THE CIDER MILL BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Under the blue New England skies, Flooded with sunshine a valley lies.

The mountains clasp it, warm and sweet Lie a sunny child to their rocky feet.

Three pearly lakes and a hundred streams Like on its quiet heart of dreams.

Its meadows are greenest ever seen Its harvest fields have the brightest sheen.

Through its trees the softest sunlight shakes And the whitest lilies gem its lakes. I love, oh! better than words can tell,

Its every rock and grove, and dell; But most I love the gorge where the rill Comes down by the old brown cider mill.

Above the clear spring gurgle out, And the upper meadows wind about;

Then join, and under willows flow Round knolls where blue-beech whip-stoc

To rest in a shaded pool that keeps The oak trees clasped in crystal deeps. Sheer twenty feet the water falls Down the old dam's broken walls.

Spatters the knobby bowlders gray, And laughing, hies in the shade away, Under great roots, though trout pools still With many a tumble down to the mill.

All the way down the nut-trees grow, And squirrels hide above and below. Acorns, beachnuts, chestnuts there Drop all the fall through the hazy air;

And burrs roll down with curled-up leaves In the mellow light of harvest eyes. Forever there the still, old trees Drink a wine of peace that has no lees.

By the roadside stands the cider mill, Where a lowland slumber waits the rill;

A great, brown building, two-stories high On the western hill face, warm and dry; And odorous piles of apples there Fill with incense the golden air;

And heaps of pumice, mixed with straw, To their amber sweets the late flies draw. The carts back up to the upper door, And spill their treasures on the floor;

Down through the toothed wheels they go To the wide, deep cider press below, And the screws are turned by slow degrees Down on the straw-laid cider cheese.

And with each turn a fuller stream Bursts from beneath the groaning beam.

An amber stream the gods might sip, And Tear no sorrow's parched lip. But wherefore gods? Those ideal toys Were soulless to real New England boys,

What classic goblet ever felt Such thrilling touches through it melt. As throb electric along a straw

When boyish lips the cider draw? The years are heavy with weary sounds, And their discord life's sweet music frowns

But yet hear, oh! sweet oh! sweet, The till that bathed my bare, brown feet;

And yet the cider drips and falls On my inward ear at intervals; And I lead at times in a sad, sweet dream, To the babbling of that little stream;

And sit in a visioned autumn still. In the surny door of the cider mill.

Bomantic History of an Oil Prince—How Johnny Steele Became a Millionaire and

a Beggar. The Meadville Journal publishes the following sketch of the career of Johnny

Steele, "the young oil prince of Venango county," whose farm—the Steele farm—on Oil Creek was recently sold for taxes due the Government:

This farm, more generally known, "on the Creek," as the Widow McClintock farm, is immediately opposite the flour-ishing little town of Rouseville, and was amongst the first of the oil-producing farms of the valley. Early in 1863 the Van Slyke well, on this farm, was struck, and flowed for some time at the rate of 2,500 barrels per day, and several wells yielding from 200 to 800 barrels were struck at later periods. Besides these, there were many smaller wells, and the territory, though sadly mismanaged, is still regarded as the best in the oil region. In 1864 Widow McClintock died from the effects of burns received while kindling a fire with crude oil. At this time, the average daily income from the landed interest of the farm was \$2,000, and by her will the property, with all her possession in money, was left, without reservation, to her adopted son, John W. Steele, then about twenty years of age. In the iron safe where the old lady kept her money, was found \$150,000, two-thirds of the amount in greenbacks, and the balance in gold. Mrs. McClintock was hardly cold in her coffin before young Steele, who appears to have had nothing naturally vicious in his composition, was surrounded by our his composition, was surrounded by a set of vampyres, who clung to him as long as he had a dollar remaining. The millionaire's head was evidently turned by his good fortune, as has been that of many an older man who made his "pile in oil," and he was of the impression that his money would accumulate too rapidly unless it was actually thrown away and throw it. was actually thrown away, and throw it away he did. Many of the stories con-cerning his career in New York and Philadelphia savor strongly of fiction, and would not be credited, were they not so well authenticated. Wine, wo-

Steele squandered two millions of dollars. Hon. John Morrissey, M. C., "went through" him at faro, to the amount of \$100,000 in two nights; he bought high priced turn-outs, and after driving around an hour or two, gave them away; equipped a large minstrel troupe and presented each member with a diamond presented each member with a diamond pin and ring, and kept about him beside two or three men who were robbing him day by day. He is now filling the hon-orable position of dcor keeper for Skiff and Gaylord's ministrels, the company

men, horses, faro and general debauchery soon made a wreck of that princely for-

tune, and in twenty months Johnny

and Gaylord's ministrels, the company he organized, and is, to use a very expressive but not strictly classical phrase, completely "played out."

ERF The wealth obtained by those who smalrorked so assiduously to effect Steele's rathuin, gave little permanent benefit to its solutions some control of the person most brazen and the feathurist instrumental in bringing about for fine present condition of affairs was the

notorious Seth Slocum, who hung around this city several weeks last summer. He was worth at one time over \$100,000 He was worth at one time over \$100,000, which he had "captured" from Steele, and laid saide for a rainy day, but when the latter's money vanished, this amount soon took unto itself wings, and he is at present known among his old associates as a "dead-beat." At last accounts Slocum was incarcerated in the jail of a neighboring county, for various breaches of the peace, and was unable to obtain ball in the sum of \$500. Exemplifications these of the old adage, "easy come, easy go," or that other, "fools and their money are soon parted."

The Bell Bird.

Wandering in a tropic forest amidst the gorgeous growths and wild garlands of climbing vine and brilliant blossoms, in the early morning, one's ears are literally pained with the mingled din that comes from everywhere; above, below, behind, before, right and left; curious cries, jubilant songs, angry discussions, growls, snarls, croaks, and hisses, from bird, beast, insect, and reptile, make the jungle a very Babel of unintelligible sounds. Then as the scorching sun-rays pierce the clustering tangle of vegetable life, one by one the sounds die away, the flowers close their petals, the leaves droop languidly from every branch and spray not a breath of air stirs even the delicate tree ferns; the stillness is that of death as if the world of things had ceased to be As you crouch under the wide leaves of the plantain, seeking shelter from the burning heat, suddenly a loud sound is heard, like a deep, full-tened bell; a short time elapses, and again it sounds, and so on at intervals of three or four

minutes; often other singers join in the peal, and then the "forest chimes" toll their mournful music from far and near. You cautiously creep out, and peer curiously in the direction of the noise, to discover what living creature could produce a sound so exactly like a bell. At last you spy him out, and catch him in the very act, seated on the top of a dead palm—his belfry. By travelers he is aptly named the "bell-bird."

On the top of the head there is something like the horn of the fabled unicorn.

This tube of dash is bellow, and care.

This tube of flesh is hollow, and communicates with the palate. When the "bell bird" is silent, this strange spire-like affair hangs down over the beak, just as the red fleshy wattle dangles on the front of a turkspeak's best but the front of a turkeycock's head; but when sounding his bell-like voice, it is filled tightly with air and stands erect and stiff as a horn.

A late traveler says: "At a distance of three miles you may hear this snow-white bird tolling every four or five minutes like a distant convent bell."

A HAZARDOUS ADVENTURE .- Our readers will remember the report published a few days ago, that a vessel was in distress off Point au Pellee. The Detroit Free Press relates the following of the vessel, and the manner in which she was relieved :

On Tuesday evening intelligence was received in this city by the director of the tug association that a large sized vessel was lying in Lake Erie, some twelve miles below the Clay Banks, and six miles distant from shore, surrounded by ice, with a flag of distress flying from her mast-head. As it was generally presumed that all the vessels had arrived in port and had gone into winter quarters' the event was entirely unlooked for, and the cirumstances by which it was surrounded were of the most hopeless character. The association tugs had nearly all iaid up, and even were it otherwise, it would require a man of stout heart and strong nerve to venture on so hazardous an expedition. The feat, however, was undertaken by the tug Satellite, one of the most powerful on the river, and commanded by Cap. Hiram Eames, who was never known to falter in the hour of peril. The steamer reached the distressed vessel at about daylight on Wednesday morning, when she was found to be the schr. Jane Ralston, of Gibraltar, in a helpless condition, with her crew unable to relieve themselves from their ice bound

situation, and nearly disheartened from making any further attempts to that end. Captain Eames, with his crew immediately set to word in getting the vessel's anchor up, the chains leading to which have become frozen in the horsepipes, and completely hidden from view by the ice. After some two or three hours' vigorous labor and notwith three hours' vigorous labor, and notwith-standing the extreme cold and a piercing wind, the task was accomplished and the vessel taken in despite of the immense quantities of ice. Captain E. gained access to the port of Gibraltar, with his charge, to the great joy of her almost famished crew and their friends on shore. Praise is justly due to Captain. on shore. Praise is justly due to Captain E. and his men, for so determinedly braving the elements on so perilous an

A BIT OF A SLIVER.—Before Justice at San Juan, Nevada county, California, was brought a Hibernian, charged with assault and battery, on a fellow countryman. Many witnesses were examined; and, finally, Jimmy C—was called to the stand.

"Mr. C—, state what you know about this case." "Well, your Honor, Barney and Patrick had a bit of a quarrel about some wood they had been cutting. They were wood they had been cutting. They were standing near the woodpile in front, of the house, and after jawing a little Barney picked up a bit of a sliver, and gave Patrick a little tap on the head, and he went over on to the woodpile and that was all there was about it?

and that was all there was about it."

"You say Barney hit Patrick on the head with a bit of sliver. What kindof a sliver was that?"

"Well. your Honor, 'twas a small thing—a bit of a chip."
"But we want to know how big it was; give us your idea of how big it was." "Well, your honor (after some hesitation), I think it was about two feet long, and about as big round as my wrist."

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