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POETRY.

For the Volunteer.

A Double Acrostic.

May, its flowers spreads in vain,
Summer waves its golden grain,
Autumn bends its ripening head,
Or, winter its white mantel spread,
Rivulets may sprightly flow,
Z aurels may their victories show,
Y ouths may, in fancy's bowers bry,
Or, ladies may their charms display,
A sia—may in fragrance float,
Music tune its sweetest note,
Novels—may their story tell,
O des be play'd ever so well,
None of all, in beauty, can—
Near compare, with Miss

Niagara.

BY GRENVILLE MELLE.

—impetuous rage—
The shout that tore hell's concave.

Oh God! my prayer is to Thee—amid sounds
That rock the world!—I've seen thy majesty
Within the veil—I've heard the anthem shout
Of a great ocean, as it leapt in mist.
About thy thunder-shaken path!—Thy voice,
As centuries have heard it in the rush,
And roar of waters! I have heard thy step
Fall like a trampling host, above, around,
And under me—Thy call is to the worlds
Thou hast created, for their reverence,
From out this awful shrining of thy sway,
Shall they not hear it!

I have bent my brow
With thy rainbow—and have lifted up
My shriek mid these great cadences!—I've seen
What is the glory of Eternity,
And what the vision'd nothingness of Man.

Where is the pilgrim who has walked the earth
Unmov'd and thinking nothing, yet can stand
Upon these battlements, untouched by prayer?
Amid these clouds, when moonlight fills the air—
And the beams seem to tremble as you gaze?
Within these caves, where whirlwinds marshal
th m,
And spirits as from hell stands sentinel,
Nor feel his heart cower in him, as his eye
And ear catch this stern language as it falls?

Man! do you talk of majesty?—Look up,
And see that ocean leaping from the cloud—
Crowned with a rainbow on its foaming front!
Talk you of strength? Gaze on that Tartarus
Where shadows wreath and congregate far
down
Into that heaving fathomless abyss,
Where nought of life has journey'd.—Could your
arm

Buffet that billow?—Would the madding sea,
Sink at your voice—and the white rivers hold
Back at your mandate?—It is given you
To feel like Atlas as you poise along
Those towers that quiver o'er that charming
flood,

Volcano of great waters!—It is yours
In terrible security to dream
There is no rapid to another shore
That lifts beyond this mortal!—whose whirlpools
Go deeper than the vortex the Red man
Dair'd in his dim canoe!

O ye who tread
Your bold way through the noises of this world,
And deem they tell of wonder as they pass—
Ye who esteem his nobler panoply,
That armour man puts on for his small strife
And tournament that marks his little years—
Come here—and feel how mean his battling is
Compared with Nature's in her solitude
Clifton House, Niagara Falls, August, 1838.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For the Volunteer.

To the Young Ladies of Cumberland County, and then of the U. States, between the ages of fifteen and thirty.
Messrs. Editors—I have not lived long in the world—but in my short life, I have seen a good many things as they ought not to be. For instance, I have seen it to be almost invariably the case, that in making what are sometimes termed "matches," the gentlemen have to take the lead. Now against this, I am compelled after the most mature deliberation, to protest as being unfair on both sides. If there be difficulty in this business, I see not why the ladies should not bear a proper portion of it. If there be any advantage in making suit, I see not why they should not have their share of that also.—"Time about is fair play," and as the fair sex are equally interested with ourselves in this matter, I think it stands to reason that they should have something more of power, than a mere veto—all that may be said about female delicacy—and a sense of propriety, to the contrary notwithstanding. Fashion can make any thing proper—even a waist of five inches diameter. 'Tis an abominable custom, which has rendered what was otherwise appropriate and just, indelicate. Let a majority of the good citizens of the community cry out in their might, and say that "the better half of creation" shall have their rights in this, as in other cases, and this false modesty will soon hide its deformed head.—this outcry about delicacy, fly like mists be-

fore a summer's sun, and justice seize upon the throne of monopoly. Then shall we see the maiden enjoying her inherent, but at present crushed, right of making love to any lucky youth that suits her. To be sure, we should hardly expect our Misses to mount their steeds and ride off to the distance of several miles for the sake of winning the object of their affections. This would never happen. There are other reasons stronger than a mere sense of propriety which would interfere in such a case as this. But then we might, and doubtless would, occasionally hear of young ladies "popping the question," in their own parlors. And what would be the objection if it were common? I am sure no young man would dislike a Miss for interrogating him in that style. If he did not feel at liberty to accede to her proposition, he could very politely decline at the moment, or by requesting time to consider, reply by not renewing his visits, and here the matter would rest.

But there is another reason why I should like to see such a state of things brought about. This perhaps is drawn from motives of self interest,—no doubt it is. It is this. When a young man courts a young lady, and obtains her consent; how is he to know, but that the thought "duck or no dinner," aided her in making up her mind? And this I believe to be a very effective agent, now-a-days, in about half the matches that are made up, for the simple reason alone stated, that both parties have not an equal chance. The young man of the present day who determines to marry, has coolly and calmly to agree to "take her for better or for worse," in deed and in truth. He has no surety under heaven, other than soft words and sickly smiles, that his beloved carries a copper about him. This sirs is a fat, unwilling as we may be to believe it, and I am sure those young men who may read this and who feel any way interested will use their influence in bringing about the proposed reform, in the manner and form following—to wit:

Let the young ladies of our county between the ages of fifteen and thirty, meet on a certain day in the most convenient churches or school-houses in their respective neighborhoods—and those of the towns in some proper place in their respective towns, and elect delegates to attend a general county convention to be held in some part of the borough of Carlisle, say if you please, "the Equal Rights Saloon." Let this convention take into consideration the means proper to be devised for effecting the intended object, and report the same to the local associations. Let them adopt the same rules and act in unity with the parent society. Perhaps also it would be well for all the societies to hold frequent stated meetings to strengthen each other in their good intentions and report the best plans of carrying them out in practice. I do not know but the only requisite regulation could be couched in the following language:—"Resolved, That we the undersigned, viewing with abhorrence the fraud which has been practiced upon our sex for centuries past in the matter of courtship, will no longer submit to the same, but that we will henceforth claim and exercise the right of addressing any youth or man whom we choose so to address." I would recommend some such manner of procedure, not only to the fair daughters of our own county, but also to all the damsels of the above ages in all the counties of the State, and then of the United States, assured if it be adopted that we shall soon be done with this despicable restriction in such an important matter.

In order to secure the advantages of the coming year, so indispensable to such a praiseworthy undertaking in its incipency, prompt and efficient action is requisite. All the young unmarried men who have any curiosity to know whether their dulcineas reciprocate their affection, will be diligent in preparing rooms for meeting, attending the ladies thither &c. &c. For my part I am ready at a moment's warning. J. G. H.

COURTSHIP.

Jonathan Doubatter saw Prudence Feastall at meeting. Jonathan sidled up to Prudence after meeting, and she kind a sidled off. He went closer, and asked her if she would accept the crook of his elbow. She resolved she would, and plumped her arm right round his'n. Jonathan felt all-oversh, and said he liked the text; "seek and ye shall find," was partly good reading. Prudence hinted that "ask and ye shall receive" was better; Jonathan thought so too, but this axing was a puzzler. A fellow was apt to get into a snarl when he axed, and snarl'n wasn't no fun. Prudence guessed strawberries and cream were sick. Jonathan thought they wasn't so sick as Pru's lips. "Now don't," said Pru, and shegus Jonathan's arm an involuntary hug. He was a leetle started, but thought his farm wanted some female help to look arter the house. Pru knew how to make good bread. "Now don't," said Pru. May be you wouldn't—and Jonathan shuck all over, and Prudence replied, "If you be coming that game, you'd better tell feyther."—That's just what I want, said Jonathan, and in three weeks Jonathan and Prudence were 'my old man' and 'my old woman.'

Bravo!—The wife of Capt. Samuel Chase, of South Dennis, who was a soldier under Lafayette in the Revolution, and who is a pensioner, and now in her eightieth year, presented him with a fine son and daughter, twins, one day last week—the first fruits of their marriage, which transpired the last year.—Verily, we think the old hero's pension ought to be doubled. Boston Express.

MARCOLINA.

A Tale of Venice.

It was midnight, the great clock had struck, and was still echoing through every porch and gallery in the quarter of St. Mark, when a young citizen, wrapped in a cloak was hastening home from an interview with his mistress. His step was light for his heart was so.—Her parents had just consented to their marriage, and the very day was named. "Lovely Guiletta!" he cried, "And shall I then call thee mine at last? Who was ever so blest as thy Marcolina?" But as he spoke he stopped for something was glittering on the pavement before him. It was a scabbard of rich workmanship, and the discovery what was it but an earnest of good fortune? "Rest thou there," he cried, thrusting it gaily into his belt.—"If another claims thee not, thou hast changed masters," and on he went humming the burden of a song which he and his Guiletta had been singing together. But how little we know what the next minute will bring forth.

He turned by the church of St. Geminiano, and in three steps he met the watch. A murder had been committed.—The Senator Renaldi had been found dead at his door, the dagger left in his heart! and the unfortunate Marcolina was dragged away for examination. The place, the time, every thing served to excite, to justify suspicion; and no sooner had he entered the guard-house than evidence appeared against him. The bravo in his flight had thrown away his scabbard; and smeared with blood, not dry, it was now in the belt of Marcolina. Its patrician ornaments struck every eye, and when the fatal dagger was produced and compared with it, not a doubt of his guilt remained. Still there is in the innocent an energy and composure—an energy when they speak, and a composure when they are silent—to which none can be altogether insensible; and the judge delayed for sometime to pronounce the sentence, though he was a near relation of the dead. At length however, it came, and Marcolina lost his life, Guiletta her reason.

Not many years afterwards the truth revealed itself, the real criminal in his last moments confessed the crime; and hence the custom in Venice, a custom that long prevailed, for a cryer to cry out in the court before a sentence was passed,—"Recordate-videte povera Marcolina!" "Remember—the poor Marcolina."

Great indeed was the lamentation throughout the city, and the judge, dying, directed that henceforth and forever, a mass should be sung every night in the ducal church, for his own soul and for the soul of Marcolina, and the souls of all who had suffered by an unjust judgment. Some land on the Brenta was left by him for that purpose; and still is the mass sung in the chapel; still, every night, the great square is illuminated, and the casinos are filling fast with the gay and the dissipated, a bell is rung as for service, and a ray of light is seen to issue from a small gothic window that looks towards the place of execution, the place where on a scaffold Marcolina-breathed his last.

WOMAN.

Is it in the sunshine or shade, in prosperity or adversity, that the female charmer displays his brightest virtues?

Is it in the young and girlish scenes of public life, or in the retired and social duties of her domestic fireside that she excites admiration? In youth we admire her; wandering through the gilded haunts of pleasure, and floating in sylph like beauty through the mazes of the giddy dance—we admire her fostering with warm solicitude, her tender offspring, pre-administering to the domestic happiness of her cares; but where—where is she so lovely as when we behold her bending like a guardian angel o'er the couch of sickness, and cheering with her last faint parting smile on the bed of death—at the last dread parting hour, who, like her, can sooth the couch of anguish, or light the torch of hope in the dark bosom of despair?

The pride of manhood soon bows beneath the weight of sickness and sorrow—how oft do we behold him in the morning of life, in the bloom of youth towering like the mountain oak in strength and beauty—but soon struck by the hand of misfortune and disease, drooping like the lowly willow—Yes, it is then the hand of affection support him through the trying scene.

I was led to these reflections by a visit to the sick bed of an intimate friend—we had been friends from our earliest childhood, and I now visited him with feelings of unusual interest.

I entered with slow and mournful steps to the house of sorrow, and walked silently to the chamber of death—my friend lay stretched upon his bed with his head towards the window, the light from which fell upon his countenance, now pale and emaciated, but which lately glowing with health and intelligence. His sister was bending over him with fond and devoted affection, fanning the cold drops from his pallid brow, and regarding him with that soft, pitying look which only heartfelt sorrow can express.

I had seen her often in the hour of pleasure, radiant with smiles; but never had she appeared so beautiful as then—the air of pensive sorrow, so different from boisterous grief, was even more lovely than her smile—her eye so full of soul but unmoistened by a tear, [for she was too intensely engaged to weep,] aroused in my breast the blindest emotions; and unrestrained by the pride of youth and manhood, a tear fell upon the couch of my languishing friend.—Albun.

The passengers arrived at New York, during the year 1838, were 25,581.

A HISTORY.

Of the most remarkable extremities of Cold within a space of more than a thousand years.

In A. D. 401, the Black sea was entirely frozen over.

In 462, the Danube was frozen so that Theodoric marched on the ice to Swabia to avenge his brother's death.

In 762, the cold was so intense that the straits of Dardanelles and the Black sea were entirely frozen over. The snow in some places drifted to the depth of 50 feet, and the ice was heaped up such quantities in the cities, as to cause the walls to fall down.

In 860, the Adriatic was entirely frozen over.

In 891, and also 893, the vines were killed by frost, and cattle died in their stalls.

In 991, the winter lasted very long, and was extremely severe. Every thing was frozen, and famine and pestilence closed the year.

In 1067, the cold was so intense that most of the travellers in Germany were frozen to death on the roads.

In 1133, it was excessively cold in Italy; the Po was frozen from Cremona to the sea; the heaps of snow rendered the roads impassible; the wine casks burst, and trees split by the frost with an immense noise.

In 1216, the river Po froze to the depth of 15 ells; and wine also burst the casks.

In 1235, a pine forest, was killed by the frost at Ravenna.

In 1236, the frost was most intense in Scotland and the Categat was frozen between Norway and Jutland.

In 1282, the houses in Austria were buried in snow.

In 1292, the Rhine was frozen, and in Germany 600 peasants were employed to clear the way for the Austrian army.

In 1344, all the rivers in Italy were frozen over.

In 1468, the winter was so severe in Flanders that the wine was cut with hatchets to be distributed to the soldiery.

In 1584, the winter was so severe that the Rhine and Scheldt were frozen, and even the sea at Venice.

In 1670, the frost was very intense in England and Denmark; both the Little and Great Belt were frozen over.

In 1684, many forest trees and even the oaks in England were split with the frost.

In 1692, the cold was so excessive that starved wolves entered Vienna and attacked both man and cattle.

The cold of 1640 was scarcely inferior to that of 1692, and the Zuyder Doe was entirely frozen over.

In 1776, much snow fell, and the Danube bore ice five feet thick below Vienna.

HOW UNIVERSAL IT IS.

We never yet knew the man who would say, "I am contented." Go where you will, among the rich and poor, the man of competence, or the man who earns his bread by the daily sweat of his brow, you hear the sound of murmuring and the voice of complaint.

The other day we stood by a cooper, who was playing a merry tune with his adze round a cask. "Ah!" sighed he, "mine is a hard lot—forever trotting round and round like a dog, driving away at a hoop."

"Heigho!" sighed a blacksmith, in one of the late hot days, as he wiped the drops of perspiration from his brow, while the red hot iron glowed on his anvil—"this is life with a vengeance! melting and frying one's self over a burning furnace."

"Oh that I were a carpenter!" ejaculated a shoe-maker, as he bent over a lap-stone—"here am I, day after day wearing my soul away in making soles for others; cooped up in this little 7 by 9 room—heigho."

"I am sick of this out-door work," exclaims the carpenter, broiling under sweltering sun, or exposed to the inclemencies of the weather—"if I was only a tailor!"

"This is too bad!" perpetually cries the tailor, "to be compelled to sit perched upon here, plying the needle all the time—would that mine was a more active life."

"Last day of grace—banks won't discount—customers won't pay what shall I do!" grumbles the merchant. "I had rather be a truck horse—a dog—any thing."

"Happy fellow!" groans the lawyer, as he scratches his head over some perplexing case, or pores over some dry, musty record; "happy fellow! I had rather hammer stone than cudgel my brains on this tedious, vexatious question."

And on through all the ramifications of society, all are complaining of their condition—finding fault with their particular calling. "If I were only this, or the other, I should be content," is the universal cry—"any thing but what I am." So goes the world—so it has gone, and so it will go.

Agricultural Monuments.—Col. Meacham of Oswego county, an enterprising and enlightened Farmer, who some years since made the Cheese which excited so much admiration in our principal cities; is now in this city, with two splendid and beautiful Pyramids of Butter, the one weighing five and the other nine hundred pounds. The Pyramids are constructed in good taste, and embellished with appropriate and patriotic inscriptions. The object is to exhibit the Agricultural resources of a single farm, and to impress upon the Legislature the importance of cherishing this first and great claimant of national prosperity. The Pyramids are constructed of superior table butter, and will, we learn, after the exhibition closes, be cut up and offered for sale. Albany Evening Journal.

AN INCIDENT AT DINNER.

A great many casualties happen at dinner tables, particularly when a tyro in the art of carving undertakes to dissect that respective bird whose cackling saved the Roman Capitol. There was an individual at the table yesterday who would carve, although we entreated him to allow the servant the honor of saving him the trouble—yet he was inexorable. We saw that he knew nothing about it, and we, therefore, like a prudent warrior, determined to bear a wary eye on the enemy's motions. The first four slices from the breast passed off without much danger, and we began to hope that perhaps the limbs would not be asked for.—Alas, what are the hopes of man? "I'll trouble you for a leg," ejaculated a gentleman opposite. Almost all men who haunt dinner tables have strong prejudices against setting in the purlieus of a goose; what then must have been our feelings, who like to dress decently and consider neatness a virtue? If necessity is the mother of invention, danger is the school mistress who sets her to work. The dilemma did not admit of delay.

Already had our neighbor dived into the receptacle of sage and onions: already had he made an incision near the os femoris; and already was he grasping the extremity of the bird's leg, with a firm, though greasy left hand, when we hastily drew up our napkin, and tying two of the corners round our neck, caused it to hang like an egg to guard our bosom from the random shots of the gravy. This deed soon proved the wisdom of the deed. The carver by dint of backing and twisting, had nearly severed the leg from the body; and essaying all his remaining strength, now accomplished the feat, but with such an accelerated momentum, that leg, fist and fork descended like lightning into the dish. The sage, onions, and gravy thus assailed, fled for their lives, and sought refuge in the surrounding shirt bosoms, which immediately assumed an antinatural hue not unsuited to the season. "Now your hand is in, I'll trouble you for some of that stuffing," exclaimed one; "how infernally awkward!" muttered another, as he hastily dislodged a trifle of sage and onions, about the size of a Texas star, from the corner of his left eye. "Well, stranger, you can take off that handkercher now," said the operator, turning to us with a look of mingled reproof and vexation. "Excuse me if you please," replied we, "two of the enemies' wings and one of his legs are yet in the field."

From the Trenton State Gazette.

A Series of Disasters.—A few weeks ago a boy of Gedion Hult, near Allentown, fell into his father's mill pond, while sliding on the ice. One of his brothers was near and went to his assistance, but broke through the ice himself. A third and fourth brother, and then the father attracted by the cries of the drowning boys, ran, one after another, to save them; but they two fell through the ice. The father and one of the boys extricated themselves; but were unable to rescue the three others.

At the funeral of these boys, the carriage of their uncle was dashed to pieces; the collar bone broken, or dislocated. Those who had been in this carriage, got into another, which was also overturned and broken, and the horses ran, against the vehicle of another uncle, upset it, and threw those out who were inside, without, however, injuring them seriously. It was reported, also, says our informant, that the father on returning from the funeral, found his house on fire.

We learn that a melancholy accident occurred on Monday on the Baltimore & Susquehanna rail road, about twenty miles from this city. A woman was waiting at one of the stopping places to take her passage for Baltimore, when the train approached and gave the usual signal. Finding herself on the wrong side to get into the cars, the woman attempted to cross the track, but before she could do so the engine struck her on the head and she fell between the rails, the train passing over her and instantly severing one of her arms. When taken up she was quite dead. Every effort was made by the engineer to stop the engine, but the imprudent movement of the woman was so sudden that his exertions were fruitless.

The passengers in the cars united in a certificate exonerating the conductor and engineer from all blame whatever.—Baltimore American.

The Tarborough (North Carolina) Press contains the following deplorable case of suicide, committed it would seem, in a half jesting and half-serious humor.

Suicide.—We learn that on Saturday night last, Mr. Richard Carson, of Pitt county committed suicide, under very peculiar circumstances. He was at a house a short distance from his residence, where a number of persons were frolicking—he called for a rope, as was supposed for dancing, but he threw one end over the beams, fastened the other to his neck, and drew up his feet although taken down directly, he was lifeless. Mr. Carson was a man of some property, had a wife and several children; but unhappily was somewhat addicted to frolicking and intemperance.

Judgments from the following paragraph, copied from one of the New Orleans papers, the health of that city is any thing but favorable.—"In walking from St. Peter to Conti-street, in Rampart, yesterday, we counted nine funerals. Saturday Courier.