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Selected Poetry.

THE THUNDERBOLT.
As I ruminated on the deed,
Listening to the falling rain,
As I pattered on the shingles
Against the window pane,
Peeping in and looking out,
Which with dust were thickly spread,
I was in the furthest room,
What was now my trundle bed.
So I drew it from the room,
Where it had remained so long,
Hearing all the while the maddo
Of my mother's voice in song,
As she sang in sweetest accents,
What I since have often read,
"Hush, my dear, be still and slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed."
As I listened, recollections
That I thought had been forgot
Came, with all the gush of memory,
Flushing, thronging to the spot—
"How I loved to hear thee sing,
To those merry days of yore,
When I knelt beside my mother,
By this bed upon the floor.
Then it was with hands so gently
Placed upon my infant head,
That she taught my lips to utter,
Never can they be forgotten—
"Dearly are they in memory given!
"Tillows were thy name, O Father!
Father! Thou wert in Heaven!"
This she taught me, and she told me
Of his import, great and deep;
After which I learned to read,
"Now lay me down to sleep,
And in accents soft and sweet,
That my mother said our Father,
Father, do Thou bless my child!"
Years have passed, and that dear mother,
Whom I have mourned 'neath the soil,
And I trust her sainted spirit
Dwells in the home of God.
But that scene at summer twilight
Sever has from memory fled;
And I cannot in all its freshness
When I see my trundle bed.

MY PRIVATE SCHOOL.

"Look at that!" cried my grandmother, striking an attitude worthy of Lady Macbeth, when she addressed the fatal spot on her head; this time, however, it was only the scissors, which, in falling, stood upright in the floor.
"I see. Its nothing uncommon," I said.
"Did you ever know it to happen that a stranger didn't come before the day was out?"
"I never noticed; somebody was always coming for the matter of that."
"I tell you that sign don't fail" (my grandmother always used to double negatives when she meant to be emphatic), "most others will but that's true as a book. And another thing, there was a stranger in my tea to-night, a long one—that shows 'is a man that's comin'." Some folks set a great deal by that sign; but it ain't to be mentioned the same day with the scissors standing up in the floor.
"I hope he will come soon, for the storm will be here before him," and with the words the wind was easily round the house, and the first big drops beat against the window pane.
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A STRANGE STORY.

The doctor took his grape juice and began:
"In 1848 I had been in business a year or so, and was beginning to pick up a few cases. One night in the small hours the night-bell rang faintly over my head. I wanted work in those days, and its clamor was not quite so altogether horrible as it became in after years; so I jumped up, and, putting on my wrapper, opened the window and looked faintly over my head. I wanted work in those days, and its clamor was not quite so altogether horrible as it became in after years; so I jumped up, and, putting on my wrapper, opened the window and looked faintly over my head. I wanted work in those days, and its clamor was not quite so altogether horrible as it became in after years; so I jumped up, and, putting on my wrapper, opened the window and looked faintly over my head."

THE BAD SIDE OF THE WAR—SOME OF THE CATHEDRAL AT BOUEN.

In the Cathedral at Rouen, writes a London Telegraph correspondent, a group of supplicants presented a sight which was more like a hellmouth than a church. It was a group of men, some of whom were shot the other day in the courtyard of the military school, confessed himself a spy when taken, and never really denied it afterwards; that King William has studied well in old Frederick's book, who said the French had one spy and twenty cooks, while he had one cook and twenty spies. For it is plain that the Prussian system of espionage has been long reduced to a perfection. For several years Prussians have been residing, under one pretext or another, in all the border towns and villages, making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the topography, studying military positions, filling their maps and memories with the roads, lanes, and foot-paths, and also making themselves familiar with the means and resources of the inhabitants. Clerks in counting houses, servants in inns, men in breweries, students who passed the summer in wandering over the hills sketching the scenery, companies of scientific men, and even the police, all these are recognized today in the persons of Prussian officers entering the French border towns and villages at the head of their companies, bent on military operations. It is said, and I see no reason to doubt it, that one Prussian General has visited, during the last year, all the towns and villages likely to be attacked in case of war, in the disguise of an old beggar, wandering about in the persons of Prussian officers, who, disguised as a French Admiral, visited one of the forts near Paris, was received with all the honors shown every other soldier, and in parting, made a speech full of patriotic sentiments to the soldiers, which was received with great applause. The general was not only a general, but a general, who, in the disguise of an old beggar, wandered about in the persons of Prussian officers, who, disguised as a French Admiral, visited one of the forts near Paris, was received with all the honors shown every other soldier, and in parting, made a speech full of patriotic sentiments to the soldiers, which was received with great applause.

FRENCH TERROR OF PRUSSIAN SPIES.

I suppose that, all things considered, one ought not to be too hard upon the French for their panic about Prussian spies. Charles Math, who was shot the other day in the courtyard of the military school, confessed himself a spy when taken, and never really denied it afterwards; that King William has studied well in old Frederick's book, who said the French had one spy and twenty cooks, while he had one cook and twenty spies. For it is plain that the Prussian system of espionage has been long reduced to a perfection. For several years Prussians have been residing, under one pretext or another, in all the border towns and villages, making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the topography, studying military positions, filling their maps and memories with the roads, lanes, and foot-paths, and also making themselves familiar with the means and resources of the inhabitants. Clerks in counting houses, servants in inns, men in breweries, students who passed the summer in wandering over the hills sketching the scenery, companies of scientific men, and even the police, all these are recognized today in the persons of Prussian officers entering the French border towns and villages at the head of their companies, bent on military operations. It is said, and I see no reason to doubt it, that one Prussian General has visited, during the last year, all the towns and villages likely to be attacked in case of war, in the disguise of an old beggar, wandering about in the persons of Prussian officers, who, disguised as a French Admiral, visited one of the forts near Paris, was received with all the honors shown every other soldier, and in parting, made a speech full of patriotic sentiments to the soldiers, which was received with great applause.

ACCOMPLISHING HIS DUTY.

I should like to write to C. J. Lansing, Lansingburg, but my time is short, and I have no paper. F. N. Bury me in my column, as I am. I am not worthy of a shroud or coffin. I have twenty-five cents in my vest pocket. Send that and the other things to my wife as before directed. There is a brother at Johnson's Hotel. I hope he will shed one tear in memory and then let me be forgotten! Father! I wish I could live and fulfill your hopes and wishes, but I cannot! Oh, run! run! run! F. N.

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