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THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.

A BALLAD.

[The following is the translation of an Italian poem, written by a young Roman girl not many years ago, and embodying a beautiful legend prevalent among the peasantry in Catholic countries: 1

There's a legend that's told of a gipsy who dwelt In the land where the pyramids be; And her robe was embroidered with stars, undertaking.

and her belt With devices right wondrous to see; And she lived in the days when our Lord was a child On his mother's immaculate breast;

When he fled from his foes, when to Egypt exiled. He went down with St. Joseph the blest.

This Egyptian held converse with magic, methinks, And the future was given to her gaza; On her threshold kept vigil always. She was pensive and ever alone, nor was seen

But communed with the ghosts of the Pharaohs, I ween. Or with visitors wrapped in a shroud.

In the haunts of the dissolute crowd :

And there came an old man from the desert one day, With a maid on a mule, by that road . And a child on her bosom reclined-and the

Led them straight to the gipsy's abode And they seemed to have traveled a wearisome path. From their home, many, many a league,

From a tyrant's pursuit, from an enemy's Spent with toil and overcome with fatigue. And the gipsy came forth from her dwelling

and prayed That the pilgrims would rest there a while: And she offered her couch to that delicate

And she fondled the babe with affection's And she begged the old man would repose: Here the stranger, she said, ever finds free

access, And the wanderer balm for his woes.

Then her guests from the glare of the noonday she led To a seat in her grotto so cool ;

Where she spread them a banquet of fruits, and a shed, With a manger, was found for the mule. With the wine of the palm tree, with the dates newly culled.

All the toil of the road she beguiled; And with song, in a language mysterious, she lulled On her bosom the wayfaring child.

When the gipsy anon in her Ethiop hand Placed the infant's diminutive palm, Oh! 'twas fearful to see how the future she scanned

Of the babe in his slumber so calm! Well she noted each mark and each furrow that crossed

O'er the tracings of destiny's line; WHENCE CAME YE?" she cried, in astonishment lost.

"FOR THIS CHILD IS OF LINEAGE DIVINE." 'From the village of Nazareth," Joseph re-"Where we dwelt, in the land of the Jew: We have fled from a tyrant, whose garment

In the gore of the children be slew : We were told to remain till an angel's com-

Should appoint us the hour to return : But till then we inhabit the foreigner's land, And in Egypt we make our sojourn."

"Then ye tarry with me!" cried the gipsy, "And ye make of my dwelling your home; Many years have I prayed that the Israelite

(Blessed hope of the Gentiles!) would And she kissed both the feet of the infant,

and knelt And adored Him at once; then a smile Lit the face of his mother, who cheerfully

With her host on the banks of the Nile. Tales, Shetches, Anecdotes, &c.

NAPOLEON AND THE SAILOR BOY,

In the year 1809 the French flotilla lay poleon Bonaparte paced the beach, sweepthe Channel, watching the appearance

and disappearance of the English fleet. Among the Englishmen who were prisble for him to make his escape.

the green lanes of Kent, he saw an empty manner touched its existence, however danger. Some of them resembled the excellence as time-keepers are concerned, as sea, seized the barrel, shoved it to land, servation of the traveler, and the specular lif you ever ketch a flea, kill him be- their eyes are very large, and protrude constructed by machinery so exquisite fleat The thought of home had nerved his arm, It has been uniformly found that the sav- put it off 2 minnits, it may be too late. and a bright idea had dawned upon him age is the tyrant of the female sex, while Menny a flea has passed away forever and filled his heart with hope. He re- the position and consideration given to in less than 2 minuits. cut the barrel in two. He then went to of Lycurgus, Numa, and even late law- are the meanest of aul crawling, creepthe wood that lined the shore and brought givers, the power of the husband over his ling, hopping or biting things.

coming and going of the sentinels.

going to attempt to cross the channel, and Christian. fearless alike of its swift currents and the

at last, and he set forth on his perilous apply to the magistrate for a wife during

cave. The wind was meaning along the whom he declares to be honest and star glimmered in the sky.

"This is the darkest night I ever saw." said the sailor lad to himself : "but so to the Mussulman. much the better for me;" and down he on his back. But, alas ! his hopes were husbands is highly respected. In Thibet ion, and when they start out to garrote must be." to be disappointed; as he was about to it is customary for the brothers of a family are az thin az a grease spot, but when For an obelisk marked her abode, and sphynx launch it the sharp cry of "qui vive !" to have a wife in common, and they they get thru garroting they are swelled lingly crouched closer to his master. rang in his ear, and instantly the bayonet generally live in harmony and comfort up like a blister. of a sentinel was pointed at his breast. with her. Among the Calmucks the He was taken to the encampment, placed ceremony of marriage is performed on ing out ov them. in irons, and a guard set over him.

leon was as usual, pacing the beach, he when her lover takes a horse and gallops was informed of the attempted escape of after her. If he overtakes the fagitive by accident, just az slivvers are, tew stick ed the dog in and rowed to the middle of the lad, and the means he had employed. she becomes his wife and the marriage is into sumboddy. before me," he said.

The order was speedily obeyed. When Napoleon beheld the twig bound half barel and the youthful form of the sailor, he smiled, and turning to the prisoner said, in a tone devoid of anger, for he regard the purity of blood in the former admired the daring of the lad.

in such a thing as that? And last night divorces are rare. In Ceylon the marof all nights! Why, I would not have riage preposal is brought about by the ventured one of my gunboats a mile from man first sending to her whom he wishes he shore! But I see how it is."

Napoleon looked compassionately upon the prisoner, who stood before him with a ountenance in which boldness devoid of impudence was displayed. "I see how it is. You have a sweet-

heart over yonder, and you long to see "No, sire, I have no sweetheart." "No sweetheart! What! A British

sailor without a sweetheart !"

"And thou shalt see her, my brave British boy. A right noble mother she must be to have reared so gallant a son! You shall be landed in England tonight. Take this," handing him a coin paradise. In that precious country the of gold; "it will pay your expenses women begin to bear children at about the

As the grateful boy bowed his thanks I had a thousand men with hearts like The distinguishing mark of the Hindoo

Bonaparte was as good as his promise. That very day he dispatched a vessel, bearing a flag of truce, which landed the which was his mother's home.

wept for very joy.

The sailor lad rejoined the navy. Many and many a time afterwards, when disabled for service, was he sorely distressed for want; often was his clothing scanty, and his head without a shelter but the strongest and sternest of necessities could never force him to part with the gift of the great Napoleon.

This deed of Napoleon was more glorious than if he had conquered a nation. The glory won by the sword is tarnished with blood, and sends sorrow and desolation into a thousand homes; but this simple act was greater than a victory on the battle-field, for by it Napoleon conquered two hearts by love, and filled with joy the home of a widow and an orphan

CURIOSITIES IN MARRIAGE.

The Religious Telescope says, we find at Boulogne, waiting for an opportunity in one of our exchanges the following ining with his telescope the blue expanse of illustrates the bitter consequences of the marriage state:

and sea shore—it being reckoned impossi- observed throughout the globe, no nation there may be a few fleas lost. having been discovered, however barbar-England, and thinking of his home among gamy, infidelity, and divorce, have in no tiverous as ever.

down some willow twigs, with which he wife was absolute, sometimes even includ- They dazent tackle a man by dalite, weigh from 400 to 500 pounds.

bound the staves tightly together. Du- ing power of life or death. The wife was but sneak in after dark, and chaw him ring the time of his boat-building he had always defined and treated as a thing, not | while he iz fast asleep. frequently to leave the cave to watch the as a person—the absolute property of her lord. In the early ages a man might sell lite at short range, and give you a knock The sun was setting as he had finished his children or his wife indiscriminately; in his sides—the flea is a game bug, and his labor. In the frail bark he had so and relics of this rude custom still sur- will make a dash at you even in Broadrudely and rapidly constructed he was vive, even among nations called civilized | way-but the bed bug is a garroter, who

In the countries of the East, where mellow place tew eat you. storms that might arise. He returned to polygamy is almost universal, marriage is his lodging to eat his supper and wait till not the sacred tie which it is held to be in Christian countries. In Persia men Slowly with the impatient prisoner did either marry for life or for a determined the hours pass by; but the night came time. Travelers or merchants usually their residence in any place, and the Cadi By a circuitous route he reached the produces a number of girls for selection,

horseback. The girl is first mounted, On the following morning when Napo- and permitted to ride off at full speed, "Let the boy and his boat be brought | consummated on the spet. It is said that no instance is known of a Calmuck girl ever being overtaken unless she is really

fond of her pursuer. The Arabs divide their affections between their horses and their wives, and quite as much as in their offspring. Polyg-"Did you intend to cross the Channel amy is practised only by the rich, and I am one ov the heriticks. to become his wife, to purchase her clothes These she sells for a stipulated sum. generally asking as much as she thinks requisite for them to begin the world with. In the evening he calls upon her, with the Next morning, if mutually satisfied, they appoint the day of marriage. They are permitted to separate whenever they please, and so frequently avail themselvs "I have a mother, sire, whom I have of this privilege, that they sometimes not seen for years, and whom I yearn to change a dozen times before their inclina-

tions are wholly suited. In Hindostan the women have a peculiar veneration for marriage, as it is a popular creed that those females who die virgins are excluded from the joys of home after you are put on shore. Fare- age of twelve, some even at eleven. The proximity of the natives of India to the burning sup, which ripens men as well and walked away, Napoleon turned to one as plants, at the earliest period in these of his aide-de-camps and said : "I wish | tropical latitudes, is assigned as the cause. wife is the most profound fidelity, sub-

mission, and attachment to her husband. On the bank of Senegal, and among many African tribes, the matrimonial lad at Hastings, in the neighborhood of prize most sought after is abundance of flesh. To obtain corpulence is regarded It is not necessary to tell of the mother as the only real comeliness. A female and son; how they prayed their silent who can move with the aid of two men prayers of thankfulness; how they laid is but a moderate beauty, while the lady their heads on each other's shoulders and | who can not stir, and is only to be moved on a camel, is esteemed a perfect para-

SUM NATRAL HISTRY.

BY JOSH BILLINGS.

FLEAS-The smallest animal of the brute creation, and the most pesky, iz the

They are about the bigness ov an onion seed, and shine like a bran new shot.

bug brutes. for they bite on a run, one flea will go aul symetrical globy to the god-like sunfish; leave him as freekled as the meazles.

with a flea on you except sware, and fleas less minnow to the voracious shark. ain't afraid of that; the only way is to Some had heads like squirrels, others quit bizness ov anl kinds and hunt for the like cats and dogs, some of small sizes flea, and when you have found him he resembled the bull terrier. Some darted to make a descent upon the southern teresting article respecting the Edenic in- ain't thar. This is one of the flea mys- through the water like meteors, while excellent and economical a substitute."shores of England. Day after day Na- stitution, as now existing among mankind, teries, the fakulty they have ov being en- others could scarcely be seen to move. Perhaps no class of facts more strikingly tirely lost jist as you have found them. To enumerate and explain all the vari-

transgression, than those pertaining to the an average, during enny one year more on these banks, would, were I enough

They are about az hard to kill az a One day as he was wandering along ous, which does not celebrate the union flaxseed iz, and if you don't mash them the beach gazing sorrowfully across the of the sexes by ceremony and rejoicing as fine az ground pepper they will start waves towards the white cliffs of dear The abuses of the institution, as poly- bizness on a smaller kapital jist as pes- sition as a shrub; the only power they factured by the Waltham Company are cer-

solved to form a boat out of the barrel. woman is advanced in proportion to the | BED BUGS - I never seen ennybody With his clasp knife for his only tool, he refinement of social life. Under the laws yet but what despized Bed Bugs. They

A muskeete will fight you in broad da-

wouldn't hesitate to cuss a bed bug rite | led along. He looked up piteously at his

tew his face. Bed bugs are uncommon smart in a small way, one pair of them will stock a hair mattress in 2 weeks with bugs enuff tew last a small family a whole year.

It don't do enny good to pray when bed bugs are in season; the only way to sea, telling of a coming storm, and not a healthy. Four wives are permitted to get rid of them is to bile up the whole my uncle. each husband in Persia, and the same bed in aqua fortis, and then heave it away number is allowed by Mohammedan law and buy a new one. Bed bugs when they have grone aul

In Chinese Tartary a kind of male they intend to, are about the size ov a It takes them 2 deys tew git the swell-

If bed bugs have enny destiny to fill it must be their stummucks, but it seems tew me that they must have been made man unmoored a little boat, and then lift-

If they wuz got up for some wise purpose they must have took the wrong road, for there kant be enny wisdom in chawing a man aul nite long, and raising a

family besides to foller the same trade. hope the bed bugs will chaw them folks for he rose to the suface, kept his head who kan see it, and leave me be, because | well up, and trod the water bravely. The

THE OCEAN BOTTOM.

Mr. Green, the famous diver, tells sixgular stories of his adventures, when making search in the deep waters of the ocean. He gives some new sketches of wardrobe, at her father's house, and they Hayti: The banks of coral on which my him up until a boat put off to his rescue what he saw at the "Silver Bank," near divings were made are forty miles in length, and from ten to twenty in breadth. On this bank of coral is presented to the diver one of the most beautiful and sub. lime scenes the eye ever beheld. The water varies from ten to one hundred feet in depth, and so clear that the diver can see from two to three hundred feet when submerged, with little obstruction to the

The bottom of the ocean in some places is as smooth as a marble floor; in others it is studded with coral columns, from ten to one hundred feet in height, and from one to eighty in diameter. The tops of those more lofty support a myriad of pyramidal pendants each forming a myriad more, giving reality to the imaginary abode of some water nymph. In other places the pendants form arch after arch, and, as the diver stands on the bottom of the ocean, and gazes through in the deep winding avenues, he finds that they fill him with as sacred an awe as if he were in some old cathedral which has long been buried beneath the ocean's wave. Here and there the coral extends to the surface of the water, as if the loftier colstately temples that are in ruins. There were many varieties of diminu-

tive trees, shrubs and plants in every creve happiest period of his life. ice of the corals where water had deposited the earth. They were all of a faint hue, owing to the pale light they receive. although of every shade, and entirely different from plants that I am familiar with that vegetate upon dry land. One in particular attracted my attention; it resembled a sea fan of immense size, of as the scenery was varied. They were They bite wass than the muskeetoze, of all forms colors and sizes-from the ver a man's suburbs, in 2 minnits, and from the dullest bue to the changable delphin; from the spots of the leopard to It is impossible to do anything well the hues of the sunbeam; from the harm-

I don't suppose there is ever killed, en ous kinds of fish I beheld while diving than 18 fleas in the whole ov the United of a naturalist so to do, require more than Marriage is the first and most ancient States ov America, unless there is a case my limits allow, for I am convinced that ion their superiority over any ever introduced oners at Boulogne was a sailor boy, who of all institutions. As the foundation of nalty of some kind-once in a while there most of the kinds of fish which inhabit for correctness as time pieces."-The World was permitted to ramble about the town society and the family, it is universally is a dog gits drowned sudden, an then the tropical seas can be found there. The sunfish, starfish, white shark and blue or Paris Exposition) the absence of specimens shovel-nose shark were often seen. There were also fish which resembled

plants, and remained as fixed in their popossessed was to open and shut when in tainly, so far as strength, durability, and seen a flea, and it takes a pretty smart rose when in full bloom, and were of all good as anything produced by the French or four or five inches to three feet in length ;

from three to ten feet in length. They public preference which will not be deceivbuild their houses like beavers, in which | ou."-Harper's Weekly. watches the egg until it batches. I saw many specimens of the green turtle, some

POOR PONTO.

One of the most affecting stories I ever heard about a dog was told me many years ago by an uncle of mine who once lived in Paris. My uncle was walking on one of the quays, when he saw a man waits till you strip, and then pick out a aperoach, holding a dog by a chain The poor animal was frightened, and yet did If I was in the habit of swearing, I not attempt to struggle as he was being jailor, and every now and then tried to fawn about his feet, as if pleading with

"Poor brute, he migh! know, seemingly, what was going to happen to him,"

said the man, "What is going to happen?" inquired

"I am going to drown him, sir; that is what will happen." "But why, sir; are you his master ?"

"I am certainly his master, and he is went towards the water, bearing his boat polygamy is practiced, and a plurality of bluejay's eye and have a brown complex- old. Poor Ponto! I am sorry, but it The dog gave a low whine and tremb-

"He does not seem so very old, and drowning is a hard death," remonstrated my unele.

"Sir, he is quite useless" While he was speaking the words the the stream. When he came to where the water was deepest, my uncle saw him lift up the dog suddenly and throw him with great force into the stream.

If the master had thought that the dog's ago and infirmities would prevent his If there is some wisdum in aul this, I struggling for life he was much mistaken, man then began to push the dog away with an oar, and at last, losing all patience, he struck out so far to deal the dog a blow that he overbalanced himself and fell into the river. He could not swim, and now began the generous animal's efforts, not to save his own life, but that of the master who was trying to drown him. The dog swam to him, and and brought him half drowned and wholly frightened, to the shore-his faithful dog barking, crying and licking his hand and face in the greatest excitement of affection. I remember still the look with which my uncle used to tell how he stepped forward

and asked the man: "Do you still think him usciess-this

noble, generous dog?" "I think he deserves a better master," said a gentleman who had witnessed the incident : and then and there he made an offer to buy Ponto: but the man, em-

bracing the dog, said hoarsely : "No, sir! no, I was wrong: as long as I have a crust, I will give half to my poor Ponte.

A woman who had a basket on her arm came up at the time and said, "I should think you would, indeed, or else you ought to be ashamed to look him in the face," and out of her basket took a niece of meat, and the dog was feasted and petted and made much of, and from that time, as long as my uncle staid in Par's, he often saw Ponto on the quay, and the sto y of his generosity to his master made him so many friends that umns were towers belonging to those the dog's keeping was no longer burdensome. No one was suffered to project him, and his old age was coubtless the

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