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Poetru.

The Fatherland.

BY JAME- RUS-BLL LOWELL. Where is the true man's fatherland? Is it where he by chance is both Doth not the yearning spirit scorn In such scant borders to be spanned? O, yes! his fatherland mus; be As the blue heaven wide and free!

Is it alone where freedom is, Where God is God and man is man Doth he not claim a broader span, For the soul's love of home than this? O, ye-! his fatherland must be As the blue heaven wide and free!

Where'er a human heart do'h wear Joy's myrtle wreath or sorrow's gyves, Where'er a human spirit strives After a life more true and fair, There is the true man's birth-place grand. His is a world-wide fatherland!

Where'er a single slave doth pine, Where'er one man may help another,Thank God for such a birthright brother,-That spot of earth is thine and mine! There is the true man's birth-place grand, His is a world-wide fatherland!

Selections.

Our Peck of Dirt.

"What a fellow you are, Routitout, can't you let us enjoy our breakfast in peace?" good-humoredly remarked handsome Fred. as he balanced on his fork the bright purple end of a polony at a bachelor's breakfast

party. Now old Routitout wasn't a bit of a curmudgeon, but when he took up any subject nothing could induce him to let it go until like a puppy with a new rug, he had tugged it to pieces. The report of the debate in the House of Commons on the adulteration of food, unluckily, just caught his eye, and accordingly he went into the subject, with which he was really well acquainted, with as much gusto as Tom Sayers went in at the Benecia Boy.

month or two, like an old post in damp ground?"

"Come, that won't do, old follow, why should we take in dry rot with German sausages?"

"My dear hoy, that is precisely what you must take your chance of, if you will eat in all probability, that sausage is made from putrid meat-you may always suspect bad meat where there is high seasoning, and there are kundreds of instances on record of people rotting away at their extremities from eating these . putrid German sau-

sageq." We all looked up; Bob Saunders, in his amazement, spilt a spoonful of yolk down his handsome whiskers, and there was a general pause. There is nothing like opening a conversation with a startling fact, and this old

Routitout knew full well, and proceeded to take instant advantage of the sensation he had created. "Fact" said he, "here is an account

ipulling an old German newspaper out of his pocket) "of three German students who gradually rotted away from eating putrid sausages at Heidelberg."

"Well, they may keep their polonies for me," said Bob, "I stick to eggs; what can you make of them, old fellow?"

"Why, in all probability, the one you are eating ought to have been by this time a ing at the snuffer, "but I tell you there is grandfather. Laid in some remote village of France this time last year, it has lain ever since pickled in lime water. The antiquity get saturnine poisoning as a consequence." of your London eggs is marvellous. They come over here by the million at a time, and you don't suppose the continental hens hold monster meetings to suit the time of the exporter?"

"I wish you would turn the conversation," Bob replied. "I taste the lime quite strong. pise?" retorted old Routitout, harpooning a and must wash it down with a cup of cof-

"Bean-flour, you mean," replied his tor mentor, "and possibly something worse .-Just turn it over in your mouth again, and see if there is a saw-dust smack in it. The fine dark Mocha you get in the New Cut, for instance, is adulterated with mahogany saw-

My friend, Ned Alien, a bit of a heavy well, who affected to admire now and then a plebeian thing, struck in here in his lisp-

"Well. I mustly declare the finesth cup of coffee I ever tasthted was at four o'clock in the morning at an itinerant coffee-stand, after Lady Charlotte's ball-'twas really deli-

cious !" I saw old Routitout's eye twinkle, as much as to say, "now thou art delivered into my hands." "Fine body in it, ehl Such a 'horse-doggy' man as you should have recognized the flavor of, &c., &." "Good God! what can you mean?" ex-

claimed Ned. "Oh! nothing, nothing; no doubt you felt

sinking after that old skinflint't supper, and wanted some animal food." "Animal food in coffee, prepostwoust"

"Ah! my dear friend, I don't like to disturb your equanimity, but it is a noted fact stall, just to cool one's coppers after the however, lets us into a secret; the heading charged with any business; but he shall be that the strong coffees used by the itinerant opera." coffee stand keepers get their flavor from the knuckers' yards. There are manufac drawing from his pocket a note book. "I'll is so called for giving to porter and ales the

and see what he found in it with his micro

"Well, I'm safe, then," I interposed, "as I never touch anything but the best green."

"That's just the mistake you reading men always make," he replied. "I dare say you innocently believe that green tea is made of the young and tender leaves of the plant. but the real truth is, it is black tea painted -painted and bloomed like a worn out old

Old Rouitout dipped his huge fist into the eaddy and took out a handful of young Hyson, and held it side-ways to the light on his open hand: "Do you see that beautiful pearly green color, that's called the glazemixture of turmeric and Prussian blue .-Think, my dear fellow, of the dose of poison you have been regularly taking night and morning: perhaus you can now account for that dreadful nightmare you had last night. Old Sarah, the first and great duchess of Marlborugh, used to say that she was she never said a truer thing, for green tea came in about her time, and the cup that cheers, but not inchriates,' began to do its deadly work upon u. Britons."

"Do the Chinese drink green tea?" I inquired.

"Yes," he replied, "the real young sprouts of the shrub, but not the glazed abomination sent over here:-that is manufactured by them expressly to suit the barbarians." "But is there no tea wholesome?" we all cried in astonishment.

"Yes." retorted old Routitout, tartly, "your good strong Congou at 3s. 4d. is generally stripes of yellow on the wings are gamboge, pure; black tea is mostly pure unless you happen to get seme oid leadence redrief -"It's all very well to say, 'I don't care There are people who go about to clubfor adulteration," he authoritatively ex- houses to collect old tea leave-, out a brush claimed, "but you must: this breakfast ta- carpets with, but to recurl and tye, and sel ble is built up of adulterations; take that again. If you happen to take a cup that polony you think so spicy, what will you tastes like hay, he sure that there has been say to finding your toes rotting off in a a resurrection from the teapot. Hundreds of tons of it are made in London yearly."

"Have an anchovy, Bob?" "They ain't anchovies," interposed our old friend. "Do you think they can afford to give you real auchovies at a shilling a Dutch fish colored and flavored to suit the these paison bags without inquiring: why, market; that red paste in which they swim is bole armenian, a ferruginous earth. You you know."

"Me dear Mr. Routitout," interposed a quiet gentlemanly man of our party, "take pinch of snuff to restore your equanimity." Our quiet friend might just as well have trodden at that moment on the tail of a puff sell this abominable stuff at 8.1. a pound,

adder. Old Routitout took a pinch with mock se- low neighborhood, you stand a very good renity, and said, "Yes, if I wished to be chance of getting some of it. Not content poisoned."

"Do you fool a weakness it wrists, my dear friend, ch?"

"Good gracious me! no sir!" "Well, then, if you will only persist long enough in taking this kind of snuff, you less at the wrist, like the paws of a kanga-

Here was another sensation, and we all looked for some explanation.

powdered tobacco," said our old friend, glar- armenian-" either chromate of potash, chromate of lead or red lead in it to give it a color, and you in them; rut down ecchineal."

that incorrigible Bob, determined to rile our stomachs." tormentor, "the vinegar won't disagree with

"You are verdant enough to suppose that pee." is the natural color of the vegetable, I supgherkin with his fork.

and descant."

"Then give Diogenes a steel fork, a knitting needle-anything of bright steel will falsified."

attack the whole cruet stand!" pure mustard, turmeric to paint it up to little items in to make it 'thick and slab.' concert pitch, and black pepper to make it sting; and you have been laboring under the our tormentor, "let's wash our mouths out eronomy xxiv, 5. delusion all the while that you have been with a glass of beer." eating mustard, sir."

"Pon my honor I have," replied Bob; 'but what about the vinegar?"

"When do you particularly like vinegar?" "Well, to tell you the truth, I like a dash on a native, taken standing at an oyster author of a practical treatise on brewing

adulterating cheap coffees; and then the 'We have found some samples of vinegar to cream, how do you think they could give consist of little else but sulphuric acid colyou such lucious cream in your coffee at a ored with sugar; it is in low coffee-houses penny a cup?-why, simple enough, they and oyster-stalls that such is not uncomthicken it with calves' brains. If you don't monly met with.' So you see, my friend, believe me, read 'Rugg on London Milk,' you are in the habit of 'cooling your coppers' with vitriol, sir, vitriol!"

"Now, then," said Bob, not half liking it, "serve out the pepper, my boy." "Well, pepper-what you call pepper-i

mainly flour and linseed meal, flavored with can't deny camomiles." D. P. D." "What in the name of all that is sacred

is D. P. D?" "Oh, D. P. D. is short for dust of pepper dust-the sweepings of the mills. The manufacturers supply it to the grocers in bar-

rels, so that they can falsify at pleasure."

"Don't forget the soy while you are about

"Well, that's nothing more than treacle and salt, so says Hassell, and the fish-sauce nothing but vinegar and catsup coloredwith what do you think?'

"Can't tell." "Minute chips of charred deal"

"Come." I interposed, "after all the disa greeableness, allow me to recommend you one of these sweetmeats. What will you have?-a mutton chor, a rasher of bacon, born before nerves came into fashion; and or an oyster all done in sugar-or here's a cock colored to the life.

> "Charming bird, certainly; and so you recommend this cock for a delicate stom ach?"

"Well, drop it in your pocket, and I dare say one of the little Routitouts will not

make wry faces about it." "Won't they? I think I know something about this amiable bird. Look at his bright yellow beak-well, that's only chromate of lead, and those blood-red wattlesthere is nothing more injurious in their gutter—the Paris milk is very pure in con- we have not been knowing to the fact. Mr. colors than vermillion. Those beautiful and the verdant stand on which he is struting is arseniate of copper, or Scheele's gre. -three deadly poisons and a drastic purget Perhaps now you would like one of your ounkers to have a suck at this same pullet?" "Not so bad as that, old fellow!" I rea colored bonbon intended for the little one or two rogues thus exposed would have a the body, and enabling him to read the let-

that a desc of gray powder would put to rights in a day.' "I am very glad you mentioned grayowder-mercury and chalk that should be bottle? I tell you what they are, though, for let me tell you, you may find the remedy

worse than the disease." "Why, do you know, sir," he said, raising his voice, "that they sometimes make this must cat your peck of dirt before you die, infa tile remedy out of the scrapings of looking-glasses?"

"And what are the scrapings of looking glasses composed of?"

"Why, an amalgam of tin, antimony, an l arsenic, as a foil for the mercury. They and if you happen to buy gray powder in a all sorts at indirectible rubbish, they next proceed to adulterate the drugs we

depend upon to care us." we've been jollying at this elegant dejenuer closed with immense satisfaction to all par- an earth-current when we opened the cir- stance proved of some little service, and "Well, upon my word," said Bob, "here will gradually find your hands fall power a la fourchette, and eating all the delicacies ties concerned. of the season, when in comes this learned wretch and turns all into wall and wormwood. Let us see what we've really taken. Messrs, Ticknor & Fields, of Biston, have Why there's a whole paint-box of paints to just published a work on the History, The

"Stop a bit," cried old Routitout, "there

"Come, take a pickle?" archly interposed and searlet-four coats of paint for delicate the book we take the following:

the sulphuric acid, lead in my friend's rap- graph line in the course of a year, if col-

"Stop a minute," eagerly interposed Routitout, "again let me examine the knife." | dence. The price of the transmission of a and rushing to the pickle-jar he triumph-"To be sure I am, my Diogenes" that antly returned, "Copper! I told you soyouth replied; "come get out of your tub look at the coating on the knife. Copner.

by jingo!'

"Very well-lead, copper." "And if any of you had happened to have do to touch this verdant lie, and show you sweetened your tooth with that cock of magthe ugly venomous thing it contains. Now nificient plumage, there would have bee let that knife remain in the jar for an hour, an addition of mercury and arseninte of and perhaps we shall learn the secret of copper, a pretty metallic currency to put these verdant pickles. The very vinegar is into your blood's circulation with your breakfast, and then for a gentle alterative "While you are about it you may as well to-morrow morning-antimony, mercury and arsenic, alias gray powder, would be "Nothing easier in the world. That prime likely to set matters right with a vengeance." 'Durham Mastard,' for instance, is a delusion and old Routitout laughed a demoniac and a spare. There's scarcely a bit of mus- laugh, "and, stop a bit, you have not done tard that you can get pure at any price .- yet-there's lime in the eggs, sand in the This stuff is nothing more than ninety-five sugar, horse-blood in the coffee, and, perper cent, of wheaten flour, just a dash of haps, mahogany saw-dust! just throw these conic manner: "Bob," said I, turning very briskly upon

"Here's to you," he said, watching with

winking at the brim." "I dare say now you think that fine head is a recommendation to your tipple. The he tells us, is a mixture of half alum and "Just so," said Mr. Routitout, gravely half copperas ground to a fine powder, and wife which he hath taken."

tories over in the Borough, where they dry let Dr. Hassell have a word with you-this beautiful head of froth which constitutes one person in a distant city, who having comand pulverize horses' blood for the sake of is what he says for your especial comfort: of its peculiar properties, and which land mitted some offence against the laws, and had better send a copy to each of them, and lords are so anxious to raise to gratify their run away; was desirous of ascertaining if it charge thirty-four cents apiece." customers. That fine flavor of malt is pro- would be prudent for him to return. He duced by mixing salts of steel with coculus therefore telegraphed in the following ladigive the result of the arrangement in the indicus, Spanish liquorice, trencle, tobacco conic style: and salt."

"But there's nothing of the kind in pale ale," I replied. "Well," sail he, in a half disapepinted

tone, "they used to talk about strychnine,

though I believe that's all bosh, but you

"But what's the use of disenchanting us in this way, if tradesmen are all robbers to-

"That's just the thing the House of Com | presumed he followed: mons at this very moment are trying to give you. Mr. Scholefield's bill on the adultera- kideth himself, but the simple pass on and New York, in the unnocence of his heart, tion of food, which was originally intended to hit the adulterator very hard, is emasculated enough, for fear of interfering with

trade; but there will be some protection for the intelligent classes, it is true. Any be publically analyzed, and if found to be sophisticated, the guilty party will be liable to a fine: this will lead to the better class of tradesman warranting their goods as pure, and the middle and upper classes will in the end, reap the benefit of Dr. Hassall's investigations, and Mr. Scholefield's billbut as for the poor, God help them! They pay dear for what they have, and never, by they must go to wall, as of old. want a little touch of French despotism in these matters. Every drop of milk brought into Paris is tested at the barriers by the

article of food offered for sale, he is first in Boston, assures us that he once read the fined, and then made publicly to confess greater part of a despatch as it was passing his fault, by means of a large placard placed over the wires between Boston and Portin his window, setting forth the exact land, and that he heard the Portland opernature of the trick he has played upon his ator respond "O K" (all right) to it, while tradesman obliged to sit in sacked the and river bridge, and held the end of a wire in ashes, and suffer this moral pillory! One cach hand, thus passing the current through at home. "A slight indigestion, perhaps, marvelous effect in keeping the sand out of ters by the duration and number of the the sugar, and the burnt beans out of the shocks he received. coffee, &c., &c.

"Now then, old fellow, as you have worked yourself round into good humor again, take a weed?"

"Not the slightest objection in life, for it's the only thing to be got unsophisticated -there is plenty of bad tobacco, it is truebut we know it is tobacco. There are abbage beds-but it's all fudge."

"Come," said I, "let's take a constitu ional in the fresh air after this lecture?" "Fresh nir indeed;" 'all our old friend's with poisoning and loading our food with acid, impregnating all the water-where on magnetism when the wires were disconnecearth do you find your fresh air?"

Telegraphic Literature.

"You think you are taking nothing but begin with-Prussian blue, turmeric, bole very and practice of the Electric Telegraph. It is from the pen of George B Prescott, Superintendent of the E.cetric Telegraph preserves look very red-there's cochineal Lines, whose experience enables him to write intelligently and interestingly on the "Very well, cochineal-blue, yellow, red subject. From the mis-sellaneous parts of

BREVITY IN DESPATORES.

"Now, then, for the minerals; sulphur in The despacenes which pass over a telelested together, would present a very curious and interesting volume of corresponmessage depending upon the number of words which it contains, of course renders the construction of it necessarily as brief as possible. Most despatches are contained in less than ten words, (exclusive of address and signature, which are not charged for.) and it is surprising how much matter is often contained in this brief number .-Among the best examples of brevity which we have met with, however, are the two following:

A lady in a neighboring city, desirous of scertaining when her husband would return ome, sent him a message making the inquiry; to which he responded that important ousiness detained him, and that he could not leave for some days.

The lady immediately replied by sending him another despatch in the following la-

"At Home, August 12, 1859. "To F. C. P .- Despatch received. Deut-

KATE." (Signed) The gentleman to whom the despatch was his clear blue eye the "beaded bubbles addressed, upon referring to the passage in the Scriptures alluded to, obtained the following suggestive enistle: "When a man hath taken a new wife he

free at home one year, and shall cheer up his

"New York, July 4, 1859. "To B. C. M .- Philadelphia: "Is everything O. K? To which he obtained the following brief

reply: "Philadelphia, July 4, 1859. chap. xxvii. 12. B. C. M."

lowing valuable advice, which, it is to be signed for. You replied that in that case "A prudent man forseeth the evil and

are punished!" SEEING THE ELEPHANT.

which was played off on a good many unarticle suspected of being adulterated, may suspecting individuals, in the following "Boston, April 1st, 1855.

"ABAM GOODSELL."

By pronouncing the name of the party addressed quickly, and the signature slowly, my chance, have it pure; and as they can't a solution of the "sell" is obtained, and you afford to have suspected articles analyzed, get a view of the elephant at the same time.

with it?

READING BY SHOCKS. There is another mode of receiving intelligence in connection with the Morse lines, besides those already described; namely, by lactometer, to see if the 'iron-tailed cow' means of the passage of shocks through the has been guilty of diluting it-if so the system. This we presume, has often been whole of it is remorselessly thrown into the accomplished by different persons, although sequence If a tradesman adulterates any | Milliken, of the American Telegraph Office ustomers. Imagine some of our leading he was seated upon the draw at Mystic

We have succeeded, upon several occasions, in receiving messages in this manner, when we have been at a distance from an office and wished to obtain information in

regard to the state of the line. Not long since we had been annoyed upon one of our wires by a very bad earth current, and none of the repairers being able many tales going, about the fine qualities of to find the difficulty, we instituted a search British tabacco grown in the Camberwell for it. Finally, upon arriving at Nepenset, we opened a circuit at the draw, and inquired of the Boston operator, by touching the ends of the wire together in the proper time, if the earth-current was between us avageness was fast reviving. "Fresh air, and the Boston office, or beyond. This he with every gully hole sending forth streams could at once tell by my opening the cir of sulphureted hydrogen, and sulphuric cuit—disconnecting the wires; if he got any ted, then the earth-current was between us telling, had not Bob slily tempted him with trouble was beyond. This was important eight cents. a thumping principe, on which his mouth for us to know. He replied that he did get | The communicated sound had in this in-

"Yes," I e replied, "nearly as strong as when ties interested. you close." received through our system, and interpreted Judicious, and at the same time natural by the duration and number of the shocks, blunder, propertiated upon the line between

for nearly half an hour." We then sent an order for a line repairer | When the message was delivered, it read to go out at once and repair that line, and thus: "Forward sample for K. S." then recommenced our investigations into | The parties who received it replied by the location of the earth-current, which we asking what samples K. S. wanted. shortly afterwards succeeded in finding.

PRACTICAL JOKING BY TELEGRAPH. upon the New York and Washington tele-fised to repeat it. Accordingly be telegraph line, at the Philadelphia station, an graphed the New York operator, that the operator named Thayer, who, besides being dispatch should have read, "Forward saman adept in the business, was a gentleman ple forks." The New York operator, having of culture and wit, and exceedingly fond of read it wrong in the first instance, could a joke, no matter at whose expense. At not decipher it differently now. He replied the New York terminus of the line there that he did read it, "Sample for K. S." and was, upon the contrary, a steady, matter-of- so delivered it. fact sort of man, who was no appreciator of "But," returned the Boston operator, "I jokes, and never practised them. The Pres did not say for K. S., but for k-s!" ident of the line was Hon. B. B. French, for "What a stupid fellow that is in Boston," many years Clerk of the House of Representationed the New York operator, in a rage. sentatives at Washington, a wit, poet, and "He says he didn't say for K. S., but for humoris'; of course he appreciated humor , K. S." wherever he came across it.

warded the following:-

"PHILADELPHIA, April 1, 1860.

"To Mr. Jones, New York: "Send me ten dellars at once, so that I can get my clothes. (Signed) JULIA." "13 words, collect 34 cents." The operator of New York, not suspect-

tor for the address. "the young lady did'at leave any;" and is, as we remarked in a previous chapter, shall not go out to war, neither shall he be asked him to "look in the Directory for it." that the operator in reading by sound has "had already done so, but as there were despatch as he reads it by the tick, with all over fifty Joneses in the Directory, he was the facility with which an expert reporter

"If that is the case," says Thayer, "you

The New York operator did so, and I will words of the President, Mr. French, from whom, a few days after this affair Mr.

Thayer received the following letter: "NEW YORK, April 6, 1860.

"MR. THAYER, -Sir: A few days since you sent a despatch purporting to be from one Julia, addressed to Mr. Jones, New York. "To D. T. M, New York:-Proverbs, The New York operator informed you that he desired an address, as there were upwards Upon reference to the passage indicated of fifty Joneses in the directory, and was at gether?" I inquired. "What remedy have the inquiring individual obtained the fol at a loss to know which of them it was dehe must send a copy to every one of them and charge upon each; and the operator in did so. Some twenty of the Joneses paid for their despatches, but there was one sent Some years ago there was a joke passing to the residence of an elderly merchant by around upon the different telegraphic lines, that name, who being away from home when it arrived, it was opened by his wife, and was the occasion of a very unpleasant domestic scene. Mr. Jones has been to see me in relation to the matter, and threatens "To L. E. Phant, at some hotel, New Bedford: to sue the company for damages, taking the "In leaving this morning you neglected thing very much to heart.

to take your trunk. What shall be done "Now, this all very funny, and a good joke, and I have laughed at it as heartily as anybody; but you had not better try it again or any of the rest of the operators upon the line, if you value your situations."

ADVANTAGE OF READING BY SOUND. We chanced to be conversing with the manager of a telegraph office in his counting-room, when an individual entered, and proceeded to the counter where the business was transacted, which was at the farther side of the room, some little distance from where we were standing, and commenced preparing a dispatch for the clerk, who stood ready to receive it. The manager. with whom we were conversing made several apparently careless little taps upon the shelf before him with a pencil, which he held in his hand; the clerk at the other end of the room was also, apparently to us. drumming listlessly with his penholder, as he waited on his customer. All this time. while four of us were holding an animated colloquial intercourse, the apparently careless taps of the two telegraphers were intelligible communications exchanged between

them. The following was the dialogue which oc-

curred: Manager .- "Give your attention for a lespatch." (The usual taps for a "call" of an operator from one station to another im-

plying the above.) Clerk .- "All right; go ahead."

sages unless he pre-pays in cash." Clerk .- "All right; won't credit him a dime." Manager .- "After he pays this one, collect sixty-eight cents for messages sent by

him yesterday, which he was trusted for."

Manager. - "Don't send that man's mes-

By this time the clerk had a bank note which the dilatory customer had produced, upon learning that it was necessary for the messages to be prepaid, and from which he When he would have ended there is no and the office; if he got none, then the blandly made change, deducting the sixty

cuit- We asked if it was very strong .- | was utterly unnoticed save by the two par-

All this, the reader will understand, we, Some ten years since there was a very "There is trouble also on the New Bedford Boston and New York, A gentleman sent wire," said he; "I have not had any circuit a despatch requesting parties in New York to "forward sample torks by express."-

Of course the gentleman came to the office and complained that the despatch had been Some ten years or more ugo there was transmitted wrong, and the operator prom-

The Boston operator tried for an hour to

Thayer took it into his head one day to make the New York operator read it send a despatch to some fictitious name in "forks," but not succeeding, he wrote the New York, for the purpose of enjoying a despatch upon a slip of paper, and forwardlaugh at the expense of the operator at New ed it by mail; and it remained a standing York. Accordingly he composed and for joke upon the line for many months after-

.Since the paper has been abelished upon the Morse lines, errors like the above rarely occur. The ear is found to be a much more reliable organ for the telegrapher than the eye. We do not think we should overshoot the mark if we said there ing any joke, asked the Philadelphia operatis not one error made in reading by sound where there were ten formerly in reading The Philadelphia operator replied that from the long strips of paper. One reason The New York operator replied that he his eyes at liberty, and can write down his The second example is the reply sent to a at a loss to know which one to send it to." can follow and note down accurately all the