

Poetry.

My Mother's Grave.

bling dew-drops fall a shutting flowers ; like stars

shine gloriously ; and all, Save me, are blest.

I love thy grave ! at with its blossoms, blu

per thy head ; when shall it

Above thy child ?

reet flower, yet must ht leaves to the coming bow !

other, 'tis thine emblem : d Is on thy brow.

onld love to die : untasted life's dark, bitt

anus-, as erst in childhood, lie And share thy dreams

nst linger here the plumage of my sinless years, ourn the hopes to childhood

With bitter tears.

must linger here, y branch upon a withered tree last frail leaf, untimely sere, at down with thee.

n life's withered bower. communion with the past, I tura se on thee, the only flower In memory's urn.

hen the evening pale like a mourner, on the dim blue

to hear the night-winds wail, Around thy grave.

ems of the Latest Styles.

hate a coquette! the rogue in her eyes, blonde or brunette I hate a coquette! finger-tips—Yet he depth of my sighs love a coquette! the rogue in her eyes.

ies a bang was Miss, Rose; could hang elf for woes -hen she and I et in the sky, hat same bang hat same Rose?

now the time tpoets rhyme the fan for half a dime,



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or The Post. REBEL PRISONS. BY DR. R. ROTHROCK.

The prison had a vocabulary of words peculiarly its own, which, if misery will recognize. not new in themselves, were novel

The strong often tyrannized over in their significance. A thief, for instance, was termed a latter term originating in a wholesome custom, which prevailed in

prison, of shaving the heads of those who were caught pilfering, on one side, leaving the other untouched. them for graves. Thus they would remain sufficiently less punishment in itself than its

final consequences, for a fellow with half-shaven crown was lucky if he standards of merit from those used In prison one thus paid the pen- trade cooked beans for raw beans ?" the boldness to steal in open daylight, and by a dash, grab and run, to get off with his booty, he was termed a "raider" which was consi-

dered one grade above the sneaking "danks,"

cooking utensils, or 'blankets, for the want of which, many a man died. would insure a general turnout in to respect any thing. He it was trade for tobocco. the vicinity, to stop the offender. and managed to live.

If the thief hal shrewduess, and was not to closely pursued, he often assumed with his pursuers, and joined in the "hue and cry."

Woe to him who attracted suspi cion by undue haste when such a cry was raised ; for although his fore it was ascertained that he was not the offending person, and his

only consolation was in the fact of his innocence, or the thought that his head, if some sorer, was wiser than before. Scenes of violence were continually enacted in the prison. Marders

Under the fruithful maxim that that thrilled the blood with horror "necessity is the mother of invenwere at one time of frequent occur. tion." it was surprising how trades rence,-of which we shall speak and business started into life. Had times vinegar was cried out as one more particularly in coming time, - these men been placed in a forest of the virtues possessed by the venperpetrated by bauds of desperadoes where raw material could readily be der of beans, and then there would who jumped Uncle Sam's bounties got at. I believe they would have be a rush to see, if not to eat. before they were retained in the produced every "item" of a city's

firm grasp of military vigilance, and, wants, so well were we represented way from fifty to seventy venders of when fairly caught, rather than fight in the trades. re taken prisoners voluntarily. Not an hour of the day passed without some terrible fight-often over trivial matters-taking place in

week.

I left them, their hands clutched watches except so far as they were side of the brook they were issuing in each others hair-gazing into tradable for Indian meal, hog, or cooked beans. Whereupon, ascereach other's eyes with the leaden. taining beyond a doubt the truth of hominy. lustreless glare of famine stamped

Another occupation was cooking this, Frank and myself sat down and beans and selling them by the plate- ate one good square meal, we did the there -a look which I cannot describe, but which some comrade of ful to such hungry ones as could af- same at supper time, and finished ford to trade for them. Various the beans for breakfast next morn-

were the means of "raising the wind" ing. and lived at least one day with the weak, and as we see in all gath- to obtain a supply to carry on the full stomachs-a circumstance that A thief, for instance, was termed a erings of men, the strong in phisi-"flauker," or a "half shave," the cal health and in possessions kept ing, or buttons off the jacket, were wards in our prison experience their strength, while the many weak traded for them. But a more com- Thus ended the bean trade, and degrew weaker and weaker, until they mon method was to trade the but- solved the copartnership existing bewere crowded out of life into the tons or clothing for tobacco, and tween the firm.

small space grudgingly allowed then trade tobacco for beans ; for After rations were issued, there those addicted to the use of the would be a general meeting of a and wanted to revenge it. It wasn Each man stood or fell on merits weed would frequently remark that densely packed crowd, all trying to long to attract universal attention different from those which had been it was easier to go without a portion trade for something more palatable. enough for him that we have small valued by friends at home. He of their food, however scanty, than or for that which they had not got floods, eyclones and forests fires and found himself measured by different without their tobacco. Some would cry out, "Who will grass boppers plagues."

escaped a beating or a ducking every in any of his previous walks of life, alties of bad habits previously form- "Who will trade wood for beans ?" sparrow ?" bour of the day. Where a thief had Rough native force or talent show- ed. One accustomed to the habit of "Who will trade salt for wood ?" ed itself by ingenious devices for taking a dram of something stimu- while some speculator would trade making the most of little. He who lating each day, died in prison for little bits of tobacco for any kind of than a file rasping over cast iron that could make indian meal and water want of it Habits, like chickens, rations.

people have died after hearing it." into the most palatable form was "come home to roost," and were of- The issue of rations was often a "How does he employ his time !" "looked up to." He who could cook ten the millstones that sunk their moment of fearful excitement A "In screaming, fighting and voting with little wood, and invent from possessors into the hopeless misery crowd of eight or ten thousand, like early and often." The articles stolen were usually the need a fire-place in which to which went before death. Thus a hungry pack of wolves, would fill "Where does he build his pest ?" save fuel, was a genius ! The pro- when only about half a pint of beans the space | efore the gate-way, ah "In the cornices of houses. If h ducer of comforts from the squalid uncooked, per day were issued, scrambling to get a good look at the could have the use of 300 trees rent Either epithet, "flanker," or "raider," crude material of life was respected sometimes with a little bacon, men rations issued by the rebels, as free he would turn up his nose at hurled at a fast-retreating, culprit, as much as hunger would allow us would lay aside a few each day to though even the sight of food did the offer. He couldn't damage a tree any, but he can manage to them good. who got a start in the prison world, The modes of selling were various; At ons time, during such a scene, paint a house every mon th.

but the most common way of finding one of the detailed men, who acted It was desirable on the part of purchasers by those who had but a as a teamster-and those so employprisoners to follow some trade or small capital of a few pints of beans, ed were always men that were loudcept old ovster cans and empty been occupation which should give to the was to proceed to the principle est in blaming our government and bottles."

individual means to purchase the thorougfare-for even here we were "Old Abe," and were insolvent and few desirable luxuries which could compelled to have paths unoccupied well fed-when one of the pack of be obtained of those who came into by recumbent men and their "traps." hungry wretches put his hand out to errand might be one of necessity or prison from among the rebels with through a general understanding, or clutch a falling crumb from the cart, mercy, he was sure to be hurt be- permission to trade. By this meth- we should have continually trod on the teamster beat his brains out with handled shovel is missing be pull od there were hopes of life, even if one another. Broadway, as we one blow of a club. He was tried down a nest and recovers the lost existence was misery. Yankee in- termed it, was the scene of most of by our stockade court of justice, (1) article. genuity was consequently taxed to the trading done in camp.

and condemned to cart no more The venders, sitting with their bread, owing, doubtless, to the fact rough," some kind of business that legs under them, like tailors, pro- of his having a few greenbacks, made would pay-an onion, a potato, or an claimed londly the quantity and in selling our rations.

To be Continued.

Mosquitoes and Elephants.

Thick as is the elephant's skin, no or 600 times have not seen him living creature suffers more from change countenance." flies, mosquitoes, leeches and other "What other birds does he agree vermin than he. The pores are very with ?"

large, and gadflies, mosquitoes, etc., "The buzzard and the polecat. He voughs, rheumatism, neuralgia, and worm themselves into the hollow and is too proud to take up with every any local pains.

then "

"He rebuilds."

anck to repletion. Thus the whole stranger who comes along. He has Applied to the small of the back day long they are constantly throw- driven away our robins and blue- they are infalliable in Back Ache.

Natural History.

"This is an English sparrow. H

"What sort of a bird is this ?"

cannot carry off a lamb, like an en

gle, nor is he provided with teet)

and claws like the tiger, but he

"A philauthropist bronght him "

"He is a cross between a lunati-

"What did be want to bring th

"Because he hated the countr

pox, yellow fever, cholera, droughts.

"What are the chief merits of the

"His beautiful voice and loved na

ture. His song is so much sweeter

"Of what was the nest composed?"

"Of everything he can handle, en-

"Does the hard hearted citizen

"He does. When his family

"What does the poor sparrow do

"Can he be discouraged !"

clothes-line, or crow-bar, or long-

even destroy their nests ?"

leaves his mark all the same.

"How did he get here !"

anarrow to America for ?"

and an idiot."

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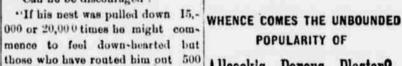
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he lovely dimpled maid glass of lemonade, ber chaperon most dear for beer.

will the man at Coney scoop arness in his clauless soup.

e Crippled Soldier In Court,

k ? Yes : that's what the polic an said. m † I will—when I am dead.

a that's short a leg and arm need to give the cops alarm ; frink drowns weary pain, I've

helps a fellow graveward bound. was whole you'd hardly durst k aue that, though Judge you

wht with Sherman ! empty sleeve bore

"e 'em in the Devil's Glen : old Tecumsch thanked me, too; add I'd glorify the blue; only for my wounds, I say en an officer that day. color-sargeant, Reckless Joe? 's me, of course, but how'd you two

ti-you led the "Bummers Own?" ode that mare, the kickin' roan? -yes, my God! it's really him! -Colonel!-pshaw, how dim epers get! Discharged! Nofine! to your house at once? To dine? in once more 'mong other men! hk I'll try to live again?

loniste have an unique method ting "surroundings" to learn distance from the earth when ling in the sir at night. A shout is given and the seconds unted until the echo from the ad for the return of the sound could scarcely stand, engage in pumay to compute the height of gilistic encounters piteous to con-

to belle was to have been ied this week, but the coremony been postponed at the request of headed, in a broiling sun, barefooted, mante further time to reduce ecratched, and rolled in the dist toall to Aghting weight. gother.

the stockade. The reasons which provoked fights were not often plain ; but one fact ness. was ever apparent, viz., that hunger and privation did not sweeten sour tempers, or render the com-

mon disposition at all lamb-like. A piece of poor corn bread, picked up in the dirt, a little Indian meal, or a meatless bone, which a dog or a pig of Northern States extraction would turn up his nose at, would

provoke violent discussions as to ownership, in which muscle, rather than equity, settled facts. Some of these personal encoun-

ters ended in a general fight. where all who were desirous of that kind of recreation took part. It was quite a curious fact that

when rations were scarcest in prison, fights were plentiest. In the absence of food, some took pleasure in dies. beating each other.

"I've not had any thing to eat to day, and would like to lick some varmint as has," said a Kentucky fellow a gaunt, half-starved, but never desponding chap." I'm your man," said an Irishman, and at it they went, till Kentucky was beaten to his satisfaction, and acknowledged that "a varmint" who had eaten corn-dodger for breakfast was 'too much' for one as hadn't." The writer, seeing no fun in a mass, kept out of them. forseeing

misery ecough, without a broken head or nose to nurse. The great mass could ill afford to to expend strength in such encounters, and it was usually easy to keep out of them without sneaking out. I have often, however, seen men who were woak with disease, and ad is heard. From the time re- weak to such a degree that they

template. I call to memory two al most skeleton men, whom I once saw engaged in fighting for the possession of a few pine kuots ! Barer, who is now very fieshy their clothes in tatters, they bit and

blers with sweat-boards, on, which The strivings for life were niteons but often comical in their develope- could be staked five cents, and hasments. Some traded their hats and ty pudding dealers and sour beer boots, or a slyly kept watch, for sellers, all of whom sat on the great annoyance of their riders, opening " ground, looking anxious, dirty, and beans or flour, and with this elementary start began "sutler's busi- hungry enough to made the hardest

the utmost to invent "from the

extra allowance of Indian meal per

part of their task a resisting of temptation to eat up their stock in trade. Another genius developed a pro-I cannot refrain from narrating my cess for converting Indian meal into own experience in that line, it was beer, by soaking it in water. And so characteristic of experience com-"sour beer," as it was termed, speed mon to those who engaged in like ily became one of the institutious speculations. This beer was vended around the

quality of beaus or mush they could

sell for a stated price, Some would

exultantly state that theirs had pep-

er and salt 'on to um," and some-

Sometimes I have seen on Broad-

beans, who, together with small gam-

Frank H. and myself possessed camp by others, who pronounced it joint capital of an old watch, mena cure for the scurvy, colds, fever, tion of which has been made, and a gangrene, and all other ills the surplus of one pair of army shoesstockade was heir too, and they were

many. You would at one part of for I went bare-footed, disdaining the stockade hear a voice loudly to abridge the freedom of my feet when it interfered with business proclaiming a cure for scarvy ; you We invested them in beans, which approach, and find him vending were, like those usually issued, possour beer,"--- another proclaiming sessed, previous to our possession loudly a cure for diarrhoea ; he by grabs and worms. The terms of would be selling "sour beer," and so our copartnership were, that he. through a long catalogue of evils Frank, was to do the selling, while I would be proclaimed their remieand a companion named Cross cook-

ed.bargained for wood, and transact- to run. One day I was almost crushed in a crowd who were attracted by a ed the general business of the "concern." Accordingly Frank showed fellow crying aloud, "Stewed beans, his anxious face and raised his tre- have had pork chops for supper. with vinegar on to um." The vineble voice shrilly in the market-place.

gar turned out to be "sour beer." The first days' sale brought us about Stuck upon a shingle 1 observed a sign which read, "old Brewery Bier for Sale, by the glass or bucketful, hole sale, retail, or no tail at of his judgement and firm resolve to

be prudent, and he ate up near half our stock in trade, which was vexa-I remember one ingenious fellow, tious ; but I could not reprove him. who, with a jack-knife and a file and

a few bits of wire, was engaged in seeing how cheerful it made him feel. getting into ticking order "played and how sorry he really was. Beout" watches, that had refused to go sides his full stomach gave him rose-

unless they were carried ; and the colored views of the morrow's trade ingenuity he displayed in coaxing The morrow came, and Frank made them to tick was surprising. In a "ten-strike," selling off all the one instance the watch tinker men- beans I could cook, and was beside tioned made for a friend of mine an bimself at the prospects of our haventire watch spring of whalebone, ing enough to eat "right smart which set the watch ticking in such along." The next morning I investa tremendous manner, for a few ed largely in beans, in all about

minutes after being wound up, as to three quarts, wet measure, and borcall forth the admiring ejaculation rowed a kettle that would cook about from the secesh purchaser, "Gosh, half of them, and paid for the con- man. He did not know it was you. how she does go it." The watch venience in trade.

stopped-"rund down." as the That day proved the ruin of the amazed Johnny afterward said, beau trade, Frank came back de- "is like a beseiged city ; those who spondently, declaring beans did not are inside would be happy to get "quicker nor a flash."

You will readily understand that sell; and the mystery was soon out, and those outside desire to en- ly. "Yes." added Fogg. "I don't go prisoners cared bat https about solved by the fact that on the south ter."

ing up dirt, squirting saliva or wa- birds and larks and chickadees, and ter, t) get rid of these pests, to the the hens are looking for another

They snore a good deal when asleep, "Would it be wicked to kill one of and I have often seen them resting these sparrows !"

their heads on an ontstretched foot "Awfully wicked. The philanthrowhen lying down. They are very pists would raise such a howl that human-like in many of their ways the killer would have to skin the They get a piece of wood and use it country. Besides, you can't shoot as a toothpick. They scratch them selves with the tip of their probocis, one yet trapped one. A man down ROBBED their victure and if they cannot reach the place in Ohio thisks a blow with a barn with that they take up a branch and door might fetch 'em, but it is as yet

use that. Natives say they plug up an untried experiment. knew an instance of it myself .- now lay away our books and sit on the steps and listen to the ravishing melody of the sparrow's evening

He Knew the Hair.

A few days since a party of gentle

Significant Signs.

To call at a friend's house about dinner time and find him absent is a sign you will be disappointed, To drop hot sealing-wax on your

The London Field.

templar.

an live in fire.

be termed a ramrod !

lucky.

head.

Stella

men were together. One man, a finger is a sign you will be angry. joker, stepped up to a member of To meet a bolting horse on the the party, and holding a long hair pavement implies that you are going before his eye, said .--

song.

"See here, old fellow, this looks suspicious. Tell me, where did this To dream of being run over by fire engines is often a sign that you long hair come from ?"

"Why, that's from my wife's bead !"

If a man says : "I hardly like to one pint of extra beans. The next ask you, old fellow, but-" it is a day Frank's hunger got the better sign he wants to borrow money. lon't suppose you would find any other woman's hair about me, do To collide with three consecutive

> lamp posts and fall over an apple you ?" stall is a sign you are not a good "No, probably not ; but I am sorry

To lose money or jewelry is un-

Unfortunate. "I have been gross Query : Can a shepherd's crook ly insulted," exclaimed Brown.

No matter what vegetable may attain the cabbage will always be a marked Fogg, "you couldn't deny

Personal : John come back ; all could you ?" is forgiven ; Ps kicked the wrong

Jones's sermons give me a great deal "Marriage," says a recent writer, more pleasure than they used to."

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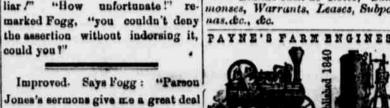
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