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[The following lines, which appeared originally in the West Chester Register, two years | But joy it was to them to see ngo, we believe will not be unexceptable to our readers at the present time. The writer is a former's daughter, in Chester County. ]

#### THE HAY HARVEST.

BY ANN PRESTON

The meadow lay before the door, With clover blossoms red, And quietly o'er waving grass The evening shadows spread.

The cattle grazed on hills beyond, Tinged by the setting sun, And at the sloping meadow's edge Sang on the rippling run.

The farmer on his vine-wreathed porch -Inhaled the fragrant air— He stood amid his sturdy sons And marked his acres fair.

Now, boys," he said, "to-morrow's morn We must begin the hay, For by the sunse's golden sign Twill be a harvest day."

When first the morning flushed the east, While sang the earlies' hard, Below the house, beside the bars The whotstone's clink was heard

Sweep went the scythes, and heavy swaths Were cut by mowers strong; With stroke for stroke and step for step.
They moved and marched along.

How gallan'ly they crossed the field And swept their pathway wide-The firmer and his eldest son; And neighbors two, beside.

The silvery dew, on unseen wings, Was mounting up on high:— The Angel dew! it goes and comes Between the earth and, sky!

And when its pearly sheen was gone. And hotter waxed the day. The farmer and his youngest sons Began to spread the hay.

The jujey pie that bright forenoon His daughter brought the men:— Their breakfast hour was six o'clock, They took a lunch at ten.

All eyes grew bright to see that child, And mark her gentle grace: The blue of he wen was in her eye. Its beauty on her face.

And eager brothers took her hands, Before sire d time to rest To show her, in the tallathick grass, The new-to ind patridge nest,

At twelve o'clock the dinner-horn Rang clear and far around-More musical than harp or lute The mowers deemed the sound.

With linen white, by tasteful hands Was spread the table then: For woman with especial care Provides for harvest men.

How restfully upon the lawn. Neath dark and embowering trees. Lulled by the murmur of the leaves, And hum of honey-bees-The mowers lounged, and laughed and talked:

Or read the news till two: Or watched the skies through waving boughs Where sunlight glimmered through.

And then refreshed, right merrify They sought the field again: A goodly-sight it was to see That band of stalwart men.

Upon the green before the door, Where maple shadows lay, Was supper spread, while all the air Was odorous with the hay.

Sweet gales from eastern lands may bless The sailor, fir at set.
- But of all fragrant gifts of earth,

The new mown hay for me. Long was that day, and oft they quaffed, The beverage undefiled,
Fresh from the cool and mossy spring—
The Meadow's sparkling child!

And ere twas night the youngest one,

And ere twas night the youngest of So proud at morn, and stout, Glanced sidelong at the tardy sun; Could he be giving out Bright through the gates of morning came

The sun, day after day, And farmers heed that maxim sage— "While shines the sun, make hay. And every day the driest grass Was raked and hauled away, For woe-beide! if rain come down

Upon the rew-made hay! Twas now the fourth day's sultry noon-The field was almost done.

When lo! a cloud was in the west.
And rising toward the sun.

"Run for the oxen quickly, boys, No rest at noon to-day," The fumer said, "it looks like rain. And we may lose the hay."

The wagon soon drove briskly out, The inen glanced at the sky,
And two "puched up" for one to load—
They piled the wagon high. The load went rustling through the bars-The top was jostled o'er;
More haste less speed," in merry tones,
Came from the farm-house door.

The scrambling loader fell not quite-Up went the hay once more And soon the wagon rumbling drove, Upon the old barn floor.

The farmers daughter to the barn' Bore water for the men; Each wiped his face and took a draught, And went to work again.

Load after load away was stowed, And black clouds hid the sun;
'But one load more, and then, my boys,"
The farmer said. "we've done."

The heavy thunder crashed and rolled, The lightning flashed around, But still the men plied fork and rake, Nor heeded sight nor sound.

White staggering meath the last full forks, The pouring rain began: And well it dreuched those harvesters,

The last load clatter in; "Hurrah! hurrah! the hay is done," Was heard among the din.

While to the barn the ran!

Then silently while raged the storm, They sat upon the hay, Till rumbling onward toward the east, The thunder died away.

And radiantly, on passing clouds, The golden bow was seen To bend itself, and smile above
The meadow's brightening green

How happy looked those harvesters, In vestures clean and dry,
That balmy eve whose joyous hours
So swiftly flitted by!

They sat beside the open door, And watched, as all have done, That olden beauty ever new,
The setting of the sun.

The birds sang sweeter than their wont, And sweeter was the zir, And sweetly, too, those harvesters Responsively sang there, And silently, the farmer's heart Arose in praise and prayer. West Grove, 1852

## SETTING A PRISONER FREE.

days thrills upon the public heart and gives the pulse a quicker flow, partic-minious, probably set loss than thirty-ularly when the world learns that no five millions. The Japanese are by gives the pulse a quicker flow, partic-minious, probably more loss than thirty-ularly when the world learns that no five millions. The Japanese are by man had any just right to deprive that no means a barbarous people; they this is a "self-evident lie." Thomas prisoner of his liberty.

not an escape, it was a noble act of ence and the arts. Their government setting free-one held under restraint is a complete despotism, but the peoferry boats, that gave the heart of in the world. Every man is a spy others woes:" a heart in the right no disturbance of the public peace John's view of Tom's meaning, that hand breeches pocket.

of little birds. (such as go warbling buildings in town and country bear a and the pursuit of happiness." This about the fields in spring, enjoying strong resemblance to the Chinese, can hardly apply to communities, or All the Austrian Garrisons were be-further territorial expansion, and the life and liberty. but, unlike the Cana- having the same tent-like form, and states. But John further criticises ing reinforced, and all the disposable Gadsden treaty, with the open avow-

and hills and rocks and woods.

man with the cage.

at our side, "one shall go for a shill tiful, but their customs lead to sad negro had inalienable rights, of which insurgents, and there were hopes of an agitatoin; which they had made ling." And he searched his pockets disfigurements, according to our stand. he was wrongfully and forcibly dispose an arrangement.

you exactly." "Yes, that will do."

The bird fancier twisted a bit of castern nations, but are allowed their Bible will not be generally acceptable paper up so his purchaser could carry liberty without undue restraint; and to the people. The time is approachhim safely "without injuring a feather." when foreigners were tolerated, were ing when the great truth-"ALE MEN

little slave.

two, my boy?"

have bought the whole."

How we wronged this noble boy. As the boat neared the shore, he got up and went out upon the guard, opened his paper, tossed the bird in elsewhere, but never to the same decay.

the air and simply said: "Go free gree, and this is perhaps why the poor bird; I can't keep you."

What a happy bird-what a happier did think what a noble boy. What a est, to furnish a family of daughtets lesson that boy taught us. Reader, it with an array of dresses such as can may teach you something. Think be found in the possession of many of upon it. This story has a moral—the fair ladies of Jeddo, and other

# From the Ladies' Wreath. THE GOLDEN ISLAND OF JAPAN.

BY DAVID M. STONE, Jaran has been almost lost to the world for one hundred and fifty years, being allowed to make a definite num-

tory, much that is fabulous, enough is the Yankee is very insignating, and known to stimulate an ardent desire has too high an opinion of the value for a more intimate acquaintance. A of his own trade and society to allow recent writer upon this subject has the Japanese to say "no" when he spoken of "a group of small islands pays his neighbor a visit. We shall in the Pacific" as the seat of this doubtless soon be on friendly terms empire, as if the whole territory might with these oriental exclusives, and be comprehended within a good-sized Jeddo artists may yet vie with Peruharbor. The Island of Niphon, how- vian milliners in giving laws to Amerever, the largest of "the group," is ican fashions. nine hundred miles long, and one hunmiles in average width, and the whole An escape from bondage in these population of the empire is variously have schools and colleges, and have Jefferson said it was a "self-evident We witnessed an escape—no it was made no insignificant progress in sci- truth." on Saturday upon one of our City ple are the most orderly to be found communities; and only meant that one than one who witnessed it a upon his neighbor, and responsible for to form an independent state, was equal warmer glow of gratitude to God that his good conduct; and thus, although to another community of the same the liberator had a heart "to feel for the land is crowded with inhabitants, sort. It somewhat militates against place where God intended man's ever occurs; and as the penalties and the latter went on to say in the same heart should be, and not in his right nexed to the laws are certainly exel breath, that all men are "endowed by cuted without fear or favor, there are | their Creator, with certain inalienable A man on the boat had a cage full few infringements of the code. The rights, among which are life, liberty ry, die in captivity.) which he was concave roof; and the towers are or. Tom. He puts the question to his troops were to be concentrated in Vi- als of the objects connected with these trying to sell for a shilling a piece.

namented with bells, which serve alike brother Senators, with startling force:

namented with bells, which serve alike brother Senators, with startling force:

namented with bells, which serve alike brother Senators, with startling force: It is a cruel way to make money; for decoration, and to guard against "Are all men created equally tall, but why not seize upon birds and put the intrusion of evil spirits. Many of equally broad, equally long, equally official notification of the blockades of that powerful class of northern citizens them behind iron grates and sell them, the residences of the nobility are very short?" No, verily, John. They are issued many does the same-thing to his extensive as well as beautiful, and the not. Probably they were not in Mr. Russian ports and harbors in the Balting of the control of the blockades of that powerful class of northern citizens the mouth of the Danube, and of the who, free States a most reluctant yet It is a cruel way to make money; for decoration, and to guard against; "Are all men created equally tall, fellow man, and then calls him his Emperor's palace at Jeddo is five Jefferson's time; but we do not read tic. fellow man, and then calls him his Emperor's palace at Jeddo is five Jetterson's time; but we do not read slave—his property, his chattel—which leagues in circumference. The build—that in the Congress of 1776 there nobody else must steal, because he ings and tower, seen in the engraving, was any fool to make such a criticism is confirmed. He was killed that in the Congress of 1776 there is stria, is confirmed. He was killed that the compromise measures of the listing, is confirmed. He was killed that the Congress of 1776 there is the congress of 1776 there is the confirmed that it is the c And if the stolen man runs away, his and ceiled with plates of pure gold, of gifts. Who has ears so long as "master" pursues him through the The island receives the name we have Petit's. Who has brains so shallow? shall dare to set the captive free. Not several drawings, resemble the Chi-rior. so with the birds; if they do escape nese Junk, except that they have but But, John, all men are created equal

among the green boughs and flowers better known than the interior of their not to know that he meant. He but and totally defeated Hanji Patros, upon the North, that the compromise and hills and rocks and woods.

"Going for a shilling!" said the average of Europeans, but are doctrine, but he knew it was true, and the average of the slavery muscular, vigorous, and courageous, so he announced it. In his writings "Yes!" said a little blue-eyed boy The women are said to be very beau- are other evidence that he knew the strong an honorable submission for the faith with them, and has recommenced for the coin, an only one, and walked ard of taste. Thus a lady who is enup to the man and said;
The attack upon Anapa, on the Cirthey believed it endangered the Union.
They can do no more. Nay, they do "Sir, I will take one of your little teeth in token of her acceptance of ty which he founded, would at this of the line, as the guns of the steamers the ambitious wooer; and after martine be engaged in opening new rewere not heavy enough to reach the rive power between the North and South this class of men is annihilated. you see his wings are perfect, and he eyebrows, giving a peculiar and unis a strong, healthy bird; he will suit pleasant expression to the face. The right of making an ass of himself by sex, however, are not kept in such his criticism upon Jefferson; but his extreme subjection as in most other exegesis of this chapter of our political

The boy marched away with his quite lively and sociable with strangers. are created equal," first announced to prize and sat down to contemplate his If the plans which have been ar- the world on this day, seventy eight purchase as he undid one corner of ranged for opening the ports of this years ago, and defended and enforced the paper and peeped in upon his empire shall be successful, there are through a bloody Revolutionary strugsome customs which might be trans- | gle, will become a practical, living re-"Ah." we said mentally, "what a planted to this meridian greatly to our ality to this whole people. Let us lonely life of imprisonment you are comfort. The roads of Japan are the then celebrate this day; not without destined to. Why did you not buy finest in the world; and always kept humiliation for the past, but with joy clean, being sprinkled and swept with for the blessings that are given to us, "I had no more money, or I would brooms. The denizens of our dirty and a firm resolve to do our part in city, who are always either stifled making each succeeding Fourth of "What a young Turk!"we thought. with dust, or wallowing in mire, might July approximate nearer and nearer to

richer belles are enabled to indulge in so extensive a wardrobe. It would boy. How his eyes glistened. How take the entire fortune of a New-York a dozen men who witnessed the act millionaire, principal as well as interwe need not tell you that. If you large cities. At the theaters, the lathink, you will find it.—N. Y. Tribune. dies of the upper classes retire to dies of the upper classes retire to change their dress with every change of scene, and the entire suit of an American belle, even when fitted out for a fashionable season at Newport, would not suffice to furnish a Japanese toilet through a single play!

A new light is soon to break in upon having, for this space of time, been Japan. England has attempted to nearly as inaccessible to the inhabit- cultivate an acquaintance with this ants of other lands, as if it had existed singular people, but has failed. Since upon another planet. From the first | the expulsion of the Christians, brought visit of Europeans, about the middle about by the constant quarrels between of the sixteenth century, down to the the Portuguese and the Dutch, and year 1637, a large and rapidly in- the mutual jealousies of European creasing trade was carried on with the traders, all attempts to renew the in-Japanese. In the last mentioned year, tercourse have failed. Russia, proud the famous edict against Christians was and obstinate as she is thought to be, issued, and since then the empire has submitted to be first insulted in the been almost completely isolated, its person of her ambassador, and then foreign intercourse being confined to turned ignominiously away, like an the Dutch and Chinese, and they only unwelcome beggar. Other suppliantsfor the courtesies of friendly interber of visits, and to land at a particular course, have fared no better. It is point, from whence they can learn but now our turn, and the nations of the little of the interior of the empire. old world are already envious at our Japan is not, however, an uncivilized prospects of success. We are quite nation, and although there is mixed near each other since California has up with what is given to us as its his-been added to our constellation, and

# "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL."

[Dec. of Independence.] John Petit, who is one of the recog-This is where John and Tom differ. John says that Tom was not talking about individuals, but about community of men, numerous enough

the cage and go back to the fields, one mast and a single sail. They are in their right to "life, liberty and the Turks into Silistria. they are not followed by dogs and long and narrow, and have the same pursuit of happiness." This is what guns, but suffered to go as best they flat bottom and high stern.

The inhabitants of the empire are posed no man could be fool enough. John Petit exercises his inalienable

# THE WAR.

The Vienna papers announced or the 17th ult., that Prince Paskiewitsch had received orders from St. Petersburg to retire beyond the Pruth, and thus surrender to the Sultan that material guarantee" so arrogantly claimed, so insultingly seized, so feebly, so unskilfully, and pusillanimously deended.

Whether it be that the Russian Generals found their positions untenable from the vicinity of the Austran army whether the presence of the allies at Varna has suddenly impressed them with the hopelessness of their position, Gogland. with a broad river in their rear, pestilence in their ranks, and an overpowering enemy in front; or whether the series of bloody repulses encountered before the walls of Silistria, or whether 1 combination of all these circumstances have producd this result, cannot exactly be known; but the Times alarm and gloom and foreboding which affirms that in a short time there will pervades the minds of northern men not be one Russian soldier on the in both Houses of Congress. Yester-

Western side of the river Pruth. Russian works there.

Telegraphic dispatches from Vienna state that a Convention has been concluded at Constantinople between Austria and the Porte relative to the Danubian principalities. Its principal condtions are that if Russia voluntarily retires the Austrian troops will enter the principalities and form a detake such measures as may appear necessary to ensure her doing so.

A dispatch from Trebisonde states that the Russians have been surprised servility of sentiment secure to the and beaten by the Circassians in the Dariel Pass. Eighty thousand Aus- They are determined to push the free trian troops were on their march from States to the wall. Bohemia towards the Eastern frontier.

The Paris Moniteur publishes an olution in the minds and feelings of

stole him himself and the law don't are among the finest specimens of upon his language. Palpably John is by a granade after an assault, which "Castle Garden Committees," "Naallow but one theft upon one chattel. Japanese architecture, and are roofed correct. There is an endless diversity was gallantly repulsed. He refused tional Nen," "Silver Grays," "Hund 2,000,000 roubles offered to him by kerk," and nearly all the men of Prince Paskiewitsch. Immediately on wealth and great business connections swamps with bloodhounds, or through given it, from the profusion of its the towns with the "bull dogs of war," auriferous deposits. The Japanese threatening death to any one who burks, of which our artist has given threatening death to any one who burks, of which our artist has given threatening death to any one who burks, of which our artist has given though in other qualities he is far inference of the public of the give battle, and under cover of this lic mind of the north to the fugitive movement succeeded in throwing 2,000 act, the gift of ten millions to Texas,

> Turks had been worsted at Kalam- emn assurance that these were the berca, they received reinforcements last exactions the South would make Kara Tassos, after obtaining two slight measures were a settlement in prin-The alfied Ambassadors were negoti- compromise. The South has broken

> cassian coast was to be made by ships. They can do no more. Nay, they do Russian works. Lord Redcliff had South this class of men is annihilated. quite recovered. His call from Con- But if their influence were undiminstantinople at the instance of the ished, it would not now be exerted on French Government was expected, as the side of the South, for that has diplomatic action is to be left during proved to them the cause of treachery, the war, in the hands of the commander-in-Chief.

Circassia is all in arms, and would cooperate it was said in the attack on Crimea. The camp of Schamyl is fortified by European officers, and was

ceived by a Greek firm in London ones. Her last poem was a strangely states that a military insurrection, sym- beautiful "Invocation" to Death, in pathized in with by the fleets, hand which she seemed to anticipate her taken place at Sebastopol, and was early death. Her mother is the author with difficulty surpressed. The sol. of the well known book called "Shady diers, it appears, complained of their Side." treatment and food. The leader a

&c., at Braheastadt on the 30th of May,

and at Uleabourg, on the first of June. The vessels engaged were the Le-pold, Odin and others. Ten thousand parrels of tar were burnt, and several ships laden with cargo were made prizes. Fifteen hundred men and mariners were landed at Ulcabourg, and captured the specie in the Bank of Finland, the directors of which and the inhabitants had taken to flight.

A dispatch from Dantzic states that 29 British and 18 French ships had made a junction on the 13th of Juno at Bornsund, 20 miles from Sweabourg, and were to proceed to the Island of

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

Currespondence of the North American & S. Gazette.
Washington, July 1, 1854.

I can hardly describe the tone of day a distinguished Democratic mem-The Paris Moniteur announces that ber of the House of Representatives on the 13th of June the Turks made a told me that, after long and anxious tremendous sortie from Silistria, and observation and reflection upon the attacked the Russians with great fury. events of the last four years, and more General Schilders was dangerously especially upon those of the last six wounded, and had to be removed to months, he was satisfied that "nothing Kalarasch. It was thought that a body could now avert civil war or a dissoof troops had been dispatched from lution of the Union." This gentleman Shumla. It appears that on the 13th is a politician of long experience; is a the Russians sprung three mines be- min of wealth and of the highest sofore Silistria, without doing any damge cial standing; has, or has had, close to the walls. The Russians storming and confidential relations with a part columns were prepared to mount the of, the administration, although he expected breach, but were attacked stands in no need of its favors. He is on three sides by the Turks. A fear- also a brave and firm man who is not ful slaughter took place, and the Rus- startled by shadows. He is a consersians fled in terrible disorder. The vative and moderate man; so much so Russians were employed on the 14th that he felt obliged to stop short of and 15th in removing their dead.— the extreme length of parliamentary Three Russian Generals were wounded opposition that could alone have deand all the Russian siege works/were feated the repeal of the Missouri Comtotally destroyed. The same day the promise. It is the deliberate opinion garrison of Rustchuk went over to the of such a man that Southern policy island of Mokan and destroyed all the and Southern measures are driving this nation to intestine war or a sepnutrion. The impression that such is the tendency of public events is becoming a confirmed conviction with the most conservative men and the profoundest thinkers from the North, who have been personal observers and participants in the scenes that have passed on this central theater of action fence between Russia and Turkey. If for the last six months. They now Russia refuses to retire, Austria will believe the sectional quarrel cannotbe settled, because the South, with that small squadron of Northern allies which official patronage and a natural South, will not allow it to be settled. The Nebraska bill, the schemes for

measures, have caused a complete revabsolute acquiescence and compliance and the Toombs proviso applied to From Greece we learn that after the 1 tah and New Mexico, upon the solunequalled sacrifices to quell, because ingratitude and sectional disturbance.

Mary E. Hubbell, daughter of Rev. Stephen Hubbell, died at Stonington a few days since. She was the idol of her father's house, the dearly loved assuming the offensive.

A private telegraphic dispatch refriend of many gifted and true herated