Let young men remember that their chief happiness in life depends upon their faith in woman. No worldly wisdom, no misanthropic philosophy, no generalization can cover or weaken this fundamental truth. It stands like the record of God himself-for it is nothing less than this - and should put an everlasting scal upon lips that are wont to spead slightingly of women -Packard x

A MOTHER'S LOVE .- Children, look in those even, listen to that dear voice. notice the feeling or even a single touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand' Make much of it while you have that most precious of all good gifts a loving mother! Read the unfathomable love of those eyes; the kind anxiety of that tone and look however slight your pain. In after life you may have fond dear, kind friends, but never will you have again the inexpressable love -- There are over forty tobacco factories and gentleness lavished Boon you which none but a mother bestows. Often do 1 -We are only able to recognize Time sigh in my struggles with the hard uncaring world for the sweet, deep security I felt when of an evening nestling to her bosom, I listened to some quiet tale suitable to my age, read in her tender and untiring voice. Acver can I forget her sweet glance that upon me when I appeared to sleep, never her kiss of peace at night! Years have passed away since we last her beside my father in the old churchyard .-- yet still her voice whispers from the grave. > and her eye watches over me as I visit spots long since hallowed to the memory of my mother

VACEUNCE - There are lots of young men with whom the spending of --- What is the difference between the money is a positive disease. They conloved each other dearly, as sisters and entranco to a barn and an over talkative stantly demonstrate the truth of the person' One is a barn door and the other familiar proverb. There is a sort of futal profusion in their habits Women Write your name in kindness, love are accoused very unfairly of being over-"I hardly think you have enough of the one, whom we will call "Brown and powers of argument to acthe one, whom we will call "Brown and mercy on the hearts of those you come extracagant. As a rule, men are far in contact with, and you will never be for more so, and the account against them more so, and the account against them is principally due to those who fritter everything they gain or sell in numberless and nameless triffes A woman bas a natural title to being well clad, to being indeed clad so as to make the The minister having been seated, Jack you did -you mean ugly thing," and so York at a wedding, the bride must have on, as angry children will talk. But eight bridesmands, and a hundred dollar sense for jewelry. To deny her arnamenced his story thus able instinct. But a man who parts to have only used his brains upon the palterns of neckties, is one of the most pitiable creatures alive.

> ALL THEY SAID .- Some mean fellow has recently taken down the entire conversation between two ladies during a

"How do you do, my dear!" "Putty well, thank you." [They kinsed.] "How have you been this age?" does not require too low a dress to make "Putty well. How have you been?" "Very well thank you." "Pleasant to not suppose that undressing herself will day." "Yes, very bright-but we had a shower yesterday." "Are all your people well ?" "Quite well, thank you; hearing a charity sermion, and her pocket how are yours?" "Very well, I'm offigpicked as she was leaving the church. ed. to you." "Have you seen Mary B. On making the discovery she said: "The Lately?" "No, but I've seen Susan. The Moscow Given, the official well?" "Very well, I believe." [Kis-