AN ORCHARD SONG.

Winter orchards, piled with branches gaunt, and lichened, stiff and bare, Blackening to the dreary landscape when the snowclouds numb the air, How the robin loves to linger twittering in the twilight there!

Spring-time orchards, flushed with sunshine, calling buds to open wide—
Rounded buds, like fairy vases, with the finest emerald dyed, Shedding perfume to the breezes as they swing from side to side.

Summer orchards, white with blossoms, dropping white flakes all around, Wafted, oh, so softly, downward, till they rest without a sound, With the dewdrops, and the daisies, and the mosses on the ground.

Autumn orchards, dense with leafage, bow-Autumn orcnards, dense with leatage, bowered thickly overhead.

Where the clustering pears and apples ripen abwly brown and red,

And the children search for windfalls in the grass, with careful tread.

Orchards, orchards, all your lessons for our learning are not few;
Would our souls could sun and ripen, bearing fruit as we see you!
Would our lives bent to God's finger with an answer just as true!

THE MURDER OF MISS JANE MCCREA.

Who Killed Her?

In speaking of Bancroft's last volume the Journal of Commerce argues that the statement of the historian as to the famous murder of Jane McCrea, is incorrect. The Journal says:

Probably no event, either in ancientor modern warfare, has received so many versions as the killing of Miss Jane McCrea, during the revolutionary war. It has been commemorated in story and in song, and narrated in grave histories in as many different ways as there have been writers upon the subject. As an been writers upon the subject. As an incident, merely, of the Revolution, accuracy in its relation is not, perhaps, of much moment. When measured, however, by its results, it at once assumes an importance which justifies such an investigation as shall bring out the truth in all its details. The slaying of Miss McCrea was to the people of New York, what the battle of Lexington was to the New England colonies. In each case the effect was to consolidate the inhabitants more firmly against the invader. The blood of the unfortunate girl was not shed in vain. From every drop hundreds of armed yeoman arose; and it hundreds of armed yeoman arose; and it has been justly said, her name was passed neral, familiar with rules of evidence, as a note of alarm along the banks of the Hudson, and as a "rallying cry among the Green Mountains of Vermont, brought down all their hardy sons." It thus contributed to Burgoyne's defeat, which became a precursor and principal cause of National Independence.

On account, therefore, of the important place which this tragedy occupies in American history, it was with considerable interest that we looked at this narration in the ninth volume of Mr. Bancroft's work. Knowing that it would treat of Burgoyne's campaign— aware that historical scholars had within late years, unearthed material completely changing the old traditions respecting this tragedy—it is with surprise that we find Mr. Bancroft falling into substantially the same errors in respect to this

event as some of his predecessors.

The story as told by him is, that as
Jane McCrea was on her way from Fort
Hill. Edward to meet her lover at the British camp, under the protection of two Indians, a quarrel arose between the latter as to which should have the promised reward, when one of them, to terminate the dispute, "sunk," as Bancroft ex-presses it, "his tomahawk into the presses it, "his tomahawk into the brain" of their unfortunate charge. This version has so often been repeated as to have become a standing joke among the inhabitants of Fort Edward and Sandy Hill—some of whom are the descendants of the parties involved—and the remark is often heard upon the revival of the story—"I want to know if they have started that story again!"

The correct version of the Jane Mc-Crea tragedy, gathered from the state-ment made by Mrs. MacNeal to General Burgoyne, on the 28th of July, 1777, in the marquee of her cousin, General Frazer, and corroborated by several people well acquainted with Jane McCrea, and by whom it was related to Judge Hay, of Saratoga Springs—a veracious and in-dustrious historian—and taken down from their lips, is different from the ver-

on the morning of the 27th of July, 1777, Miss McCrea and Mrs. MacNeal were at the latter's house in Fort Edward, preparing to ride down to Colonel McCrea's ferry, for the purpose of going to the fort for greater security, as rumors had been rife of Indians in the vicinity. While thus engaged, alarmed by the discharge of firearms, Mrs. MacNeal looked out of the window, and saw a soldier running along the military road toward the fort pursued by several In-dians. The soldier, seeing Mrs. Mac-Neal, waved his hat as a sign of danger, and passed on, which the Indians perceiving, left off the pursuit and came toward the house. Seeing their inten-tions, Mrs. MacNeal screamed "Get down cellar, for your lives!" On this, Jane McCrea and a black woman, Eve, with her infant, retreated safely to the cellar, but Mrs. MacNeal was caught on the stairs by the Indians, dragged back by the hair by a powerful savage, who was addressed by his companions as the "Wyandot Panther." A search in the cellar was then begun; and the result was then begun; and the result was the discovery only of Jane McCrea, who was brought up from her concealment—the Wyandot exclaiming, "My squaw; me find um agin—me keep um fast now foreber, ugh!" By this time the soldier had arrived at the fort; the alarm drum was beaten; and a party of soldiers started in pursuit. Alarmed by the noise of the drum—which they in common with Mrs. MacNeal and Jenny heard—the Indians hastily lifted the two women upon the horses which had been in waiting to carry them to the fort, and started off upon the run. Mrs. MacNeal, however, slipped off her horse and was carried in the arms of a savage. At this point Mrs. MacNeal lost sight of her point Mrs. MacNeal lost sight of her companion, who, to use the language of thus presented of magnifying a slight Mrs. MacNeal, "was then ahead of me, and appeared to be firmly seated on the saddle, and held the rein while several Indians seemed to great her the magnifying a slight was used most successfully in stirring up the first of hatred against loyalists in Indians seemed to guard her—the Wyandot still ascending the hill and pulling along by the bridle-bit the affrighted
horse on which poor Jenny rode." The
Indians, however, when half way up the
hill were nearly overtaken by the sol

By the time the top of the Fort Edward Hill had been gained, not an Indian was harmed, and one of them remarked to Mrs. MacN. "Wagh! um no kill—um shoot too much high for hit." During the firing, two or three of the bullets of the pursuing party hit Miss McCrea with fatal effect, who, falling from her horse, had her scalp torn off by her guide, the Wyandot Panther, in revenge for the loss of the reward given by Burgoyne for any white prisoner-a reward considered equal to a barrel of

rum. Her remains were gathered up by those who would have rescued her. and buried, under the supervision of Colonel Morgan Lewis (then Deputy Quartermaster General) on the bank of the creek three miles south of Fort Edward, and two miles of south of John McCrea's farm, which was across the Hudson, and directly opposite the principal encampment of General Schuyler.

It thus appears, first, that Jane McCrea was accidentally killed by the Americans; and, secondly, that the American loyalist (one David Jones) did not send the Indians on their er-

The incorrectness of Mr. Bancroft's statement in relation to the manner of the death seems to be clearly proved, not only by the corroborative statement of the Wyandet Panther, when brought into the presence of Burgoyne, to the effect that it was not he, but the enemy, that killed her, but by the statement of Gen. Morgan Lewis, afterwards Governor of this State. His account is thus given by Judge Hay: "Several years after Miss Tearse had departed this (to her (eventful life, I conversed (in the hearing of Mr. David Banks, at his law book store in New York,) with Gov. Lewis. Morgan Lewis then stated his distinct recollection that there were three gunshot wounds on Miss McCrea's corpse, which, on the day of her death, was, by direction of himself, and in fact under his own personal supervision, removed together with a subaltern remains, from a hill near Ft. Edward to the Three Miles Creek, where they were interred. The fact of the bullet wounds, of which I had not heard before, but which was consistent with Mrs. Tearse's statemant, was to me 'confirmation strong as proof from Holy Writ' that Jane McCrea had not been killed exclusively by Indians, who could have done that deed either with a tomahawk or scalping knife, and would not, therefore, be likely (pardon the phrase in this connection) to have wasted their ammunition. In that opinion Governor concurred.

This opinion of two eminent lawyers, as well as the statement, of the Wyandot chief, receives additional confirmation in the fact that when the remains of Jane McCrea, a few years since, were disinterred and removed to the old Fort Edward burial-ground, Doctor William L. Norton, a respectable and very intelligent practitioner of physic and sur-gery, examined her skull and found no marks whatever of a cut or a gash. This fact also affords strong confirmation of the opinion expressed at the time by General Frazer at the post-mortem camp investigation—that Jane McCrea was accidentally, or rather unintentionally killed by American troops pursuing the Indians, and—as General Frazer said he had often witnessed-aiming too high when the mark was on elevated ground as had occurred at Bunker's (Breed's)

The falsity of the statement that her lover, Jones, sent the savages on their mission is also susceptible of proof. The well-established fact that Jones had sent Robert Ayers (father-in-law of Ransom Ceoke, Esq., now living at Saratoga Springs), with a letter to Miss McCrea, asking her to visit the British encampment and saccompany its com-mander-in-chief, with his lady guests, on an excursion to Lake George, clearly shows how the charge against Jones had crept into a Whig accusation concerning supposed misconduct and mean-ness; and the dialogue (also well authenticated) between two of her captors, in relation to the comparative value of a living white squaw-estimated at a barrel of rum-and her scalp-lock, accounts, perhaps, for the story of the pre-tended proffered reward (a barrel of rum), alleged to have caused the quarrel among the Indians which resulted in the supposed catastrophe. All who had been acquainted with David Jones knew that he was incapable of such conduct, and so expressed themselves at the

The rumor, also, which is slightly confirmed in Burgoyne's letter to Gates, that Miss McCrea was on her way to an appointed marriage ceremony, originated in Jones's admission that he had intended, on the arrival of his betrothed at Skeensborough (Whitehall) to solicither consent to their immediate nuptials-Chaplain Brudenell officiating. But Jones explicitly denied having inti-mated such desire in his letter to Miss McCrea or otherwise. "Such," he added, 'was, without reference to my own sense of propriety, my dear Janet's sensibility, that the indelicacy of this supposed proposal would, even under our peculiar circumstances, have thwarted it," Indeed, this question was often a topic of conversation between General Frazer and Mrs. MacNeal, who, with Miss Hunter (afterwards Mrs. Tearse), accompanied him from Saratoga to Stil water, and on his decease returned to Fort Edward after witnessing the surrender of the British general. Jones frankly admitted to his friends. that in consequence of the proximity of the savages to Fort Edward, he had engaged several chiefs who had been at the Bouquet encampment, to keep an eye upon the fiercer Ottawas, and per-suade them not to cross the Hudson; but if they could not be deterred from so doing, his employes were to watch over the safety of his mother's residence, and also that of Colonel McCrea. For all which, and in order the better to secure their fidelity, Jones promised a suitable, but unspecified reward—meaning thereby such trinkets and weapons as were fitted for Indian traffic, and usually bestowed upon the aboriginals, whether in peace or war.

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AN ORLINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBchase of a messuage and lot of ground in the
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Excrion I. The relect and Common Councils of the
clity of Philadelphia doordain. That the City Solicitor
be and he is hereby authorized to examine the title to
all that certain lot or piece of ground, with the twostory stone mansion bouse thereon erected, situate in
the late District of Richmond, now the Twenty fifth
ward of the said City of Philadelphia beginning at a
couner formed by the intersection of the southeast
aide of the Frankford road and the northeast side of
Some set street; hence southeastwardly along the side
of the said Someres street are hundred and bunery
nire feet four inches and three eighths to a twenty feet
widestreet, laid cut and opened for public use by John
Rice called Coral street; thence hortheastwardly along
said Coral street one hundred and forty-six feet six
in hes to the southwest aloe of Rush street; thence
northwestwardly along the said street; thence
northwestwardly along the said street; thence
northwestwardly along the said street; thence
and one quarter of an inch to an angle or bend in the
said road, and thence sitil along the said road fifty six
feet eleven inches and one eachth of an inch to the
place of beginning; and if he approve of the same onsideration therefor to be the payment of an annual
ground rent or sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars to be charged thereon.

Sec. 2. Thas the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to shix the corporate seal of the city of Philadelphis to such deeds as may be necessary to reserve theground rent aforesaid to the grantor or grantors of said
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Pres'dent of Sommon Council.

ATTEST—BENJAMIN H. HAINES.

Clerk of Select Council.

JAMES LYND.

President of Select Council.

Approved the eighteen haday of October Anno Domin.

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