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THERE is a Nortand wigard wight, From icy realms a rover, That Southward takes his air, dignit When summer days are over Invisibly he comes and goes,

Tis Winter's necromancer, Frost, His dark reign soon were ended: Who works his wonders all for him, And, breathing wintry weather, 'rom bare gray field, and woodland also

Frights bird and bee together. The flowers first feel his subtle spells, When slyly hies he hither; They cease to tell their tiny bells; They blacken, droop, and wither. Then, as if grieved to see that these Have left the dull earth duller,

The leaves awhite in glory glow, He resting from his labors; Anon he strips them off, as though With million viewless sabres. With bridges solid as the ground He spans the larger waters, And throws a glittering chain around

To regions far above the earth His mystle might extending. The crystal snow-flakes have their birth, In silvery showers descending. Within our homes he steals at hight, With breath as cold as ice is, And on each window takes delight

To draw most quaint devices.

Sometimes the slant sun waxing warm, His beams this wizard banish; And fogs the face of day deform, Wherein his traces vanish: But soon comes back the curning elf, When night is in the ascendant, And turns the watery vali itself To broldery resplendent,

He hangs it round on every tree, Stake, rock, wall, roof, and gable, A frail, fair web of witchery, As beauteous as unstable ire never sovereign queen did wea. A fabric woven finer Than this is, out of misty air

Wrought by this weind designer.

When Night her chilly tears lets fall.

His miracles attend her, To threaded pearls transforming all, And study of starry splendor. The rain, too, feels his glamory Changed by this rare magicin To gems of blazing brilliancy That daze our marveling vistor

And thus this wonder-working wight, From ley realms a rover, His magle weaves by day and night, Till Winter's rule is over. Then flowers he finds upon his track, That from his spells have risen, And, baffled, hies with Winter back To his bleak polar prison

Miscellancous.

STRUGGLE IN A CHIMNEY. A PEARPUL POSITION,

A MAN will go blind, and mad, too, from fear; I have seen it happen, and f you don't mind listening, I will tell builder when I left school, and soon got to like the trade very much, especially me a chance to outdo the other lads in daring, "Spider" was my nickname in those days, given partly on account of my long legs, for I had outgrown my proportions, and partly because they aid I could crawl along a roof like my namesake. When I was working with the famous Mr. ----, and went down to Swansea, with his picked hands, to carry out a contract he had taken in that town. While there, I fell in love with the prettiest girl I had seen in Wales, and that is saying a good deal. For a time I fancie 1 she liked me, and that I was getting on very well with my love-making, but I soon found my mistake, for an old lover of hers joined our men, and Mary gave me the cold shoulder directly. You may believe friends in the world; but I am not the gone, I made the best of it; I kept my sore heart to myself, and determined to beat down jealousy by being great chums with Ben.

I went to the wedding, and there were nor many days when I did not steal half an hour to sit by his fireside, which was as bright and cosy and homelike s you would wish to see-Mary being the soul of order and industry. It is not perhaps, the usual way of driving out envy, to go and look at the happiness another man has done you out of, but then you know the proverb says, "What is one man's meat is another man's poison;" and so it was I got to

The contract was nearly up when

fered our master the job.

man, two being required. the steadlest-headed fellows I have. The not fix a day for the work, but take the rope crossed the chimney, and we were first calm morning and get it done qui- saved.

So it was that, some four or five mornings after, we found ourselves at Lanelly, and all ready for the start. The kite by which the line attached to the block was to be sent over the chimney was flown, and did up its work well; the rope which was to haul the cradle

There had been very few people about and that the streets were filling with sight-seers. "There's plenty of star-gazers, Ben,"

look, I saw that he was deadly pale, and silent, for they had heard Ben's cries, sat in the bottom of the cradle huddled and when the cradle touched the ground up together, with his eyes fast shut.

asked. "What's that to you?"

pretty quickly, and you'd have a better | had fastened his teeth into my neck! head for work if you would get gradually used to the height."

Then looking up, I saw we were close me, for, as they said, he was actually to the top—a few yards more and we worrying me like a dog. would be there, yet those who were turning the windlass were winding with Ben off me. I soon come round but it county, of the importance and necessiunabating speed. A sudden chill ran creeping. They had miscalculated the the asylum he was never fit for his old recite the chief items of interest. In a habit of cutting, scraping and destroydistance, and with the force they were trade again, so he and Mary went out respect to houses, furniture, grounds. Ing whatever may be found in his winding at, the rope must inevitably to Australia, and the last I heard of &c., the greatest prospect of progress reach. But now he goes out to play. break when the cradle came in contact them was that Ben had got a couple of arises from the rapid decay of our old What does he see? The school house with the block. There was no time to thousand sheep and was doing well. attempt a signal, only an instant to point out the danger to Ben, and then finding that I got queer in the head forty-four. In a few years we shall see floor is a stable; on the one side an aito get nold of the rope, and, by going when I tried to face height. So, you hand over hand, reach the coping besee, that morning's work changed two fore the cradle came up. This was done almost quicker than I can tell you, Ben

following. The cradle came on: then, as I anticipated, the rope gave a shrill, singing ound like a rifle ball passing through the air, and snapped. Down went the cradle, and there we were left, nearly eight hundred feet in the air, with nothing to rest upon but a coping barely 18 inches wide.

Ben shricked out that he was a dead man, and cried: "Tell me where I can kneel, Harry,

show me where I can pray to Almighty God, for I cannot die this way !" "Hush lad," I said, "don't lose heart.

God can hear you just as well sit ing as M'Cleilan rose, received his visitors and kneeling, and if you try to get up, you'll tumble, to a moral certainty. Think of Mary, man, and keep up." But he only shook and swayed more

and more, groaning and crying out that he was lost; and I could see that, if he did not mind, he would overbalance. "Get hold of the rod," I said, think ing that, even sprung as it was, the touch of it would give him courage.

"Where is it, boy," he said, hoarsely

And then looking into his face which

was turned to me, I saw that his eyes were drawn together, squinting and bloodshot, and knew that the fright had driven him blind. So, pushing myself to him I placed myarm around his waist, and worked round to the rod, which I put in his hand, and then I looked below to see whether they were trying to help us, but there was no sign. The yard was full of people, all running hither and thither, and, as I was startled by a horrible yell, and

him, but crazed his brain. could not-that was my only consolaand began trying to get on his feet. round, and I knew that my chance was to witness his equally certain destruc-

I thought of poor Mary, and I re Satan near, and at the risk of my life, I roared out, "sit still, or you will fall,

Ben Lloyd!" He crouched down, and held on with elenched teath, shivering and shaking. In after days he told me that he thought that it was my spirit, sent to warn and

look upon Mary as a sort of sister, and brain, for some sign of aid. Each min- with ap oplexy. Bolus gazed long and Ben had no cause for jealousy, although site seemed to be an hour. My lips hard, felt his pulse, and finally gave Ben had no cause for jeanousy, attnough there were plenty of evil tongues ready grew dry, my tongue literally clove to the following sublime opinion:
my mouth, and the perspiration run"I think he's a gone feller." "No, ning down, blinded me. At last-at ightning conductor upon one of the last—hope came. The crowd began to not say that." "Yes," returned Bolus, highest chimneys, over at Lianelly gather in the yard, people were running | if fling up his hat and eyes heavenward sprang, and the owner of the works of in from distant lanes, and a sea of faces at the same time, "yes I do say so;

were turned upward; then some one "It's just the sort of thing for you, who had got a speaking-trumpet shout-Harry," said Mr. ----, when he told ed, "Keep heart, boys; we'll save you!" few minutes more and the kite began I touched my cap and accepted it off to rise; higher and higher it comes, on hand, and then Ben stepped up and and on. How I watched the whiteaid he'd volunteer to be the second | winged messenger, comparing it in my heart to an angel; and surely, as an an-"All right," said the master, "you are gel was it permitted to come to us poor sinners, hanging on the verge of eterniprice is a good one, and every penny of ty. Up it came, nearer and nearer, gui-

> I could not shout harrah, even had I dared; but in every beat of my heart was a thanksgiving to the God I had never truly known till that hour, and whose merciful Providence I can never

The block was fixed, the cradle came up again, and Ben, obeying my order, was ready, and stepping in, Ben and I got in. I followed; but no sooner did I touch him than he began trying to get out. I got hold of him, and, taking it when we entered the yard, but as we in his head that I was attempting to got higher I saw the news had spread, throw him over, he struggled and fought like the madman he was, grappling, tearing with his teeth, shouting, shricking, and praying all the way down, said, waving my cap to them. "I while the cradle strained and cracked. dare say they'd like to see as come down | swinging to and fro like the pendulum | to get a woman to take care of it." "Cannot you keep quiet?" answered I could hear the roar of voices, and an more of your jabber."

Ben, in a strange tone; and turning to occasional cheer, then suddenly all was scarcely a man dared look in. The first "You're not frightened old chap," I who did saw a horrible sight, for, exhausted by the struggle and excitement so soon as the cradle stopped I had fain-"Oh, nothing; only we are getting up ted, and Bea, feeling my hands relax,

No wonder the men fell back with blanched faces-they saw that Ben was He said nothing, and never moved. crazed; but they thought he had killed

I gave up the trade, too, soon after,

An Anecdote of Gen. M'Clellan. THE St. Louis Republican relates an ecdote of Gen. M'Clellan, upon the authority of an officer of high rank in the regular army, which reveals his character in its brightest and purest colors. "Our informant," says the Republican, "was with Gen. M'Clellan in his parior at Washington one evening, when Pope was falling back upon the Capital pursued by the troops of Lee and Jackson. There came a ring at the bell, and the servant opened the door and announced the President of the United States and General Halleck .conducted them into an adjoining apartment. They remained but a few moments and then departed. M'Ciellan turned to a friend and said, quietly -, I am in command of the army again.' 'General,' replied the other, 'I hope you have not accepted it without proper guarantees, -meaning pledges that there should be no more executive interference in military operations, 'Sir' was the response, 'when the President of the United States tells me with tears in his eyes that I am the only man who can take command of the army and save the country, it is no time to ask for guarantees!' At daylight next morning, General and aid-de-camp were in

their saddles and off for the field."

Dead Letter Office. A CORRESPONDENT of a Boston paper says :- "The dead letter office is one of afterwards knew, all in the greatest the curiosities of Washington to the formed a plan of sufficient dimensions long to convince them of the necessity consternation-the cradle having fallen stranger; but to those engaged in it, it on one of the overseers of the works, is a terrible drudgery. The opening, them specifying the same, and advising These labors, together with the usual killing him on the spot, and so occupy- and examining of fourteen thousand ing the attention of those near that we and five hundred letters every six although this house might cost more casional lectures, comprise the work of were for the time forgotten. I was hours, is a hard task; but it must be money than had been named, yet I did the Superintendent during the past you the story. I was apprenticed to a straining my eyes, in the hope of seeing done for there are four and a half milsome effort made to help us, when I lion of dead letters come to the office with less suitable arrangement. They present at the examinations than hereevery year. All that are signed are re adopted the plan and completed the brought to a sense of a new danger, for, tuened to the writers, but so many are looking around, I saw Ben champing written by "Your Affectionate Annie," dred dollars, including furniture of the with his teeth and foaming at the or "Your Loving Susy," that each cierk best quality. As the work progressed, dressed the teachers, directors and citimouth, and gesticulating in an unearth- has a two bushel basket beside him in- some complaint was made of the directions at the close of examinations. ly way. Fear had not only blinded to which all letters unsigned by full tors because of the expenses, but when name are dropped. From that recepta-Scarcely had I time to comprehend ble they pass to the chopping mill, and other parts of the district I heard it this, when he began edging his way to. are cut into small pieces, so that they said, "We must have such a house for in the proposed establishment of a State wards me, and every hair on my head may never be read, and from the chop- our school as soon as we can afford it." seemed to stand on end as I moved ping knife they go to the paper mill .- This, the first public school house in trustees of the Bloomsburg Literary inaway, keeping as far off as possible The great majority of these letters are the county, built and furnished in proand scarcely daring to breathe, lost through the carelessness of writers; per style, had its influence outside of lest he should hear me, for see me he and it surpasses my power of imagina- Briar Creek. The directors of the ad- first entertained the idea of erecting tion to know how people can be so care- joining district, Berwick, who are all additional buildings and converting tion. Once, twice, thrice, he followed less especially when they send large ways ready to march with the music of their institution into a Normal school me round the mouth of that horrible sums of money. Nearly fifty eight the times, were not disposed to lag. This last November. After fall considerachimney; then, no doubt thinking I thousand letters came to this office last spring they furnished elegant furni- tion they determined this spring to had fallen over, he gave up the search, year, enclosing bills, checks, or bonds. ture, and fitted up a pleasant school And how much do you suppose these room. A new brick house is now bethis sweetheart of hers (who was called | What could I now do to save his life? letters contained? Over three million | ing built in Montour district in place of | been made, and the erection is in rapid Ben Lloyd) and I were not the best of To touch him was certain death for my- and a half dollars! One letter contained one, the walls of which became insecure. self, as well as for him, for he would two thousand dollar bills; it was return- The directors say they will supply it cort of fellow to harbor malice, and inevitably seize me, and we would go ed to the writer. Another had two with the best style of furniture. when the biddings to the wedding went over together. To let him stand up was hundred and fifty dollars in it, but The County institute held this year nothing to show the name of the during the week beginning Nevember laying of the corner stone was witnesswriter. Fortun ately the pest mark 25, was attended by double the number ed, on the twenty-fifth day of June, by though partly obliterated, could still be of teachers attending last year. As a large and appreciative audience. His membered that if he died she might read. The letter came from Chicago was said in last year's report, it is Excellency Gov. Geary conducted the get to cere for me. The devil put that was remailed there and advertised, and thought that of thought in my mind, I suppose; but, the owner came forward, saying that THE WORK OF THE COUNTY SUPERIN thank God, there was a stronger than when he sent the mone y he was in so much of a hurry that he forgot to add his duties respecting institutes and othhis mame! The most valuable letter or

> contained bonds worth over \$20,000. A Doctor as is a Doctor.—A selfsufficient humbug, who took up the position of a physician, and pretended "Sit still," I repeated, from time to to a knowledge of the art, was once time, watching with aching eyes and called to visit a man who was afflicted

rather package that turned up "dead"

no !" exclaimed the sorrowful wife; 'do there ain't no hope-not the least mite. He's got an attack of nihilfit in his lost frontis," "Where ?" cried the startled wife. "In his lost frontis; and can't be cured without some trouble and a great deal of pains. You see the whole planetary system is deranged. Fustly, his voxpopuli is pressing on his advalorum; secondly, his cutacarpial cutaneous has swelled considerably, if not more; thirdly, and lastly, his ribs are it shall be divided between you. We'll ded by the skillful flyer. The slack- in a concussed state, and he hain't got any money; consequently he's bound to die,"-Erchange,

think the latter had some good effect,

though I was informed that one teach-

er absented himself from the institute,

because he said the advertisement of

the County Superintendent, containing

the above-named sections of the law,

The law making teaching a special

branch of examination, also proves

beneficial. We have felt the good of

this, and intend so to manage, that

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"FATHER," said a four years old child, "I think you are very foolish." "Why, my child?"

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go and see the boy of eight or ten years sitting in the dilapidated shell called a school H. on Smoketown alley. The floor is broken, and the cold blasts of winter come up from the open cellar to chill him, and make misery more miserable, as he sits, or rather hangs on a bench with no back. The desks are carved and cut with various figures, many most OUR statistical report will show some vulgar, some of which were executed by progress in several respects, but the the frowning school boy of years ago and actual progress which is more particu- others are the work just finished with larly felt and recognized among us is the well-sharpened pocket knife you not shown by figures. It consists in see in the hand of the boy now occupy-At last the master got to us and pulled the realization, by the citizens of the ing the place. He does not study; his powas a long time before he go: well, poor ty of educational work, and will be mind must be engaged about something, fellow; and when he did come out of spoken of throughout our report as we if it be nothing more than to cultivate buildings. Last year we reported thir- stands on the corner of two alleys. In ty-nine houses untit, now we have front sixteen and a-haif feet from the them all crumbic, and then we may ley; on the other a pig pen; in the rear hope for the erection of new and good a fence. And here, with scarcely one ones. A few old houses have been re- hundred square feet of ground, except paired so as, in the language of direct the alleys, the boy is to take exercise and tors, "to answer a year or two." We recreation. It is not necessary to say do not encourage this. We believe it that under such circumstances there is is better, as well as more economical, to more of evil than of good influence, nor build new houses at once, and spend as is it necessary to say the boy thinks little money as possible upon the anti- senool is only a place of confinement, quated sheds that cannot be made suit- instituted to afford the teacher a fiving able. It may be noticed, also, that and keep him from annoying his pa while the number of unfit houses in- rents at home. Remove that boy to the creases, the number of suitable ones in- school rooms of the Literary Institute. creases in proportion. Of those erected Their beauty, cleanliness and comfort this year, one in Fishing Creek, we are make his eyes sparkle with loy. He sorry to say, is not a proper building. immediately begins to realize that the The mechanic's work was badly done, school room is not the most dreary prisand the material was very poor and on. He sees no vulgar carving there, unseasoned. At the time of my visit and though but yesterday he cut his during the first term of school taught desk, think you he will so much as mar in it, I found large openings between the polish of that furniture by the the boards of the floor, and as the snow prick of a pin? No, he immediately upon the roof was thawed water flowed opens his mind to admire the good and down the wall inside. Of this I speak | pleasant part of a school boy's day. into show the fallacy of cheapness. This stead of the rude, idie boy, he becomes house cost about three hundred dollars, an industrious and genteel student, but, I doubt not, the expense of repairs | Here, having grown weary by close apwill be twice that amount in ten years, plication to his lessons, he goes out for and it can scarcely be kept fit for use. exercise. He finds about the building One thousand dollars would have paid a yard aborned with fragrant flowers, for a good house, which, if properly and farther out acres of beautiful, clean cared for, would not cost a cent in this sward, upon which he is made glad. time. As a matter of economy the lat- Does not the impression of a single day ter is preferable, while in an education- give this boy an idea of the beautiful? at view its superiority is incatculable. Did he never enter a school room again, In this, however, the directors of Briar | would be not grow a nobler, more hon-Creek have set a good example. About est, and more useful man? All are ina year ago I received a letter from the fluenced by those things with which we secretary of their board, saying they are associated, whether they be per? were about to erect a new house at sons or inanimate objects. With these Foundryville, at cost of about one thous- views we approach the directors and and dollars, complete, of brick, and re- people of the county whenever an apquesting me to give them a plan. I portunity is afforded, and we hope ere to accommodate the school, and wrote of more care in building.

them of furniture; stating, also, that, examinations and visitations, with ocofore. In addition to the lectures at a building at a cost of about sixteen hun- few special meetings, I have upon every occasion when time was found, ad-

BLOOMSBURG NORMAL SCHOOL completed all were satisfied, and in A prospective acquisition to the Normal school at Bloomsburg. The Superintendent, Mr. J. P. Wickersham, proceed with the work, and at this time the contract for the buildings has progress, under the direction of the architect and contracter, Prof. Henry Carver, who expects to have it completed by the first of January next. The ceremonies and in an earnest address upon the subject of education created much enthusiasm. He paid an excellent compliment to our public instituer meetings of teachers are among the tions, both of polity and education, showing the dependence of each upon most important. Teachers participat ing in the institute feel fully compensathe other for maintenance in a Republican government. His Honor Judge ted, not only on account of the infor-Elwell, of Bloomsburg, followed with and profit resulting in schools, but be- an eloquent and well directed address, cause they feel that thereby the honor Previous to the administration of the of their profession is promoted, and ceremonies, Hon. C. L. Ward, of Bradcommon school labor made more popu- ford county, delivered an excellent leelar. In a majority of districts teachers | ture in the hall of the institute. In the were allowed the time in attendance. evening, again, the spacious hall was filled to hear the logical and convincing The law legalizing this action of directors, and authorizing the County Super- address of Hon, J. P. Wickersham intendent to lower the grade of the whose earnest manner of talking directcertificates of teachers neglecting their ly "at" his audience, holds every ear duty, we believe will result in much and leaves good impressions permagood. I know the first aided us, and

nently fixed upon the mind. Our opinion expressed three years -their necessity in our school system," prepared at the request of the late Su. perintendent, Hon. C. R. Coburn, and published in the school report of 1865, that "Normal schools are the basis of our school system," is still firmly believed. We feel the benefit of this proposed fatherly institution even now. Our teachers and citizens inquire of it, and it seems to have inspired a new

literary ambition with all. Let the work go on, as it has during the past two years, gaining force in ge ometrical progression, and in a short

ring the past year. And now we do time we shall have no of which to speak in our annual reports, and further, we shall have no necessity

and enters upon the study of his busi- of suggesting MEANS OF PROMOTING IMPROVEMENT. The obstacles are rapidly removed as the means are applied in earnest.

has been more carefully turned recently arises upon the subject of school buil-A nov in Cambridge was recently exdings and furniture. We were aroused to the necessity of this through the erectionsed from school to attend a funeral; tion of two houses-one jast year and but a truant officer found him, soon at another this -that were scarcely fit for ter, witnessing a game of base-ball, and use immediately upon their completion. asked him why he did not go to the fu-The influence of the school house, its neral. With the utmost coolness, the fixtures, and the grounds, upon a child youngster replied-"I went down to may be illustrated in a practical way; in the house to attend it, but the man isn't