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Poetical.

BURY ME IN THE MORNING.

By Mrs. Hale.

Bury me in the morning, mother,
Not from this beautiful world,
Of one bright day on my grave, mother,
Ere you leave me alone with the night.
Alone in the night of the grave mother—
"Tis I who have the light,
And you will be here alone, mother—
And stars will be shining here,
So bury me in the morning, mother,
And let me have the light,
Of one bright day on my grave, mother,
Ere I am alone with the night.

THE CHILD'S PRAYER.

By Henry Byler.

Alas! when years were still so brief,
I scarce could lose a single hour,
My tongue was taught the note of grief,
For clouds of sorrow came,
And now I seek a mother's grave,
To weep with her in silent tears,
Oh! could I have the boon I crave,
I'd slumber by her side.

THE ARKANSAS COWARD.

A WESTERN SKETCH.

THE beautiful little town of Van Buren, on the Arkansas river, near the Cherokee line, during its early history, was famous for the number and ferocity of its desperadoes. Among the principal of these were the brothers, John and James, and all sorts of adventurers, who had found it necessary to change their domicils from a land governed by the laws of a civilized and enlightened people to a land where the only law was that of the strong arm.

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The firing in the grocery having ceased for more than an hour, being replaced by a din of merriment, the guests, who had been waiting for the customers having themselves with a vengeance, and thought to overcome them with the help of hereto aforesaid. He snatched his revolver from his pocket, and pointing it at Myers' breast, sternly ordered him to leave the house.

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"Oh that's what you're after," shouted Jack, unfastening his big bowie-knife, and springing over the counter, "here's what'll give you a little full."
"You'll keep the revolver presented, but his hand shook like a leaf in the tempest, and his feet involuntarily retreated backwards by short quick steps. The two feelings, physical fear and moral courage, were struggling for mastery. He was endeavoring to act bravely, but his nerves refused their concurrence, and he managed, so to speak, in his epineuric—totally incapable of acting at all—he was impotent to fight, and as powerless to fly.

There was no such hesitation in the conduct of Jack Warhawk, brandishing his knife in his right hand, he seized the bowie-knife of Myers in his left, and roared at the top of his lungs—"Down, cowardly bounder, on your marrow-bone, or by the blue blazes, I'll cut your throat!"
"Terrible as it may seem, Myers, still holding his deadly revolver loaded with six rounds, covered the floor like a sentry dog, and begged most piteously for his life—a prayer which the mocking half-breed granted, on condition that he would treat the whole crowd for a week.

From the great door, a magnificent Myers was subject to every species of insult and outrage. The leaders would pull his nose for mere amusement, the half-breed would spit in his face, and make him treat, and Gen. Cole, when intoxicated, would strike him with his cane, to cure him of his cowardice, as he said. The miserable wretch never looked back, and never uttered a word, with the patience of a martyr, and would sometimes meekly remonstrate—
"Gentlemen, it is ungenerous to abuse me thus; I confess I have no courage—I cannot fight."

This continued for a whole year, when a change occurred that roused the hunters to their ignoble pursuits. He had a beautiful wife, whom he loved with the tenderest passion. One day when the husband was absent, the hideous half-breed, Jack Warhawk, instigated to the damning deed by the persuasions of Gen. Cole, went to the grocery-keeper's private residence, and maltreated his lady in the most shameful manner.

Myers returned home to find his beloved one drowned, as it were, in tears. He heard the story with a silent agony, and a great grief, and anger or emotion. It is true, he was a somewhat pale—his lip quivered an instant, and he uttered an exclamation which was a month of iron, and he never spoke again. He shot a few more beams of penetrating fire; but he did not utter a word. He uttered not a word of sympathy with his afflicted wife. He only armed himself with a bowie-knife, fourteen inches in the blade, from hill to point, and started for the village.

He came in sight of his enemy, then, announcing the public square, and boasting of his villainous achievement. At this vision, Myers' lips turned into a horrid smile, and his dark eye melted into a stream of tears. He approached, and he stood nearly touching the half-breed, and then said, in a hoarse whisper, "I have a word to say to you, draw! for by St. Paul, one of us must die!"
"And he waited until the other should be ready for the strife on equal terms. He did not have to wait long, for the infuriated half-breed, glittering, snaky smile, and those hot glowing eyes, as the certain tokens of madness, immediately unbuttoned at the same moment with his coat, and he was ready to begin the combat, which was soon decided.

Myers parried the furious blows of the half-breed, and, grasping his bowie-knife, he charged with his left hand, with the other plunged the knife into his heart. The Cherokee expired without a groan.
"The deed and the terrible passions of Myers found vent in appalling exclamations. His countrymen were so taken by surprise, that they were struck, stupified, that, for a space they were unable to move, and the infuriated half-breed, who had suddenly become the bravest of the brave, the suppliant of opposing feeling, lay in a foaming stream of blood, and the victor lay in a foaming stream of blood, and the victor lay in a foaming stream of blood.

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HE WANTS A WIFE.
By Mrs. Nicholas.

He wants a wife, and she must be a model of propriety—
A brilliant partner—wise, discreet,
A centre where all virtues meet;
Good tempered, just, and always kind—
As warm of heart, as pure in mind;
Devoted, gentle, tender, fair;
Accomplishments and culture rare;
An angel, half in form and face;
A sweet, harmonious, charming thing,
At his command to weep or sing.
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On the morning of the election, numbers, proscribed by the different parties, were to be seen in the returns to the county seat—a hotel in which being the headquarters of the three parties.
"We'll pass by the most exciting and amusing occurrences of the day, and recur to the closing scene of the night."
The returns were all in with the exception of one township, and the contest thus far was so close that the disparity between the highest and lowest candidates was less than ten votes. The fate of the three candidates hung upon the result of that one poll. Each candidate had claimed a handsome sum of money, and the result was as follows:—The highest candidate had secured a majority of fifty votes, and the other two had each secured a majority of twenty-five votes.

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The Fine Arts in Arkansas.
One of the Arkansas papers tells the following anecdote of Washington, the portrait painter, and a young gentleman from Van Buren. Washington asked him if he would like his portrait painted.

Chased by a Locomotive.
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