Being a Poetical Account of the Astoundbservations made by Mr. Timothy O'Ryan.

(Dedicated to his brilliant namesake, Orion) Och! an' sure I shall remimber, the twelfth night o' Novimber, As long as ere the ember of life in me re-

For what with hiv'nly bodies, and—the mixthure very odd is. Delicious whisky toddies—the excoltement

in my veins, Was somethin' so therrific, that there's not a soporific, Which would be at all specific, sich emo-

tion to allay: If e'er again I had it—which I hope not, for Nearly kill'd me, and I'm glad it's all over anyway.

FIRST GLASS. For the meteoric show'rs, I watched thro' the midnight hours, And by all the blessed Powers! ne'er a wink of sleep had I! I read the *Times* and *Picayune*, and heard the ould clock tick a tune,

Expectin' to see flicker soon, the Crescents in the sky. Whilst from opposite directions, stars of different complexions,

With most gorgeous reflections, should burst in awful glare

Through the firmament enkindled, whilst the consthellations dwindled-Till the thought that I'd been swindled made me feel inclined to swear.

SECOND GLASS, Seein' nothin more than common, or, the I d-d the old asthronomer, up hill and

down dale, Says I, "my foine Professor, yer a moighty purty guesser,
"My rispect for ye grows lesser, O, Philosopher of Yale! (Professor Loomis)
"Wid yer! bogus calculation, yon've been

"Wid yer bogus calculation, you've been hoaxing this great nation
"From yer lofty situation, sir, ye ought to be brought low:—
"When I moight have bin a sleepin, here a weary watch I'm keepin,
"Myself in whisky steepin—Och! the divil

'Twas past one by my dial, as agin I seized the phial, And for fear the whisk'd spile—turn sour perhaps wi' fright, Says I, "I'm thinkin' P'll just take another

smile, "Myself to beguile, and the lonely hours to while, of this mimorable night."

And then I sat eyein'—tho' I found it rather tryin'—the figure of O'Ry'n, (Who's a countryman of mine), as he up

and down was a flyin', in the firmament divine,
ment divine,
And says I, "ould consthellation, in my
humble estimation, yer a credit to our nation. "I enjoy your contemplation, to your health

here's a libation, and for iver may ye

FOURTH GLASS.

"What, three o'clock? 'its mornin'! it's no wonder I've been yawning.
"Break o' day will soon be dawnin'.
Where the devil are them showers? "Confound them poor ould asthrologers, the spalpeens of chronologers, and bla-guards of phrenologers!
"They ought to get sockdologers; and, by

the houly powers,
"If I only had my will on 'em, wid sore
bones afther fillin' 'em,
"It's moighty near a killin' 'em, the
chances are, I'd be;

"The nasty ould divils, who, wid tiliscopes "Keep up their mystic rivils till the morn-in' air they snivels, in some high observatree."

FIFTH GLASS. There's Olmstead and ould Newton, who've been this subject motin', about the stars

shootin'—
"And around the earth pirootin'; and that
German Professor, what the devil is "Wid his planets and his mete'rs, he's been promisin' to treat us,
"Meanin'all the while to cheat us,—by St.

Pathrick it's a shame! "Niver moind, I'll fill my glass agin, and ne'er be such an ass agin,
"When wonders come to pass agin, to
bother wid the trash.

"And if the brightest ærolite, shooting star, or queerer light, should anywhere near "I wouldn't now, for e'er a light, forsake my whisky smash."

THE VISION. By the Piper, it's begun! here's the moon and the sun, and the planets every

Just as hard as they can run, a rushin' Lord knows where!

And the lovely consthellations, vacate their situations, perform wonderful gyra-

Whilst tremendous agitations convulse the starry sphare! Och! the fearful fizzing as the meteors go whizzing, Like burning rockets hissing, bang across

the milky linel.
sight was most therrific, as with bodies magnific, and tails phospho-

rific, The things scientific kicked up their moighty shine.
Talk about your celebrations, and your grand illuminations,

Jubilations and orations—(the last are all my eye, And I'm not so very sartin, but I might add

"Betty Martin,"
Your feelings without hartin') on the
Fourth o' July!
Why, all your feeble fire-works, Greek fire and other dire works.

Beside one of those higher works, would

look exceedin mean,
Not to say dull and dirty, fizzly and squirty, for since three and thirty,
Nothing half so purty has ever been

Sure I couldn't keep the run; the fixed stars became undone, and every mother's As if shot from a gun, went darting

through the skies!
Rushin' all ablazin' in a manner most amazin' And ginerally raisin' the devil as they The fiery monsters jist did, like say-sar-pints twisted—they couldn't be re-

sisted, And ne'er before existed such a nulla-ba-

Meteoric emanations! phosphorescent ra-diations! most astounding combinain fact, the Book of Rivelations stoot CIRCLE
open to my view!

CONCLUSION. And now I've ended, what I intended, In poethry splendid, a full and true account.

the fiery shower's arrival, the which I to try to outrival, ould Pegasus to think I need a splendid things indeed to keep it's pluck; think I need a cocktail and a

"Poplic Sale on Sader Day the 1 De cember 1866 at 1 o'clock in the after noon on the pase in Catasauqua House the lot is 20 feet in front 225 feet Depe at Cornner Shool ally front street."

And no heel taps, for I drink to the reader's good luck—
And my own, too, by the powers! so I may

as well say ours;
May we blossom lolke the flowers, and
enjoy the shining hours
In affection's sunny bowers; may misfortune never cow us.

And may Providence allow us, to witness a return of the Meteoric Showers!

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14, 1866.

Winter Amusements,
Mr. John R. Young, of the Tribune,
says: The world goes round and round,
but neither man nor the seasons change their relations. We are not accustomed to consider the Romans as a sentimental people, or even as particularly lovers of home; yet there is nothing in domestic poetry more beautiful than that ninth Ode of Horace, in which he sings of Mount Socrate, white with snow, orders his servants to pile on the wood, and invites his friends to partake of a generous glass of four-year old wine. We see the little man rubbing his hands at the hearth-blaze, and chuckling as he sends off his note to Thaliarchus. It is a cabinet home picture, like that which Milton painted in his Twentieth Sonnet, from which we will not quote one word. but only advise the reading thereof as a

cheerful resource upon the gloomiest December day. Although the winter is eminently favorable to study, perhaps as a people we need no incitement to intellectual exertion. We read at all times and everywhere, and it is barely possible that we read too much; but, the temptation of a good fire, a brilliant light, an easy chair and an entertaining book, is one which we by no means advise anybody to resist, especially if it comes after a day of weary toil. We will put the brains out of the question, and say nothing of siudy; or our opinion is that there has been a great deal of nonsense written against reading for amusement; since, other things being equal, there is no amusement more thoroughly harmless than that which a harmless book affords. Of course, there is choice; and there are books which man or woman, boy or girl, had better not read; but why should we avoid books which only talk to us and amuse us, because they do not pretend to improve our they do not pretend to improve our minds, any more than we should avoid the cheery chat of our neighbors, which may not always be the wisest or the most improving when it is the most pre-tentious? Rest is as needful as labor; and it is better to read only for pleasure than not to read at all. Because one has not strength to master Butler's Analogy or Fearne on Contingent Remainders, is that a reason why we should forego Ivanhoe or The Old Curiosity Shop? Which is doing best—he who is reading the lightest gilt gingerbread of a fairy tale, or he who sits in blank inaction, twirling his thumbs and thinking of nothing at all? If we put reading into the category of harmless amuse ments, we do not close the rugged field of substantial acquisition to those who please to enter it. The obliging booksellers and the gentlemanly librarians provide for many men and many minds; while the long hours after the non-inebriating cups may be dedicated to light and elegant culture, or to solid accomplishing as texts many district an experience. quisition, as taste may dictate or opportunity permit.

But for a nation which has been intellectually so hardly strained as our own, it would be invidious and probably useless to prescribe the rules of winter enjoyments. Something must be left to the good sense of all. We have no censures for the light fantastic toes, if they trip at proper hours and in proper company. We have only to regret that there not a Tenth Muse for skating. Some the woe or the waggery of the theatres will woo, and some the resounding walls of the opera. The better part, whether of country sports or of city junkets, is the kindly social feeling which they create and encourage. Some though sufficiently gregarious, will find society enough in the family, while others are best satisfied in a well-conducted and harmonious crowd. That must be indeed a strange gathering in which there are no benevolent and beautiful natures, to make us better for having met them and to add to our store of prized and grateful memories. Winter is the natural parent of charity-not alone of almsgiving, but of that giving of the heart and hand which, to the weary and desponding, is worth far more than material relief; and "all thoughts, all delights" are to be invited and warmly entertained, if amid the wintry desolation they bring us a perpetual summer in the heart.

AN UNFORTUNATE STRANGER.—"Can you tell me, sir, said a stranger to a stranger to a gentleman in a ball room, "who that lady is near the second window, that very vain looking lady? "That is my sister, sir," replied the person addressed, with a formidable

look.
"No, no, I don't mean her," said the unfortunate interrogator. "I mean that ugly woman leaning against the piano; there's about as much expression in her face as a bowl of bonny clabber."

"That, sir, is my wife." "No, no," gasped the miserable stranger, the perspiration starting from every pore. Good gracious! I wish I could make you understand me! I mean that blear-eyed object in the pink silk, the one so awfully homely. I should be afraid she would splinter a lookingglass by looking into it. There, she is

"That, sir," said the gentleman, with fierce calmness, "is my eldest daughter."

The stranger darted from the room and cleared the premises as though he had been struck with a presentiment that a powder magazine was going to explode in that room in less than three seconds.

PARLOR, GAME, -Among the parlor games occasionally used, is one called "squaring a word." It consists in arranging words in such a manner that a perfect square of known words shall be made which shall read vertically in the same order as horizontally. The prob-lem of "squaring the circle," which has puzzled mathematicians for ages, ha

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By Resolution of the Board of Directors.

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