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Selected Poetry.

REGRET.

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Sad was the day when you and I were parted, No more to dwell in friendship here below; I saw the tears when to your eyes they started, But haughty pride refused to let them flow. I saw your bosom heave with strange emotion; I saw your cheek grow red, then ashy pale; We parted thus, and now o'er life's rough ocean Our once twin barques no more together sail. I do not murmur at this dispensation, But meekly bow in humble resignation.

I know that we shall meet on earth no more, As we have met in days that now are past; Those days, so full of joy and bliss, are o'er-Too bright, too beautiful were they to last. Oh, I had hoped that life's short journey through, Your hand might guide me safely to the end; And that amid its griefs and sorrows you Would be my battlement of pride, my friend, I shall not wish that we may meet again, For well I know such wishing will be vain.

My soul is sick with longing, hope and dread-Longing for happiness that cannot be; Oh! I could bear to know that you were dead, But cannot bear to think you lost to me; For I had hoped that in the years to come, We might together sail life's changeful sea; Those years will now be sad and wearisome, They have no bliss, no joy in store for me. My weary soul cries out in bitter pain, B'en for that love which ne'er will come again.

Once you were milder than the Summer wind, More fair and pure than e'en the lillies be ; Lone as you star, that with the twilight twined, Looks down in loveliness from Heaven on me. You bore of all my woes and cares a part ; You and your love were all the world to me : I were your image in my inmost heart, My monolith of faith and hope to be. Tis over now-'twas all a dream-'tis past, I am awake to stern reality at last.

Miscellaneous.

Scottish Hamor.

Nothing invidious is meant by the term, but relates to a general quality of mind that many writers have contended does not exist among Scotchmon. A late writer refutes this and says that the quality of Scotch humor consists in the fact that no ones tries to be humorousthat it is the Scottishness which gives the zest as the same ideas differently expounded might have no point at all. There is, for example, something highly original in the notions of elestial mechanics entertained by an honest cottish Fife lass regarding the theory of and having observed the brilliant comet then visible (1858) she ran in with breathless haste the house, calling on her fellow servants to Come out and see a new star that hasna got is tail enttit off yet !" Exquisite astronomica and one can't exactly say why :traffic on this road - was it at all frequented? No English version of the story could are half such amusement or half so quaint a tural celebrity to this mission. aracter. An answer, even still more charactistic, is recorded to have been given by a tryman to a traveler. Being doubtful of way he inquired if he were on the right id to Dunkfeld. With some of his national isitiveness about strangers, the countryman sted his inquirer where he came from Offendat the liberty, as he considered it, sharply was nothing to him; but all the answer he got to me whar ye'r gaen." A friend has me of an answer highly characteristic of his dry and unconcerned quality, which be heard s opposite to him in the stage-coach at erwick, complained bitterly that the cushion | manently by growing wood. which he sat was quite wet. On looking to the roof he saw a hole through which e rain descended copiously, and at once accounted for the mischief. He called for the oschman, and in great wrath reproached him with the evil under which he suffered, and ated to the hole which was the cause of it. Il the satisfaction, however, that he got was be anmoved reply. "Ay, money a ane has omplained o' that hole." Another anecdote beard from a gentleman who vouched for truth, which is just a case where the narrare has its humor, not from the wit displayed, eculiar to some of our countrymen. The nd of my informant was waking in a street Perth, when, to his horror, he saw a workfrom a roof where he was mending ates, right upon the pavement. By extraor ary good fortune he was not killed, and, ou gentleman going up to his assistance and daming with much excitement, "God bless are you much hurt ?" all the answer he got the cool rejoinder: " On the contrary, sir " A similar matter-of-fact answer was made by of the old race of Montrose humorists .le was coming out of church and in the press the kirk skailling, a young man thoughtlesstrod on the old gentleman's toe, which was der with corns. He hastened to apologize, ing, "I am sorry, sir; I beg your pardon." iswer, " And ye've as muckle need, sir."

Popular Errors Corrected.

Do not use avocation for vocation; the latter former signifies whatever withdraws or diverts prairies writes as follows :-us from that business.

It was impossible to suspect the veracity of this story; it should be, truth of story; veracity is applicable to persons only.

I had rather walk; it should be, I would

rather walk; and denotes past possession, not

I doubt not but I shall be able; it should be, I doubt not I shall be able.

He was too young to have felt his loss; it should be, to feel his loss. I seldom or ever see him now; it should be

seldom or never, or seldom if ever. Do not say, rather childish, rather satish,

have the same meaning; such expressions, though very common, are tautological. I expected to have found him ; it should be,

I expected to find him I intended to have visited him; it should be, intended to visit him.

I hoped you would have come; it should be, I hoped you would come.

I rode in a one-horse shay; it ought to be, one-horse chaise; there is no such word as

He can write better than me; say than I. When two things are compared, we must say, the elder of the two, not the eldest; the which had lit the prairie in a flame of glory. richer of the two, not the richest; my brother | There was such a quiet, unspeakable richness is taller that I, not the tallest.

Though who is applied to persons, and which to inanimate things, yet to distinguish one of two or more persons, which must be used : enon had occurred, that the sun had gone for-

observation means remarking or noticing; observance, keeping or obeying.

A child of four years old ; it should be, a child four years old, or aged four years.

The negligence of this leaves us exposed : it ought to be, the neglect of this, etc.; negligence implies habit; neglect expresses an act. No man had ever less friends; it should be, fower; less refers to quantity.

Be that as it will; it should be, as it may.

The above discourse; it should be, the pre ceding discourse.

The then ministry; it should be, the ministry of that time. All over the country ; it should be, over all

Provisions were plenty; say plentiful. I propose to visit them ; it should be, I pur-

The Sage Plains of the West.

pose to visit them.

The reading public are familiar with the unets. Having occasion to go out after dark tains, and which are frequently set down as mother, and told her what I had seen, and we ment were omitted. If you should really be not lessened by the clerk coming into the irreclaimable deserts.

his life in these regions, and who adds to the opportunity of observation, the capacity to any one, before school was out the next day, I "The celeb reculation! Stars, like puppies, are born with ion, that these sage plains, generally condemn weak half the village knew it, and had, with the aid of Providence, saved the Mrs. M. exclamed: 'my dear what has hap very salt of the earth, and had listened to the weak nail the vinage knew it, and a great tark and nad, with the aid of Frovidence, saved the infant's life. A day or two after the darling energy on the continent. His theory is, that a play of any one's wit or humor, and yet it is a play of the eart of the eart of the was not in and nad, with the aid of Frovidence, saved the life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or two after the darking infant's life. A day or tw forms of vegetables, and he cites the experi- troubled when they called; but, conscious of "Doctor," said she, "there are certain ser-An English traveller had gone on a fine high- ence of the Mormons, in their occupation of having told only the truth, I met them fear- vices which mere money cannot remunerate. land road so long, without having seen any the San Bernardino mission in California, lessly, and related what I had seen. They left, Scarcely knowing how to discharge my debt ndication of fellow travellers, that he became which they have made so famous by its agri-taking a bee line for the minister's to call him to you, I have thought that you might be astonished at the solitude of the country; and cultural productions. He says that the Mor to account. With many apologies they made willing to accept this pocket book, which I no doubt before the Highlands were so much mons at that mission first sowed upon the bot their errand known when, to ther surprise, the myself have embroidered, as a trifling token of frequented as they are in our time, the roads tom or grass lands. The growth was too minister burst into a hearty laugh. had a very striking aspect of solitariness .- rank. They got plenty of straw, but no Our traveler at last coming up to an old man wheat. It was then, that as an experiment, ly. You see, that night I found a big rat in breaking stones, he asked him if there was any but one in which they had no confidence, they my meal chest, and came down for the shovel, commenced the cultivation of their sage lands. Aye," he said, "it's no ill that; there was a and with the most surprising success. And it Finding no other place to hide, the rascal took miger boy yestreen, and there's yourself the is these sage lands, and not the bottom lands, refuge in the folds of her dress, and she ran, whose productions have given such an agricul- screaming, till I managed to dislodge and kill

> The sage has a stalk of the average thickheight of eighteen inches, or two feet. A sage field has such an aspect as an apple orchard would have, with the trees reduced to the

There is probably no such thing as a real desert existing between the Missouri river and ninded the man that where he came from the Rocky Mountains, and, perhaps, no region where the difficulty of occupation is any great was the quiet rejoinder. "Indeed, it's just as er than it was in what was called the grand prairie of Illinois, thought twenty years ago to be incapable of settlement. Water may be raised from wells, where there are no runfiren to a fellow traveller. A gentleman sit- ning streams, and the want of timber may be supplied, temporarily by railroads, and per-

> A REAL RELISHER OF A JOKE .- A man lately received twenty lashes, well laid on, at the whipping-post, in an English town. The culprit, instead of bellowing when the constable applied the lash, laughed immoderately, which made the angry officer lay on with harder force. On giving him the twentieth blow, the angry officer could stand it no longer. "Well, here, mister," said he, " I've done my duty, and can lick you no more, but I'd like to know what it is that's so funny ?" "Funny roared the other ; " why it's excellent-glorious !- You've got the torong Smith ! I ain't the man that was to be whipped! It's the other one ! And now you'll have to go it all! over again! Really, it is too good! You must lick the other man! Ha, ha, ha!"

A GREENHORN standing by a sewing machine at which a young lady was at work, looking alternately at the machine and at its fair operator, at length gave vent to his admiration

"By golly ! it's purty, specially the part covered with caliker !"

A CAVE, two thousand feet deep, has recently been explored near San Domingo, on the the plug in?"

Sunset on the Prairies.

A correspondent of the London Times in signifies occupation, employment, business; the describing the Prince's visit to the Western roar," for they are too heavy to be swung, but an individual entered, and proceeded to the

in his visit, for the time of year, he had almost universal sport; he saw a prairie thunderstorm, a prairie fire of immense extent, and above all, a prairie sunset. The latter took place in all its supernatural glory-a glory which can never be described or understood, by those who have not seen it-while the party were shooting quail the night before their departure. As the sun neared the rich green horizon, it turned the whole ocean of meadow with the great firmament of reds and pinkspale, rosy orange hues, and solemn, angry as the termination ish and the word rather sky but all the land around was swathed in consecrated as a chapel, the Rustians regardpiles of color, as if the sinking sun shone ing it with tuperstitious veneration, and will through the earth like mist and turned it to a not allow a particle to be taken from it as sperainbow. The immensity of stillness which lay cimen of the metal. The entrance to it is in the prairie then-a stillness as profound and through a large fracture or opening in the colors over the land turned from rosy to pink, to orange, to red and crimson-darkening and darkening always as the tints ebbed out like a celestial tide, leaving the fragments of scarlet of Russia, there being several in Pekin, cast clouds over the heavens-the embers of a fire in honor of the transference of the seat of govin this grand farewell of the day-such a terrible redness about the sky at last-that one could almost fancy that supernatural phenom-Which is the happy man? not who; which of the darkening sky. Night was relief compared the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. Night was relief compared only as the largest, but also as the best in the darkening sky. The observation of the Sabbath is a duty; to this dread lurid fire in the heaven-a fire it should be, the observance of the Sabbath; the clouds seemed to close in upon, and stifle in 1860 weighs 38,000 lbs. Another in Vienna, when the night was far advanced, and the prairie clothed in a blue mist which rose over it like the water."

> JUDGE NOT FROM APPEARANCES .- A lady friend contributes to the American Agriculturist for boys and girls, the following capital story, showing the danger of judging by appearances:

> When I was eleven years old my mother removed to the country. Our nearest neighbor was a minister by the name of Wayland, who, in addition to his ministerial duties, owned and cultivated a large farm. One night, my attention was attracted to a bright light in one of the upper rooms of our neighbor's house. In band, who was armed with a huge fire shovel; round the room she went, still pursued, and,

"Wait a moment," said he, "till I call Poland bade her hold the light while I killed him.

I have ever since been careful no to repeat ness of a man's arm, and grows to an average an unfavorable report about my neighbors, at least until I knew the whole truth.

> A WARM BATH WAGER .- THE QUESTION OF ENDURANCE TESTED .- Smith was a man who never permitted himself to be outdone-he could do whatever anybody else could. Smith met Brown in a bath room, and Brown knowing the other's peculiar conceit, said that he Brown) could endure a hotter bath than any iving man. Thereat Smith fired up, and a bet was made. The bathing tubs were prepared with six inches of cold water in each .-The fellows stripped, and separated by a cloth partition, each got in and let on the water at word-the wager being who should stay in the ongest with the hot water running. drew up his feet as far as possible from the boiling stream, while Brown pulled out the plug at the bottom of his tub. After about

half a minute quoth Smith?'
"How is it, Brown—pretty warm?" Yes says the other, "it's getting almighty hot, but I guess I can hold out a minute yet." So can I," answered Smith .- "Scic-s-s squash !- lightning it's awful !" Fifteen seconds, equal to half an hour by

Smith's imaginary watch. " I say, over there-how is it now ?" "O, it's nearly up to the bilin' pint-Oh, Christopher " answered the diabolical villain, who was lying in the empty tub, while the hot water passed out of the escape pipe.

By this time Smith was splurging about like a oiled lobster, and called again : "I say, over there -how is it now ?" Hot as the devil ! replied Brown ; but-

when ! sciss s guess I can hold out another minute !' The hell's fire you can! shrieked the now boiling Smith, who rolled out and bolted thro' through the ladies' car, checking baggage, he

"You infernal rascal! why didn't you put

Why, I didn't agree to," said the imper-

the country of great bells, where they may be heard in full vigor, "swinging slow with sullen incessantly tolling and booming, and deafen-"The Prince was certainly most fortunate ing all ears but those of Russians, who almost which was at the father side of the room, some worship their bells. In Moscow alone, before little distance from where we were standing, the Revolution, there were 1,700 large bells, and commenced preparing a dispatch for the which number has increased now to 5,000 .--The great Bell of Moscow, of which every one manager, with whom we were conversing, made has heard was cast in 1653, by order of the Empress Anne. Its weight is variously estimated at from 360,000 to 440,000 lbs. It is his hand; the clerk at the other end of the twenty one feet three inches high, and about room was also, apparently to us, drumming twenty-two feet in diameter at the mouth .-In 1857 the Czar Nicholas caused it to be into a sheet of gold which seemed to blend taken out of the pit in which it lay, and to be were holding colloquial intercourse, the apparplaced upon the granite pedestal as it is now ently careless taps of the two telegraphers seen. Upon its side is seen the figure of the were intelligible communications exchanged looking crimson clouds above, till not only the Empress Anne, in flowing robes. It has been

Monster Bells .- Russia is pre-eminently

vast as the green solitude itself, while not a side, whence a piece has been broken out .-breath stirred over the whole horizon as the There is now suspended in Moscow, upon the great transmutation went slowly on, and the tower of St. Ivan, a bell weighing 144,000 lbs., cast in 1817; the diameter of which at the mouth is thirteen feet. The bells of China rank next in size to those

> ernment from Nankin to that city, which are said to each weigh 120,000 lbs. Another, at Nankin, of nearly cylindrical shape, is estimated to weigh 55,000. Of European bells, the famous one at Er-

furt, in Germany, cast in 1497, and weighing Europe. One placed in the Cathedral of Paris out with difficulty-a fire which, like the pain- cast in 1711, weighs 40,000 lbs., and in Olmutz tings of the sunset before the Deluge, left al- is another of about the same weight. The celways an ominous anger in the heavens, even ebrated Great Tom, of Oxford, England, weighs 17,000 lbs., and was cast in 1860.

The great bell recently east for the Parliament House in London weighs 30,000 lbs. that in York Minister, called Great Peter, of York, weighs 27,000 lbs ; and that upon the Notre Dame Cathedral in Montreal, (the largest upon this continent,) weighs 29,400 lbs., and was imported from England in 1843.

" RALPH EASEL," the correspondent of the New York Express, tells the following capital

One of my Parisian confreres tells a capital story to the discomfiture of a celebrated physician, who is not, as he carefully declares, the a moment I saw the wife fly past the uncur- famous Dr. Trousseau, though the initial of again followed their lead, and by prayer she tained window, closely followed by her hus his name is among the last letters of the discovered tht it was a thanksgiving for safe alphabet. I will add my own assurance that deliverance from the great pain and peril of the member of the faculty in question is not childbirth. The usual afternoon service being descriptions of the immense sage plains which are found on both sides of the Rocky Mounwas sure, I heard a scream. I hastened to my
be compromised, if this precautionary statecheeks in an agitated state of mind, which was both looked out, but the light was gone, and curious to learn who is alluded to, I recom-A gentleman who has spent twelve years of all was quiet. Notwithstanding my mother's mend you to apply to one of our Parisian med-

"The celebrated physician, whoever he may observe to advantage, expresses to us the opin- had confided it to a bosom friend, and in a be, had attended the only child of rich parents

my gratitude."

'Madame," retorted the disciple of Æsculapius, somewhat rudely, "the pratice of medi-cine is not a matter of sentiment. 'Time is money. Pretty presents may serve to perpetuate friendship, but they do not contribute to the cost of house-keeping. "Well, then, Doctor," replied the lady,

much wounded by his tone and manner, "be ly medical paper; three in Turkish-one offi good enough to name the sum at which you cial, one semi official, and one altogether inde value your professional services."

"Certainly, Madame. My charge, in your instance, is 2.000f." Without further remark, the lady opened the rejected pocket-book, which she still held

turbed equanimity. Good .- There are many kinds of "good." To trading people, any man who can pay his debts is "good." A moral person is undoubtedly "good;" but then, a very immoral one is often esteemed a "good fellow." With commercial people goodness consists in money; with the "fancy," in muscle. In short, everywhere, and with all sorts of folks, "good expresses simply what is much liked or desired. A traveler on the cost of Africa, writes that

a native said to him, eyeing his abundent

apparel-of which the negro had next to

none-" You very good man-you got plenty An exchange states that the breaking of ground for the commencement of the Lynchburg and Tennessee Railroad, at Lynchburg, a clergyman slowly and solemnly read a manuscript prayer-at the conclusion of which an old negro man, who had been resting with one foot on his spade and his arms on the handle looking intently in the chaplain's face. straightened himself up, and remarked very andibly. "Well, I reckoned dat's de fust time de Lord's eber bin writ to on de subjic ob railroads!

ington and Louisville Railroad was going De only acknowledgment of which was the dry inhabited, as several broken jars have been turable joker; "And ye've as muckle need, sir."

Thuantepec route. It has at sometime been turable joker; "why'n thunder didn't you dropped his memorandum book, hastily retired one single angel can put to flight a legion of envy no man's happiness; glad of other men's turable joker; "why'n thunder didn't you dropped his memorandum book, hastily retired to the baggage car, and said he felt unwell."

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READING BY SOUND .- We chanced to be conversing with the manager of a telegraph office in his counting-room, says a writer, when counter where the business was transacted clerk, who stood ready to receive it. The several apparently careless taps upon a shelf behind him with a pencil, which he held in listlessly with his penholder as he waited on his customer. All this time, while four of us between them.

The following was the dialongue which occurred :

MANAGER .- " Give your attention for a dispatch," (the usual taps for a "call" of an operator from one station to another implying the above).

CLERK .- "All right; go ahead." M .- "Don't send that man's message un

less he prepays in cash." "All right; won't credit him a dime. M .- " After he pays this one, collect sixtyeight cents for a message sent by him yester-

day, which he was trusted for.' By this time the clerk had a bank note which the dilatory customer had produced, upon learning that it was necessary to be prepaid, and from which he blandly made change,

deducting the 68 cents. The communicated sound had, in this in-

CHURCHING AN OLD MAID .- An unmarried lady, a perfect specimen of an old maid, being on a visit to a friend who lived in a large manufacturing town, went on Sunday to church alone, and was shown into a large square pew, in which half a dozen females were seated. The prayers were drawn to a conclusion when the officiating minister deviated from the afternoon service into another with which she was unacquainted. This was a novelty to Miss P-: who was in the habit of attending public worship at a fashionable chapel in London. When this interpolated service began, her copewers stood up; she as a matter of course, followed their example and on doing so, was surprised to see all the congregation ex cept thmselves either sitting or kneeling .-Her companion presently knelt down pew, and asking her, 'have you a child to be christened, ma'am?' She pushed out of the

more than twenty newspapers; one in Eng-lish—a well conducted weekly, with a daily particularly, he added: "Nota Bena.—Rowlish-a well conducted weekly, with a daily bulletin, having a large circulation; three in French-one daily, owned by the government; the members, as it is hard to tell one from the one semi-weekly, with a bulletin-an ably con- other." ducted paper, which is very apt to expose all the weak points of the government; one monthpendent ; one in Greek, having a large circu lation representing Greek influences; ten in Armenian, owned by the American mission, and edited by Rev. Dr. Dwight, which is par tially religious and partly secular; one or two in her hand, took two of the five 1,000f. notes of the others are able papers, but most of them stowed inside, placed them on the great man's are of rather low order, and devote themselves table, and quickly bid him good morning. The especially to slandering the American missiondoctor has not yet entirely recovered his dis- aries. There are also two Bulgarian papers, which have a good circulation and much influence, especially at this exciting crisis of the Bulgarian church. There was also a small German paper, but it has died out, although among a German population of about 7,-

As a whole, there is a steady improvement noticable in the character of these papers, and, within a month or two, a new liberty has been given to the Turkish papers, which they improve by publishing free criticisms on the internal affairs of the empire.

BLACK DAYS .- Have you ever known days that were black? Have you ever known days in which everything went wrong as though some invisible hand turned your whole life topsy-turvey? Did every sharp instrument you handled pierce or cut you of its own accord ! Did some undiscoverable individual throw your neatly arranged work into confusion, and abstract the book in which you were deeply interested? Did the current of your thoughts, which usually flowed with pleasant freedom, suddenly become stagnant? Did the persons you least wish to see force themselves into your presence, and those you loved best re-main absent? Did you labor with more than wonted zeal, yet accomplish nothing? Such As the polite omnibus agent of the Lex- unbalanced days when life seems all agame of ably and stay there. They mean to ruin and cross purposes, will come to meet us; and how rob us, as they go, and to be our Dictators is this unholy spell to be broken? Very often the presence of some being gifted with a strong

How to FINISH ROOMS .- Bayard Taylor's pinion on this subject is thus expressed in the Independent:

". For the finishing of rooms there is nothing equal to the native wood, simply oiled to develop the beauty of the grain. Even the commonest pine, treated in this way, has a warmth and lastre, beside which the dreary white paint so common even in the best of houses, looks dull and dead. Nothing gives a house so cold, uncomfortable an air as white paint andplaster. This color is fit only for the tropics. Our cheap, common woods—pine, ash, chesnut, oak maple, beech, walnut, butternut—offer us a variety of exquisite tints and fibrous patterns, which until recently have been wholly disregarded in building. Even in furniture we are just beginning to discover how much more chaste and elegant are oak and walnut than mahogany. The beauty of the room is as de-pendent upon the harmony of its coloring as that of a picture. Some of the ugliest and most disagreeable apartments I have ever seen were jtst those which contained the most expensive furniture and decorations. My experience shows that a room finished with the best seasoned oak or walnut, costs actually less than one finished with pine, painted and grained in imitation of those woods. Two verandas of yellow pine, treated to two coats of boiled oil, have a richness and beauty of color beyond the reach of pigment ; and my only regret connected with the house is, that I was pursuaded by the representations of mechanics, to use any paint at all.

AN INGENIOUS REBUKE .- A general officer, who was in early life addicted to profane oaths, dated his reformation from a remarkable

When be was lieutenant, and settled in Newcastle, he got invo'ved in a brawl with some of the lowest class in the public streets; the altercat on was carried on by both parties with an abundance of impious language.
"Oh, John! John! what is this I heard?

You only a poor collier-boy, and swearing like an laird! Ob, John! have you no fear of what will become of you? It may do very well for the gallant gentleman (pointing to the lieutenant) to bang and swear as he pleases, Bot for you-you, John, it is not for you to take, in vain the name of Him in whom you live and have your being.'

Then, turning to the young lieutanent, he said-

"You'll excuse the poor man, sir, for he's an ignorant body, and kens nae better." The young officer shrank away in confusion unable to make any reply.

Next day he waited on the minister, and thanked him very sincerely for his well timed reproof, and was ever after an example of purity in language.

LAUGHABLE NOTICE.-We are indebted to the Warrentown, (N. C.) News for the following advertisement, which was posted up in the tavern in Newbern, while the Legislature was pew, and made the best of her way out of the church. On entering her friends drawing was an honest, well meaning fellow, who had room, she looked so excited and alarmed that conceived the idea that the members were the which he posted in the most compicuous pla-ces in the house: "Look Here—The following rules of order will be hereafter observed in NEWSPAPERS IN TURKEY .- An interesting this hotel : Members of the Assembly will go letter from Constantinople has the following to the table first, and the gentlemen afterwards." After reading it over, he did not There are now published in Constantinople exactly like it. It didn't say anything about dies and blackguards will please not mix with

> SWALLOWED A HOLE .- The other day, our Charley, five years old, found one of those curious bone-rimmed circles, which, I believe, ladies have named evelets, and while playing in the garden, swallowed it. The family were in the house, busily engaged with a work on entomology, when Charley ran in with mouth wide open, and eyes distended to their utmost capacity. His mother caught him by the arm and, trembling with that deep anxiety which only a mother can feel, inquired :

What's the matter? What has happened?" The urchin, all agape, managed to articu-

It was brought; when, after drinking copiously, he exclaimed :

Oh, mother, I swallowed a hole !"

"Swallowed a hole, Charley ?" "Yes, mother; I swallowed a hole with a piece of ivory round it."

THE WHOLE THING IN A NUTSHELL .- The present aspect of the question between the North and the South is thus priefly stated by

the Albany Ecening Journal; "Those who have cherished the idea that Peace will best be promoted by yielding to the Traitors, are getting rapidly udeceived. The Secessionists are determined to coerce the United States Government to submit to them. They intend to sieze the Capitol and all the archives and public buildings, and to rule the Nortern States as conquered provinces. We may as well look the matter square in the face. Every time the U. S. Government takes one step backward, the Traitors will take two steps forward. Their pretext of " Peaceable Secession" is no longer persisted in. They are not content to go out of the Union peace-

the partition, expecting to find Brown half cooked.

"You infernal rascal! why didn't you put She replied, "No, sir." The agent then asked her if she desired a 'bus? No, sir, I am not serenity to the ruffled temper, and evoke order speare's Shepherd: "Sir, I am a true laborin a bussing humor this evening." The agent out of confusion even as the voice, the look of er; I earn that I wear; owe no man hate;