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Selected Poetry.

THE BURSTING OF THE BUD.

Spring is coming-Spring is coming! With her sunshine and her shower; Heaven is ringing with the singing of the birds iti brake and bower. Buds are filling, leaves are swelling, Flowers on field, and bloom on tree, O'er the earth, and air and ocean; Nature holds her jubilee. Soft then stealing, comes a feeling O'er my bosom tenderly;

Sweet I ponder as I wonder,

For I ponder as I wonder,

For my musings are of thee. Spring is coming-Spring is coming! With her mornings fresh and light, With her moon of chequered glory, Sky of blue, and clouds of white. Calm. gray nightfall, when the light falls From the star-bespangled sky, While the splendor, pale and tender, Of the young moon gleams on high. Still at morn, at noon, and even. Spring is full of joy for me,

And my musings are of thee. Still on thee my thoughts are dwelling, Whatsoe'er thy name may be ; Beautiful, beyond words telling, Is thy presence unto me. Morning's breakings find thee waking, Wandering in the breezes' flight; Noontide's glory mantles o'er thee In a shower of sunny light; Daylight, dying, leaves thee lying In the silvery twilight ray ; Stars look brightly on thee nightly Till the coming of the day.

Everywhere and every minute Feel I near thee, lovely one; In the lark and in the linnet I can hear thy joyous tone. Bud and blooming mark the coming Of thy feet o'er vale and hill; And thy presence, with life's essence, Makes the forest's heart to fill-Low before thee, I adore thee, LOVE CREATIVE, thee I sing; Now I meet thee, and I greet thee By the holy name of SPRING.

Pioneer Bistorn.

The direct aim of the letter appears to be, words are inadequate to describe. by facts, but by mere conjectures and inferen- outline is sufficient for our present purpose.

the time of the capture. Deeply impressed, as I am, with the strict country: and literal truth of her narrative, as well from

Mr. MINER's attack as something serious ; but, Dost fortunately for them, and they will permante and convincing, not surmises, but a chain facts, which leave no room, nor occasion for M: MINER to advance disturbing and impertheat conjectures; and which establish upon

so unfortunately and with so much rancor and which sent her father, after his family had been vindictiveness to the public. You are his pro- torn from him, with a heart all bleeding and tector and friend, not exempt by age or any riven, into the ranks for the protection of doom-other cause, voluntarily in the field, fully red Wyoming. What stronger evidence could sponsible, skilful and impetuous, as the emer- he or she give of their ability-to express in

dressed to you instead of him. I will address myself at once to the facts of this narrative, and, because your father through you, has given only partial extracts from it, I will introduce a rough outline of it in connected form, and endeavor to meet his conjectures and hypotheses.

The families of the settlement at the mouth of the Wysox at the time of the capture, numchildren; of whom Mrs. WHITAKER, my informant was one; JOHN STROPE, wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. VAN VALKENBURG and their unall connected. The Messrs. Strope were brothers and each had married a daughter of Mr. VAN VALKENBURG.

The date of their emigration from Catskill to Wysox was 1773-4, nearly five years pre-vious to the capture. All of them were captured in May 1778, with the exception of SE-BASTIAN STROPE, who apprehending an attack, had gone to the Forts at Wyoming to procure

to Tioga Point, and there given up to a British officer, at the head of his Rangers and Indians. In the latter part of July, they were taken up to Bainbridge and Unadilla. Shortly after, they were sent back to Tioga Point.

Letter from Hon. C. P. Avery. have been none other than the one at the foot from the beginning to the end. Here is an of the Lake, I felt warranted in correcting, "afterthought" with a vengeance—yes, truly, DEFENSE OF THE STROPE FAMILY FROM
THE CHARGE OF TORYISM. AND FROM A
GROSS ATTACK MADE UPON THEM BY
C. MINER, OF WILKESBARRE—HIS HISTORY OF WYOMING CANVASSED—PIONEER
FESTIVAL—STROPE BIBLE, & C.

of the Lake, I felt warranted in correcting, what was with her, evidently, only a defect of with a vengeance—yes, truly, with a vengeance—yes, truly, with a vengeance.

This disclosure, sir, needs no comment; but a fair-minded public, rest assured—particularly the surviving representatives of this family—
ward to Machiche, and soon after to the vicinity of Montreal, and in the Autumn of 1780, To William P. Miner, Esq.,

Editor and Publisher of the "Record of the Times."

Wilkes-barre

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they were sent, with three hundred other captives for exchange, by cartel, to Skenesboro', now Whitehall. Thence they were sent in the name of common fairness—in the name of the dead and the living—I ask why you, as editor and son, suffered this to go into print Wilkes-barre now Whitehall. Thence they were sent, in thus! Pray, sir, urge your father to make a such vehicles as could be then procured, to their prompt correction. Let justice be done—simist read an article in your paper of last week, various homes. Upon hearing the news of the ple justice. Let not the our porting to have been written by your fa- return of so many captives, Sebastian Sthorn ry be thus polluted. This is all that family ask ther, the venerable CHARLES MINER, and hastened to Albany, and pushing on at once of you. conched in the form of a letter to dur mutu: toward Skenesborough, met his long lost fami- Your father says :- "Her narrative must ally respected friend, Hon. WM. JESSUP, of ly and friends, including his aged father and have been an afterthought," &c. Please to mother-in-law and others. Such a meeting say to him, that I deem it fortunate for her,

to throw entire discredit upon the narrative of He took them all to Catskill, and remained individuals yet living, who have heard her mar-Mrs. Jane Whitaker, a daughter of Sebastian there until peace was established, and the next rate it, just as it has been printed. I give you STROPE, who, as has been published by me, was Spring returned to Wysox, to which place the their names and Postoffice address: Captain taken captive with other relatives in May, others followed in the Fall. The full particu- DANIEL R. PARE, Flemingville, Tioga Co.; 1778, from the Wysox and carried as prisoners lars, as embodied by me in the June, July and Jesse M'Quigg, Jacob Catlin, Chauncey Hill, to Canada, where they were detained for two September numbers of the St. Nicholas, can- DAVID TAYLOR, Mrs. JOEL FARNHAM, Mr. and years. This discredit he seeks to establish, not not, of course, be detailed here. This rough

ter. In the same way, without adducing a the return to Wysox, and may be appropriated but at an early day, they heard her narrative, particle of substantial proof, he seeks to fasten ly re-stated here, was this: JOHN SECORD, a before he ever thought of erecting upon the the charge of torvism and the character of a noted Torv, after the war, attempted to settle bank of the Susquehanna, a tribunal, like that spy upon her father, Sebastian Strope, John in Mr. Strope's neighborhood, and so indignant of the Gileadites, at the passages of the Jor-STROPE, her uncle, and all of the members of was the latter, on account of that man's cruel- dan, to see, forsooth, whether Judge Hollenthe VAN VALKENBURG family who constituted ty to the captives, while they were prisoners BACK, SEBASTIAN STROPR, and others, who hapthe settlement, at the mouth of the Wysox, at upon the Susquehanna, that he sought him pened, without fault of their own, to hail from out, whipped him and drove him from the Virginia, Catskill, &c., instead of Connecticut

The name of Mrs. Jane Whitaker's first triots could express the "Shibboleth of Wyoher excellent character and corroborating facts, husband was JEREMIAH WHITE. In the year ming" in a way that he could approve! Please as from the utter impossibility of her origina- 1787, soon after their marriage, they removed say to your father, that if he had consulted a ting such a fabrication, I could not but be up the river, as did many of the Wyoming he- little more freely the papers of Judge Hollendeeply pained, that Mr. MINER should have roes, the SATTERLEES, ELLISES, HANNAS, RAN- BACK, in the possession of his son, George M., thought proper, and you should have permitted soms, Aldens, Forsyths, &c. Mr. White set- and some other authentic sources, which he has your columns, at this late day and for such in- thed on land on the west side of the Owego somewhat neglected, it would not have injured adequate reasons, to asperse the memory of Creek, (now the town of Tioga,) but less than his history. that most estimable lady. If the descendants a mile from our village. From that date- After impugning my motives, in a way not of Sebastian Strope and of his brother John, down to the time of her removal to Berkshire, to be inisunderstood, your father, with his foot many of whom are now living at Towanda and in this County, a few years since, where she still planted upon the grave of Mrs. Whitaker, In that vicinity, had not the most convincing went to reside with her daughters, Mrs. Hax-says further of the Stropes: "Under what proof of the truth of her statements, corrobora NAH HULL and Mrs. Lydia Olney, whom she title or auspices did they settle? Neither the ied by the unbroken current of tradition in that left about the year 1850, to take up her resi- gallant and patriotic grand-father of Mr. Avsrecognished; if they could not satisfy any dence with her son, OLIVER WHITAKER, a most av, nor any other Connecticut settlers recognished. far unprejudiced mind of the self-sacrificing respectable gentleman of Toulon, Illinois, where nized them at that time." I will answer, first, patriotism of their ancestors during our strug- she died. She was known to all of our citi- that there are no documents to show it; but se for liberty, they might indeed look upon zens, and from the first to the last she bore a the tradition is, that at the time of the capcharacter, which the public here will say, Mr. ture, they were holding under a Connecticut CHARLES MINER and WILLIAM PENN MINER claim. The township in which Wysox was mil me—although a stranger—to congratulate might be proud to enjoy, even with their "proud situated, was "Claverack," a name given by them, at this painful crisis in the history of breasts," of which they boast, in print, and—the Susquehanna proprietors, and that being Det family, that facts have been preserved, (strange inconsistency !) -in the same para- the name of a town on the East side of the graph, and with types from the same font, which Hudson, nearly opposite Catskill, where the

they so freely use in blackening hers. Tioga, an incident occurred which was not in- the settlers from Catskill and "Old Claverack," foundation, as impregnable as the rock of corporated into her narrative as published. It by giving the same name to their new homes. Garaltar, the integrity of their ancestors- was not then deemed important. It is now. In this view the STROPES and VAN VALKENunsullied patriotism, and their reliance I give it in her precise words :- "One Cole Burgs look like any other sort of characters Too the God of the Bible, most touchingly was a Tory in the time of the war. He came than adventuring "interlopers." They secured, soume and instructive-during a long and try- to our house; a surveying party was there; from the "proprietors," their old Dutch name, Surveyor Pixter among the rest. Cole boas- to which, by early associations, they had be-Before proceeding to the facts of this case, ted that at such and such places he had led come so much attached. This indicates terms must premise, that, as an editor, you are the enemy. My blood boiled when I recollect of cordial confidence between them and the patients of Connecticut and Pennsylvania to man, and several others, who had journeyed all shifully held accountable, by the descendants ted how much we had all suffered. I said to triotic "proprietors." the Stropes, for what has recently appeared him, "walk out of the door." He hesitated:

But, sir, with considerable effort, and with grandfather, published a treatise upon those against whom you have issued in your columns. responsibility, in every case, they will also and went and took a seat in front of the house, father reaches up to pluck the leaves from the mpel you to meet whatever consequences and the men went out and sat around him and laurel, which, by patient research and with I wrote to your father in 1853, requesting him If I had dreamed or suspected that the same here may be direct or remote, that legitimate heard him talk, although they despised him; honest purpose, I had planted, and had been to send me a copy, as I had understood he was pen, which wrote the letter, was so soon to inhoping to keep green to her memory. With Controversy which your aged father, thro' Now, sir, does that sound to you as if it came a strange impulse, he scatters those leaves, so father could not or would not furnish it to me. pardon, on behalf of the Committee and of our or substance contains lime, you may pour upon the grave of my About a year since at the Pioneer Festival at County—for such was not the entertainment it a small quantity of vinegar, or dilute mari-Sharing such view with them, I shall deal Tory's heart, or the still meaner blood of a grand-father. On his behalf, of whom I have Athens, I made inquiries of the old settlers for to which our good citizens, with worthy and atic soid. If lime is present, the mixture will

gency may require, in making or receiving a the best kind of Connecticut language—the charge. It is for this reason my letter is ad- "Shiboleth of Wyoming"?

I shall next call attention to such portions of your father's communication as seem to require comment; and, first: I notice a great wrong which he has done himself and his "History." The families, settled at the Wysox, were from Catskill, as became known to your father through the "St. Nicholas.". In order to give some foundation for his attack upon them, and to help make out his case, he prebered three, viz :- Sebastian Strope, wife and tends to quote from his own Book, the History of Wyoming. Now, sir, do you know that he has quoted incorrectly—spuriously? On the right column you will find a true extract married daughter, Eva. These families were from his book, as published in 1845-page 189; on the left column, the spurious extract, as contained in your paper of last week.

SPURIOUS.

'There had come in strange families of interlopers from Westchester, New York, from Kinderhook from Connecticut, between whom and the Mohawk, neither connected with Pennsylvania nor Connecticut, between whom and the whom and the old settlers of the families of interlopers from Westchester, New York, from Kinderhook from Connecticut, between whom and the with Pennsylvania nor Connecticut, between whom and the whom and the old settlers of the families of interlopers from Westchester, New York, from Kinderhook from Connecticut, between whom and the whom and the old settlers of the families of interlopers from Westchester, New York, from Kinderhook from Connecticut, between whom and the old settlers of the families of interlopers from Westchester, New York, from Kinderhook from Westchester, New York, from K a sufficient guard and help to protect and aid him in removing the families and their valuables to Wyoming, which was then viewed, in comparison with their remote frontier residence, as a place of security.

The houses of the settlement were all destroyed and the captives were taken at once to Tioga Point, and there given up to a Bri-

It appears from this, that to "make out a case," your father has interpolated the words, 'Catskill," (the old home of the STROPES)-"Wysox," (their new home,) and further, the Thence, in the Fall they were sent, by the usual words "and others." In the spurious extract, trail, to Fort Niagara. [In the published se- he has left out the "Wintermoots," the most ries of the St. Nicholas, these journeys are giv- notorious of all, and substituted the words "and en tolerably full, although facts might, and others," for the purpose, doubtless, when quesshould have been given more in detail. Mr. tioned, to answer that those words included VAN VALKENBURG and JOHN STROPE had been the WINTERMOOTS, STROPES and VAN VALKENsent, immediately after the capture, as prison- BURGS. What a miserable trick! How uners under Indian escort to Fort Niagara, where fortunate, sir, that your compositor set up those they were in confinement when their families interpolations in italics, thus making them so conspicuous to the public; and did you sup-Having remained a short time at the Fort, pose, when you allowed the article to go into they were all then sent down the Lake to your columns, that some friend of the STROPES Duck's Island in a vessel. [In the narrative would not detect the wrong? Why, the words as given me by Mrs. Whitaker, she calls it "Catskill," "Stropes" and Van "Valkenburgs" "Buck's Island," but knowing that it could do not appear in your father's work of 1845, have been none other than the one at the foot from the beginning to the end! Here is an

pure current of histo-

and not a little so for myself, that there are Mrs. Sylvenus Fox, and, at a later date. Mr. F. H. Pumpelly, Owego. Not only before es of a forced and very unsatisfactory charac- Among other incidents which occurred after 1832, when your father commenced his research, -to see, I sav, whether such incorruptible pa-

VAN VALERNBURGS had lived; how natural for Soon after her settlement in the town of the Connecticut owners to endeavor to please

in his venerable years, stood alone, and had been solely instrumental in presenting himself, the same sort of deep patriotic heart-throb quired to strip them from the branch on which title is "The Susquehanna Controversy Examthey were growing by Mrs. WHITAKER'S tomb, made them wither before they fell upon his.— Take them back: let your father do simple justice before he seeks to bestow complimentary legacies.

at city their Letter from Harrisburg.

On re-perusing Mrs. WHITAKER'S narrative. you may be sure, sir, I was truly pleased to find this statement in her own words : "When my first husband died, in 1805, J. H. AVERY helped and befriended me in settling his estate, so also did Judge Ashbel Wells: my husband left no will, having died suddenly, by having his leg crushed in the machinery of a appear from the beginning to the end of his mill, near where the late Deacon Jones lived." I can speak with propriety of Judge Wells.— He was a discriminating, highly intelligent and judicious man, and knew the difference between a truth-telling woman, and one who could originate a vile fabrication.

Your father takes exception to this, which

knowledge of it, and that he had suppressed it from his work

assumed to cover more ground than he could examine thoroughly. I ask now whether such will leave you. I hold, was not the case, and whether he should not now be impeached by this, connected with other omitted facts. He has omitted mention of a patriotic family, settled at She-she-quin, one at Towanda, and also the more interesting particulars connected with the FITZGERALDS who settled below Wysox. But I will impeach him from the record. He says : "In the month of May, 1718, * * no families were attackedno houses burned." In answer to this, I refer you's to page 516, "Pennsylvania Archives, 1777-8," where a letter appears from James Porter, under date of May 17, 1778, written from "Upper Fort," Penns Valley. He says: Our savage enemies continue to murder and scalp. * * * On the 11th inst., out of a few families, coming to Lycoming, six persons were killed. * * Three men also, at Loyalsock. * * Further, twenty persons killed on the North Branch (the main river which runs by Wysox, was then so called) and one taken prisoner, who made his escape. (This was probably far above Wyoming, for, if it had been near there, Mr. MINER might have heard of it; but as he has now taken all of the Susquehanna under his jurisdiction, we have a right to make a charge of-want of knowledge. The writer goes on, "the prisoner who has escaped, says that the Indians are determined to

clear the two Branches of the Susquehanna, not very "complimentary." Your father would he has it wrong.] like to make us believe that the majority of the fact is different, as many yet living, well know. The Tories were few, comparatively.

For further and important defects in your father's history, with regard to BRANT's participation in the Wyoming massacre-the Moravian Missions-Queen Esther's history-the locality of Sullivan's battle upon the Tioga, and Indian History generally, I might refer you to two faithful and intelligent Historians. of Towanda and Elmira, as well as to the series (1853 and '54') of the St. Nicholas; but for the reason that I have no right to draw any gentlemen into to this controversy, without consulting them, I refrain from saying how much they might enlighten your father.

Again, sir, you have misquoted me from the St. Nicholas, to suit your purpose :-SPURIOUS. GENUINE.

war, under the guidance of war, under the guidance of their war-chiefs, (the Mo-their war-chief, the Mohawks, hawks,) numerous families numerous and powerful, vavacated their possessions on cated their possessions upon the Mohawk, and removed the Mohawk, and removed to to Canada." (Canada." St. Nicholas, p. Again: "They were tak Sl. Again: "They were tak-sl.
eu at once to Tioga Point. Again—page 124: "The
and there given up." [to the captives were taken at once
flames? to torture? to pristo Tioga Point, and there
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duced to a British officer,"
head of his Rangers and In-

dians. The words, "families," "introduced," &c.,

are your interpolations. Now, sir, I approach another subject with some reluctance, but I feel the necessity and justice of alludeing to it. The descendants of Sebastain and John Strope are so respectable and intelligent, and feel so keenly your attack, that they will hardly excuse me if I fail to make ing sent cheering letters of response to our mention of any important fact that may have "splendid festival," as you derisively call it; a bearing upon the question of your father's and to which they had been invited, as you say. candor and fairness. As they are upon the de- with apparent horror, to pledge "immortal fensive—an attacked party—and, assailed by honors to Sebastian Strope and Geo. Wasu-surprise, as you well knew—I will help them INGTON I' Sir, I repeat, but not in your unto weaken you and fortify themselves. I will worthy vein, it was a splendid Festival, and I name some of them : Mrs. Lydia Scott, wi- rejoice that appropriate mention was made of dow of Judge George Scorr, and Mrs. Burron two so worthy. KINGSBURY, her daughter, at Towanda; Mrs. JANE LEAVENWORTH and Mrs. CATHARINE Hr. lv and cordially invited. His letter of response LET, of Genoa, in this State; HARRY STROPE, was noble, manly, and worthy of the occasion. of Wysox; Mrs. Mary Harr, of Monrocton; I shall never forget the gratified look of the Mrs. EBENEZER STEVENS, of Candor in this audience, and the pleasure I felt, when, on hecounty; ISAAC STROPE, Mrs. HENRY TUTTLE, half of the Committee of Arrangements, I read

his case than if your father, spy? It was a fine specimen of the true Wyo- a right to speak, brepudiate the came next, it. In about a month I received a copy from points intentions invited them.

ined' Done with Truth and Candor, by S. A. writing this letter—I hoped—desired, earnest-(Wilkesbarre Pa.) Printed by A. & C. Miner, ly desired—that I might discharge my duty to all well enough if your father had only given dark field of private wrong, where reneration credit, but the name, Samuel Avery, does not work. He does say occasionally, however, in re the next week after our village papers reacha style quite amusing, "it is moreover asserted ed there, freighted as they were with the report by Avery, I know not on what authority" &c., of that festival-of the great interest it there again "Mr. Avery adds but gives no authority excited with all classes your father, doubtless for the opinion," &c., again, "so says the Connecticut Advocate" &c. The authority was him as to the history and sufferings of the good enough for your father, on which to base Strope family; but he, no mention having been

tence." He calls this a "complimentary im- tise was written while he was surrounded by a an. How unfortunate, sir, how very unforpeachment" of his History. Any sensible man large family, suffering and dependent. In this tunate, that he should have so thought, and will tell him that those sentences convey no point of view it was poor authority, but the that you should have blazoned such want of impeachment. He happened not to have been material was rich enough for your father's use, wisdom in your columns! It is a mistake to apprised of the event. It would have been an notwithstanding it was furnished to his hand suppose that any one elevates himself in the impeachment if I had charged him with a by a depressed and almost despairing man.

And now, sir, let me weave together the Wysox was about sixty miles threads of this matter in a more compact form; above the field of his immediate research, and and, after having thrown the net-for which no rational man would impeach him unless he you have so strangely prepared yourselves, by your ferocions attack-securely over both, I

1st. I have established Mrs. WHITTAKER'S good faith.

2d. I have shown that her narrative is neither an "afterthought" of hers, nor of mine, 3d. The recital, in and of itself, is consistent, and corresponds with cotemporaneous history

4th. She was old enough to comprehend the leading events.

5th. That the settlement at Wysox was pro-

aptured.
7th. That Mr. Miner's History is defective in the omission of this and numerous similar events upon the upper portions of the river and conflicts with Mrs. Whittaker, and the "Pennsylvania Archives."

8th, That he has, by interpolation, misquotin the St. Nicholas, for no other purpose, apparently, than to injure the character of the Stropes and wound my feelings as their humble

annalist. 9th. That he has, in his history, used the literary labors of an old friend, published by him in 1803, without honorable acknowledge

10th. That he has committed a blunder, near home, by not knowing that it was Lieut. Elijah Shoemaker, whom the tory Windaker, Now, here is substantial impeachment, and massacred. [See his appendix, page 16, where

11th. That the large Dutch Bible, exhibited settlers above Wyoming were Tories. As he at the Pioneer Festival at Owego, the 22d ult., knew scarcely anything of the upper portions and which was carried by the family throughout of the river, this was a convenient theory. But their whole captivity, and has upon its cover, the mark of the conflagration from which it was saved is 'strong as proof from the Holy Writ,' to show their unshaken fidelity, as Christian Patriots; and that the absurd hypothesis that they burned their own buildings, "as a useful cloud to cover their true design!" as your father says; scorched their family Bible; swept off all the comforts which they had been accumulating for five years at their home upon this remote frontier; and then endured a captivity of two years and about a half: and, after the the war, returned to the same ground, which is even now occupied by a grandson, and-but stop, why pursue such absurdity? I take it that the world are not all fools, if your father is-such a bad logician.

12th. That he has unnecessarily, harship and wantonly hurt the feelings of the descendants of Sebastian and John Strope, by conjectures and reckless assertions, without a single fact, and has, quite unnecessarily, although quite pathetically, commiserated Judge JESSUP for having responded, (and I will add that he did so in a truly excellent speech) to the 7th -I will give you in full :

"The family of Sebastian Strope—captives of the Wysox-prisoners upon the Susquehanna-exiles in Canada. They have taught the white philosopher as well as the Indian stoic, the sublimity of Faith."

And further, you have unnecessarily, but with a high reaching pathos, commiserated

To that festival, vonr father was respectfulit to the honored pioneers, in as good way as You are well aware that quite a proportion my poor abilities would permit. Among the of your father's history relates to the conflict- listeners were HARRY STROPE, an old gentlethe northern part of your State. I had heard the way from Wysox and Towanda, to be prestitles and, having a pardonable wish to see it, at this late day, a preclamation of attainder.

Note.-When, burdened with official duties and with but little leisure, I commenced ly desired-that I might discharge my duty to 1803," and numbering 141 pages of closely and this family and to the cause of truth, without well reasoned matter and showing laborious speaking too plainly, and agitating your aged research. I would like to have the grand chil- father-for I have been accustomed to venerdren and the great-grand children of Sebastian ate years-and I have, in an humble way, at Strope take your father's book in one hand, all times endeavored, by influence and example, particularly between pages 63 and 103 and the to enjoin this upon those of my own age and treatise in the other, and see whole solid pages generation; but pray, sir, point out the limit, transcribed from one to the other. This was —or let the public do that for us—upon the should leave off, and resistance begin. I hear from a friend, who was at Wilkesbar-

appears in the St. Nicholas, as written by me: pages of sold matter; then why, did he ques"Mr. Miner, in his excellent History of Wyotion it?" made of these interesting facts, in his own
work—felt driven, by "pride of authorship" to ming, makes no mention of the destruction of the settlement at Wysox. He does not appear even to have been apprised of its existing of the world by the light that he must attaint the blood of failure of his Connecticut title; and his treating the Stropes, or else suffer himself, as a historisame ratio that he seeks to depress others .--Usually, as in this instance, the result is quite different. If his facts are mistaken, his conclusions erroneous, and his intention selfish, he depresses himself, like the heavy end of the old fashioned well-sweep, going down plump to the ground, with its dead weight hurrying the descent, while "the old oaken bucket," fresh and running over from the deep well of Truth, rises to the top.]

13th. Although the branches of defence against your attack, are as numerous as the stars upon our country's flag, and too, as clear, I will stop, now, at "thirteen," for the STROPES loved that number, in "the times that tried men's souls." I make this statement for fear that you may forget the stars, while feeling and

contemplating only the 13 stripes.

In concluding, I take the liberty to say, that the History of Wyoming, by your father, Charles Mixer, by means of this painful controversy, which he, through you, has initiated, looks much less like a monument to his industry and fairness than it did before his wanton attack and these disclosures. If, by his imprudence and passion, it becomes further undermined, it will lose its boasted character, and ed, materially, his own history and my writings totter, on its injured base, -no longer a monument-but an accusing, reproachful column. I am sir, with due consideration,

Yours, &c., CHARLES P. AVERY. Owego, March 26, 1855,

SILVERING MIRRORS .- The silvering of mirrors is performed in the following manner :--A sheet of tin foil, the size of the proposed mirror, is laid on a flat table, and rubbed over with a little mercury, until the latter to a certain degree, amalgamates with the tin. A large quantity of mercury is then poured over t, the workmen having certain ways informing hem whether the sheet is in a properly prepared state or not. When all is right, the edge of a sheet of paper is laid upon the edge of the mercury, and the glass is then slid gently along, pushing part of the quicksilver before it, and resting upon the remainder. When the plate is fairly laid on, the surface is entirely covered by heavy weights for the purpose of expelling all the mercury except that which is combined with the tin foil, and in this state it is allowed to remain, the table having a slight inclination, until the mercury is drained off .-In the case of large plates, this sometimes occupies a long time; and even after the glass has been lifted and set on edge, small quantities continue to ooze out. When the plate is lifted, the tin foil adheres to the back, and the mirror is formed.

A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS .- Well what of that ; who wants to be a mossy old stone away in some damp corner of a pasture where sunshine and fresh air never comes, for the cows to rub themselves against, for snails and bugs to crawl over, and toads to squat under among the poisonous weeds. It is far betregular toast, which for fear you misquote it ter to be a smooth and polished stone rolling along in the brawling stream of life, wearing off the rough corners, bringing out the firm crystaline structure of the delicate veins of the agate. It is this perpetual changing and rubbing in the whirling current that shows what sort of grit a man is made of, and what use he is good for.

> A Broad Hint .- A popular clergyman in New-York, who was sadly annoyed by incessant coughing among his congregation, paused in his discourse and remarked, that "If the ladies would wear their bonnets ox their heads, and tie the strings, coughs would not be so prevalent." He certainly don't mean to be coughed down,"

> For The following was posted on the door of the Ludlow Church, in Hertfordshire some time back :- "This is to give notice that no person is to be buried in the churchward, but those living in the parish. Those who wish to be baried, are desired to apply to Ephraim Grubb, parish clerk."

CURE FOR RINGBONE .- I noticed in the Cultivator for May 15th an enquiry for the cure of a ringbone in a colt, and answer, take high wines or eider brandy, add saltnetre as much as will dissolve, and wash the ringbone two or three times a day. One of my neighbors cured one of three or four years standing, by the application of this a few times .- Beston Cultirator.

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