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Boetical.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

We love the friends our hearts hold dear, Our sisters and our brothers, But most of all we ought to love Our dear devoted mothers.

Although this world is dark and drear, Its joys partake of sadness, Yet, now and then there will appear, A beam of love and gladness

A friend may love us long and wolf, And cling through joy and sorrow But then some evil cursed spell.

May chill his love to-morrow! But firmer than the love of friends,
And stronger than all other, The purest love we ever knew

Is that of our dear mother. A sistors love is fond and true, And fill of tender feeling,
Appreciated by the few,
And often unrevealing;
But dearer than a sister's love,
And fonder than all others,

The dearest, sweetest love on earth Is a devoted mother's. A brothers love is firm and true, A father loves us longer;
A wife's devotion greater still,
And her affection stronger;
But dearer than those loves combine

And sweeter than all other, There is no leve as true and kind As a devoted mother.

They tell that spirits hover round,
From eyil to detain us;
That friends, whom once we knew on earth,
In Heaven may still befriend us; But dearer here than angel's love, And purer than all others, Is a devoted mother's.

let us prize our mothers more, ile they are left to love us; cherish in our hearts their words, If now they watch above us;
And no or for the tot with slight,
—That love above all others,
Which all lad filter for the tuning, bright,
The bearts of our dear mothers.

Miscelluneous.

MARRIED BY COMMAND.

of Marienburg, in Prussia, a farmer by the der.' name of Reiwal. He had two daughters— 'J love, and engaged to be married to two soldiers—one each, of course. Brothers they were, and as strapping fellows as ever Great Frederick could wish to see. It was expected that the regiment in which the brothers served would soon be at a neighboring fortress; and then the marriage would take

Charlotte, the younger sister, was sitting on the day in question, busily employed in knitting, while watching her father's goats, when an old gentleman, of noble and majestic carriage, stepped before her. He held a cape in his hand, and wore a military hat and boots, and a great coat with a large cape. The young shepherdess had never seen this

gentleman before, and his presence-she knew not why-inspired her with a feeling of awe. After regarding her for some time with an arch smile, he thus addressed her: What is your name, my pretty miss?"

'Charlotte Reiwal, at your service,' she 'At my service! Well perhaps I may require your service. How old are you now? Eighteen at Candlemas.

'What is your occupation?'

'I am shepherdess to my parents, who are farmers in the valley.

'Are you not married?'

'Have you a dowry?'

'I do not know.' 'Well, here is something towards one, if

you will serve me as you promised to do just now, he said, placing in her unwilling hand a purse containing two hundred florins. So strange did this proceeding appear to the simple and timid shepherdess, that she was quite alarmed; and, believing this fine gentleman to be a sorcerer, his gold seemed | consent of both parties.'

sheet of paper, which he carefully sealed. 'To gain two hundred florins,' said he, you have only to carry this letter to the fort of Mairenburg. If you show this seal all the before the surprised Major. guards will leave you pass. You must ask for Major Keller, the commander, and give grenadier, said he. He then read aloud the

Charlotte wished to reply in the negative, but to refuse seemed to her even more difficult than to accept, so that, not knowing what to say, she was silent, and the stranger con-

dluding that her silence gave assent, left her the letter and the purse. When he was out of sight, the terror-strick-

a mystery and even danger had a charm for 'A commission for Marienburg!' exclaim- stand.

she, 'it is a God send. Call him a good angel, rather than a demon, who brought it.— Our betrothed, the sergeants Albert and Ludwig Hosten, have been on the march for the we may obtain news of them, and perhaps es and a half at least.' even see them to-day. What a surprise for

quickly, 'we shall thus both have a dowry, and—who knows?—perhaps be married to-

are the secrets of peace and war to me. The great thing is to ascertain if Albert and Lud-

The commander, a crabbed looking old soldier, who had grown grey in the service of the promise of marriage. his king and country, now entered to relieve her suspense. Having eyed her from head

'One of the fair-sex asked for me. It was you, young girl. Here I am. What can I

ing.?' 'The same.'

ing the letter.

From whom did you receive it?' continned he. 'From a stranger who passed down the

road about an hour ago,'
'Let me see,' he said, starting as he recogmilitary salute.

ceived as much honor as herself.

Having read the letter, Keller burst into a sudden fit of laughter, and then as suddenly

the determined Major.
'Vivandier? That would depend on the Regiment. If it were, for instance, in the

Major. Catharine, thinking the Major's question very original, and wondering what he would say next, answered, 'Not a large sum—one hundred gold florins; the carriage of the letter which I have given you."

'Certainly-especially for a sergeant.'
'But you have not told me if the fifth com

Permit me, mademoiselle,' said he, drawing his sword, and taking her measure with the

Major, do you wish to enrol king's army?' exclaimed she. Once upon a time there lived near the fort does it matter? You are a joking comman-

charming girls. The two daughters were in, no longer any mystery; you may read it ler's hand, and read the fellowing-

this dispatch.

o have made his acquaintance?' Catharine was stupefied, and exclaimed-

No, never.' . here,'

said to the soldier who answered his sum mons: A marriage to be solemnized in half an hour

them of the right proportions,' said he, measuring Catharine with his eye. 'About five feet four or six inches. A fair complexion to form a contrast, Madamoiselle, continued he, with a military salute, 'I shall be at your service in a few minutes.'

in his hand.

'I have found your man,' said he; 'and you are to sign this promise of marriage with upon that. him for the chaplain, as the law requires the lowed by two soldiers. Albert and Catharine to burn her fingers. In the meantime the Catharine, recovering from her dejection, stranger had taken a note-book from his exclaimed, 'Consent! Ah! this paper has

pocket and had written a few words on a to be signed? You must have my name?she, standing in an attitude of determination

Hearing the name of Hosten, Catharine

changed countenance. deed, fortune has favored me.'

The Major went on reading- Promise to on girl ran to her sister, and related her adventure.

Catharine was the very reverse of her timid, gentle sister. She was a fine, independent spirited girl was a fine, independent spi spirited girl, who would go through anything to gain her end; she liked nothing better than he, as he was about to pull the bell.

Catharine stopped him, saying, 'I beg your pardon, Major; I did not quite under-The name of the intended, if you

'Ah why not? Make yourself easy. He is for trees the last three days. By these means a brave, handsome fellow, five feet five inch-Catharine could hardly believe her cars, so

'Never!' replied Charlotte; 'I shall never have courage. If you go in my stead, I will make over the two hundred florins to

'I will accept half,' replied Catharine.

Letter in hand, Catharine soon reached the fortress, the gates of which were opened to her at the sight of the mysterious seal. She was much pleased with the deference which was paid her, and made up her mind that the stranger must have been some great personage, and that the letter contained something important. She examined it over and over knowing it, cause a coup d' etat or a revolu-tion!' exclaimed she. 'But after all, what

'Is it Major Keller, commander at Mair-

enburg, to whom I have the honor of speak-I am commissioned to give this letter into your hands, Major,' said Catharine, present-

nized the seal, and taking off his hat, he made Catharine was quite astonished to find that the despatch of which she was the bearer re-

grew grave again, and, taking out a double eye-glass, silently regarded her for some time. 'Would you like to be a Vivandier?' asked

'What is your dowry?' interrupted the

'Well, that is a dowry for a soldier.'

Yes, yes; we will see about that It is a company of picked men, measuring five feet to left. Alake up matters, I will leave you catharine, who have lest inches; I doubt if your finger together until my return.

' Five feet at least. Not amiss, not amiss!' 'To the Gronadiers! Ah, well? What-

Catharine took the letter from Major Kel-

'Order to Major Keller to choose one o the handsomest men in the regiment, and to marry him to the young girl-the bearer of

'The king! It was the king! Good Heav-'The king himself. Are you not delighted

to marry me! I will never give consent 'Your consent,' replied Keller, showing her the letter; 'of that there is no mention

Saying these words he rang the bell, and 'An order from the king to the chaplein.

'In half an hour! cried Catharine. 'It is impossible! It is wilful injury.'
'When I say half an hour, perhaps a quarter will suffice. The time to measure eight or ten grenadiers, and to choose one among

Presently Keller returned, holding a paper

Well, Major, I will allow myself to be cut to pieces rather than sign, that paper!' added

the letter into his hands. Do you understand promise of marriage, as follows—'We, the and promise to do what I told you?' sergeant Hosten of the third regiment of the

'Can it be Ludwig?' thought she, 'then in

'Sergeant Hosten,' 1eplied Major Keller. 'Is it possible?'

the sex. When he had left the room, Keller called

Sergeant Hosten.
Albert (for this was the young sergeant's name), now entered, making a military salute. On perceiving the young girl, he exclaimed—'Catharine, the sister of my betrothed! What an unexpected pleasure!'
Albert, my sister's lover! Oh, cruel mis-

take !' ejaculated Catharine, her dream of happiness once more vanishing in the air. Commander, what are your orders? 'They are these, Sergeant Hosten. In the

king's name you are appointed to marry this young girl.' again, burning with curiosity to know the contents. She endeavored to peep into the envelope, but in vain. 'If I should, without the words which followed, he suddenly let his gun fall, and stood as if petrified.

'Do you understand? 'Yes, commander,' said Albert mechanically. A quarter of an hour is given you to be come acquainted with each other, and sign

Pardon—excuse, major, cried Albert. 'Doubtless his majesty's commands-it is my duty to but you understand that in a quarter of an hour-Are you speaking at random?' inquired the ranjor.

'No, major, no! But the surprise, the arrangement. Scarcely arrived at the garrison

example by her.'. 'What does mademoiselle consent to this narriage ?' 'She asks nothing better.'

'That is to say, major,' put in Catharine, nermit me ---'You cried, 'long live the king!' and volenteered to sign immediately,' said the ma I was mistaken, commander,' replied she I thought it was Ludwig Hosten, my be-

trothed and it is Albert Hosten, his brother who is my sister's affianced husband. You deceived me by telling me be was in the fifthompany.' 'It was a month ago,' replied Albert, exchanged with my brother. You see, major, t was thus the mistake arose.
Pooh! pooh! Have done with all these

stories! The king's letter is all I care about, exclaimed he, reading it again.

Order to Major Keller to choose a soldier of the garrison and to marry him immediate ly to the young girl who presents this letter. to him. Nothing is said there about sister, brother, or lovers. You, my dear, were the bearer of the letter, and you sergeant, I have chosen. You shall be married. These are

One moment, major, and you shall know all, said Catharine detaining him. It was not me, Catharine Reiwal, that the king gave his letter, but to my sister Charlotte Reiwal. dare to come to Marienburg, so I came in her stead. Therefore, it is my sister who is to

er.' Albert, and if you marry me to him, you surely disobey the king.' tatingly. Lam to marry Charlotte Reiwal by the

orders of his Majesty, said Albert.

'If you doubt my word, continued Catharine,
have Charlotte brought here; she will con-Send for Charlotte, supplicated Albert. 'Peace and sign. I shall be back before ong,' said Major Keller, as he left the

For some time Catharine and Albert were 'How are we to get out of this scrape?' at

length asked Catharine. 'I would blow up Fort Marienburg, soon or than marry you!' cried Albert furious-'And I would rather be buried alive than marry you!' exclaimed Catharine, weeping. 'Foor Charlotte! When our parents be-

such a great misfortune as this should separate us?' 'And separate us just as we were about to be united! But it is not yet done! It is impossible if

neither of us sign.'
'Do you know what I fear, Albert? That they will dispense with our signatures, and marry us in spite of ourselves.' 'In spite of ourselves!' cried Albert, in paroxysm of rage. I would sooner tear the

hair from your head, my good Catharine. That is the least I owe Charlotte.' 'I would sooner scratch the eyes out of your head, my dear Albert,' said Catharine in an eestacy of grief. Ludwig may depend At this moment Major Keller entered, fol

separating suddenly, looked anxiously towards "All in good time," exclaimed the major

'You are agreed at last. I expected as much—I know the fair sex.' Then turning to Albert, he said, in a low voice-' In case. any hesitation on your part, my fine fellow, I have brought you two comrades from the re-inforcement, charged to take you before a court martial, if you have not signed at the fourth beat of the drum. There is the first,' as the drum was heard outside. Albert started at the sound. 'You know the discipline,' continued the major, 'disobedience to the king-penulty of death-shot immediately ergeant, added he, pointing to the ta ble, 'take the pen. Now for the conjugal flourish !'

Catharine suddenly gaining her self-poses sion, exclaimed— Kowill not sign major; he does not wish to sign—neither do I! He detests me-I execrate him! Ask him if it be Keller was quite puzzled what to make of

this sudden change, and said addressing Albert, 'Your betrothed is joking. I imagine?' Albert answered, timidly— But she is not my betrothed, commander. Charlotte her sister, is my betrothed.'. soldiers; 'Advance—shoulder arms. You know the orders; that is enough.' The

Some see them to-day. What a surprise for us! to say nothing the word of the wind the command of two men, obedient to the command, placed to her picked up overy day.'

Saying these words, she took the purse; and the mention of his name, into consideration of the fair sex; and the mention of his name, into consideration of the fair sex; and the drums will serve as a side and then on the other, she called upon.

What a surprise for two men, obedient to the command, placed two men, obedient to the command, placed two men, obedient to the commanded.'

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Nearly, sire. I have measured mademotical did this circumstance appear to obtain the fair way toward the cutting two them, and what a joy for us! to say nothing about the two-hundred florins, which are not to be picked up every day?

Saying these words, she took the purse; and turning the precious letter first to one side and then on the other, she called upon Charlotte in the name of their betrothed, to go immediately to the fort, while she took care of the general care of the

shall be served to you hot.'
At these words Albert shuddered, involun-

tarily. 'Twenty balls !' thought he, and he will do as he says. Good heavens! Not a word to the young girl,' continued Keller; still speaking in an undertone. 'Respect for the feelings of fair ladies. I wish for her free consent.' Having said this Keller twirled his moustache, and stationing himself in front of the young people, took up a newspaper and began to read.

After a short interval the drums were

heard, and the major spoke. 'Sergeant Albert Hosten,' said he, 'what are your sentinents towards Catharine Reiwal, whom his najesty has appointed to be your wife?'
'Now is the time,' said Catharine, in a low voice. He is relaxing. Say that I inspire your

Well yes said he with an offort, Catharine inspires me ———. He had got so far when the drums beat the second time. He suddenly, iterrupted himself and, as they bent louder and louder, fell on his knees beside her, ex-claiming: 'I love you Catharine—I love you with all my heart-I adore her !' Turning to Catharine, who knew not what to think he said in an undertone; 'I hate you, never

'Very, well' said Keller, at the third beat, Catharine's hand, 'Sergeant Albert Hosten, does Catharine reciprocate your sentiments?' and to be all at once married? It is like canand which goes off before the match has
taken light. After all, what claim have I to
readenoiselle's hand?

'Five feet and rearly six inches. She is
contented with that. Look at her, and take
good Catharine reciprocate your sentiments?

'Yes, Commander, she loves me—she loves
me to desporation; but excuse the first moment—she is in reality as delighted as I am.
She thanks the king; she thanks you.' Again
the draims were heard. 'Is it not so, my
good Catharine reciprocate your sentiments?'
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is for Ludwig! He is lost if you do not give me your hand.'

Cutharine was quite distracted at these Five feet six inches, against five feet one She was silent. The sound of the drums deerenséd.

For Ludwig, said Albert, emphatically, and poor Catharine could no longer resist, and gave her hand to Albert. The drum ceased. 'You see, major,' cried Albert triumphant Of course 1 shall add two hundred golden

ly, 'she has given me her hand!' So much the better ! Now, Sergeant Hosten, and you Catharine Reiwal, you have only to sign the engagement, which is on the ta-ble. At these words they looked at each other in consternation, for they knew if they signed they never could retract.
You first Sergeant.

'Yes, major—certainly I am going — Then hearing the drums he started, and appronched the table. He hesitated, but the drums beat again; he took the pen, then threw it down, and pressed his ha his head in great perfectly. The drums continued to beat. Shot! shot! thought be, ring to sign.
Catharine, who has to be engerly watching his movements, caught his hand. Oh, you

will not do that, Albert.' 'No, never!' cried Albert recovering himself, 'rather die!' Then, after a pause, du ring which the last beat of the drum grew fainter, and at last sensed. Keller, who had

been attentively observing the scene, now said. You have not signed? 'No, sir,' replied Catharine, resolutely.
'Farewell, Catharine,' answered Albert, surrendering his arms to the soldiers, and pre-paring to follow them. 'Be happy with Lud-wig, and tell Charlotte that I die for her.'— At these words Catharine sank into a chair; n a paroxysm of grief. But, just as the soldiers were leaving the room with Albert, the

sound of drums were again heard. There vere cries of 'To arms! to arms!'
'What is that, cried Keller, in a tone of as onishment.
Soldiers belonging to the King's escort here entered the apartment, and among them was Ludwig. They were followed by an officer announced 'His Majesty the King?'

Catharine's eyes suddenly met those of Lud-ig. 'Ludwig here!' What good angel sent you?' "My company entered the fort at the same time as that of his Majesty; and Charlotte..." "Charlotte wth the king?" exclaimed Al-

'Yes, Charlotte,' said the king advancing trothed us, who would have imagined that holding the trembling girl by the hand. Keller bent one knee to the ground, but was immediately raised by the king, who said, No ceremony here, major; I am here incog-'No ceremony here, major; I am here incog-nitio—I bring Charlotte Reiwall, in order to convict her of being a little rebel against the dure it any longer, and I resolved that moment

commands of her king."
'How is that, sire?" her to a handsome soldier, I should make an admirable couple. You know that is one of my hobbles. I therefore gave her a letter for you, major, in which, without her knowldge, I charged you to find her a husband.
I received a letter, sire, but this young

girl was the bearer,' said he, pointing to Outharine.

'Ah! ah! Catharine, the sister of my mesdier of the revolution: lace. Another rebel,

iave done?' Well, to tell the truth, I should not have his moving. Says the sufferer:

andsome soldier to marry her." 'Courageous and clever, as they told meand charming, in fact, as her sister! expluck the heart from my bosom, but you'll claimed Frederic, kissing her on the forehead. not, confine me. Is there a violin in the Kings have the same privilege as old men, camp? If so bring it to me. continued he. 'Imagine my surprise, major, A violin was furnished, and when, about half an hour ago, passing the he said:
place where I met Charlotte, I still found, 'Now, doctor begin.' whom I believed to be already betrothed to a grenadier at Marienburg. She told me all completed, without missing a note or moving she asked my pardon, said he smiling.—

a muscle. But I am angry ; I have been relentless, and have bro't the criminal to the fort, where I intend that my commands shall be executed

by a regular marriage. For pity's sake, sir,' entreated Charlotte, 'Always the same story? I will not stand looking at Ludwig, 'my hand is not free, I let'r palpitate.' any longer, said Keller. And addressing the seldiers. 'Advance shoulds' am already betrothed. I conjure you to take my sister in my place.'
Always your sister! But it is probably

'All in good time, I was sure of it-I know | would rather marry a score of balls, and they | martial and discharge of musketry, when your

majesty—'
'Discharge of musketry!' exclaimed the king. 'Oh, major, the tary.'

'The guns were not yet loaded, sire,' reMojor, smiling; 'it was merely a

'And why, Mademoiselle Catharine Rei-

wal, continued the king, would you not marry Sergealit Albert Hosten?'
'Because I am betrothed to Sergeant Ludwig Hosten,' answered she boldly.

'That has been her song for the last hour, and I would not believe her,' said the major.

A letter was brought me from your majesty -a command to marry the bearer. The bearer was Catharine. I have not deviated from that: I only attend to orders. Catharine will marry Albert unless your Majesty gives a 'Oh, sire, a counter-order!' pleaded Char-

en!' implored Ludwig and Albert, kneeling pefore the king.

'How is it that you do not join in the entreaties, Catharine?' inquired Frederick. 'Because, counter-order or no counter-or fear; but do not contradict me, or I am der I will marry no one but Ludwig, my be-

'Sire a counter-order in the name of hear

'Charming, charming!' cried the king, as he watched Albert in the act of kissing laughing. Then addressing the three young Catharine's hand, "Sergeant Albert Hosten, people at his feet. 'Rise, my children. Albert and Charlotte, stand here,' said he point-

proceeded to measure the young people.— Five feet six nucles, against five feet one would be more suitable to Catharine,' responded the major. 'Bah for half an inch!' exclaimed the king. Resides, Catharine and Ludwig may grow yet. Decidedly, I will give the counter-or-der, and make two matches instead of one.—

> floring to those I have already given. Oh, sir, how can we thank you enough?" cried the young people at once, loud, which had so suddenly obscured their bright hopes, was quickly dispelled, and only caused the sunshine of their happiness to

seem the brighter.

My Wife is the Cause of it. It is no more than forty years ago that Mr L. called at the house of Dr. T. one very cold morning, on his way to H——.

Sir, said the doctor, the weather is very frosty-will you not take something to drink

my wife is the cause of it.
'I had been in the habit of meeting son of our neighbors every evening for the pur pose of playing cards. We assembled a each other's shops, and liquors were introduc-ed. After a while we met not so much for playing as drinking, and I used to return home late in the evening more or less intoxi-cated. My wife always met me at the door iffectionately, and when I chided her for sitting up so late for me, she kindly replied:
I prefer doing so, for I cannot sleep when

you are out." 'This always troubles me. I wish in my heart she would only begin to scold me, for then I could have retorted, and relieved my. conscience. But she always met me with the same gentle and loving spirit. Things passed on thus for months, when I at last resolved that I would, by returning

much intoxicated, provoke her displeasure so much as to cause her to lecture me, when I meant to answer her with severity, and thus, by creating another issue between us, unburthen my bosom of its present trouble, 'I returned in such a plight about four o'clock in the morning. She met me at the door with her usual tenderness, and said: 'Come in husband; I have just been mak-

would be cold. Take off your boots and warm that I could never touch another drop while I live, and I never will. much as in any in this State.

ceived from the doctor himself, on a visit to and sits down. We all wait an hour, and if my native village not long since. A MAN OF NERVE .- A valuable American

judge relates the following anecdote of a solenger, she who had the courage to take her | The morning following the battle of York town, Thed the curiosity to attend the wound-I was ignorant, sire, that I had the honor ed. Among others whose limbs were so of carrying an order from your Majesty, said much injured as to require amputation, was a musician, who had received a musket ball ble, living truth. 'And if you had known it, what would you in the knee. As usual in such cases, prepara tions were made to prevent the possibility of

delivered it. My brother, for instance, or my smooth what would you be at? great aunt, who is sixty-six, we should have 'My lad, I'm going to take off your leg, ent if the major would have found some very and it is necessary that you should be lashed 'I'll consent to no such thing. You may not confine me. Is there a violin in the

The boys who was told that the best cure for palpitation of the heart was to quit kissing the girls, said, 'If that is the only reme-

dy, which can be proposed, I, for one say A pig lately walked into a tailor's shop, and before he was noticed by the proprictor, made his way toward the cutting

Chinese Curiosity Dealers.

'Curiosity street' is a narrow lane which and here we found everybody, from the com mander-in-chief down to the junior ensign, investing curios. Enamels, bronzes and gadestone, formed the chief attraction. Each was obtained through an intimate friend of shop consists of two or three apartments, the Major: running back from the street, the third separated from the rest by a small court-yard; and here the best things are to be found—the least valuable being invariably placed next the street, in the most conspicuous place, and the best things of all hidden away in some duct drawer, or perhaps in the box upon which you are sitting, which, as it has a cushion you are sitting, which, as it has a cushion of a begin to cum in before the President could tell a story. To day he roused up enuff to tell us one: He said the eleeshun reminded him of a begin to cum in the representative in Illinian was more than a week atter; the noose the begin to cum in before the President could tell a story. To day he roused up enuff to tell us one: He said the eleeshun reminded him of a begin to cum in before the President could tell a story. To day he roused up enuff to tell us one: He said the eleeshun reminded him. ion on it, you take to be only a stool. If the of a hog spekerlature in Illinise, who wanted owner cannot persuade you to buy anything in the outer shop—every criticle in which he the market.' He got all the shinplasters in asserts to be 'hondie,' or tall, sticking up his two or three banks and opened up an office thumb at the same—he takes you into another apartment, and then a third, where everything you see is 'ting gowgowdie,' or exceedingly tall, and up goes the thumb again.— He, or rather they (for there are from three to eight men in a shop, according to its size), watch your eye as it travels over their shelves ver, and tables, and instantly detect you if you appear to notice any narticular phject; and take it you are the least impetuous, up goes the ure

isked some one else half an hour before. Making the sign of a dollar, which is done by bringing the top of the forefinger and thumb together and forming a circle, you point to some article that attracts your atention. He stands before you with both hands open, and all the fingers spread out before your face; then he repeats the same gesture, turning this time the backs of his hands. There is twenty dollars ; and so he goes on, till he arrives at the number of ten, which he demands, generally ending with a show you the accuracy with which he has priced the article.

You may, if you choose, begin by offering him about one fourth, and so go on advancing until you arrive at what you mean to give him. Then the proper thing for you to do is in China, that you are now offering the last farthing, and that it is like loosing a tooth that you should give so much a Then make The two couples were united and thus the your final bid on your hands, in the same loud which had so suddenly obscured their manner as he has asked you his price. But John Bull has often a very different

way of dealing; he makes up his mind at once what he will give, offers it, and there is an end to the matter. If you do this, you will get nothing until you are leaving the shop; and then he calls you back, and the bargain is made, or perhaps you are allowed bly, find your friend, the curio man, in a more pliant mood; he has come down in price, and is fearfully disgusted when you offer him

After second before you start?

In that day ardent spirits were deemed in him ten or twenty dollars less than you were willing to give yesterday. He does not know what to do; so if you want to puzzle him mencing a journey, and at every stopping place along the road, the traveller always used intoxicating drinks to keep him warm.

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A DELICATE LEGAL TOUCH .- Not very fa

were fond of dropping in at Mr. Smith's of an evening, and spending an hour or two with his only daughter Mary. One evening when Brown and Miss Mary had discussed almost every topic, Brown suddenly, and with his weetest tones, struck out as follows: "Do you think, Mary, you could leave your father and mother, your pleasant home here, with all its ease and comforts, and 'go to the Far West with a young lawyer, who has but little besides his profession to depend

upon and with him find out a new home which it should be your joint duty to beautify and make delightful like this?" Dropping her head softly on his shoulder the answered, "I think I could, Archy,"
"Well," said he in a changed tone, and straightening himself up, "There's Tom Hall

s going West, and wants to get a wife. I'll ust mention it to him." DRAWING . Lors .- A friend of ours was traveling a day or two since in the vicinity of Buxton. While crossing the bridge he ing a warm fire for you, because I knew you, was stopped by some young men, one of

'Say, Mister, got any whisky with yer?'
'No, sir,' politely responded our friend. 'Don't yer never drink whiskey?' 'We a-l, that is too bad. I should like About an nour ago I was waiking in the fields, like a simple mortal when I met the Goddess of grace who answered to the name total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, in Goldess of grace who answered to the name of Charlotte. I considered that in marrying much as in any in this State. That man was my father, and that woman but we draw lots to see which shall drink my mother. This fact above related were re-

> he ain't dead then we all drink, if he is we People think they can be generous hypocrites and hide their feelings marvellously well; but they cannot. All vain ten-derness, conscience, pride of honor, or fear of giving gain, cannot swindle up a truth .-Through some interstic of glance or action i will appear, naked and cold, yet in a tangi-

> Emerald Isle how one of our generals had gained a victory with only a few hundred men on his side, when Pat said: 'An' he had several hundred men on his side?' 'Yes.' Begorra, wasan't his ribs strong.' The fight at Baton Rouge extended over an area of about one mile square, and the centre was a graveyard, where lie the ro-

A person was relating to a son of the

mains of Zachariah Taylor, once President of A violin was furnished, and after turning the United States. Adam was fond of his joke, and when he saw his sons and daughters marry one another, he dryly remarked to Eve, that if there had been no apple, there would have been no pairing.

> Surely that man may be envied who for soldiers, Vanity Fair thinks they would can cat pork chops for suppor and sleep not be of much service, except in the case of Caught in her own net,' as the man

The Irish definition of an 'open coun-

tenance' is not a bad one: 'A mouth from

ear to ear.'

General McClellan at 10,000.

A noble mind disdains to gain its pleasure from an ther's pain.

Lincoln's Last Story.

Old Major Downing, it is known, is quartturns off from the main street to the right; ered in the White House, and has written some letters descriptive of the doings there. The following is supposed to be the last nota-

We have had an orful solum time here sence the elecations in Ohio. Indiany and Pennsylvania, and Ioway. Old Abe and Stanton and Welles takes it to hart very much, to buy all the hogs he could, and to 'kentrol the market.' He got all the shinplasters in in Chigago to invite sellers. One day air old feller cum in, a mity plane lookin old feller, and wanted to sell sum hogs.
How many hev ye got?' sed the specula-

tor.
'I don't know exac'ly seys the old hog dro-

'Wal,' sez the spekelator, 'I guess I'll take all you can bring any how,' and the figure was named—it was a good figger.

'Now,' sez the old feller, 'jes give me a paper saying what you'll do, and put in it that price to double or quadruple what they have I may deliver them hogs at Chicago or Alton, or Springfield, jest as I please.'
'Of course'—say's the spekerlature, and he

wrote the paper. The old fellow went away, and in a few days his live pork begun to come in. The clerk come in one day and sez to the speculator, 'Old Benson,' sez he, (the old feller's name was Benson,) 'has sent in 10,000 hogs. And here is a letter from Spring-field: he has sent in 15,000 there, and the three or a seven, or some such number, to agent at Alton says he has sent in 20,000 there, and the money has e'en a most run out

and he writes for more.'
"Very well,' sez the speculator, 'I guess that'll finish the old feller's lot.' But he was mistaken. Every mornin' more him. Then the proper thing for you to do is letters—more hogs driven in-more money to make a gesture with your right hand, as wanted. At last the spekelator begin to be if you were drawing a tooth from your own skeered, and sent for Old Benson, who, you mouth with considerable pain; this means, way be sure, wasn't far away. may be sure, wasn't far away.
'Well, old feller,' sez he, 'you hey a good

many hogs?'

'Right smart lot on 'em,' sez the old chap.
I'll send in 10,000 more to morrow.' 'Thunder and blazes!' sez the speculator, 'how many on airth hev you?'
'Don't knew,' says Old Benson. 'I hev a big lot to come yit. See here, old feller, sez the speculator, I guess you'd better quit deliverin'; jest reep the money you've got, and take all the hogs I hey, and let me out of that contract!'
-for he'd found out who Old Benson was,

After see the property of the

A QUICK REPARTÉE. -The following anec-

dote of Governor Morris is related by a corfrom Central New Jersey lived two young lawyers, Archy Brown and Tom Hall. Both respondent of the New York Times : He had a high respect for Bishop Moore, a nan noted not only for the purity of his character, but also for the retiring modesty of his lisposition and for the esteem in which he was held. As the story ran: A dinner was given by some of Governor Morris's friends hen he was departing for Europe. Bishop Moore and his wife were of the party. Among other things he had made his will in prospect

of going abroad; and turning to Bishop Moore, said to him: 'My Rev. friend, I have bequeathed to you my whole stock of impudence.'
Sir, you are not only very kind, but very generous; you have left me by far the greatr portion of your estate.'

Mrs. Moore immediately added:

'My dear, you have come into possession of your inheritance remarkably soon.' WASHINGTON AT WATERLOO .- Lay dearly beloved hearers,' said a very popular preacher lown south, when harangueing his hearers; on the importance of perseverance and fortitude during the pretent war, 'gog must do what General Washington done at the battle of Waterloo. In the heat of the stimish his herse was killed by a British cannon ball.— Did Washington give up his horse to the enemy? Not he. He sung out at the top of his oice, 'A horse, a horse I my kingdom for a horse!' A horse was instantly brought him by Frank Marion, and he drove the British

A clergyman in one of our country towns, after appounding from his pulpit on a Sabbath incoming a newly reported victory gained by our army, added : This not the time nor the place to manifest our joy hy cheering, but we can make the motions, and thereupon he, with the congregation, gave a silent but enthusiastic three times three' by a general swinging of arms in the air.'

rom the field, and secured the liberty of

South Carolina.'

There is in every good man's heart a sublime strength and purity of attachment, which he never does feel, never can feel, for any woman on earth except his mother. Solitude, kindly under the torch of

Christian revelation, may become transfigured forever, passing from a blank negation into a secret hieroglyphic from God, and shadowing in the heart the very dimmest of His truths. HAIL AND RAIN.—' Where do you hail from, queried a Yankee of a travller.' Where do you rain from?' Don't rain at all.'

said the astonished Jonathan. Neither do I hail—so mind your own business.' At a recent conference meeting in Pennsylvania, the members were asked 'howmany brethren can you accommodate at your louse ?! One lady arose saying "Lean sleep! two, but I can eat as many as you will send

along.'

Concerning the drafting of gamblers another Indian outbreak, when it would be quite the thing to send a brigade of Blacklegs to fight the Blackfeet. Patience is good, but perseverance is

better. While the former stands as a stoic under difficulties, the latter whips them out One of the saddest descriptions one can

give of a household is, that the master of it generally goes out of an evening.