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# Select Poetcy.



(From Mrs. Partington's "Knitting-Work.") THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW.

Down the dark valley, alone, alone, Has our white-winged dove in her beauty flown; Her tender eyes that shone so bright, Have closed forever to earthly light: She has left the love that was round her thrown: And down the valley has fled, alone.

There were bitter tears when she passed away-A sad, sad cloud obscured our day! She had twined herself ro und each loving heart Till she seemed of its very self a part: O, how we loved her!-but she has flown, Down the dark valley-alone, alone.

She was but a fragile and beautiful thing. A blossom to bloom in the lap of spring; The noonday heat with its feverish glow And the chilly breath of the wintry snow, She could not abide, and thus has flown, Down the dark valley-alone, alone,

(), dark to us doth the valley appear, And we shrink aghast from its shadows dreat The earthly sense is chilled by the gloom Of the sombre midnight of the tomb;-- [moan Thus we gave her up while our hearts made As she went down the valley-alone, alone.

Alone, all alone! but beyond the night, Of the darkened vale is a radiant light, That breaks from above with diviner ray, Than shines the glory of solar day, Which springs from God's eternal throne And lights the valley she trod alone!

And seraph hands in joyfulness hold, The little wunderer from our fold, Her gentle feet shall feel no harm, Sustained by the angelic arm; And brighter than the sun e'er shone, Is she who passed down the valley alone.

# School Matters.

#### GRADING TEACHERS.

Truth needs no flower of speech .- Pope. "Ah !" ejaculates a prosy Director, "we ration as they deserve, and in a very short part proprietor and editor of the paper upon have our Teachers graded, so your strictures time we will have Teachers in every sense which he had learned his trade, and the lead-come too late this time!" Indeed! You qualified.-J. R. Durborrow.

has taught some of the first grade schools in the East, has any amount of recommendations

Presidency. from distinguished professional gentlemen, and The following brief sketch outlines the life more than all this, he has an experience of of one whose steady, manly and forward course eight or ten years' teaching. Unfortunately, has clustered about him thousands of devoted like many others in this scifting world, he has friends. It is a striking commentary upon our desired "to see the elephant." to make use of republican institutions. It marks the upward a slang phrase, and he has brought up in the advance of a poor, friendless, earnest boy to a "Old Keystone" of the Federal Arch, to be position to be coveted by the noblest and graded, verily 'de-graded, with "Johnny."proudest in our land. It tells its own story .-What a glorious system of grading ! Mark the A life like that here so succinctly detailed, difference in the cost of the contrasted individ- speaks many words of good cheer to him who uals. "Johnny" receives only \$2 less per is struggling onward in his honest poverty .-month than Mr. Quack! Only \$8 less per Energy, integrity and intellect here have their

term ! "Johnny" is a dead loss of \$50 to reward-such qualities cannot but succeed .-each scholar! Mr. Quack is an advantage of To every young man dependent upon his own an equal amount. Bless me ! can it be possi- resources for success, this sketch has its own ble that men, who presume to be intelligent, message. It is the plain lesson of what may the State, yet we find within a few short will make so little distinction between the be won and accomplished when high purposes months afterwards, the representatives of both "Starvation Point" and the "Horn of Plen- rule the heart and conduct. For here is the political parties united upon him as the most "Starvation Point" and the "Horn of Plen-ty." But, I have seen the living fruits, wby

that others might prove equally captions, I bor :"-

cannot help exclaiming, with a very respected gentleman, named Shakspeare, "What's in a name ? that which we call a rose, By any ot her name would smell as sweet."

Yes, had you, Mr. Director, voted "Johnny" about \$10 per month, as a third grade, Mr. - \$20, as a second, and Mr. Quack \$30, as a first grade, although he is actually entitled to \$50 per month, you would have reached the bounds of common sense .-fat more than he deserves.

Let this policy be pursued, and incapacitated "Johnny," if he has any mental faculties, study. Having completed his apprenticeship, will see the necessity of improvement, and he went to Washington city, and was employed "stamp it on the wings of time." When the pocket is encroached upon, my word for it, there is a sufficient stimulant to induce the there is a sufficient stimulant to induce the friendship that has continued till the present uncultivated intellect to make an effective ex-ertion. Many young men now enter the as a Democrat, he always voted for these gen-

schools, simply to put in time, and more fre- tlemen as printers to the Senate, even against schools, simply to put in time, and more fre-quently to secure the wages, annulling the Harrisburg, he purchased an interest in the And hire;" let those persons receive such remune- of the termination of his apprenticeship he was

should I doubt.

Insurance Company, President of the Lebanon Valley Railroad Company, and Casher of the Middletown Bank, besides being Director and Pennsylvania's Candidate for the

Manager in several other institutions, and a large private business of his own to manage and superintend. Yet notwithstanding the vast labor and responsibility of these positions, he performed the duties of them all satisfactorily and successfully. When Mr. Buchanan was called into Presi-

dent Polk's Cabinet in 1845, Hon. George Woodward was the caucus nominee of the Democratic party, as his successor, and that party had a majority of 17 or 18 on joint ballot; yet Gen. Cameron, by the joint votes of Whigs and Democrats, was elected to the U. S. Sepate.

It was the most eloquent tribute that could have been paid to the ability and worth of any man. The campaign of 1844 aroused probably a bitterer party feeling than ever existed in

hould I doubt. Directors, will you look at this picture? It and obscurity to wealth and honor. To the When the President and party at the following is not overdrawn; faith there is not an iota of patient and the toiling such a life has its own session determined to violate all the pledges exaggeration about it; just examine your Dis-teaching of hope and advancement. And this made to the people of this State on the subject exaggeration about it; just examine your Dis-triets minutely, and I have no doubt you can little history is but a glance at the career of by the repeal of the Tariff of 1842, he never find a "Johnny" for every Mr. Quack, at him who, always true-hearted, has won the for a moment faltered in his course. Party least. A friend of mine has just taken ex- proud title of "the poor man's friend and proscription could not deter, the blandishments ception to the name of Quack, and fearing Pennsylvania's champion of the rights of la-of office could not seduce him from the path

courage which surpassed his opponents, and Gen. Simon Cameron was born in Lancastor web the admiration of his friends, he resisted county, Pennsylvania. Reverses and misfor tunes in his father's family cast him very early to his native State. And such was the sucin life of the world, to shape and carve out his cess of his efforts, that it was only by the deown fortune. After having removed to Sun-fection, to call it by no harder name, of one of bury in Northumberland Co., his father died Pennsylvana's own sons, that her humiliation while Simon was yet a boy. In 1817 he came to Harrisburg and bound himself as an appren-Gen. Cameron w

Gen. Cameron was again elected to the Sentice to the printing business, to James Pea- ate of the United States in 1857. The Democock, Esq., who is still a resident of Harris crats again had a majority in the Legislature. burg, and one of our most worthy and respect- The nomince of the party was Col. John W. reached the bounds of common sense.-- ed citizens. During this time he won the re-"Johnny" would make his board and washing, gard and esteem of Mr. Peacock and all his hosts, just had emerged from the campaign of gard and esteen of this related and and the hosts, just had emerged from the campage of fellow workmen by his correct deportment, his industry, intelligence and faithfulness. His days were devoted to labor and his nights to the President elect, to sustain him.

From the earliest agitation of the questions connected with negro slavery Gen. Cameron has sympathused with the North. As an editor, more than thirty years ago, he took his position against the extension of human slavery over free territory. While he was at all times

willing to concede to the South all their just rights and privileges under the constitution, he had ever resisted the increase and extension of And when the Democracy of the North doctrine that "every laborer is worthy of his Pa. Intelligencer, and thus within two years abandoned this just and national position and

> spread of the "particular institution" he abandoned that party associated himself with the Opposition to the Democracy. And wheever will examine the editorials of Of the course of Gen. Cameron since his

PRENTICEANA.

by the editor of the "Louisville Journal," entitled PRENTICEANA, just published, and which will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of One Dollar, by DERBY & JACKSON, Publishers, New York.)

The editor of a western paper recently funcied himself 'a live ox;' but since our rough handling of him, he is beginning to conclude that he is only jerked beef.

The 'Southern Mercury' say that Mr. P. O. Thomas thas received his commission as Post-master.' So there's a post-office gone to P. O. T.

of that city was lately delivered of tour sturdy boys. We know not what a Day may bring boys. forth.

but it is well enough in winter to let them ages to keep out of the penitentiary for twenty years, he will be the richest man in Illinois. slide.

A party of our friends, last week, chased a fox thirty-six hours. They actually "ran the thing into the ground."

Mrs. Charity Perkins, of New Orleans, came near dying of poison a few days ago. A sister of Charity was suspected of having administered the dose.

A. K. says that he expects to be able in a short time to pay everything he owes in this world. Ay, but there's a heavy debt that he bas got to settle in the other world. There'll be the Devil to pay.

Mr. Z. Round, an old and valued friend of ours, was recently elected magistrate in Wisconsin. That, we suppose, is what our Wisconsin friends consider squiring a circle.

A Mr. J. Black, declares for the dissolution of the Union. Let him have a traitors reward:

"Hung be the heavens with Black." The Ohio River is getting lower and lower every day. It has almost ceased to run. All who look at it can at once perceive that it exhibits very little speed, but a great deal of bot-

Mrs. Lucy Hill complains, in an Arkansas paper, that her nephew has trampled upon her rights and feelings. The graceless young ras-cal shouldn't be allowed to trample upon his aunt Hill.

A Canadian paper mentions the marriage of Mr. Joseph Sterling to Miss Anne Sterling .-Love strokes are not usually severe, but this entered upon a crusade with the South, for the one, it is plain, has knocked an i out. A Mr. Bentley has beeu indicted in Alabama

for striking a stranger with an axe. He says he did'nt know but that the stranger

A SPICY LETTER .- One Col. Morrison, of (Specimen of the Contents of the new work Illinois, recently made a villainous verbal at-tack upon the gallant Col. Bissell, at present the Republican Governor of that State. The Governor, who is more popular and as much respected as any other man in the State, closes his letter to his assailant thus:

"I never have been guilty of secretly mutilating and destroying the public records in a Recorder's office, in order to strengthen my own trumped up claim to a coveted piece of land.

"I never wrote letters over fictitious signatures to a helpless and distant widow, depreciating the value oi her land that I might buy it at one tenth its value. "I never attempted to frighten or swindle a

family of honest and respectable orphan chil-A Newbern paper says that Mrs. Alice Day f that city was lately delivered of four sturdy oys. We know not what a Day may bring orth. A lady correspondent, who professes to be prified at the indeligners of our stores there is a state of the farm he had left them wes defective and void, in order to get a chance to buy it at a tithe of its value. Nor did I ever falsely pre-tend to children similarly situated that I had herrified at the indelicacy of our paper, threat-ens for the future to set her fout on every copy ther, in order to bay it in the same way. These she sees. She had better not. Our paper has are practices, tricks, to which I never descendi's in it. The common opinion is that we should take good care of children at all seasons of the year, but it is well seasons of the year, as he did of Col. Morrison. 'If that man man-

> "Nor is there aught in the Land Office records of the State, the reading of which need cause me to blush. No one can read, in those records opposite my name, 'forgery,' 'forgery,' 'perjury,' 'perjury,' 'subornation of perjury,' subornation of perjury,' &c., &c. Were the fact otherwise, then I, too, might boast of my 30,000 acres of land, and be able to offer

\$1000 for the letters of my neighbor." WM. H. BISSEL

#### Springfield, Jan. 6, 1860.

The New York Courier, alluding inlignantly to the expulsion of John G. Fee, and others, from Madison County, Kentucky, very for-

cibly remarks: "Is there a record in any civilized country, of any such outrage as this? It paralleled by any act of oppression in Austria or Hungary? But disgusted and outraged as we are by this whole proceeding, the Southern Press is to permit slavery to be extended into the Territories. Of course the sole object in going there, is to make the Territories slave States. And what then? Why slavery can only be protected in slave States precisely as it is now protected in the existing slave States. That is by punishing with tar and feathers every man who dare express a feeling in oppositiod to it, and driving him from the State; and by sending forth whole communities who do not happen to consider slavery a religious institution, and a blessing to all who partake of

The plain matter of fact is that the slave power not only demands that all the Southern region, of mild and genial climate and rich soil, shall be entirely given up to the control of the institution which thus crushes our or tramples down all freedom of utterance or even of thought, but insists that the Northern majority shall not only permit, but has no right to prevent its going into all unorganized territory. Is it not so?

have them graded, eh ? Perhaps, de-GRADED. How often we mistake a real evil for a benefit, especially in Common School affairs. Interested persons cry most lustily that they have adopted boasted improvements, and claim that the famous President of Jefferson College, Canfrom all blame that may be attached to the adopted them ? Let us see !

mine, and in answer to my question, "How is the South in the repeal of the Missouri Comyour son John, getting along ?" replied with promise would hardly be tolerated in any one vehemence, "Ob Johnny ! Johnny, he's a that secession is a revolutionary right—that the smart fellow ! First-rate, first-rate ! He's election of no man according to the forms of got at your business; teaching school. Gets the Constitution would justify any attempt to \$20 per month, and Mr. Quack, across the interfere with the stability of the Union. way, who has a first class sartiacate, gets only too his comments on parties-the absurdity of \$22. He gets along, first-rate, first-rate !"- the bout channels the Constitution, are vividly the territories by the Constitution, are vividly John is a blockhead ! an ignoramus ! he is the presented. He maintains that the parties realveritable Quack! not fit for anything, of ly having cause to complain are the citizens of sourse the only alternative left was to apply Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri; for admission into the Profession. Alas! how frequently, how very frequently, do the weak! Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, to rally to the the lame !! the halt and the blind !!! find Union, that these central States on either side their way into the schools, mainly because of the supposed line of separation cannot and they are incapacitated for performing manual will not tolerate a dissolution of the Union. labor, with the same expedition that persons of Dr. B.'s style and manner, and we have no "sound wind and limb" generally perform doubt would do great good at the South if gensuch labor. How deplorable ' how infinitely | erally read--and no harm at the North. deplorable! Certainly the schools are not an letter is a long one-would fill four columns of asylum for these poor unfortunates, or I have our paper- Pitts. Com. Jour. heretefore been laboring under a delusion; particularly for that numerous class that do the following simple remedy for this dangerous not even comprehend the elements of the En- disease. Those who have passed nights of agoglish Language, and who murder, and not only by at the bedside of loved children, will treamurder, but mutilate every limb of the "King's sure it up as a valuable piece of information: "I English." I am sorry that the old expression, "He is fit for nothing else but a school mas-the neck and chest with a sponge. The breathter !" has not long since been consigned to ing will instantly be relieved. Lethe, but alas ! like many other relics of a let the sofferer drink as much as it can, then parbarous age, it "still lives," though I feel wipe it dry, cover it up warm, and soon a quiet happy to record that its votaries are going out with the darkness that is now being dispelled by the light of day, that light of day which is such medical qualities." fast dispersing the mists and fogs of Ignorance that have enveloped us for so many ages.

"Gets \$20 per month, and Mr. Quack, across headstone of a victim of delirium tremens : the way, whe has a first class sartificate, gets only \$22." Would you believe i', my dear reader, Mr. Quack is a graduate of one of the best Normal schools in the "Old Bay State," A drunkard's Grave—and blindly staggered in.

Woodberry, Pa

ROBT. J. BRECKENRIDGE, D. D., TO JOHN C. ON THE UNION.

Dr. Breckenridge, known in this section as they are, therefore, to be considered exempt nonsburg, has written one of the ablest aud bad working of the vaunted object. Yes, Vice President. Of course no party would enthey have adopted them, and how they have dorse the whole of what this bold, out spoken man says. His position however is nearer that Cameron has for more than 40 years visited of the Northern Conservatives than any other.

A few days sgo, I met an old friend of His free criticism of the bad blunder made by the South claiming that slavery is carried into that the cotton States have no excuse for their dis-union threats. He appeals to Pennsylvania,

CROUP .- We find in the Journal of Health, Soon as possible slumber will relieve the parents anxiety, and

Imagine the thrilling effect of a verse like the following, upon the nerves of any hard "Johnny !" Aye, yes, to return to John .- drinker, who might chance to read it on the ing Railroad.

that paper, written more than thirty years ago, last election it is unnessary to speak; suffice it by Gen. Cameron cannot fail to discover a to say, that it has commanded the respect of marked degree of ability and sagacity display-

ed by the young editor. His furtune whatever it may be, is the result of his industry and un- beld personally in higher regard and esteem aided enterprise ; for except a loan of \$400 when he begau business, from a relative, him- has characterized him through life, distinguishmost remarkable letters we have seen, to the self comparatively poor, he never had any pe- es him there. His quiet unobstructive manner cuniary assistance from any one. That relative still lives, a very aged man, whom Gen. [fidelity and courage-his liberal and genial hospitality win for him the high personal re- punch ?

annually, as a duty. In 1834, though scarcely of competent age tances. he had attained such a position and influence that his party, then in the ascendency in the Congressional district, proposed to uominaie him for Congress, an honor which he promptly declined, as interfering with the enterprise in which he was then engaged. He was appointed Adjutant General of the State in 1828, in office which he filled creditably during Gov. Shultz's term. And in 1831, unsolicited, he was appointed by Gen. Jackson, as a visitor to West Point, a compliment, at that time, tendered only to the most prominent citizens.

To no single man within her borders is Peansylvania more indebted for her great systems f public improvement and public instruction. Through his paper, and by his personal erer-tions and influence, he sustained and encouraged these great means of wealth and progress. Nor did he hesitate to invest his own m when prosperity and fortune dawned upon him, in enterprises of great public importance. In 1834 he originated and carried to successful completion, the Harrisburg, Mount Joy and Lancaster Railroad, surmounting difficulties and prejudices which would have appalled and paralyzed a man of ordinary energy and determination. In 1838 he was nominated for Congress, but declined. He was engaged in public enterprises from which he would not permit himself to be drawn aside, by any coniderations of office or personal elevation. In 1851 he was mainly instrumental in the formation of the Susquehanna Railroad Company, now consolidated with the Northers Central Railway, by which the Capital of the State, and all our improvements with those of the State of New York. There was still another link wanting to form a direct and continuous Railroad from this point to New York tity, the great commercial metropolis of the Union. Gen. Cameron's practical mind soon suggested the mode and manner of supplying this wint; and the Lebanon Valley Railroad Company was organized and that Road built, and low

In 1832 Gen. Cameron was elected Cashier ed him through life in all his relations, as a of the Middletown Bank, a position which he citizen and a statesman. held for twenty seven consecutive years. So that about the year 1854, he was at the sime that about the year 1854, he was at the sime time President of the Susquehanaa Raiload Company, President of the Commonweith Iost his horse. The editor of an Indiana paper says, 'more villaing is on foot.' We suppose the editor has lost his horse. The editor of an Indiana paper says, 'more villaing is on foot.' We suppose the editor has skill-which it exhibited.—Reading Gaz.

his opponents, and inspired the confidence of his friends. Few members of that body are

by men of all parties The same industry that -his affable and courteous deportment-his

gard in which he is held by all his acquain-

Compelled from early youth to depend on his own exertions, accustomed to a life of constant labor, the habit of self-reliance-unremitting industry with never failing resources

are his distinguishing traits. No man posseses clearer ideas or firmer convictions on all the great questions of the day, none is more respectful or deferential in the utterance of them, or more determined in adhering to them. When he writes or speaks it is always with a full and clear apprehension of his subject, and his power of concentration is such as to com-press his ideas into the smallest compass of words without either obsouring their meaning

or impairing their force. In Pennsylvania he is regarded as the champion of her peculiar interests. Identified as he has been from early boyhood with her syst tem of labor and development, he understands fully all her wants, and sympathises with all her wishes.

Nor has he alone encouraged and sustained her general and public interests, but her individual labor and enterprise has often felt his helping hand. Hundreds of her citizens now prospering in business, owe their fortune and prosperity to the aid and encouragement received of General Cameron in their early

struggles. With the record of such a life before him,

without reproach in his public career, and without a stain upon his private character, is it strange or surprising that the people of Penn-

sylvania, almost as with one voice, should seek to attest their admiration of the man by claiming for him the highest honors of the country? Should that claim be responded to, we doubt not that his native State will testify its appreciation of his worth and fidelity by such a vote as no candidate ever receive from her people. And should he be elected to the high office of President, we feel warranted

marked by the same wisdom and sagacity, by sonsolidated with the Philadelphia and Rad-interests of the country, that has distinguish-

ber. He didu't know, so he axed bim.

A quizzical editor in Arkansas, who rejoices in the rather quizzical name of Harry Hurry, says that 'truth is generally slow progress.' Probably it is never in such a Hurry as he.

A man in our State, who attempted to hug a beautiful young woman, Miss Lemon, has sued her for striking him in the eye.' Why should

a fellow squeeze a Lomon unless he wants a

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, of Wayne County, have twenty-two children. Theirs is, perhaps, the most extensive brewery in the West.

The 'Beaver Argus' records the matriage of John Coburn, only three feet high. No wonder he wanted to get spliced.

James Beau, aged seventy-five. She must be fond of drid beans.

A handsome young fellow in New York, in great distress for want of money married last week a rich old woman of seventy. He was no doubt miserable for want of money, and she for want of a husband; and 'misery makes strange bedfellows."

A father and son, Anthony and Thomas Screw escaped on the 25th ult., from the Wetumpka jail. There are two Screws loose.

A lady in Montreal, on the 1st, recovered \$2,000 of a Maj. Breckford for hugging and

kissing her rather roughly. She out to set a high value on the money she got it by a tight squeeze.

> EXTRAORDINARY DAY'S WORK .- One of the greatest feats of manual labor ever achieved, within our knowledge, was performed yes-terday, by Mr. Thomas Rambo, blacksmith, of this city. During the usual working hours, that is, from 7'A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 to

a quarter to 6, P. M.-9ª hours-be forged two hundred and twenty-five horse shoes! Of this number, twenty-seven were turned out in him said.

in saying that his administration would be the first hour. This feat, by hand, would appear impossible, and is almost incredible, but Mr. Rambo did it, and who can beat him?

On Saturday, Benj. Gehres, in Liberty alley, between Third and Fourth street, made 245 horse-shoe nails in sixty minutes by the clock, without any assistance but his hammer. The

Go IN LADIRS !-- On and after the 29th of Febru.

ary inst., the ladies will be fully authorized to com-mence making love to any gentleman they may deem worthy of their hands, hearts and fortunes. deem worthy of their hands, hearts and fortunes.— This year is called leap year, because it is the lady's privilege to deap' into the arms of the man she fancies. To prove this, we quote from an old work, printed in 1660, entitled "Courtship, Love and Matrimonie." In the chapter entitled "When ye girles shall sparke ye menne," the learned auth-or thus speaks: "Albeit, it is nowe a part ye Common Lawe in

A man named J. S. Bill has set up a shaving shop in one of our western cities. We know him of old. Whenever he takes off his beard, he shaves a bad Bill. An impudent annonymous correspondent, signing himself 'Ned Bucket,' expresses the wish that we were dead. Very well—let him show himself in person, and we pledge ourselves to 'kick the Bucket.' A Southern lady has abandoned the Shaker establishment near Hopkinsville, to marty Mr. James Beap, aged seventy-five. She must be

#### WHO ARE THE TRAITORS !

It will be observed by the proceedings in U. S. Senate, that the Democrats have formally endorsed the position taken by Gov. Wise and Mr. Falkner, that the election of a Republican President would justify "the seizure of Harper's Ferry Armory" and armed resistance to the Federal Government. This they have done by confirming Mr. Faulkner as Minister to France. The issue was distinctly made, and several Democratic Senators made speeches sustaining Mr. Faulkner's views and declaring their concurrence in them. We are gratified to see that the Republicans were all on the side of Union, Law and Order. Hereafter, let it be remembered that the Democrats have recorded themselves in favor of committing the same crime for which John Brown was hung, and in favor of armed resistance to the will of the majority constitutionally expressed.

A BEAUTIFUL REPLY .- A pious man was one day walking to the sanctuary with a New Testament in his hand, when a friend who met

'Good morning, Mr. Price.'

'Ab, good morning, 'replied he: 'I am read-ing my Father's will as I walk along.' 'Well, what has he left you?' said his friend.

Why he has bequeathed me a hundred fold more in this life, and in the world to come life

everlasting.' This beautiful reply was the means of comforting his Christian friend, who was at the time in sorrowing sircumstances.