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**Selected Poetry.**

**HOME, SWEET HOME!**

(All Brothers the other day, a monument was erected to the memory of John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home," and John G. Saxe was the following poem.)  
To him who sang of "Home, sweet home,"  
In strains so sweet the simple lay,  
Has shined a million hearts, we know,  
A nation's grateful debt to pay.  
Yet, not for him the bust we raise;  
Ah, no! in his lifeless lay  
Payne's truest voice? The poet's praise  
Lives in the music of his song!

**ROBERT MORRIS IN JAIL.**

The vastly important public service which Robert Morris rendered to the people of this country during the old war for Independence, are well known to all students of our history.

For four long years that eminent patriot of his country's honor and credit, lay in a debtor's prison in Philadelphia, held in duress until, almost within the sound of the voice of a speaker in the National Congress assembled there four months during his incarceration. That Congress never lifted a hand to liberate him from prison, excepting by general legislation. Whenever a proposition was made for an appropriation to pay his debts, it was rejected, and when a bill was introduced for the relief of his pecuniary liabilities had been incurred, it was rejected. He was acting for and assisting the government, the ingratiate becomes more apparent. No European government would have done this to a patriot who had saved the nation from the brink of ruin.

**THE HARVEST MOON.**

As there is an erroneous opinion prevailing among many persons unacquainted with astronomy, who are in the habit of demonstrating that the harvest moon occurs at the time of harvest, let that happen when it may, the following may not prove unacceptable to such of our readers.

The moon, during the week in which she is full, about the time of harvest, rises sooner after sunset and with less difference between the two successive risings, than she does in any other full moon week in the year. By these means she affords an almost immediate supply of light after sunset, which is very beneficial for gathering in the harvest and for the work of the farm. Hence this full moon is distinguished from all others in the year by the appellation of the harvest moon. To coincide the harvest of this, it may be first considered that the moon is always opposite to the sun at the time of the harvest, in August and September, those being the signs opposite to Virgo and Libra, the signs occupied by the sun in those two parts of the ecliptic. The moon, however, is not in the same latitude in a smaller angle, and consequently with the least difference of time between two successive risings than when she is in any other part of her orbit, as may be easily shown by the construction of the ecliptic, since the moon's orbit does not deviate much from the ecliptic, she rises with less difference of time and more immediately after sunset about harvest than when she is full at other seasons. The position of the moon in the signs of the zodiac, on the 23d of September, and the full moon which is nearest that day is, properly speaking, the harvest moon.

**LAUGHING.**

People who do not know how to laugh are much to be pitied. Not every one who laughs knows how to laugh in the highest sense. An irradiating smile is fine; a small laugh, that glances upon the face like a meteor, comes and goes in the same instant as a better than nothing. But laughing, like poetry, music, invention, oratory, is given in its higher forms to but few.

We have a relative, a lady, who is gifted in a high degree with the genius of laughing. One should see her when an exciting story lights up the inner soul. Only the other night three of us sat together. One told an anecdote that started another, till, like pigeons in a wood, they poured out in flocks. Soon all were in paroxysms. There was no pointer, no roasting, no story performed with refinement, but all were "clean gone." The eldest had a continuous roll that goes on without check till the breath is gone and the lungs fairly run down; and, gathering a long breath, she flashes down the same instant as a better than nothing. But laughing, like poetry, music, invention, oratory, is given in its higher forms to but few.

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