

Robbing Pedestrians—A New Mode.
About two months ago, an elderly gentleman, while walking in one of our public streets, had his watch snatched from his pocket in a very mysterious manner. He afterwards offered a reward of twenty dollars for its recovery, and stated that no questions would be asked of the person who returned the watch. He had, however, given up all hopes of ever finding his watch, which was a valuable family relic, when, one day last week, while in Wall street, he was accosted by a gentleman dressed in a style:

"Sir, you lost a watch some time ago, for the return of which you advertised a reward of twenty dollars, and no questions to be asked."

"I did," said the gentleman.

"Are you ready to pay the money referred to in the advertisement."

"Yes," said he.

"Well, here's your watch."

The gentleman then paid the money, and put the watch into his pocket, remarking at the same time, "I can't imagine how I lost it."

"Well, I will tell you," said the thief. "Don't you remember a person knocking against you the day you lost your watch?"

"I do," said the gentleman.

"Then it was," said the rogue coolly,

"that it was taken from your pocket, and I will show you how it was done."

The villain, suiting the action to the word, jostled violently against the gentleman, which somewhat disturbed his equilibrium. The latter was perfectly satisfied with the explanation, and turning upon his heel left and went chattering into his office, where he told the story to his friends, and congratulated himself upon his unexpected good fortune.

"He also seemed somewhat probable to the listeners; not because they doubted the veracity of the old gentleman—for he was a man who had the confidence of the community—that they burst into a hearty laugh at the idea of a pickpocket being so conscience smitten as to restore stolen property.

"If you have any doubts," said the old gentleman, "I will show you the watch."

And putting his hand into his pocket, to his great surprise and mortification, he found that the thief had stolen his watch a second time, and had escaped with it, and the twenty dollars besides.

We have mentioned the above occurrence as it was told to us by a friend of the old gentleman, and we believe it to be true. A short time since, while passing up Broadway, by the Astor House, we saw one man run against another in a similar manner, and in the collision a gold watch jumped out of the vest pocket of one of them, and the chain caught in the button of the other. The guard-chain, however, was a strong one, and the two persons were stopped by it: the chain was unloosed, and the watch restored to its proper place, and an apology was offered and accepted for the apparently unavoidable accident. We were impressed at the time with the conviction that the aggressor had come in collision for the purpose of stealing the watch.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

Yours, John.—You may sometimes meet, in passing up and down the street at an early hour in the morning, an individual, perhaps partially wrapped in woolen and cotton fabrics of doubtful tint, whose rapid pace tells you that he is a mechanic on his way to his daily task. Did it ever accidentally enter into your head that under all those swarthy coverings and manifold disadvantages, there dwelt a man—that there resides a soul; a mind, maybe, with "thoughts that wander through eternity." Do you fancy in your pride, or indifference, or factitious importance, caused, maybe, by some accidental circumstance in which your own merits had no share, that you were his superior? Pull off your gloves and make a comparison. Is there lumbering in your delicate muscles any such subtle power as he possesses? You discern in a moment that for all practical purposes, he is immeasurably your superior! You, with all your finery, may be nobody, though you may think otherwise while he is all he claims to be, and perhaps more. He makes no noise in the world—would not if he could—but nevertheless, has his voice; where and how you may learn on inquiry. The true craftsman attracts little notice. Yet all around you, you may see his works. Go where you will, the mechanic has left his mark. In the gray old pyramids, in the embattled towers and mighty fortifications of the old and new ages, in the huge oak leviathans of the ocean, and in almost every spot where the foot of civilized man has ever trodden, his handiwork is visible. Even in the midst of the desert, you may hear the clank of his earth-subduing engines. He has enabled the waterdrop to expand with the power of ten thousand giants, and to bear the fleets of commerce on every sea. He, quite as much as the scholar, has in the words of Bacon, "attacked Nature in her strong towers," and wrung her most arcanum from her reluctant grasp. With science for his guide, he no longer wanders in the dark, as in days of old, but him toil on, still more and more cultivating his powers, and soon still higher honors be awarded to the great brotherhood of mechanics.

A STELLING FELLOW.—The following unique advertisement appears in a late number of the Lebanon (Ky.) Post: "I am in jail, and very unjustly. I think, and I am lonely and desolate, having nothing to while away the hours, I solicit a share of patronage in my line, viz: Tailoring. I will work very low—half price; rather be idle. A Sterling, Lebanon Jnl., Feb. 1853. He might have added as an additional inducement that he would always be found at home."

IRRESISTABLE.—A good natured girl with eyes filled to the brim with love and prussian blue. If you don't want a proportion of the heart, keep away from such a short."

From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.
TO OUR "MUTILATED FLAG."

"Atom of the banner given to Mrs. Harriet B. Stowe, Wednesdays, Scotland, she (on American soil) shamed in the festivity while the American Flag," was displayed in a mutilated condition having five stars without the stripes."

Blush, blushing, then proud, disdained Flag,
Thine face forgot thy birth;
The tins have interred with the stripes,
And thou shouldst drop to earth.
The fatal blow is thine, I round thee now,
Will never let the wave;
The very air in t'other breathes,
Is deadly as the grave.

A foreign power may well do
The land she calls her own;

When she can frown on 'Freedom's sign,'
For flatly from a throat,
She caught the sound from ANGOLD's breath,

In passing o'er the sea;

And through her veins the poison ran.

"Till she dispised the Free."

There's scarce a man, the God has left,
So far removed from Heaven,
But to him comes little life;

One love of home is given;

But when he hears his country's praise,
Will feel a warmer glow;

Will share the fortunes of her friends—

And spur her ever, too.

The very winter, while he moves
A courage upon the drop;

And tastes every distant ship;

He hopes to win and keep,

Will falter when his native flag

Fleets from the mast-head high;

And to his heart will come the scenes
Of brighter years gone by.

But Woman, who all her life

Has watched young Freedom's light,

And seen her share come one by one

From out the gloom of night;

Sic, she could see Columbia's flag,

Abused by touch profane,

Will stand a witness to her wrongs;

And spur her ever, too.

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Or, would that three barren folds,

With half their glory strown,

Could once descend to a cavern-homœ,

Where 'URBAN SLAVES' are born.

Then would our Genius linger there,

To guard her holy prize,

And stranger lips would be the Flag

A daughter can despise.

BUFFALO, June 10, 1853.

AN EXQUISITE STORY, BY LAMARTINE.

In the tribe of Neggedd, there was a horse

whose name spread far and near, and a Bedouin,

of another tribe, by name Dahir

desired extremely to possess it. Having

offered in vain for it his camel and his

whole wealth, by which he hoped to gain

the object of his desire, he resolved to stain

his face with the juice of an herb, to clothe

himself with rags, to tie his legs and neck

together, so as to appear like a lame beggar.

Thus equipped, he went to wait for

Naber, the owner of the horse, who he knew

was to pass that way. When he

saw Naber approaching on his beautiful

steed, he cried out in a weak voice, "I am a poor stranger; for three days I have been unable to move from this spot to seek for food." The Bedouin kindly offered to take him upon his horse, and carry him home; but, the rogue replied, "I cannot rise; I have no strength left." Naber, touched with pity, dismounted, led his horse to the spot, and with great difficulty, set the steaming beggar on its back. No sooner did Dahir feel himself in the saddle than he sprang to the horse, and galloped off, calling out as he did so, "It is I Dahir. I have got the horse, and am off with it." Naber called after him to stop and listen. Certain of not being pursued, he turned, and halted at a short distance from Naber, who was armed with a spear. "You have taken my horse," said the latter. "Since Heaven has willed it, I wish you joy of it; but I do conjure you never to tell any one how you obtained it." And why not?" said Dahir. "Because said the noble Arab, "another man might be really ill, and men would fear to help him. You would be the cause of many refusing to perform an act of charity, for fear of being duped as I have been."

Struck with shame at these words, Dahir was silent for a moment; then springing from the horse, returned it to its owner, embracing him. Naber made him accompany him to his tent, where they spent a few days together, and became fast friends for life.

YOUTH AND MANHOOD.

A Vigorous Life, or a Premature Death.

KINKELIN, N. W.

Established 18 years ago by Dr. KINKELIN, N. W.

corner of Third and Union Streets, between Spruce and Pine Sts., Philadelphia.

EIGHTEEN years extensive and painstaking practice

and successful, and in every branch of medical science, in the treatment of all diseases of a venereal character, and in the cure of diseases arising from sexual excess, etc., etc., and in the treatment of all diseases of the heart, brain, lungs, kidneys, bladder, etc., etc., and in the cure of all diseases of the skin, etc., etc., and in the treatment of all diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, etc., etc., and in the cure of all diseases of the liver, etc., etc., and in the treatment of all diseases of the heart, brain, lungs, kidneys, bladder, etc., etc., and in the cure of all diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, etc., etc., and in the treatment of all diseases of the liver, etc., etc., and in the cure of all diseases of the heart, brain, lungs, kidneys, bladder, etc., etc., and in the treatment of all diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, etc., etc., and in the cure of all diseases of the liver, etc., etc., and in the treatment of all diseases of the heart, 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