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# The Poet's Department. KITTY'S CHOICE.

### wealthy old farmer was Absolom Lee. He had but one daughter, the mischievous

So fair, and so good, and so gentle was she That lovers came wooing from country and The first and the boldest to ask for her hand

Was a trimly dressed dandy, who worshipped her tin; She replied, with a smile he could well under-

"That she'd marry no ape for the sake of his skin !" The next was a merchant from business re-

Rich, gouty and gruff-a presuming old sin-Young Kitty's fair form and sweet face he ad-

And thought to himself, "I can easily win So he showed her his palace, and made a bluff

And said she might live there, but wickedly Kitty told him she'd long ago made a rash vow "Not to marry a bear for the sake of his

miser came next; he was fearless and bold In claiming his right to fair Kitty's affec-

He said she'd not want for a home while his gold Could pay for a cabin to give her protection.

She curtsied, and thanked him and blushing ly then Demurely repeated her sage aunt's advice. "Not to marry a hog for the sake of his

The next was a farmer, young, bashful and He feared the hold wooers who came from

the city; But the flash on his cheek, and the light in his Soon kindled a flame in the bosom of Kitty "My life will be one of hard labor," he said:

But, durling, come share it with me if you I suppose," she replied, gaily tossing her

"I must marry the farm for the sake of the

# Tales, Shetches, Anecdotes, de.

### THE BRIDGE OF PEATH.

In a rich and populous county in Mississippi was once a stretch of woodland so dense that the sun, even during the the lead of the plantation driver, crowded brightest days of summer, never penetra- around him, inquiring, "Where is Miss ted its leafy canopy, except where a car- Mattie?" In a few words George exriage-way had been cut through its cen- plained to them what had happened, suptre. The bills on both sides formed a pressing the fact that he had felt a strange, deep ravine, through which ran a small cold hand under the bridge. Had he brook or bayou, the water only being a told them, in spite of all their devotion to few inches deep in places, and two or him and their young mistress, they would three feet wide. Over this little strag- have turned and fled away as fast as their gling stream a rude bridge of logs and feet could carry them. planks was thrown. At all times the air around it was damp and suggestive of and poor Mattie was soon brought to the chills of death, while at night the light, tumbled all in a heap close beside darkness could almost be felt.

try had been infested by small gangs of which the red glare of the torches fell runaway negroes, and all efforts to cap- with a terrible distinctness. A man in ture them by the patrol had been ineffect- the full bloom of early manhood lay mute ual, owing to the co-operation with the and cold, the crushed skull showing too runaways of the negroes of plantations in | well that the murderers were at their the surrounding country.

been committed at the bottom of the at the sight of the ghastly object; but the gloomy ravine on this very bridge, until sight of their master, aided by the driver, it came at last to be called "The Bridge of recalled them, and hasty preparations

of a benighted traveler been drawn from was sent forward in charge of two men. beneath its fatal cover, the crushed skull who carried her alternately in their arms. proclaiming the manner of his death, and The men were ordered to take horses impointing out the ruthless murderers.

rors. Not a murder had been committed take charge of the dead man. George for nearly a year, and belated travelers and three negroes remained and kept solbegan to breathe more freely if the twi- emn watch over the body of the young light fell before the bridge was crossed. About six miles apart, with the fatal the law.

of both sexes, on either side, will always grave on that lonely hillside. cement. The young people had always side, owing to the ill-health of the moth- New Orleans. er of the young people living nearest the

At last George and Mattie, the eldest

youth and light hearts combine to chase dreadful accident must have happened. time away; and in this instance they did | It was never known who the murdered it so effectually that night was darkening stranger was. His pockets had been the earth before the young people thought | rifled and all clue to his identity was lost. reach home before their mother should murdered traveler. overlooking the ravine was reached .- removing forever all possibility of the reno amount of encouragement would in- of Death."

duce him to go down the hill. George was a brave youth, and Mattie! A miss is as good as a mile-of misters.

was brave too, when her brother's reputation was concerned, and they both knew to turn back would expose them to many covert jests on the part of their neighbors, who would be sure to hear of their retreat -and they determined to press on .-George alighted, and bidding Mattie hold the reins to prevent their falling about the horse's heels, took him by the bit, and by dint of patting and coaxing started him

down the hill, trembling with mortal fear, As soon as her brother left her side, Mattie slid down from her seat, and crouched down on the floor of the carriage, holding on to the dash-board, too frightened to speak.

The horse was slowly led to the bottom of the hill; but as he neared the bridge, his terror overcame him, and with a snort and a bound he shook off George's restaining hand, and in a moment had thundered over the bridge and was tearing up the other side of the hill, still snorting with the most extreme fear.

At the first plunge of the maddened animal Mattie was jerked out of the carriage, and went over the bridge into the brambles and bushes; and although George groped around in the thick darkness, and called her name repeatedly, not a sign of Mattie rewarded his search, and although suffering the direst apprehensions Half vexed at his boldness, but calm in a trice, he felt that he would be compelled to leave her there and hurry home for assis-

> The thought of leaving his sister in such a place for a short time even was almost too painful to be entertained, and he began feeling along in the dead leaves beside the bridge, with a last hope of finding her before he left the spot to procure help.

> While thus employed, lying flat on the bridge, he touched something that felt like a hand, but larger and heavier than that of his sister's should be. He instinctively drew back, and casting his eyes up the hill toward home saw the welcome light east from pine torches and heard the familiar voices of his faithful negroes, and he knew that they were searching for him. To call on them to hasten onward was the work of a moment; and with glad shouts and merry laughter, as was the wont of happy negroes under any little excitement, four or five of them, under

Then began a rapid and vigilant search, the bridge. Partly under her and partly For many years that part of the coun- under the bridge was another object upon bloody work again. Some of the negroes Many a dark and bloody deed had threw down their torches and fled away were made to take Mattie away from the Many a time had the cold, stark body bateful spot, and the still insensible girl mediately and ride into N-, to arouse At last there was a cessation of hor- the sheriff of the county to come and stranger until the arrival of the officers of

bridge between, dwelt two families of An inquest was held; and then the unplanters, bound together by such ties as fortunate victim was buried near the scene similar pursuits and grown-up children of his last struggle, making the sixth

Mattie was not hurt, but had only kept up a constant intercourse with each fainted through fright when she found other; but on account of the terrible rep- herself dumped so unceremoniously into utation of the bridge at night, the visits | the bushes; and, as she was happily ighad been of three or four days' duration, norant of her ghostly companion under and the travel backward and forward had the bridge, it was deemed best to keep been done in the day time. For many the matter a secret from her, and she months now the visits had been all on one was immediately sent on a long visit to

The opportune arrival of the negroes on dreaded spot, the distance being scarcely the scene was owing to the fears of a younger sister. She had bribed the driver with the promise of a cup of coffee son and daughter, determined to make and a plate of biscuits and hot cakes in the their friends a visit, intending to return morning, to go with torches to meet and before nightfall, and accordingly they escort her brother past the fatal bridge. made an early start in a light barouche They had reached the foot of the hill. driving a gentle but very fast-trotting when the frightened horse, dragging the shattered carriage after him, came dash-The day at the house of their friends ing down among them, creating the greatwas spent as all days must be where est consternation, for they felt that some

#### PRESENCE OF MIND.

The following story, exemplifying remarkable presence of mind in an old lady, is berfectly true. This old lady-but used to tell it to me, her little nephew :

the country at the time, my little grand- handsome, as was she also. daughter being my only companion. We and sat by the fire-it was very cold for ended. the season, and I kept a fire in my room Next, she followed the current, then knelt down to my prayers; my position drifted out to San Francisco. Here she as I knelt was with my back to the fire, undertook, first, to teach a private school. and my face toward the bed. I had There were no scholars and she tried that the great philosop scarcely got on my knees, when I caught being a lady's companion for a while. ed in chess; that Sophag Store, sight of something unusual under my bed; Then she essayed to edit a magazine which friends by taking there those superb on looking more attentively, I could see had no readers, and that too failed. that it was a man's foot. My first im- The next step was downward. She pulse was to scream, but fortunately I entered a house of prostitution, staid a few restrained miself; and the first shock over | months, quietly walked out one morning | ed the psaltry, harp, lute, and thatder at I was able to think. I had no doubt that and didn't go back. it was a robber, and that if he found he We next find her on the stage, where

taken to tell you; and I was about to rise out, and settled down as farmers. ask for protection and guidance. You fortune. know, dear, that I am a slow, methodical | She had not yet lost her powers of faswith fright, for I feared lest the man had Cannot tell. suspected, and was going to come out: however he remained quiet, and then I got up from my knees. The next thing to be done was to get the child out of bed without causing any alarm. Speaking of our fellow creatures are compelled to as calmly as I was able, I asked her if suffer. The following touching event we she were awake; she answered in rather take from the Boston Journal: a sleepy tone, but aroused herself as I said, 'I have left my keys below stairs'-I felt a little uneasy at the falsehood, but I hope it was not wrong-'and I cannot undress without them ; I don't like going down by myself; would you mind getting up, my love, and coming down with me?' She jumped out of bed in a moment, and, having wrapped a shawl round her, I pushed her before me, then, when opening the door, I managed to take out the key

trying to get out of the window, " A BATCH OF RIDDLES .- The following conundrums are the harmless ebullitions of a gibbering maniae :

Why is the letter G like death? It makes ghosts of hosts, and is always in the midst of slaughter.

Why should one never sleep in the cars? The train runs over sleepers. What sort of a day would be good for

tunning for a cup ? A muggy day. Are there any birds that can sing the 'Lays of Ancient Rome ?" Yes ; Macau-

What have you to expect at a hotel? Why are there no eggs in San Domingo? They banish the whites and cast

off their yoke. When does a chair dislike you? When

What is the key note to good breeding? Which is the better off, tea or coffee ?-

Coffee. It settles itself, but tea has to

Ar one of the stations on the Chicago at \$10 per year, or \$5 for six months. It will be delivered by Carriers at 25 cents perweek, and sold by Agents and news boys at five cents per licitations to remain over night, they prelicitations to remain over night, they pre- remnant of a saddle, was found in the anxious inquirer came up to the door of Because he wasn't Able. pared to depart. Relying on the trotting fields; and as no owner could be found it the baggage car, and said, "Is there any qualities of their horse, they hoped to was supposed to have belonged to the thing for me ?" After some search among boxes and trunks the baggage man rolled grow uneasy at their absence. It was After this fearful deed, the bridge was out a barrel of whisky, "Any thing near 9 o'clock before they finally got off; burnt. Logs and brush were piled into more ?" asked the wet-gracer. "Yes," but once started, they rolled easily and the road, rendering it impassable, and a said the baggage-man; "there's a graveswiftly along, until the brow of the hill new one made around this strip of woods, stone that goes with that liquor." The countenance of the wet-grocer assumed a Here the horse suddenly stood still, and currence of another tragedy on the Bridge wrathy appearance, and the car door was shut with a slam.

Somerning always on hand-a thumb.

### The Story of a Life.

Forty years ago or more, a girl child was born in a pleasant country house in ---- shire, England, of parents, young stay; she shall tell the tale herself, as she and in prosperous circumstances. The child grew up, and was sent to school, "You know, my dear, I was living in married a man, wealthy, young and

had two female servants and a man ser- to her. Then her husband died; her vant, but he did not sleep in the house, child followed. Time passed; she marbut in a loft over the stable. One night, ried again. The second husband died. late in the autumn, I went up to bed at she was left poor. She resolved to emimy usual hour-nine o'clock. I was grate and try her fortunes in the New early, you see, for Fanny was only seven World. She came to New York, advers years, is it to be wondered at that she is years old, and I did not care to sit up tised for a situation as governess; received "fearfully and wonderfully made!" alone after she was in bed; by the time I a reply from the then Governor of Georread my chapter, and said my prayers, gia, accepted his terms and went South. and undressed myself, it was fully ten In his family she remained five years, o'clock. Well, on this particular night I looked upon and treated more as a valued went up as usual. I first undressed the friend than as a servant. At the end of child, and put her into bed; then I made this time death removed one of her pupils, later date, and originated 689 before the myself comfortable, and got my bible, marriage the other. Her work there was

-and after I had finished my chapter, I setting strongly across the plains, and

was discovered, he might not stop short she succeeded not at all. She was still was the invention of Hyaginus, 1506 B. C.; of murder. I dared not go to bed, and an extremely fine looking woman, and the pretend I did not know he was there ; and scene painter at the little third-rate theayet, how to get the child and myself out tre was very susceptible. They were of the room without exciting suspicion, I married. He had a little money saved couldn't imagine. These thoughts passed up and they left San Francisco, bought | Egyptians and Greeks 1490 B. C.; carpets through my mind in half the time I have some land in the country, a little way were in use 800 B. C.; clocks which meas-

from my knees, when I suddenly recol- But nothing lasts in this world. The lected that my doing so at once might in scene painter died, and madame sold the itself excite suspicion; for ought I know, farm and took to the street again. Tired it might be some one who knew my hab- of that, she assayed suicide by poisonits, perhaps even my own man-servant, was saved and carried to the hospital. though I had no reason to suspect him. Cured and discharged, she made a second C. Bellows are the invention of Anarchar-At all events, I determined to remain attempt to rid herself of life. Foiled sis, 569 B. C. some time longer, as if engaged in my des again, she disappeared from San Francisvotions. I need not tell you that I could co, drifted northward to Chicago, and give much heed to my prayers, but I did became house keeper for a gentleman of

old woman, and that I seldom get through | cination, and for the fourth time she bemy prayers in less than a quarter of an came a wife. Not long did her wedded hour, so I now determined not to stir for life endure. Her husband became acat least ten minutes. What an age those quainted with events in her past life which ten minutes seemed! I never took my seemed to bim to necessitate a divorce eyes off the foot until just before I arose. It was obtained, and Madame again dis-

> A TOUCHING INCIDENT .- The world is full of mournful incidents. How little do dence Scientific American. we know of the poignant sorrow myriads

"An expressman upon reaching his ofcontinued speaking. 'Fanny, dear,' I fice early one cold morning in January, observed on the sidewalk, a long, heavy box, which his practiced eye at once identified as containing a corpse. Upon the years of age. Addressing him kindly, he

> "'My lad, don't sit there, you will freeze, come in and sit by the stove.' "Bursting into tears the little fellow

and put it on the other side. I then shut replied. 'No, I can't come, my mother the door and locked it; and then, my dear, I could no longer control myself--I shricked several times at the top of my voice, and fainted. After all, poor Joseph, the coachman, was faithful, for one of the ly succeeded in convincing him of the enmaids called him in, and, armed with a tire safety of his precious charge, and pitchfork, he secured the robber, who was

taking him to a neighboring restaurant, into practical use for agricultural implegave him a warm breakfast, and then ments there is no doubt. Whether he can father died, about a year previously, in a and uneven ground, secons to be the only remote village in Minnesota, leaving his point to be tested. He appears to be very mother in poor health and nearly destitute She died but a few days before the boy's sad journey, charged the little hero with nished it to us for public information-not the duty of conveying the remains to her to advertise it, but as a matter of news. friends in a distant State, and furnished him with (all she had) a sum of money an engine, but wasks like a horse, on four barely sufficient to carry them both by legs, which riers eight inches and makes a freight cars to their destination. The little fellow had actually ridden night and day in a freight car with his melancholy inachine. The feet are five feet apart, trust, never for a moment losing sight of | which enables the machine to preserve its.

A New Careciuss .-- Whom did Adam | grade with the greatest case, and is calculamarry, and when did he marry her ! One ted to walk and draw on soft and tilled land

What was her bridal dress? Barely nothing.

Not even a ribbon ? No, she had no need of one; she was a rtb bone herself. When Adam and Eve were in the gar- are useful, such as plawing, reaping, or dening business, what time did they com- drawing wagons, street cars and canala, mence picking apples? In the Full,

What was the first step they took inthe sugar business? Raising Cain. Why did not Cain make good sugar ?

Spirit as well as sugar, comes from as the child could speak, he called pitecusly cane ; what evil resulted from this Cain's for his mother, and a messenger was sent at spirit? Abel got slewed.

What reason have we to suppose that Cain also got slewed? He went to the land of Nod.

Who was the wisest man? Knower. money is in my pocket." What did he know? He knew enough to go in out of the rain.

BACKGAMMON-A lady's waterfall.

## The Antiquity of Invention.

NUMBER 1.

The most ancient invention is that of the needle; whether the credit of this invention is due to Adam or Eve, we know not, but we do know that the Bible says "they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons." To sew without a needle would be an impossibility, therefore, they must So far life showed only its bright side shay stick, or fish bone, is a also matter of doubt. How ancient then, is the trade of dress making; and when we look at the fashionably dressed woman of to-day, and reflect that all her dress, finery, etc., is tho result of the combined thought, industry and

> To Noah is attributed the invention of wine, 2347 B. C. Ale was known at least 404 B. C., and beer is mentioned by Xanophon 491 B. C. Backgammon, the most ancient of our games, was invented by Pala-Christian era. The first circus was built by Traquin, 695 B. C., and theatrical representations took place as long ago 2100 the first tragedy represents Thespis, 536 B. C. Sai

cients were not as destias one would suppose a have been to and the trage lians, an Homer could play a fail O A T S ,

clent instrument, the cymbal, which is an ken of as long ago as 1580 B. C. The flute organs were invented by Archimedes 220 . C., and Nero played upon the melodius agpipe 51 A. D.

In household furniture, glass was used by the Egyptians; crockery was known to the ured time by the falling of water, were invented 158 B. C.; sundials, which had been n use previous to the invention of the w clock, date from 550 B. C.

Bricks were made 2247 B. C.: the lather was invented by Talus 1240 B. C. The compass was used by the Chinese 1112 B.

But when we think that bread made from wheat was known to the Chinese 8.860 years go, we must confess that it is rather stale: can imagine the young "beathen Chinee" of that date crying lustily for bread and honey. These Chinese are wonderful people. and no mistake, for even as far back as 1100 B. C., Mr. Pa-out wrote a dictionary containg 40,000 characters representing words.

When we read that the arts and sciences f astronomy, 2284 B. C.: sculpture and painting, 2100 B. C.; geometry, 2095 B. C.; husbandry, 1998 B. C.; poetry; philoswhen it was slowly withdrawn out of my appeared from social life. What her ophy; mathematics; mechanics; hydrostatsight. When I saw it move, I felt faint subsequent adventures may have been we lies; geography; mensuration; geology; metallurgy; chemistry, called alchemy; and surgery, were all known to the ancients. we almost exclaim, with Solomon, "There is no new thing under the sun."-Correspon

## A Curious Invention.

A locomotive iron horse has been added o the catalogue of curious inventions by Auburn mechanics, by Dr. Patrick Breen. Mr. Breen is a native of Tralee, county of Kerry, Ireland. He was brought up in the apothecary shop of the celebrated Dr. John O'Connell, uncle to the late Daniel O'Connell. He came to this country in 1850, and end of the box, shivering with cold; sat a to Aubutn in 1851. Though generally emlittle half-clad boy, about seven or eight ployed upon the New York Central railroad and other local machine shops, he has perhaps been better known as a curer of blind

He has the credit of several inventions of merit. For nearly a year past he bas employed his leisure hours in studying out some plan to make a self-supplying chemis in this box and I promised her that I ical power, to take the place of steam, and would not leave her until we got home.' to make it move a piece of machinery hav-"Deeply affected with the touching de- ing the motion of a horse. He claims to. votion of this brave little fellow, he final- have brought that also to a degree of per coe tion which indicates success. That roches discovered a motive power in certain alkalies and acids, which has never been brought learned the particulars of his story. His make it work his machine, herse over soft confident himself that it will do so. Upon that we express no opinion now. We give his opinion of the machine as he has for-

The machine does not go on wheels, like forward move of eighteen at every revolution of a centre shaft which works them. The shaft is ten feet long, the length of the balance on uneven ground. It is so constructed that it will go up or down a heavy with more ease than a team of horses. It turns around in its awa length to any point needed. As to spead, it will go at any rate from three to fifteen miles per hour. The concern can be reversed. It can be employed for all the purposes that a team of horses boats .- Auburn (N. Y.) News.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT .- A poor littlenewsboy, while attempting to jump from a city car the other afternoon, fell car, and was fearfully mangled. As soon once to bring her to him.

When the bereaved woman arrived she bent over the dying boy in an agony of grief. "Mother," whispered he, with a painful effort, "I sold four newspapers-and the

With the hand of death upon his brow. the last thought of the suffering child was for the poor, hard working mother, whose burthens he was striving to lighten when ha-

lost his life.

# of DANIEL O. SKELLY, dec'd. pointed Executors of the las-ut of Daniel O. Skelly, late o diment of Daniel O. Skelly, late of township, dec'd, the underigned yall persons indebted to said estate it must be made without delay, and relains against the same will preproper shape for settlement. WILLIAM SKELLY, Executors, Dec. 15, 1870,-6t.\*