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EVENTIDE. Whenever, with reverent footstens I pass through the mystic door Of memory's stately palace, Where dwell the days of yore, One scene, like a lovely vision, Comes to me o'er and o'er.

Tis a dim, fire-lighted chamber There are pictures on the wall, 'And around them dance the shadows Grutesque and weird and tall, As the flames on the storied hea Wavering, rise and fail,

An ancient cabinet stands there, That came from beyond the seas, With a breath of spicy edors And its finted doors and moldings

Are dark with mysteries. There's an old arm-chair in the corner, Straight-backed and tall and quaint Ah! many a generation-Sinner and sage and saint-

It hath held in its ample bosom With murmur nor complaint In the glow of the fire-light playing, A tiny, blithesome pair, With the music of their laughter Fill all the tranquil air-

A rosy, brown-eyed lassle, A boy serenely fair. A woman sits in the shadow Watching the children twain. With a joy so deep and tender In its near akin to pain. And a smile and tear blend softly

hine and April rain! Her heart keeps time to the rythm Of love's unuttered prayer, As, with still hands lightly folded, She listens unaware, Through all the children's laughter For a footfall oil the stair.

I know the woman who sits there: Time bath been kind to her, And the years have brought her treasures Of frankincense and myrrh Richer, perhaps, and rarer, Than Life's young roses were. But I doubt if ever her spirit

Hath known, or yet shall know, The bliss of a happier hour, As the swift years come and go Than this in the shadowy chamber Lit by hearth-fire's glow!

## Miscellaneous.

Hon, E. B. WASHBURNE, ex-Minister before the Long Island Historical Society, the Uprising of the Commune of Paris, L. ELSBERE. | that bloody period.]

late in the evening I found the great masses of people, naturally so excitable and turbulent, and always disliking the Germans, had been maddened by the false news so skilfully disseminated that King William had insulted the French nation through its Ambassador. The streets and boulevards and avenues were filled of violence and assassination. The with people in the greatest enthusi-Elysees with the brilliant and flash- ing terror and consternation among ing gaslights, and all the open air all the orderly people. It seemed as concerts were encumbered with a if the Government of the National multitude who filled the air with the cry of "To Berlin in eight days!" the red flag displayed, and the revoand their hearts were set on fire by lutionary government installed in its the terrible refrain of the Marseillaise. the hymn of France.

At this time there were estimated to be 30,000 or 40,000 Germans in live as good citizens under the protection of the laws. The German Ambassador and all his Legation being obliged to leave Paris immediately, it became necessary that this palace under the light of gas, which vast Germau population should have protection, and Prince Bismarck apolied to our Minister to afford them this protection and to take possession of the archives of the German Legation. Our Government agreed to do fact. Showing my card, I was perso provided the French should agree. mitted to enter, and I mingled freely From that time the American Minis- with the crowd and heard the converter became practically the German sations and their plans. Everybody Ambassador to Paris, and so continued for a period of ten months. There in all of the rooms were little knots was no precedent for such action of men making up their lists of the where great nations were, involved. It was a task of delicacy and responsibility for the Minister of a neutral power to become the Minister for boring nation. It became necessary vast German population when they felt themselves expelled from France. And the labor in giving these people passports and securing means to send out dispatches was very great indeed.

Advising the German Government of the frightful situation in which its people were in Paris, in thirty-six hours, with a promptness and liber-(DISPASES ality which will be forever an honor THE EAR to the German Government, it placed 60,000 thalers to the credit of the American Minister, with the Rothchilds. It was sent but a very few days before the gates of Paris were shut. Many of the Germans could not get away, as some were in prison and some without work, and there was danger that they would fall back into the hands of the Legation in

PARIS SHUT IN FROM THE WORLD. or four weeks. The balloon service was saved. [Applause.] Was established soon after the commencement of the siege; and this believe of business in Mercur Block, next door to Journal Office, opposite Public Square.

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once subordinated his colleagues to of all. [Laughter.] With the absolute control of un-

newed applause. THE BEVOLUTION OF OCTOBER 31, 1871. some of the remarkable scenes of property. No sooner were the troops strained by any human power. that frightful time. The most extra- fairly on their way out of the city Paris Under the Commune, ordinary event during the siege was than the closed stores, restaurants

seized in the great hall of deliberation and held as close prisoners, and then commenced measures for their final and complete overthrow. The most violent of the invaders entered the room where the members of the Government were assembled, and demanded their abdication with threats news of this coup d'tat spread like wildfire over the whole city, produc-Defence was to be overthrown, and

The news reached the Legation about 5:30 in the afternoon, and I immediately went to the Hotel de Ville to see for myself the actual sit: were armed men in the magnificent was everywhere brilliantly lighted. The whole building was filled with a mass of people in sympathy with revolt, and all treated the overthrow of the existing Government as a fixed was in the utmost good humor, and new Government. Each knot handed me their list as a vote distributor would give a ballot on an election day. They felt assured that the Govanother nation at war with a neigh ernment would abdicate, and if not, they had the force to hold the members as prisoners. The situation to

me seemed perilous, and I was impressed with the danger which impended over the city! all breathing hostility to the Government of the National Defence. The aged all the elements of discontent, loyal and patriotic people, filled with and soon the National Guard defied the prison of the Chief-Justice, Bonthreatened danger. Soon the toesin martre. The time, however, soon old man," cried out Rigalt, ferocious- ed in a tone of melancholy, the acrang out in all the streets, and at 11 came when the Government was ly, "for to-morrow we will cut your cents of which will never, never be my window that dreadful sound, lous force. which in the first Revolution had so The gates were closed on Sunday, escaped and immediately devoted INSURANCE AGENCY munication with the outside world force to release his colleagues. This were in the possession of the National fury as the Government troops were was oppressed by the condition of was cut off. The American Minister, was made apparently easy; the revobeing also the German Minister, was lutionists, from their certainty of failed, for as soon as the National heels of Rigault, he giving his most cheerfulness had fled. Finding the

Ernest Picard, Minister of Figance, Government had attempted to get the only man permitted to have in success and their deep potations of Guard and the Government troops ferocious orders amid the sound jailor impatient, I was soon obliged tercourse with the outside world. He wine, had become careless, and in came within sight of each other the of the approaching cannon, and to take my leave of him, and it was had to send out his dispatches in the the latter part of the night sleepy. Government pouches under a flag of A loyal regiment was introduced the Guard and refused to fire upon the great monuments of Paris. But friendly hand. Two days afterward truce, and received in the same man- into the Hotel de Ville by a subter- them. By four o'clock in the after- his days were numbered. He was he was removed to the Prison La ner his correspondence, newspapers, ranean way, and almost before the noon the insurrectionary forces prace shot himself, like a wild beast, in the Roquette, and at 8 o'clock that night beast, and at 8 o'clock that night beast, in the Roquette, and at 8 o'clock that night beast, and at 8 o'c etc., from Washington and London, mob and National Guard knew it, although he was sometimes without they were driven head and heels out They had seized two gentlemen, Gen- great leaders of the Paris Commune, jean, the Abbe Deguerry and other Aril 1, 187.9 any intelligence whatever for three of the building, and the Government eral Clement Thomas and Lecomte, the architect of murder, incendiarism victims were foully murdered by a hearing the exclamation immediate.

what was going on in the inside, the quire the price of a middling-sized Guard in absolute control of the city. every industry, labor, financial enter- their most devoted and their most insiders could get nothing from the turkey for a Christmas dinner the It was to them "an embarrassment prise, were all buried in one common steadfast friend. The murder of the The carrier-pigeon service next day, and the proprietor, with of riches." They saw at their feet grave, and there was everywhere de- priests did not stop with that of the was utilized to receive dispatches, all the politeness of a Frenchman, one of the richest, most beautiful vastation, desolation, and ruin. There Archbishop. Others fell victims to but it was uncertain and unreliable, said that, seeing it was me, I might and most productive cities in the was the commission of every outrage, the diabolism of Raoul Rigault and and it scarcely amounted to anything. have it for \$25. All the wild animals world, with its wealth, splendor, replunder, imprisonment, robbery and his associate assassins, and were de Gambetta with the old Govern- in the Jardin des Plantes, with one ment remained, with the exception of exception the largest in the world, departments of government - the German that was found at Paris, was ENTRY OF THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS It was necessary to have that outside meat. I had no occasion, however.

his own imperious will. His enemies But the time had come for the surwere right for once when they called render of Paris and a portion of the frightful epoch of the French Revo-

unselfish services he rendered to his made upon the Parasians. But there future that was to illustrate to the educated and cultivated men. They country under the most trying cir- were no resources left, for never was distinguished historian how he had were far more infamous than the cumstances in which a great nation there a city so thoroughly exhausted misjudged the capacity of his counsame class of men in the worst days ed on the Arc de Triomphe. Soon was ever found. After the war was in every respect. In many parts of trymen under the influence of a of the Roman Empire, whose names after was heard the booming of the over Gambetta's enemies in the the town the streets were not lighted storm of excitement for the most have been consigned to eternal in-Chamber of Deputies put in operation at night. The people kept in-doors. In the machinery of a parliamentary inquisition in the hope of staining completely were some parts of the mune had neither honesty, ability, and summarily executed by the Natitle with the invaders to whom they his reputation, soiling his honor and town deserted that they seemed like nor executive capacity. There was tional Guard, fed, pampered and cordestroying him in the public estima-tion. They pursued him for months, was the 1st of March, 1871, to the these men that they were fighting infernal behests, restrained by no tracking him with spies and pimps Parisians. It was a day of unutteral for their liberty and municipal rights. | fear of the laws of God or man, and to find a spot upon his good name. ble sadness, humiliation and despair. It was a fight merely for power with appetites whetted for plunder

out, and Paris once more breathed years of exile to offer his sword to city.

the Revolution on the 31st of Octo- and hotels threw open their doors.

render of Bazaine. On these tidings happy after so many long, dreary, by profession, highly educated and staircase washed by the blood of the the excitement of the people became suffering and eventful months. Pro- accomplished, of genteel appearance Swiss Guard in the contest of the intense beyond all description, and a visions immediately began to pour and manners, always dressed with first Revolution, and looked on the the news of the declaration of war part of the National Guard marched in for the relief of the starving peothe most scrupulous taste and neat spot where Louis XVIth had been was something without a parallel. to the Hotel de Ville, surrounded it, ple. With unbounded generosity ness; and yet under a plausible ex- beheaded. ceived, and I hastened back to Paris and after a feeble opposition the England and the United States terior he concealed the heart of a as my post of duty. Reaching there members of the Government were stretched forth the hand of charity. tiger. Bold, energetic, desperate, THE OUTBREAK OF THE COMMUNE. After the siege, the Commune of All his associate assassins bowed be-

Paris. It was on the 18th day of March, 1871, that the insurrectionary National Guard, numbering nearly equipped, drove the government of which M. Thiers was the chief or to whom he took a dislike. He organexecutive power, out of Paris and ized murder, and regulated robbery took possession of the city. This was not like the Commune of Paris of imprisoned the Archbishop of Paris, the first Revolution. That was in and Abbe Deguerry and the Chieftheory the local government of that Justice Bonjean, and at the last mothat great historic period, when thrones crumbled and dynastics fell.

ment, legislative, executive and judicial. This old Commune of Paris greater than the throne itself, but at that time there was an organized government of France, which was of 1871 it was simply the government lawless mob, where justice and law and order were all trampled under foot, and there was no law but that

of absolute force, wielded by the wort men that ever reached power in any country. AN ORGY OF BLOOD AND CRIME. what it fed on. Its presence encour- ey fell, bathed in his own blood.

The insurrection of the 18th of "It is wrong that you should come often froze every heart with horror. March, 1871, was the commencement and insult me thus. I am your pris-It was one of the most fearful nights of an orgy of blood and crime, incen- oner. You see that I am an old man. ever experienced in that devoted city. diarism, cruelty, ruin and desolation, Leave me." The next night the ven-Fortunately in the confusion and in the presence of which the world erable man fell in the prison yard of polite, refused to let me see him in tumult attending the arrest of the stands aghast. It was on the morn- La Roquette, pierced by the bullets the cell, and brought him into the Government, one of the members, M. ing of the 18th of March that the of murderers.

finement, intelligence, with all its every species of persecution. Every liberately murdered.

three of its members who had gone were killed and sold for food. There Treasury, the War, the Navy, the immediately seized and thrown into to Tours before the siege commenced. was then no meat to be had but horse Interior, the Police and the Hotel de prison, only to be released on my Ville; that city with all its historic peremptory demand. Never was delegation reinforced, and Gambetta myself to eat horse meat, but I did associations, its splendid public edithere any demand by the American red flag—that hideous ensign of an was elected as the member of the eat mule ment, and I must say, to fices, its palatial residences; that Minister, who acted as the protector Government to go out, which he did the credit of that useful and forbear- city of luxury, taste, elegance and of the Germans in France, which in a balloon. It was a hazardons ing animal, I found him quite good. undertaking, but it was a success. [Laughter.] My secretary, Colonel Arriving safely at Tours he seized Hoffman, ate the meats of all the all, all in their hands. They tramthe helm of the Government, and wild animals in the Jardin des pled under footall law and authority, proud recollection for Americans with his soul on fire, with his indom- Plantes, in order to judge which was and with no restraint and amenable that during all of this reign of crime itable purpose, his pauseless energy, the best, and after a fair trial he de- to no power, the position of the new and of blood, the starry ensign of mate success was certain. The bom his magnetism and enthusiasm, he at clared that the elephant was the best rulers was something never before our own Republic was everywhere bardment of the insurrectionary part the ægis of protection and safety.

Louis Blanc, in speaking of the [Applause.] The governing power during this him the "Dictator of France." That city to be occupied by 30,000 Ger. lution, says that the Terror by its period was a body calling itself the Dictatorship is one of the most interman troops until the treaty should excess had made another revolution Commune of Paris, and the members esting episodes of French history, be ratified by the National Assembly. impossible, and that its violence had were the most desperate and debauchand Gambetts lived to have full just It is impossible to describe the pro-assured to the future of France tranted scoundrels in all the purlicus of tice done him for the valuable and found impression that this matter quil destiny. Alas, it was in the near the city, but many of them highly ing of the 1st of May, 1871, that the The treaty having been ratified and plunder, and to free themselves and blood, murder, burning, impris-

counted and untold millions, they according to its stipulation, the Ger- from the restraints of law. Governed onment and torture. They burned found his record clean, and his hand man troops commenced moving out by no principle and having no regard down the Tuileries and the house of unstained by public plunder [ap- on Friday morning at 8 o'clock, hav- for public right, they bawled for a Thiers; they burned the Hotel de plause]; a bright example—[ap- ing occupied a portion of the city for Republic; but their first act was to Ville and the buildings of the Minisplause]—a bright example to public two days. Marching up the Champs murder General Clement Thomas, a try of Finance and Police and the men everywhere, and which can be Elysees, they passed under the Arc Republican all his life, driven out of Legion of Honor, the great palace of followed with so much advantage in de Triomphe, amidst the most vocif France as such by Napoleon at the the Court of Cassation, and overother countries than France. [Re- erous cheering, and at 11 o'clock pre- coup d' etat of 1851, and only return- turned the Column Vendome and at cisely the last German soldier passed ing to his native land after eighteen last endeavored to burn the whole I have not time to speak of the free. It must be said, to the honor his country in the hour of her direct And what was the aspect of the sufferings, patient endurance, and the of the German troops, that the ut need. The reign of the Commune city during the days of the Comnoble sacrifices of the French people most order prevailed, and that there was the force of desperate and wicked mune? It was always the same Paris. during the siege of Paris. I witnessed was no violence against persons or men, unlimited, unchecked, unre- All the little shops were open, and the wares displayed were of that ex-

quisite taste which captivates the foreigner. The streets and boule-In approaching the history of this vards were filled with crowds of gay ber, a sort of imperium in imperio, The grand avenue of the Champs period, we early confront one of the people taking no thought of the morto France, delivered a lecture in Brooklyn before the Long Island Historical Society.

There was great discontent at this and the magnificent fountains of the longer, or of t periore the Long Island Historical Society, period among the National Guard; Place de la Concorde began to play, assassinations and persecutions. Permore superb. Every Sunday after-Paris. s the man to be considered most | noon concerts were given at the Paldinate, and only waited for the op- was splendid; all that part of the of a leader of these frightful days, ace of the Tuileries, and the great portunity to make a demonstration city which had been so long under was Raoul Rigault, who hore the mob wandered at its case through all against the Government of National the guise of a funeral pall, presented title of Procureur to the Commune. the gorgeous rooms, and gazed upon publish that part of the address which Defence. They seized the time when a gay and cheerful appearance, and He was a young man of not more the pictures and splendid furniture vividly portrays the exciting events of the news came into Paris of the sur- the people for the first time seemed than twenty-five years, a journalist still intact. They passed up the same

It was a time of free recreationand unlimited sensation. There were cynical, he was consumed by the weddings among the bourgeoise and most deadly hatred of society and funerals and fetes and balls. All the most intense thirst for blood, titles were prohibited-it was only "citizen" and "citoyenne," and the fore his despotic will. None opposed | birth of lawlessness was welcomed him, for his gesture was the signal of by immense masses of the people, death. He held in his hand the life who in the greatest good nature, hailof every man in Paris, and he ed this new millennium with inwrought his vengeance on every man | describable enthusiasm.

> THE MURDER OF THE ARCHBISHOP. But the blackest of all crimes which stained the bloody reign of the Commune was the imprisonment and

murder of Archbishop Darboy. He revolutionary and turbulent city, ment, before the city was recaptured to be held as a hostage. He had from the mob, ordered their assassination be held as a hostage. He had every opportunity to leave the city, It was Rigault also who sought but he declined to go. In the face of This old Commune was in subordi- out Chaudey, and murdered him all danger he thought it his duty to nation to the National Convention under circumstances, the narration of remain with his people. I offered of France, that terrible body which which chills the blood, Chaudey him my services officially, but unseized all the branches of the govern- was a distinguished lawyer of wealth fortunately in a fruitless endeavor to and position, a well-known Republi- save the life of that illustrious precan, connected with one of the influ- late. I visited him many times in was the power behind the throne, ential Republican journals of Paris. prison. I told him the news of the One of the last letters he ever wrote day, and took to him the newspapers was addressed to me, seeking my in- and some wine. I was deeply touch tervention to save his life. But, alas! ed by the appearance of the Archthe National Convention itself, com- it was too late, and Rigault had him bishop. His slender person, his form shot down like a dog. He went at somewhat hent, his beard long and odies of men the world has ever the dead of night to Chaudey's cell, his face haggard from illness, his known. There was the execution of law in all of the ordinary forms, and hour has come." Chaudey, your sweet and gentle manner could not have failed to touch the most indifthe horrible cruelties, oppressions ed: "Would you execute me with- ferent observer He was one of the and murders were under the forms of out judgment? You have known most charming and agreeable of men law. But in the Commune of Paris me, Rigault, for a long time. You and was beloved alike by the rich know I have always done my duty as and by the poor, for he had spent his of a city of two millions of people by a Republican, a good citizen, and as money in acts of benevolence and an honest man. I have a wife and charity, and was particularly distinchild." Here his voice was drowned guished for his liberal views and by the blasphemies of Rigault. The catholic spirit. The cruelty of his assassin guard was called and Chaud-position and his prescience of his frightful incidents which followed ey was dragged to the prison-yard. coming fate did not change the sweet-A dim lantern was hung upon the ness of his disposition, nor the seren- of my present purpose. No less than wall. The unfortunate man was ity of his temper. No words of bit-When the National Guard became ordered to stand up beside it. The terness toward his persecutors esmutinous, unfortunately the Govern- guard, with loaded pieces, stood caped his lips, but he seemed rather ment did not act at once and disarm in front of him. Recovering all his to find excuse for the people of Paris, Returning to my Legation late in it at whatever cost. It took no res- self possession in that supreme mo- to whom he had been allied by so the evening, I found the streets and olute steps in that direction, and the ment, with a firm voice he cried : many ties of sympathy during his boulevards filled with excited people, spirit of insubordination grew up by "Vie la Republique! Fire." Chaud- whole life. He said he was patient-In the same way Rigault went to praying that Providence might find a and many were departed to the fright and terror, had retired to their all authority and took possession of houses, and brooded over their and fortified the Heights of Mont-prison pallet of straw. "Get up, ding of any more blood, and he adddesolating France without the shed-

the venerable Chief-Justice mildly, fear of death. It costs but little to die. I am ready!" The last time I saw him was in the prison, two days before his murder. The jailors, who had been before very corridor. Alas! I had no good news Time would fail to recount all the to tell him. I could only say that ject, and I must close by thanking so many good things for yourself? possession of the Heights of Mont- dreadful and monstrous horrors of I thought my presence might cheer martre and re-take the cannon which this time, increasing in madness and him in that, frightful moment. He Guard; but that movement utterly coming nearer and nearer upon the things around him and his usual

Government troops fraternized with when the lurid flames were licking up the last time that I ever grasped that tically controlled the whole city. street-a fitting end of one of the in the company of Chief-Justice Bonbringing them to a mock court-mar- and pillage—not linking even one company of the National Guard in tial in a little room. They were convirtue to a thousand crimes, but the yard of the prison. His body it they are the convirtue to a thousand crimes, but the yard of the prison.

The Commune made the most desperate efforts for the defence of the city. Everywhere was displayed the archy and blood-and the Government troops, after ten weeks of fight munists and desperation seized on all their souls. The advance of the Government troops was slow, but ultiof the city for weeks, night and day, was something awful. All that part of the city nearest the Fort Mont Valerien was laid in ruins and ashes I remained in Paris most of my

time as my services were needed there the most. It was on the morn Government troops finally entered the city, and the tri-colored flag float cannon and the sharp crack of the opposed a madness, fury and despera tion never before heard of. The Commune was thoroughly wild, and had issued orders to burn and de stroy the city. The battle raged fiercely all day Monday and all day Tuesday, and on the night of Tuesday fires began to break out in the the insurrectionists, showing that the threats of a general conflagration that I was awakened by a friend, who told me that the Palace of the Tuileries was all in flames. I burried to a the troops had been delayed much

the Government troops got possession of the entire city. The insurgents contested every inch of ground, building formidable and deadly barricades. As the French army moved slowly forward overcoming all resistance and securing the city square by square, the whole aspect presented There were the barricades which had been captured, blocking the streets up with debris : the avenues were encumbered with baggage wagons; the the trees, and the buildings were everywhere riddled by bullets; there were to be seen the dead bodies of the Communists killed during the siege, and a general wreck of matter rarely beheld. The insurgents making their headquarters at the Hotel de Ville, finding themselves hemmed in, gave up the cause without a fight, but applied the torch to the wonderful pile so interwoven with history of Paris and France, the pride of all

Frenchmen for so many centuries. Outside the National Guard and the insurrectionary part of the populace, there was unbounded joy amongst the people of the city at their deliverance from the monstrous oppression of a mob for nearly ten weeks. This mob had held them in terror, murdering them and imprisoring them, and making their lives one continued torment. Then came the reaction, when the orderly and peaceful citizens, released from the fearful and shocking tyranny of the Commune, got the upper hand. They were inspired by a spirit of rage and madness impossible to be controlled; and then followed the great work of arresting the mass of incendiaries and murderers and despera does of every description who had so long made a beautiful city a perfect pandemonium. In the most in surrectionary parts of the city the people were arrested en masse by the being alike included.

military-the guilty and innocent There is no time to recount all the the capture of Paris within the scope 50.000 insurgents were arrested; how many were summarily executed will never be known. Thousands and thousands were brought to the military courts-martial, and great numbers condemned to death and shot. Still, large numbers were senly awaiting the logic of events, and tenced to imprisonment for life, praying that Providence might find a solution of the terrible troubles then desolution France without the shed.

A GENTLEMAN in a draper's shop had enough to chew, the minister called the misfortune to tread on a lady's skirt. She turned round, her face flushed with Caledonia. Not speaking of the im-mense sacrifices of human life in the a negative answer he directed him to o'clock at night I heard from under obliged to try titles with that rebell- throat." "Young man," answered effaced from my memory, "I have no by \$2,000,000. But to the American father—my father?" Minister it was a satisfaction to know that not \$1,00 of German and American property was destroyed. Such is a hurried and imperfect

glance at some of the events and in-Commune of Paris. It is impossible Commune of Paris. It is impossible ashamed to give your attle brother eer, with true pathos, "if my father and for me to speak further on the subyou all for your kind attention you have given me, and all the kind interest you have been pleased to manifest in my subject. [Applause.]

POETRY AND PROSE. - A young man dressed in the height of fashion, and with a poetic turn of mind, was driving along a country road, and, upon like to lave my heated head in those

A WINDY EVENING. Wild storm that beat the leaves to earth, And left the forest stripped and bare, Nuthless in your half-savage mirth. Earth's beauty mocks at your despair.

She rises in the evening light, That yellow radiance of the West-A Titaness of sacred might, With Sleep enfolded on her breast. Back stand the trees in silhouette, With roadway pools of crystal clear, monds within a ring of jet Flashing sky-zolors far and near. Now gently heaves the dusky lane

To where her robe is floating far, That purple garment, sheer as flame, Classed sweetly by the evening star The winds have torn the veil of mist, And scourged it with their wings away Into the formless, voice abver

Where night shall send reluctant Day. Some tatters strew the vault on high, And stream like torches far and wide, But they will fall like sparks and die, E'en as the windy tempest died. And still, O. Titaness, thine eyes,

Beam ever through the crystal skies And draw me with the hand of fate. Within thy garment, ample, wide, The lion in its savage pride, The little nestling two hours old.

Like wells of being uncreate,

save the shy creatures of the wood, For all the timid-have a care: Protecting mother, grand and good, My heart yearns toward thee with a prayer; For once upon thy friendly knees

I played when still a thoughtless child, After long tossing over seas, Give me thy blessing sweet and mild. -From the Evening Post.

HE WOULD'NT BE BEAT .-- Yesterday, when a man from the neighborhood of Bucksnort sat on the edge of the sidewalk, spitting blood, a policepart of the city in the possession of man approached him and asked: "Got a hemorrhage, have you?" "No," said the Buchsnort man, lookhad commenced to be carried out. It of his mouth. "Somebody hit you was at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning in the mouth." "No," bending over and turning loose a mouthful of blood. "Mule kick you?" "No. view of the fire. It was a starlight a business transaction." "But here, into the collection basket the leaden nicking the calm and beautiful. The continued room of the control with the control night, caim and beautiful. The continued roar of the cannon, the rattle transaction " "I don't belong to of the mitrailleuse, and the sharp this town. My name's Alf Hobbs. erack of the musketry fell upon the ear, and the whole scene was one of terrible grandeur. If the entry of terrible grandeur. If the entry of terrible grandeur is the entry of terrible grandeur. Some time ago I came up to this town with a lot of meal, and a cow liberality to content it. and calf, and a mule. Well, after | DISTRACTED mother-"If you children

and calf and mule to a dentist. He told me to come back in a day or | young 'uns, while you are gone.' two, and he'd pay me. I came back, and he still didn't pay me, but suggested that I could take it out in trade. I didn't want any trade, as there warnt a bad tooth in my head; but, thinks I to myself, I'll try you. So I sits right down, and said 'pull so does she endow women with pins.' 'em out.' Pull what out?' says he. "What quantities of dried grasses you 'My teeth,' says I, 'the last one of them.' So I sot there and he lifted donkey to get into." 'Make yourself at home." she responded with a smooth or them. the last one. I hated to lose 'em, but I had to have my pay. But I gwine to send up the old woman and V the children, and have the last tooth don't square the bill, I'm going to send up my brother in-law, and have

artillery had severed the branches of ain't done yit. When I go home I'm single hair. They don't now-a-days. drawed out of 'em. Then, if that much. A NEWLY converted gambler, in an impassioned exhortation, said, in describing his teeth pulled out. I won't be beat by a man that belongs to the Little Rock ring. I'm a Bucksnort man, and I eat hog sassage."-Arkansas Gazette.

Unloading the Gun.—In a corner grocery in the western part of the city the other day a boy was buying shot and getting ready to go hunting. His old gun was lying around rather | first cross walk. loose, and the grocer nervously re-When you deprive a boy of the privi marked: "Boy, I wish you'd take lege of taking off his coat and vest togetheare of that gun I'm afraid of an er at one pull, and leaving his boots in care of that gun, I'm afraid of an accident." The boy stood it up against a barrel and went on telling how many rabits he meant to pepper, and pretty soon it came near falling to the floor. "I tell you that infernal ever ready, but never wanted.' thing will hurt some of us yet!" ex-No snow, no ice, no skates, no sled, no claimed the grocer as he jumped aside, and the boy leaned it against the counter and said he'd never take a back seat for a bear-never. As he reached over to look at some buckshot down tumbled the gun and off went the charge, sending about forty duckshot into a ten-gallon oil can in range. "There she goes! there she goes!" yelled the grocer as he danced

"Do you 'spose I'm fool 'nuff boy. to go out to hunt rabbits with brass A SHOEBLACK'S SERMON.—A -little shoeblack called at the residence of a clergyman of this city and solicited a piece of bread and some water.
The servant was directed to give the child bread from the crumb basket, and as the little fellow was walking slowly away and shifting the gift be like Barnum's show bills." tween his fingers for a piece large mense sacrifices of human life in the say, "Our father," but he could not be in a dreadful passion. I thought loss of property is estimated at near. answer the familiarity. "Is it our was my husband." "Why, certainly." The boy looked at him for awhile and commenced crying, at the same time holding up in, and in the name of humanity, justice his crust of bread, and exclaiming street shall be cut through his father in between his sobs: "You say that law's peat meantw." cidents connected with the Siege and your father is my father; aren't you ashamed to give your little brother

around. "Didn't I tell you that in-

fernal gun would go off!" "And did

I deny it?" promptly retorted the

-New Orleans Democrat. What Mr. Barnum is Responsible For.-The Rev. Mr. Pogson, of Bridgeport, is the father of a bovwho will probably distinguish himself. The evening before the last circus in that city the reverend gentleman was talking to his son about the beauties of heaven, when the child suddenly observed, "Papa, let's drop heaven and talk circus."-Dan-

Children's Fancies and Savings. EFFIE M—, (five years old), contemplatively, having successfully struggled through "twice one are two:" "Mother, when I have finished learning the tables must I begin the chairs?"

"Manna," said little Rose, one morning on sitting down to breakfast, "shall I put the salt on the table?" "Why," replied manna. "Because I thought you might ask me to have an egg.' A LITTLE boy (five years old) having been at a children's evening party, was told that he chose the biggest girl to dance with. His father asked him, "How old was she?" He said: "I/would not be so rude as to ask her."

A LITTLE buy, (aged six), on seeing a dirty beggar pass the window, asked his aunt if she thought it likely he would go to Heaven, and on being answered in the affirmative he said: "Then if he does I shall ask God not to let me sit next him."

A CHILD of six years of age, having the story of the fall explained to her, meditated for a considerable time on it, when she suddenly broke out: "Aunty, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, why did he not kill them and make a new pair? RHALE (aged eight years and two nonths) is very ill. Auntie speaks:— "Rhale (pet name,) my dear boy, you really must take your medicine, or you'll never get well. Do take it, that's a darling. You will have to, sooner or later."

ERNEST (aged six)-"But, mother, dear, is it really true the world was made in six days?" Mamma—"Yes, Ernie, and if God had pleased He could have made it in two days." Ernest, after a moment's consideration—"Oh, mother, that would never have done, you know; why, we should have had Sunday every

. A LITTLE girl, between two and three years old, was receiving from her mother an arithmetic lesson on the object princi ple. Her mother gave her an apple, askple. Her mother gave her an apple, asking her: "How many?" "One." Then gave her another. "How many?" "One." "Then, you see one and one make?" — After some consideration and gazing at the apples:—"Two;" said she. Her mother then gave her a third apple, saying: "And what would that make!" "Oh, mamma," was the instant reply, "that would make me sick !"

Fun, Fact and Facetiæ. Common sense makes no parade.

No wise man ever wished to be younger SELF-RELIANCE is quite distinct from What maintains vice would bring up two children.

Ir is a good thing to learn caution by he misfortune of others. Northing is more dangerous than a friend without discretion. WE hand folks over to God's mercy, but show none ourselves. THERB are calumnies against which even innocence loses courage. LET no man presume to give advice to sel to himself.

WHEN a man has no design but to speak plain truth, he may say a great deal in a very narrow compass. To err is human, but to refuse to drop

THE small boy who reached up the himney for another Christmas present. aid he found something there that soot-WE are at best but stewards of what we falsely call our own; yet avarice is so

looking around awhile, I sold the make such a noise I shall go out of my FORMERLY, when great fortunes were made only in war, war was a business: A SENTIMENTAL young man thus feelingly expresses himself:

> home," she responded, with a sweet gra-When a beauty gets so bald headed that

trumps that a little child should lead "Does a bad egg look like a good one?" asks a correspondent. It does, it does. Unless you look at with your nose.

THE demure damsel with large feet walked two blocks searching for a clean elevateth her drapery and sails over the

pect he has to live for? Some crusty, rusty, fusty, musty, dusty, curmudgeon of a man gave the follow-

nothing but a great chunk of August feeling around in January trying to induce mankind to cast off flannels, take cold and pass on to angelic realms. "DEAR LOUISE," don't let the men come too near you, when courting." Oh, no, dear ma. When Charles is here we always have one chair between us.

THE style for this year. Young lady of the period-"Governor, \$10, if you please, I am going to take a gentleman to Some one of society's smart ornaments to a lady friend: "This is leap year, and

I suppose you will be asking some one to marry you?" "Oh, no," was the reply. "My finances won't permit me to sup-"You love me," echoed the fair young

A GENTLEMAN in a draper's shop had stranger, she smiled complacently, say-

ABOUT these days the local politician reaps his reward. He marches proudly and equal rights, demands that a new

"GPNTHEMEN," said a Yankee auction gant stewpan going at \$1—I should feel it my bounden duty as a son to tell both

of them they were false to their country It swells the manly bosom to hear Mrs. oble hearts! I cannot but admire then ed, watery-eyed specimen of fourth-rate genus home, and adds, "And you, dar-ling Alfred, are the noblest, the largest hearted man," the manly besom some-

how shrivels up like a last year's bean

A bee flow out in the sunny alr By a boy so blithe and young,

The scene it changed; with sob and shrick The vault of heaven rung:

-Narathon Independent,