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tote-a-tote-a middle aged Cockney, pere de famille- | Very quiet they seemed: all the exuberant happinoss evidently some beach acquitintance made at Southend. which at first had found vent in almost childness frolic His chance question produced an answer to my inward wondering.

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Select Poetry THE BRIDE! [From the Louisville Democrat.] She stood before the altar screen. Beneath the grey-arched temple pile. And o'er her fell the crystal sheen Of morning's richest sunny smile. Zoned in the golden flood of light, To earth she seemed not to belong Or if to earth, her form was bright As scraphs loved when earth was young.

Yet she was pale-and sooth a tear Was trembling in her lucent eye, As though some thought to memory dear, Was rising with a rising sight And thoughts most dear they were that rose, For though her love was sealed on one. Yet never can the heart's leaves close On kindness past, or meni'ry shun.

For she had left the home of years, The nestling-place of infant days; And she had set her foot where tears Too often mar sweet womans, ways; And she had laid a fond warm heart As ever beat, at love's bright shrine.

With murmur'd vows, "till death do part. Devotedly, thine, only thine." The chain of gold around her flung,

The clustered jewels on her hand, Were gathered where hot tears are wrung From toil, at wealth's untamed command Then neer, can these meet emblems be To show the wealth that they unfold; For hand and heart, where love is free.

Cast shade on jewels, gems and gold. In joyous hour, or worldly strife, In cloud or sunshine, she will stand, An augel in the paths of life, " To sentter ble?sings from her hand. Then say not woman's love is light, Her constancy of worn in pride; For never was she first to slight The vows of love which called her-bride.

Choice Miscellany.

THE FIRST QUARREL. A SKETCH FROM LIFE. "

I am one of the many from whom Heaven thas seen never formed-that in such a life one learns to forget it to take away the individual interests of life, that per- self; and all individual joys and griefs, loves and hatreds, chance they might become universal. Sometimes I are swallowed up in universal sympathies could almost liken myself to a mirror, which receives on I pondered much on the two young creatures I had its silent, solitary breast the fleeting images that pass it left below; and, woman-like, I thought chiefly of the wocalled her "Sister!"

ness, a dethroned and contemned slave!

how to rule as well as to cherish her.

HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER was passed away. The girl no longer laughed and jested with her young husband; but she drew close to his "Oh," said the bride, "we could only stay at Southside, her head bending towards his shoulder, as thought, end a few days, because of my"-----She paused a mo- | but for the presence of the stranger, it would frain droop ment, and then changed the word husband into "Mr there, heavy with its weight of ponitonce and love. Yet tradition from his contemporaries, was of the middle stat-

Goodricho. He cannot be longer away from business." as I watched the restloss look in her eyes, and the fuint ure, square built and sinewy, with large hands and feet. The young bridegroom, then, was "in business"-one shadow that still lingered on the young man's face, I In his youth he was uncommonly strong and vigorous; of those worthy laboring bees who furnish the community with honey. I thought how hard he must have toiled ten times happier-would both have felt had the first by counter or in shop to have gained so early in life a quarrel never been! nome and a wife. I respected him accordingly.

In the confession of departure I lost my young friends, My "interesting couple" began a lively chat with their as I thought, forever; but on penetrating the mysterious | ed by veins extending down to the eyebrows, which new companion: at least the wife did. She put forth all depths of an omnibus, I heard a pleasent voice adressing her smiles, all that battery of facination with which she me-"So you are again our fellow-passenger to----?" had probably before her marriage won her spurs on the But I will not say where, lest the youg couple chould field of conquest, and been dubbed "a most shocking "speer" for me, and demand why I dared to "put them flirt." And in the shadow that gathered over the quiet in print." And yet they would scarce be wroth did they husband's face, I saw the reflection of that which know the many chords they touched, and the warm in-must often have bitterly troubled the peace of still more terests they awakeued, in a poor, withered heart which and very full beard. retiring lover. True, the girl was doing nothing wrong has few.

-her now friend was old enough to have been her father, It was the dreariest of wet nights in London-Heaven so no jealousy could be aroused; but still she was taking her attention and conversation from her husband to give it at all. They were quite happy-quite gay. I wonderit to a perfect stranger. She would not have done so ed whether for them was prepared the deepest bliss of had he been her lover still. Alas! that women should earth-the first "comming home;" and I felt almost sure take so much pains to win love, and so little to keep it. of it when the husband called out to the conductor, "Set Each minute the young husband spoke less, and his us down at-----;" naming a quiet, unobtrucive, now countenance grew darker. She only laughed and chat- built square. He said it with the half-concious importored the more. Foolish-foolish one! There came ou | tance of one who gives a new address, thinking the world a heavy shower, and there was a rush below. "Come | must notice what is of so much interest to himself; and with us to the farther end; I will find a place for you," kindly said the blithe young wife, turning back to the litthe old maid. I thanked her but declined. For the world, a miserable night!-Is it not pleasant coming home?" I would not have prevented the -chance that, in the solidude of a crowd, some word or look might pass between her whole face beaming and glowing with happiness, husband and wife to take away his gloom. Yet when I "Oh, it is-it is!" left the cabin, I saw her sitting-bonnetless, and laugh-

ing with a childish gavety-between her silent, grave husband and the disagreeable old man. I went to my quiet place at the stern of the boat, and

turned away so that I could see only the turbid river and dull grey sky. It was as complete solitude as though I had been on Robinson Crusoo's raft in the midst of the Tim and Rachel a unite, and the company had "liquor-Pacific. I pondered over life and its mysteries, as one does who is used to loneliness-who is accustomed to with Rachel, boldly announcing the desperate resolution dwell, as it were, on a mountain top, seeing the world of starting the next morning on a grand tour of observaand its inhabitants move below like puppets in a show. tion. And herein does fate half atone for ties riven, and ties

by, and so takes them, for the time being, as compani- man. She seemed to me like a child toying with a preons to its own void heart, while it makes of them life- cious jewel, little knowing what a fearful thing it is to pictures to be reflected abroad. These passing interests throw away love, or to play lightly, mockingly with those I fraate for myself continually. They seem, too, to meet feelings on which must rost the joy or wee of two human me voluntarily on every side, not merely in society, but acuts for a lifetime. And passing from this individual in chance rencounters along the waysides of life. I rare- case, I thought solemnly, almost painfully, of the strange ly journey five miles away from my home without dis- mysteries of human life, which seem often to bestow covering, or if you will, manufacturing, some pleasant the priceless boon of love where it is unvalued and cast and useful passage in human life, which makes me feel away. Unconciously I repeated the weil-known words. one with my follow-creatures, as though the world "To him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath stretched out lovingly its hand to the solitary one, and not shall be taken away." But my soul answered meek-

ly, "Only on earth, and life is not long-not long!" The other day 1 took my way homeward. Reader, I And turning once more to the group of my fellow-voy-may as well tell the truth, that I am a little old maid, agers, I saw the two in who I took such an interest.living in London, and working hard that I may live at They were standing together a little apart, leaning on the all; also that, in order to add a small might to my slen- vessel's side. He was talking to her, not angrily, but der modicum of health, I had abided for a brief space at gravely-earnestly. In the expression of his face 1

then the young people looked at one another, and smiled. I said to the wife-drawing the bow at venture-"What She looked first at her husband, and then turned to me

They bade me good-night, and dissappeared. A WEDDING EXCURSION.

FROM THE GREAT WEST.

The evening the ceremony was performed which made ed" all round, Tim having previously "talked it up" "He had always bin tu hum." he said. "and never

seen nuthin, and now he was goin straight to G----, and afore he come back he would see a steamboat, if there was such a thing any how."

The village of G----, was about fifty miles distant, ly ing on the Ohio river, and a journey there from Tim's residence in those days, was deemed a great undertaking. Some of them thought Tim had taken leave of his sonses, or certainly he was not in carnest, but he assured them he was, and the next morning, tackling up "old gray," and putting in a supply of pork and beans for the journey, Tim and the new Mrs. Higgins started on their bridal tour. The second day the hopeful pair, without accident arrived at G Just as they were entering the town it so happened that the steamboat Pennsylvania was rounding is, to make landing. Tim caught sight of her smoke pipes, and in an ecstacy of wonder and delight cried out:

"There she comes now, by hokey! Luok at her Rach! Jo-ru-sa-lem! jost as Squire Stokely said-smoke like a hair, as if anxious to appear to advantage. burnin foller. She's coming in tu shoro, tu! Jumima, vhat a creek! furder cross than from our house to Shad-

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ming what he pronounced the genuine) Koran, caused

BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

MAHOMETI

MANOMER, according to accounts handed down by thought how much had been perilled, and how much-ay, in the latter part of his life he inclined to corpulency .--His head was capacious, well shaped and well set on a neck which rose like a pillar from his amplo chest .---His forehead was high, broad at the temples, and cross-

white teeth, somewhat parted and irregular; black hair

ho sometimes indulged in pleasantry, but more compossessed a smile of captivating sweetness. His complexion was more ruddy than is usual with Arabs, and ples magnified into the supernatural light of prophecy. His intellectual qualities were undoubtedly of an exems of religion current in his day, or handed down by was excited and eloquent, and his sloquence was aided by a voice nusical and sonorous. }

He was sober and abstemious in this diet, and a rigorgels; and in arranging it he let one end hang down between his shoulders, which he said was the way they wore it. He forbade the wearing of clothes entirely of silk; but permitted a mixture of thread and silk. He

finger close to the palm of his hand, bearing the inscrip- | tained. tion, "Mahomet, the messenger of God." He was seruablutions. In some respects he was a voluptuary .-which delight me, women and perfumes. These two devotion." . From his extreme cleanliness, and the use of perfumes and of sweet-scented oil for his hair, probably arose that sweetness and fragrance of person, which

sion for the sex had an influence over all his affairs. It is said that when in the presence of a beautiful female. he was continually smoothing his brow and adjusting his The number of his wives is uncertain, Abulfeda, who writes with more caption than other of the Arabian hised of its last coin. Omar Ibn Al Harota declares that torians, limits it to fifteen, though some make it as much Mahomot, at his death, did not leave a golden dinar nor as twentyfive. At the time of his death he had nine, a silver dirhem, a slave nor a slave girl, 'nor any thing each in her separate dwelling, and all in the vicinity of but his gray mule Daldal, his arms, and the ground the mosque at Medina. The plea alleged for his indulwhich he bestawed upon his wifes, his children, and the ging in a groater number of wives than he permitted to poor. "Allah," says an Aradian writer, "offered him his followers, was a desire to beget a race of prophets for

all the others to be destroyed.

If we are fur from considering Mahomet the gross and impious impostor that some have represented him, so also are we indisposed to give him credit for that vast forecast, and for that deeply concerted scheme of universal conquest which have been ascribed to him. He was, undoubtedly, a man of great genius and a suggestive imagination, but it appears to us that he was, in a great degree, the creature of impulse and excitement, and very much at the morey of circumstances. His schemes grew out of his fortunes, and not his fortunes out of his schemes. He was forty years of age before he first broached his swelled whenever he was angry or excited. He had an doctrines. He suffered year after year to steal away oval face, marked and expressive features, an aquiline before he promulgated them out of his own family .--1050, black eyes, arched eyebrows which nearly met, a When he fled from Mecca thirteen years had elopsed mouth large and flexible, indicative of eloquence, very from the autouncoment of his mission, and from being a wealthy merchant he had sunk to be a ruined fagitive .----

His deportment, in general, was calm and equable; ble mosque where he might preach, and his only hope that he might be suffered to preach with impunity knows how dreary that is!-but they did no seem to feel monly was grave and dignified, though he is said to have When power suddenly broke upon him, he used it for a time in petty forays and focal feuds. His military plans expanded with his resources, but were by no means masin his excited and enthusiastic moments there was a terly, and were sometimes unsuccessful. They were glow and radiance in his countenance, which his disci- not struck out with boldness, nor executed with decision; but were often changed in deference to the opinions of warlike men about him, and sometimes at the suggesraordinary kind. He had a quick apprehension, a re- tion of inferior minds, who occasionally led him wrong. entive momory, a vivid imagination, and an inventive Had he, indeed, conceived from the outset the idea of enius. Owing but little to education, he had quickened binding up the scattered and conflicting tribes of Arabia and informed his mind by close observation, and stored into one nation by a brotherhood of faith, for the purpose t with a great variety of knowledge concerning the sys- of carrying out a scheme of external conquest, he would have been one of the first of military projectors; but the radition from antiquity. His ordinary discourse was idea of extended conquest seems to have been an aftergrave and sententious, abounding with those aphorisms thought, produced by success. The moment he proand apologues so popular among the Arabs; at times he claimed the religion of the sword, and gave the predatory Arabs a taste of foreign plunder, that moment he was

launched in a career of conquest, which carried him forward with its own irresistible impetus. The fanatic zeal ous observer of fasts. Ho indulged in no magnificence with which he had juspired his followers, did more for of apparel, the ostentation of a petty mind; neither was his success than his military science; their belief in his his simplicity in dress affocted, but the result of a real doctrine of predestination produced victories which no disregard to distinction from so trivial a source. His military calculation could have anticipated. In his dagirments were sometimes of wool; sometimes of the bious outset as a prophet, he had been encouraged by striped cotton of Yemen, and were often patched.' Ho the crafty counsels of his scriptural oracle Waraka; in wore a turban, for he said turbans were worn by the an- his caroer as a conqueror, he had Omar, Khaled, and other fiery spirits by his side to urge him on, and to aid him in managing the tremendous power which he had evoked into action. Even with all their aid, he had occasionally to avail himself of his supernatural machinery forbade also red clothes and the use of gold rings. He as a prophet, and in so doing may have reconciled himwore a seal ring of silver, the engraved part under his self to the fraud by considering the pious end to be ob-

His military triumphy awakened no pride nor vain pulous as to personal cleantiness, and observed frequent glory, as they would have done had they been effected for selfish purposes. In the time of his greatest power, "There are two things in this world," would he say, he maintained the same simplicity of manners and appearance as in the days of his adversity. So far from things rejuice my eyes, and render mo more forvent in affecting regal state, ho was displeased if, on entering a room, any unusual testimonial of respect were shown him. If he aimed at universal dominion, it was the dominion of the faith; as to the temporal rule which grow his disciples considered innate and miraculous. His pasup in his hauds, as he used it without ostentation, so he took no step to perpetuate it in his family.

The riches which poured in upon him from tribute and the spoils of war, were expended in promoting the victories of the faith, and in relieving the poor among its voturies, disonauch that his treasury was often drain-

timusly returned and bore him above all earthly things.

purifier of the soul, was his constant preacher. "Trust

in God," was his comfort and support in times of trial

and perpondency. On the elemency of God, we are

told, he reposed all his hopes of supernal happiness .---

Ayesha relates that on one occasion she inquired of him.

"Oh prophet, does no one enter paradise, but through

with cornest and emphatic repetition. "But you, oh

God's mercy?" "None-none-none!" replied he,

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sant nooks. "I ought to have got used to 'good by' by and then there was a sullen silence between them. this time," thought I to myself, half patiently, half The time passed and still they remained in the same sadly, and began to divort my attention by nothing position together; but oh; what a sea of sullen anger was the various groups on dock. I always do so on prin- between them! Neither saw the other's face; but I saw ciple, and it is hard if I do not find some "bit" both. He stood gazing up into the leaden clouds, his of human nature to study, or some form of outward mouth firmly set, and yet twitching every now and then beauty in man, woman, or child to fall in love with with surpressed fealing. Was it, perchance, the bitter Traveling alone (as I ever do travel-what should I fear, disappointment, almost agony of the man who has with travels." with my quiet face and my forty years?) I had pleuty of pain and toil built for himself a household hearth, and opportunity to look around, and soon fell on two persons, | finds it trodden into ruins by theivery idel whom he hoped

meet subjects to awaken interest. to place there forever? A feelish girl! wishing to try They were a young couple who sat opposite to me, so your power, and keep the honored husband a tyrannized close that I could hear every word above a whisper. But lover still. Do you think what it is you do? When you they saw, that they did not observe the preparations makwhispering with them seemed pleasantest, at least for a suffer your hands to tear down the fair adornments of ing for her departure. At the last tap of the bell, Tim long time. I should have have taken them for lovers, idolitry with which his passion has decked you and appear save for a certain air of choerful unreservo which lovers before him, not as an angelic ideal, but a selfish, sullen, never have, and an occasional andisguised "my dear" or vain woman, little know you that it may take years of falling from both their lips. At last, keeping a watch dovotion to efface the bitterness produced by that one over the girl's left hand, I saw it ungloved, and thereon hour-the first when hopsees you as you are! he wedding ring! It rested with a sort of of new im- The young husband ghanced once only at his wife; but

portance, as though the hand were unused to its weight. that was enough. The lower lip-that odious lower lip, Unconsciously sho played and fidgeted with its shining which had at first awoke my doubts?-was the image of circlet, and then recollected herself with a smile and week, pouting sullenness. Bot its weakness was its safeblush. It was quite clear my new pets were a bridegroom guard against continued obstincy; and I saw though the and bride. Here, then, was a page in human life open husband did not see-that as she bent over the side, tear before mo; I tried to read it line by line, romancing where after tear dropped silently into the river. There was hope I could not read. Full opportunity I hud, for they took still!

no notice of me: they saw nothing in the world but their She was leaning over the gangway door, a place own two selves. Happy blinduess! I believe much in scarce dangerous, save to the watchful anxiety of affecphysiognomy, so I amused myself with deciphering tion However, the fact seemed to strike her husband; hoirs. The girl's face was strikingly pretty. There for he suddenly drew her away, though formally, and vas a high brow, showing little talent, but much seuse: without any sign of wishing for reconciliation. But this the candid, loving, and yet half wicked dark eyes; the one slight act showed the thoughtfulness, the love-oh, straight nose and short curled upper lip; but there the if she had only answered it by one kind look, one word of face changed, as faces sometimes do, from beauty into atonement! But no: there she stood-inmovable .positive ugliness. The lower lip was full-pouting- Neither would yield. 1 would have given the world could showing that it could look both sulky and sensual; and I have whispered in the wife's car, "For the love of Heathe chin retreated-in fact, positively ran away! I said von-for the love of him -for the peace of your whole life, to myself, "If the under half of the character matches by the first to say, forgive me! Right or wrong, never the under half of the face, the young husband there will mind. Whichever have errod, it is your place-as weakfind a tew more difficulties with the wife he has married est and most loving-to yield first. Oh, did you but than the "lassie" he "woed." So I turned to his coun- know the joy, the blessedness of creeping cluse to your tenance and speculated thereon. It was decidedly hand- humand's wounded, perchance augry heart, and saying ome-Greek in its ouline: in exprossion so sweet, as to -Tako me insthere again; lot us to be divided more! | back with all dispatch, they found old gray still fast to the be almost feeble; at least so I thought at first when he And he would take you, ay, at once; and love you the was smilling, as he ever did when he looked at her. But more for the forbearance which never even asked of his unned homeward, with Tim and Rachel, who were per-

in a few minutes of silence I saw the mouth settle into pride the concession that he was also wrong!" firm horizontal lines, indicating that with its gontleness Perhaps this long speech was partly written in his eyes was united that resolute will and clear decision without for when, by chance, they met the young wife's, she turnwhich no man can be the worthy head of a household- ed away, coloring crimson: and at that moment up came respected, loved and obeyed. For in all households one the enemy once more, in the shape of the intrusive eldermust rule; and wos be to that family wherein its proper ly gentleman; but the husband's locture, whatever it was, head is either a petty tyrant, or, through his own weak- had its effect in the girl's demeanor. She drew back with a quiet womanly reserve, strongly contrasted with Therefore, when I noticed the pretty, wilful ways and her former coquettish forwardness, and left "Mr. Goodsometimes half-silly remarks of the bride, I felt that this riche" in possession of the field. And I liked the husyoung, thoughilless creature might yet have cause to band ten times better for the gentlemanly dignity with thank Heaven that she had married a man who knew which he shook off all trace of ill-humor, and conversed

with the intrader. The boyish lover scomed changed Until now, I had not speculated on their station or into the firm, solf-dependent man. And when the wife calling: it was enough for me that they belonged to the timidly crept, up and put her arm through his, he turned wide family of humanity. But as my musings wandered round and smiled upon her. Oh, how gladely, yet how idly on into their future life, I took this also into cousid- shyly, she answered the slight token of peace? And I A GOOD according to Winter Vertings, some very nice, for stand firm yot breach though the wife's tones, I distinguishe tander away: he will make a first-rate head of a family?' speech, though, through the wife's tones, I distinguish- tender sway: he will make a first-rate head of a family?

ed the vague drawl which infects most classes of Lon-I saw a little more of them until near the journey's end. stand behind a counter. A third individual broke their ious individual of middle age had landed at Blackwall .- the whites in all kinds of improvements.

low's mill! ain't it Rach? See, they are tying up the varmint with a halter. Wonder if it's skeery and pulls. Here's a post, let's tie gray, and go down to the critter." "Thunder! what's that? how it snorts! You better keep away from it. Tim." said Rachal: "it mought swal. ler you down like winkin."

"I a's't afeared," said Tim; "folks are coming off on't now. She's good natured I reckon, only spirited." By this time "gray" was made fast, and Tim and Bachel were moving cautiously in the direction of the boat. "No balking, Rachel, I'm going on to her." The plank was out, and Tim, followed slowly by Rachal, boldly walked up, and soon stood along side the engine.

"See how she sweats, they must have put her through" aid Tim. "I say, old hess," said Tim, addressing the engineer, "move her jints a little, I want to see how she

"Sho'll move directly," replied the man of steam, "better keep out af her way."

Tim and Rachel now wended their way to the main deck. and so completely were they absorbed with what thought there must be a meetin' somewhere, but had no idea, it was anything which concerned him. At length as Tim afterwards expressed it. "she began to breathe hard, and the water began to smash," and Tim for the first time observed they were in the midst of the river.

"Hollo here, old hoss!" screamed Tim; "I say, cap's, what you 'bout? where you goin tu?"

They were now under full headway, and Tim saw the town and old gray disappearing like magic. "Thunder, why don't you hold her in ?" roared Tim,

"she's rouning away. What 'ill, do? Oh Lord, cuss he critter-can't she be bro't tu?" A wag who comprehended poor Tim's predicamen

observed. "You are in for it now, my friend, we don't stop till we ot to Orleans."

"I told you to keep away from the blasted varmint," creamed Rachel: "now what will become of us?" Tim was in despair. At this moment the steamer's whistle uttored one of its sharpest notes, and Tim's hair tood on end.

"Sho's loose, squeating and kickin!" shricked Tim. 'Oh Lord. Rachel, we are lost," and the absence of the knowledge of any prayer, he tried to repeat a part of the blessing he had heard Deacon Suivelly ask at the table. By this time the captain had learned of poor Tim's nisfortune, and kindly ordered the boat to land, and Tim and Rachel once more stood on terra firma. Footing it post, and not many minutes clapsed before his head was fectly satisfied with what they had seen of the world in

general, and their experience in steamboating in particular.

A RECIPE .-- Whenever you get a black eye by a full on the ice, or from running against the bed post, or from running away from a powerful fist, apply a cloth wrung out of very warm water and renew it until the pain ceases. The moisture and heat liquifies the blood and sends it back to the proper channels. Use warm or hot, but never cold water to the bruise. A doctor would charge guines for this advice, we give it gratis.

A Good Cow .- The best cow in the United States, probably, is one owned near Geneva, N. York, which through the month of June, 1849' gave forty-two quarts of milk per day; and for five days, she gave forty-five quarts per day. The cow is half Durham of the native

OF The Cherokee Indians, it is said, design to apply Gold, Biver and Florence Leaf: Gold Silver and Composition Bonzes: Japauned dius, assorted colors Nov. 21. Nov. 21. CARTER & BROTTER & B

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the keys of all the treasures of the earth, but he refused his people. If such indeed were his desire, it was disto accept them." appointed. Of all his children, Fatima, the wife of Ali, It is this perfect abnegation of sel', connected with done survived him, and she died within a short time his apparently heartfelt piety, running throughout the after his death. Of her descendants, none excepting various phases of his fortune, which perplex one in formher oldest son Hassan ever sat on the throne of the Caing a just estimate of Mahomet's character. However he betrayed the alloy of earth after he had worldly power

In his private dealings he was just. He treated friends, at his command, the early aspirations of his spirit conand strangers, the rich and poor, the powerful and the weak, with equity, and was beloved by the common Prayer, that vital duty of Islamism, and that infallible people for the affability with which he received them, and listened to their complaints.

He was naturally irritable, but had brought his temper under great control, so that even in the self-ludulgent ntercourse of domestic life he was kind and tolerant.-"I served him from the time I was eight years old." said his servant Anas, "and he never scolded me for any thing, though things were spoiled by me."

The question now occurs, was he the unprincipled prophet, will not you entor excepting through his comimpostor that he has been represented? Were all his passion?" Then Mahomet put his hand upon his head. visions and revelations deliberate falsehoods, and was his and replied three times, with great solemnity, "Neither whole system a tissue of deceit? In considering this shall I enter paradise unless God cover me with his question, we must bear in mind that he is not chargeable mercy!"

with many extravagances which exist in his name. When he hung over the, death-bed of his infant som Many of the visions and revelations handed down "as Ibrahim, resignation to the will of God was exhibited in having been given by him are sourious. The miracles his conduct under his keenest of afflictions; and the hope of soon rejoining his child in paradise was his consola-Ho expressly and repeatedly disclaimed all miracles extion. When he followed him to the grave, he invoked cepting the Koran; which, considering its incomparable his spirit in the the awful examination of the tomb, to merit, and the way in which it had come down to him hold fast to the foundations of the faith, the unity of God. from heaven, he pronounced the greatest of miracles.and his own mission as a prophet. Even in his own And here we must indulge a few observations on this dying hour, where there could be no longer a worldly famous document. While zealous Moslems and some motive for deceit, he still breathed the same religions of the most learned doctors of the faith draw proofs of devotion, and the same belief in his apostolic mission -its divino origin from the inimitable excellence of its The last words that trembled on his lips ejaculated a style and composition, and the avowed illiteracy of Mahomet; less devout critics have pronounced it a chaos of

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beauties and defects; without method or arrangement; full of obscurities, incoherencies, repetitions, false versions of scriptural stories, and direct contradictions .--

The truth is, that the Koran, as it now exists, is not the same Koran delivered by Mahomet to his disciples, but has undergono many corruptions and interpolations. The revelations contained in it were given at various times, in various places, and before various persons: sometimes they were taken down by his secretaries or disciples on parchmont, on palm-leaves, or the shoulderblades of sheep, and thrown together in a chost, of which one of his wives had charges soluctiones they were merely treasured up in the memories of those who heard them. No care appears to have been taken to systematize and arrange them during his life; and at his douth they re-

mained in scattered fragments, many of them at the mercy of fallacious memories. It was not until several years after his death, that Abu Beker undertook to have them gathered together and transcribed. Zeid Ibn Thabet, employed for the purpose. He professed to know many parts of the Koran by heart, having written them down under the dictation of the prophet; other parts he collected piecemeal from various hands, written down in the rude way we have mentioned; and many parts he took down as repeated to him by various disciples who professed to have heard them uttered by the prophet himself. The heterogeneous fragments thus collected were thrown together without selection, without chronological order,

put in circulation and dispersed throughout the Moslam doners. But the husband looked and spoke like a gen- They were then sitting in the half-empty cabin alone for admission into the Union in a few years, and with cities. So many errors, interpolations, and contradictory

trust of soon entering into blissful companionship with the prophets who had goue before him. It is difficult to reconcile such ardent, persovering piety, with an incessant system of blasphomous imposture; for such pure and eleva ed and benignant procepts as are contained in the Koran, with a mind haunted by ignoble passions, and devoted to the grovelling interests of mere mortality; and we find no other satisfactory mode of solving the enigma of his character and conduct, than by supposing that the ray of mental hallucination which flashed upon his enthusiastic spirit during his religious ecstacies in the midnight cavern of Mount Hara, continued more or less to bewilder him with a species of monomania to the end of his career, and that

e died in the delusive belief of his mission as a prophet. SECOND GENERAL EPISTLE FROM THE LATTER-DAY Saists .- Yesterday's western mail brought us a pamphiet copy of the "Second General Epistle" issued by the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, at the Salt Lake Valley, to "the Saints scattered throughout the earth." who had been one of the secretaries of Maltomet, was It is a detail of the condition of the Society at home and abroad, and in general embraces everything that may be supposed to be of interest to the members of the Church-The crops are represented as leaving been very fine; and it is stated that they have not only enough for themselves, but for their brothron on the way. until the next harvest. They have decided on forming a town or city at Brownaville, forty miles to the north, and at Utah, sixty miles to the south of Salt Lake City, at which place settlements had beed made. Sand Pitch Valley is designaand without system of any kind. The volume thus formed during the Caliphat of Abu Beker, was tran, scribed by different hands, and many professed copies Int is ciembalized and an any professed copies They not device Saints" to emigrate to the Sait Lake assist the "peor Saints" to emigrate to the Sait Lake Valley, fulfilling in this respect the covenants in the Temple, that "all the Saints who were obliged to leave