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## Poetical.

### SPRING.

A flush of green is on the boughs,  
A warm breath panteth in the air,  
And in the earth a heart-pulse throbs,  
Throbs underneath her breast of snows.

## A PARABLE ON THE UNION.

Two married sisters, side by side,  
In houses large and fair,  
On the good farms that they gave,  
Dwelt in contentment rare.

## HON. JOHN A. DIX, LATE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, At the Union Meeting in New York.

### He vindicates the Late Administration.

Mr. Dix, on taking the chair, spoke as follows:

FELLOW CITIZENS:—We have come together to express our determination to uphold the authority of the Government, and to maintain the honor of the country. The circumstances, under which we are assembled, are calculated to fill our patriotic hearts with the deepest concern. For the first time in our history, the civil strife has broken out in the bosom of our prosperous and happy country, and has been pushed by unscrupulous men to the extremity of war and bloodshed.

The last and most emphatic of these warnings is contained in the admirable answer of Mr. Holt, Secretary of War, to Mr. Hayne, the Commissioner from South Carolina, on the 6th of February. It is then words of fire, which all the multiplied proofs which exist of the President's anxiety for peace, and of the earnestness which he has pursued, and the authorities of that State shall assault, Fort Sumpter, and all the lives of the brave and loyal men shut up within its walls, and thus plunge our country into the horrors of civil war, then upon them and those they represent rest the responsibility.

## Miscellaneous.

### HOW TO KEEP A HOTEL.

A man may be a first-rate fellow, as Mat Peel used to say, and yet not know how to keep a hotel. It is a very simple matter, but a good fellow, there is one man for whom you can certainly vouch as all sorts of good fellow. He keeps a hotel, or country tavern, if you will, in the interior of Arkansas some where. The way we happened to know of it was this: Several weeks ago two well-known gentlemen of this city went travelling for the benefit of their health, and concluded to try the famous Hot Springs of old "Rackensack."

### Five Hundred Miles on a Dog-sled.

The St. Cloud Democrat gives an interesting account of the trip of Gov. Barber of Dakota, of five hundred miles on a sled pulled by dogs. The Governor traveled from Selkirk to St. Cloud, and visited the office of the Democrat, where he honored the editor, Mrs. Swisshelm and her daughter, with a short excursion. Mrs. S. says: The concern came to the edge of a sled track and tipped over, when the Governor took hold of the sled and lighted it without disturbing its load.

### Power of Endurance and Diet.

Even the experienced trainers of the prize-ring cannot decide what is best food for training men up to their greatest power of endurance. They have a prejudice in favor of mutton chops and underdone beef-steaks; but it is by no means sure that this is the best. The Roman soldiers, who conquered the world, and built roads from Lisbon to Constantinople, and who were all trained athletes, marching under a weight of armor and lugging that few men in our day could carry, lived on coarse, brown wheat or barley bread, which they dipped in sour wine.

### Odds and Ends.

Ho who is great in defeat is half a conqueror.  
Eagles fly alone; they are but sheep that always herd together.  
If you are too fat and would like to fall off, mount a vicious horse.  
Many a man has the public ear, who has forfeited the right to wear his own.