

For the Independent Republican, THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

BT ID'A AFTON. I came at eve, as the wind its moan Sighed plaintive to the linden leaves, And sadly wailed o'er the old door-stone Or sobbed beneath the mossy eaves.

We heart beat fast, as I crossed the sill And stood within the damp old hall ; For loud the clack of the old stone mill Was heard above the waterfall.

Ah! at that sound how old mem'ries stirred : Again, a gladsome, romping boy, With heart as free as a summer bird, I toss beneath the tide a toy,

To see my dog shake his jetty locks, And headlong plunge beneath the wave, To bear it out on the moss-grown rocks-That folly dug poor Bruno's grave.

0h ! richer far than a monarch's crown, To me, the water-lilies white, (I wreathed amid sister's dark hair brown; And decked my hat with pansies bright.

Sweet, silv'ry clear as a wood-bird's song, Or min-drop in the mossy well, Rang out her voice, as we skipped along

The fragrant, clover-jeweled dell.

Peace, aching heart ! for her song is hushed; And in death's vale she's resting now— All beauty's bloom, that to thee seems crushed, Beaus brighter round her angel-brow.

th me! alone, 'mid the gath'ring gloom, The last of our dear household band, I urn my steps to my mother's room, And in its death-like silence stand. *

The green damp mould on the crumbling wall, Seemed volumes written for my sight, Which wrapt my soul, in a wint'ry thrall, As thick clouds wrap the ebon night--

The jasmine crept through the broken pane, And hung her jewels o'er the stil, Like lamps of love 'mid the heart's cold rain-

Through gloom I trace bright sun-beams still.

A ROMANCE OF CYPRUS.

Ebenezer Scroog of the East. While I was siderable qualms of conscience, and confessed at Lamaca, a sad adventure, furnishing am- his unworthy stewardship, and indicated the ple materials for a melodrama, nearly ter- spots where the savings were concealed. The minated old Baldo's life and all his specula-husband of the niece quickly dug them up, hons. His only daughter and heiress lost- and came into possession. Scarcely was this her heart to a needy Austrian, who had come done, when Baldo recovered, and would alto Cyprus expressly to make his fortune by most have forgiven the attempt upon his life, marriage. Hearing of the wealth of old Bal- had it not involved such serious results. do, and of his daughter, he fixed upon him at once; but Baldo was not to be easily caught, and totally repulsed every advance. The was eventually removed to Trieste; but, I Austrian grew desperate, and, as a final resource, became fanatically religious, attending the Catholic chapel, morning, noon, and right. Nothing could exceed his devotion to a certain old priest troubled with the cramp, on whose leg he sat, whenever it was attacked, till the pain passed off. When, after this

all, recovered his senses, and hearing the voice of his late assailant, slowly raised himself up, and denounced him on the spot -evening. Having done this, he fell back, and again became unconscious. The wretch was immediately seized and handcuffed, and safely borne away to the Austrian consulate, where he was placed in confinement. Doctors were now assembled from all parts of Cyprus, and all examined the wound, and declared it fatal, expressing the greatest surprise that the patient should have linger-ed so long. The blood being staunched and Baldo suffering from no injury, but laboring under a sense of approaching discolution, beg-ged that a confessor might be sent for. To this confessor, he acknowledged, among othwhich weighed heavier than all the rest upon | culprits !" his guilty conscience. It appeared that his niece who was then A Lesson for Suicidal Lovers. married to a French merchant at Larnaca, RICHARD GOULD, a journeyman harness maker of Cincinnati, has himself been harhad been left at a very early age an orphan, and had become his ward. She had, howevnessed by Cupid and driven to the very gates. er, been well provided for by her parents, and a large sum of money had been deposit of desperation. His enslaver is a young lady named Charlotte Matthews, whose mothed in his hands, which, after covering the exer keeps a boarding house on Elm street, and who appears to have made up her mind to

lamenting the loss of him whom he called his

best friend on earth. But it happened that

the ball, though it struck against a part where

a wound would have become mortal, had

nine.' The Austrian was, by the Turkish author-

JOE BOWERS'S WEDDING.

come in contact with a sharp edge of a bone, you God?" This was a tolerable effort, and Joe nodwhich had turned it another direction, and it was now safely lodged between the skin and ded assent. spine. Baldo, who had fainted from fright "-N.Nancy Harkins, it now remains for and loss of blood, now, to the amazement of this C Court to-Here the Sheriff again interrupted him, reminding him of the real business of the "Miss N-Naucy," resumed the Judge, af-

rapidly, but stood his ground well. Recov-

'J.J.o.e B.o.w.e.r.s, do y.you t-take N.

Nancy II-Harkins for your wife, so h-help

ering himself, he proceeded :

ter being set right, "do y-you t-take J-Joe B-Bowers for a husband, t-to the best of your knowledge and h-helief or do you not ?" "You can bet I will !" answered the light hearted Nancy. The Judge then took the hands of the happy couple, and joined them, and wound up the business as follows :

"It now r-remains for this h-here Court to pronounce you, J Joe Bowers, and y-you, Nancy Harkins, man and wife, and-" (here the Judge pattsed to wipe the perspiration from his face,) " and m may God h have er grave offences, the commission of one sin mercy on your s souls ! Sheriff, remove the

penses of her education, board, &c., would still leave a considerable surplus as a marsome more brilliant alliance than that offered rige portion. Now old Baldo, never forgetby Mr. Gould. But as Richard has a very ting his thrift, had more than twice turned good opinion of his own merits and qualifithis capital over before the date of his niece's cations, he judged that Charlotte's coolness marriage, but he had retained the proceeds as his own, handing over the principal to the Eveny traveler who has ever visited Cy-prus has heard of Signor Baldo Matteo, the approach of death, as it seemed, he felt conings. For this purpose, he proceeded, about

> ities handed over to his own consulate, and believe, for lack of sufficient testimony, escaped punishment.

exclamation of surprise, and then tried to stir ment of the various mail routes of the coun-THE County of -----, "away up in the kim up with the broomstick; but, finding try; the National Treasury, an institution of that he did not move, she called out, " Moth- learning which has graduated more men in mountains," boasts one of the best Judges in California. On the bench he is the art of swindling the government than any him closely ; you have not much time to the globe what are called " meteoric stone er, mother, here's Dick Gould coiled up on his head is so full of what he terms "judicial talk," that he frequently finds himself mak- our steps, and I don't know what ails him." ing learned charges, and passing sentence, "Dead drunk, I guess," said Mrs. Matthews, public building in Washington which is realas she also came to the front door. "No, I outside of the court room. ly devoted to honest purposes, and that is de- running, ever running. Watch him, mark declare if he hasn't kicked the bucket in re-On a recent occasion, he was called on to exercise the "power and authority, in him ality," said Charlotte, spying the bottle and vested," in the case of a young couple who taking it out of Gould's hand. "Sce, the voted to no purpose at all, both the permadesired to have their hands united in the holy fool has been taking strychnine !" "Poor ing too deeply engaged in their own rascalities to think of punishing other people for you have seen with your own eyes the fabond of wedlock. Of course he consented soul," sighed the benevolent old lady;" how to perform the pleasing duty, and on the ap- natural he looks !", "He looks about as theirs. pointed evening was promptly on hand. The well as he did when he was alive," observed There are two monuments in Washington -one of red granite, erected to the memory room was crowded by the beauty and fash- Charlotte, "and that's not saying much for of Smithson at his own expense, and a monhis beauty. He never could hold a candle ion of the town. ument to the folly, penuriousness, and grati-It is customary, on occasions of the kind to Jimmy Hickman at any time." This Mr. ude of the American people. The latter is Hickman is a spruce young clerk who boards referred to, for the good folks of the mountabout sixty feet high, with upward (though with Mrs. Matthews, and who happened to in towns to pass around the wine quite freehopeless) expectations of five or six hundred Heaven; a voice that has been trumpetcome home at that very juncture. ly. The Judge is an ardent admirer of the feet. It is commonly called the Washington When he saw the supposed corpse, James fair sex, and that he should get a little meloffered to go for the Coroner to hold an inor National Monument. General Taylor low amid the glorious scenes of the evening. caught his death in 1850 at the laying of the quest over the "poor devil," as he called Mr. was not to be wondered at by those who corner-stone of this structure. It is hardly Gould. "" Well I don't like the notion of The wine had passed. The music had having coroner and jury fellows poking probable that any of his successors will perknew him intimately. ceased. The time for making Joseph Bow- about here," said Mrs. Matthews. "No," lish at the laying of the cap stone. It is much should be entitled to a hearing in a Walhalla more probable that Presidents will be done of wise heroes, after Francis of Verulain added Charlotte, "just drag the nasty crea-Every heart throbbed with most delightful ture on the cellar door of the next house, away with at least six weeks before that and Isaac of Grantham; the voice of one emotions. The young gentlemen desired to Jimmy, and then wash your hands and come event The imports of Washington consist princi- better remembered, and to all time-rememknow how Joe would stand it, and the young in to supper." Mr. Hickman took the corpse by the feet, pally of office seekers and pickpockets, (both bered enthusiastically and affectionately—as suffer the anxious to see now realize would be interimined to a she was directed, when Gould dealt of which are frequently combined in one.) the champion of all good and wise and beau-had closely observed the turn of affiurs dur-had see and beau of which are frequently combined in one.) the champion of all good and wise and beau-had closely observed the turn of affiurs dur-him a kick which doubled him up like a jack-had closely observed the turn of affiurs dur-him a kick which doubled him up like a jack-him a kick which a back a back a back a back ing the evening, fixed their attention upon knife. The ladies shrieked, and Mr. Gould, the laws that are put through. Its exports Welcome Guest. the Judge, to see how he would come out of starting up, was beginning to upbraid Charare disappointed politicians and whiskey .--The latter is generally bottled in members lotte for her hardness of heart, but the arrithe scrape. At length the trying moment was announced. The Judge arose very cautiously and he walked away a "sadder and a wiser Taking it altogether, Washington is an ex ceedingly hard place. The public men there man."-Cin. Gaz. from the chair which he had occupied in one are all very honest and upright, howevercorner of the room, and, casting his eyes that is, until they go home and turn against over the company, singled out the Sheriff of Working in the Music. the Administration, when, of course, they be-TRUE to the life, and true to nature, is this the county, who was present as an invited come like Stephen A. Douglas and John W. guest. The Judge had imbibed just enough beautiful sketch : Forney, the most consummate scoundrels A wee bit of a philosopher is our little to make him forget the nature of his busi unhung. We have the authority of a num-Mary, and the truths which sometimes fall ness. Looking sternly at the officer, he ber of Administration papers for saying so. from her cherry lips are as good as the "pearls and diamonds" of fairy tale memoshouted : During the sitting of Congress though, innu " Mr. Sheriff, open the Court, and call ormerable murders and robberies are committed in the city; but as everybody there is der.' A few weeks ago, Mary and her mamma A general titter followed this command, above suspicion, and wouldn't hurt a hair of your head, nor take the smallest coin from the treasury under the most favorable cir. When the Indian bill was under were sitting in the sunshine near au open window. Mamma was sewing, and Mary, in the midst of which the Sheriff took the "Court" gently by the arm, and led him to the treasury under the most favorable cirnot in a very good humor, with a slate and his seat in the corner, at the same time in. cumstances, the perpetrators invariably es-cape detection. Under these beingn auspiforming that august personage of the mispencil on her knee, was trying, with all carnestness, to copy the straight trunk of a lotake. ces, it is no wonder that it cannot, or has not Everything now bid fair, until another an- cust tree whose flower-laden branches almost been said of Washington, as was recently novance, which was nothing else than the ab- touched the window sill. Four or five times said of a one-horse town in Kentucky, that if,

THE SNOW. BY E. A. B. M.

On the snow is coming, the beautiful snow, How softly it falls o'er the valley so low, How sweetly it wreathes round the mountain's dark

and streweth bright pearls over each leafless bough So gently it lies o'er the violet's bed,

Like an Angel's pure wing, in kindness outspread, To shield the dear sleepers from frost and from cold, Till the warm rain and sunshine their besuties unfold.

It throws round our cold Earth a mantle of white, To guard all its treasures from Winter's gread blight ; Each bud and each embryo safe will it keep, Till the soft clouds of Spring-time above them shall weep.

Then sigh not for flowers, or birds singing low Rejoice, oh rejoice o'er the bright falling snow! For Nature, refreshed by her Winter's repose, Will come forth in glad Spring, new charins to disclose

Adversity's Winter, tho' hard to endure, By the same hand is sent, and as wisely I'm sure. The pure robe of God's love thy heart's shield shall be, And sweet are the buds that 'twill nurture for thee.

I joy in the sunshine. I joy in the storm, At the chill wind of Winter, or Summer breeze warm, For all of life's changes bring blessings, I find, To a heart that's at peace with Goil and mankind.

WASHINGTON CITY.

THE Geographer of the Nashville Patriot ing of narsh, hard, pertinent things : not crugives the following vivid description of the

el, but downright; but never to whisper apital of his country : Washington city, the capital of the nation, compliments, or simper out platitudes. A the home during term time of the President, nose, too, that can snuff the battle afar off, (and also the temporary residence of five and with dilated nostrils breathe forth a glohundred and ten men who confidently expect ry that is sometimes terrible; but not a nose to be President,) and the seat of the United for a pouncet box, or a Covent-Garden bou-States Gas Works, (technically called Conquet, or a flacon of Frangipanni. Would gress,) is situated in the District of Columbia not care much for truffles either, I think, or -- a territory covering a horizontal surface of the delicate aroma of sparkling Mcselle .-ten miles square, and extending perpendicu. Would prefer onions, or strongly infused malt and hops ; something honest and unsowas mere coquetry, believing that, when it larly all the way through. As every place came to the scratch, she would cave in at a in the city is from three-quarters of a mile to phisticated. Watch this old man narrowly, moment's warning. He resolved to melt at a mile and three-quarters from everywhere young visitor to the Lords. Scan his furonce the soul of the playful nymph, and to else, Washington is called, in Fourth of Ju- rowed visage. Mark his odd angular ways surprise her into an avowal of her real feel- Iy orations, and that style of literature gener- and gestures passing uncouth. Now he ally, "the city of magnificent distances." It crouches, very dog-like, on his crimson bench; ful velocity of 59.400 miles per hour. They twenty minutes past five o'clock yesterday derives its name of Washington from a cele-afternoon to the dwelling of Mrs. Matthews brated continental officer who built the pine hands. Botherem, Q. C., is talking nonsense, and stretched himself out upon the front door huts and forced his way through a very hard I think. Now the legs are crossed, and the steps, holding in his hand an empty vial, up | Winter at Valley Forge, and made Cornwalhands thrown behind the head; now he digs his elbows into the little Gothic - writing taon which he had pasted a label of "strych lis acknowledge the corn at York Town ble before him, and buries the hands in that The principal public buildings of the city are

"Now there will be an affecting scene the Patent Office, where the Yankees are granted the exclusive right to manufacture when my captivating Charlotte comes out," soliloquized Mr. Gould, as he closed his eyes and sell India rubber baby-jumpers, double and composed his features to a corpse-like geared rat-traps, Padway's Ready Reliefimmobility. Presently Miss Matthews ap which is warranted to relieve you of your peared at the door with a broom in her hand money, if nothing else-and other valuable for the purpose of sweeping the steps. On inventions of the age; the General Post Of-seeing the recumbent Richard she uttered an fice, where they superintend the mismanage-

STANDING in the narrow Gothic railed-off space reserved for the public-the throne at the opposite extremity of the House-you may see on one of the benches to the right, almost every foremoon-Baturday and Sun day excepted-during the session, a very old man with a white head, and attired in a simple frock and trousers of shepherd's plaid.-It is a leonine head, and the white locks are bushy and profuse. So, too, the eyebrows, penthouses to eyes somewhat weak now, but that can flash fire yet upon occasions. The face is plowed with wrinkles, as well it may be, for the old than will never see fourscore years again; and of these, threescore, at the very least, have been spent in study and the hardest labor, mental and physical. The nose is a marvel-protuberant, rugose, ag-gressive, inquiring and defiant; unlovely but intellectual. There is a trumpet mouth, a belligerent mouth, projecting and self-asserting; largish ears, and on the chin or cheeks no vestige of hair. Not a beautiful man this on any theory of beauty, Hogarthesque, Ruskinesque, Winckelmanesque, or otherwise. Rather a shaggy, gnarled, battered, weather-betten, ugly, faithful, Scotch-colley type.---Not a soft, implofing, yielding face. Rather a tearing, mocking, pugnacious cast of countenance. The mouth is fashioned to the say.

O come, come away! the school bell now is ringing, With willing hearts, from friends we part-O come, come away! To school we'll haste without delay;

Where Science will our toil repay, And cheer us day by day-O come, come away!

Our school-mates are there all early in the morning, With hearts so light, and faces bright-O come, come away! Our teacher too we there shall meet, Who will our presence gladly greet,

To cheer us day by day-O come, come away ! There we all will join our social hymns in singing ; With joyful lays, our notes we'll raise-O come, come away! Then to our studies we'll repair,

Improve our time with studious care, Observe this rule while there— O come, come awat i And when from our toils eve again returning, To home so dear we'll haste with cheer-

O come, come away l When we again in merry glee, Shall join in sweeter harm From toil and care set free-O come, come away !

Shooting Stars-Meteors.

VARIOUS brilliant bodies have been frequently observed shooting through the heavenv with a terrible velocity, creating alarm in the minds of the ignorant, and exciting the wonder of the learned as to their mysterious origin. The midbight traveler, far from the abodes of men, is sometimes startled with one of these bright lights fleeting for an instant -athwart the horizon, then as suddenly disappearing, leaving the darkness yet more profound. These metcors, as they are called, are far from being uncommon, or confined to any locality-they are seen in every part of our globe. Under the name of "shooting stars" they are witnessed in clear evenings during every month of the year, but in this latitude they are more nu-merous during the month of August. They

have the appearance of celestial rockets rushing along (as has been measured) at the aware strange messengers of the skies, and no satisfactory theory has yet been propounded respecting their nature and sources.

There are other meteors of a very differout character from the shooting stars, which have the appearance of being incandescent puissant white hair of his. The quiddities solid hodies of various colors rushing with a of Floorem, Q. C., are beyond human pa- less, but still a great velocity, through our tience. Then with a wrench, a wriggle, a atmosphere. Some of these are of consid-shake, a half turn and half start up-still crable magnitude and in their passage leave very dog-like, but of the Newfoundland rath- a long trail of light behind ; a few have been observed to burst into pieces, with a loud reer, now, he asks a lawyer or a witness a question. Question very sharp, and to the port, and then disappear. Men of scientific attainments do not agree regarding their orpoint, not often complimentary by times, and

ideas with regard to sinking of bodies in the sea, have heretofore been vague; for the res-son, perhaps, that the laws which govern this descent, and which are derived from the well known laws of fluids, have never been fully defined in their application to the depths of the ocean. Some imagine that ships which founder at sea sink to a certain depth, and there float about until broken to pieces, or thrown upon some bank beneath the sea ;--and, indeed, a certain writer in England has published a book sustaining this absurd notion. Others, again, believe that the buoy-ant force of the water at great depths is enormous, and due to the whole pressure of the column of water above, and that all bodies which are lighter than water at the surface, will, if sunk to the bottom and detached from the sinker, shoot upward with a great velocity; or, in other words, that the density of the water increases directly with the depth. These views are erroneous. It is true the pressure increases with the depth, to the amount of fifteen pounds upon every square inch for every thirty-four feet in depth; but the density is not thereby sensibly increased, owing to the incompressibility of the water; so that neither the buoyant force, nor the re-

sistance to the motion of any body, are sensibly increased from the surface to the bottom. At the depth of three thousand fathoms, for instance, the pressure upon a square inch is nearly eight thousand pounds, but the column of eighteen thousand feet of water is only shortened about sixty feet; the density is thus but slightly increased ; but the effect of this enormous pressure upon compressible bodies, as air, wood, &c., is to condense them into a smaller bulk, by which they may be rendered heavier than water, and will sink of their own weight. A piece of wood cannot float at the bottom of the sea, but a very slight extraneous force will bring it to the surface.

THE USEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL .- The tomb of Moses is unknown; but the traveler slakes his thirst at the well of Jacob. The gorgeous palace of the wealthiest and wisest of monarchs, with the cedar and gold, and ivory. and even the great Temple of Jerusalem, hallowed by the visible glory of the Deity himself, are gonc, but Solomon's reservoirs are. as perfect as ever. Of the ancient architectuary of the Holy City, not one stone is left upon another; but the pool of Bethesda commands the pilgrim's reverence at the present day. The columns of Persepolis are mouldering into dust; but its cisterns and aqueducts remain to challenge our admiration .---The golden house of Nero is a mass of ruins: but the Aquis Claudia still pours into Rome its limped stream. The temple of the sun nor Northumbrian burr, but a rebellious ion that they have been projected from the in fountain on the wilderness has fallen; but ng which has graduated more men in mixture of the two. Mark him well; eye volcances of the moon. In various parts of when thousands of worshippers through the decider and has the decider lofty colonnades. It may be that London will share the fate of Babylon, and nothing be left to mark its site save mounds of crumbling brick-work. The Thames will continue to flow as it does now. And if any work of art should still rise over the deep ocean of time, we may well believe that it will -be neither a palace nor a temple, but some vast aqueduct or reservoir; and if any name sho'd flash through the midst of antiquity, it will probably be that of a man who in his day sought the happiness of his fellow men rather than their glory, and linked his name to some great work of national utility and benevoletice. This is the true glory which outlives all others, and shines with undying lustre from generation to generation ; imparting to works some of its immortality and in some degree rescuing them from the ruin which overtakes the ordinary monuments of historical tradition, or mere magnificence.-Edinbúrg. the term education may be understood in so large a sense as to include all that belongs to the improvement of the mind, either by the acquisition of the knowledge of others or by increase of it through its own exertions, we learn by these results what is the kind of education science offers to man. It teaches us to be neg'ect/ul of nothing; not to despise the small beginnings, for they precede of ne-cessity all great things in the knowledge of science, either pure or applied. It teaches a continual comparison of the small and great, and that under differences almost approachchuckle at having pounded a part of old Luna ing the infinite-for the small as often con-In Congress, they sometimes had to make most plausible of any yet presented, but the prehensive. It teaches to deduce principles carefully, to hold them firmly, or to suspend. 1845, there was an unfortunate man in the garded meteors as a sign of death to conspic-House, from Georgia, by the name of Black, uous persons, such as chiefs and kings; but what we know of the smallest. It teaches which is already known to others, and then origin imparts to their appearance a deep by the light and methods which belong to science, to learn for ourselves and for others -so making a fruitful return to man in the future for that which we have obtained from the men of the past. Bacon, in his Institutes, tells us that the scientific student ought not to be as the ant who gathers merely, nor as the spider who spins from her own bowels, but rather as the bee who both gathers and produces .- Prof. Faraday on the Electrical Telegroph in relation to Science as a Branch of Education. HEARING .- It often happens that people hear better with one car than with the other : and these, it is observed, - have what musicians call a bad ear. Buffon made many trials on persons thus circumstanced ; and he always found that their incapacity for judging properly of sounds proceeded from the inequality of their ears-from their receiving. by both at the same time, unequal sensations. In like manner as such persons' hearing is false, their singing is also false, without their knowing it. They are also frequently deceived with regard to the side whence the sound comes generally suppos-ing it to come on the part of the best ear. TRUE ELOQUENCE.-Eloquence is the child of knowledge. When a mind is full, like a wholesome river, it is also clear. Confusion and obscurity are much oftener the results of ignorance than of inefficiency. Few are the men who cannot express their meaning, when the occasion demands the energy; as the lowest will defend their lives with acuteness, er the precipitate will rest on the bottom, but on the approach of a storm it will rise must be gained by ourselves. Mankind may opposite to that from which the storm is if they agree with previous ones, must be the work of our own mind. To make others feel, we must feel ourselves ; and to feel our-What and where are the Cinque Ports? | selves, we must be natural. _D'Isroeli.

heavily upon his mind, which was his wish to possess riches, that he might bestow them on Mother Church, and hinted at a passion for Tiss Baldo, he received immediate absolution, and was next day dining at old Baldo's table, in company with the Padre Presidenti. and seated next to the object in whom all his hopes were concentrated. Miss Baldo was luckily placed on his right, and heard with unspeakable rapture all his protesta-tions of love and devotion. Had she been in his left, these would all have been lost, as she had been perfectly deaf on that side from her birth.

To be brief, the Austrian proposed, and was accepted, and all that he had now to obtain was old Balbo's consent. Baldo, however, as a man of the world, saw clearly through his designs, and knew him to be a knave, though he had too much reverence for the priestly clique who had introduced the Austrian, to give a decided negative. All he asked was time-a year to consider so important a measure. This was accorded, and Baldo devoutly prayed that the true character of his daughter's suitor might before that time be unmasked. His prayer was granted, but in a way he least'expected, and certainly' the least agreeable to himself.

The lover of the Signorina Balde, finding. his exchequer rather low, and being sorrowfully conscious of his inability to increase his wealth, so as to enable him to keep up necessiry appearances; came to the desperate resolution of grasping, without farther delay, his intended wife's fortune, by sending poor old Baldo out of the world. Accordingly armed with a double-barreled pistol, which he contealed about his person, he proceeded to Matteos house at an hour when he knew he wo'd find him alone, the daughter and servants being in the habit of attending mass on Sunday mornings; and he knocked at the door, which after a little hesitation was opened to him .--Old Baido, though believed to be an honorable man, and fair and just in his transactions with others, was a confirmed miser. He had accumulated great sums in hard cash, which, unseen by human eye, he had buried in his garden, and hidden in various parts of his house The house was going to ruin, and wanted whitewashing and repairing in many parts. The garden was a perfect wilderness of weeds and thistles ; but these he set fire 40 regularly once a year, and by this means, to a certain extent kept them under. As for gardeners armed with a spade, which might ig up and bring to light all kinds of secret boards-if there was one trade Baldo detest ed, it was this. He kept the key of his walltd in garden, and on Sundays, when all his family were absent, he strolled about it till lbeir return.

He was thus occupied when he admitted his would be son-in-law; and the first thing the promising youth did, was to draw. forth his pistol and take deliberate aim, discharging it at the breast of the feeble old man, who, tottering backward a few paces, fell to the earth apparently a corpse. For such the murderer took him; and depositing the pisol close by his side, to make it appear he ad died by his own hand, he rushed into the street, closing the door after him.

Court."

Running with the haste of a man charged With some important news, he came sudden- of ' forty draps of the critter,' which he inon a gentleman attached to the Austrian consulate, whom he breathlessly informed that, passing near Baldo's house, he had heard the report of a pistol followed by a sound like that of some heavy body falling to the earth: that he had knocked at the door in vain for admission, and that he had no boubt, in his own mind, that some sad catastrophe had occurred.

In a few seconds a perfect mob was collected at old Baldo's door, which they broke open, and rushing in beheld old Baldo stretch- anything to say why s-sentence-" ed upon the ground, his clothes literally ested that the old man was alive, witnessed this ' marry him."

sence of the bridegroom, was observed. It she had brought the slate to mamma, asking, turned out that he had just stepped across as she pointed to strokes as curved as rainthe street to join his friends in a parting bows: drink; but, before his return, some cold-blooded wag had whispered in the ear of our " Ma, am't it right this time ?" "No, darling," mamma would say, rubbing out the lines, " the real tree is straight, fogey the cause of delay in the proceedings.

Instantly the chair in the corner moved, and yours is very crooked ; try once again.' "No, I won't," said Mary, at last, petuin that direction all eyes were fixed : lantly ; " I am sick with trying; nobody "Mr. Sheriff," slowly bawled the Judge, could draw that old tree straight, and I'll bring Joe into Court on a supenar." Judge had his own way of pronouncing the just let it alone."

Mamma sewed on very quietly. Mary word. Then addressing the bride, who stood in the foreground, and hung her head in deep pouted prodigiously a few minutes, then without saying anything took up her blank confusion, he added : "I s'pose you are the Plaintiff. Well, don't take on. Innocence slate and again sat down. A golden breastand virtue will be protected, by this 'ere ed oricle was skimming through the leaves like an arrow of light; she watched him a

This was the saddest blunder of all. The moment, then as her little white fingera Judge was again made to see his mistake, again clasped the peucil she began to sing almost uncensciously. Now her eyes once and would have been considerably set back. more sought the abused tree; her hand had it not been for a corrective in the shape moved slowly over the slate, faster and more merrily she sang, quicker and lighter grew stantly applied.

the pencil touches, until suddenly bringing In a few moments all was ready. her song to an abrupt finale, and springing bridegroom had arrived full of joy. The company pressed forward. The excitement to her mother's side she triumphantly diswas intense. He evidentiy felt every inch a played a correct drawing. Judge. "Mamma," she asked, after it had been

sufficiently admired, "do you know what "J.J.o.e B-B-B-o-o-w-e-r-s," commenced the man of law, in the most distressing style the music in !"-Er. of speech with which he was invariably

troubled when under the influence of liquor. A dish for epicures was presented at "J.J.o.e B.o.w.e.r.s, stand up. Have y-you dinner-table in this town a few days since--eggs fried in butter with their shells on. The

"Stop! stop! stop! Judge," shouled the urated with blood, and a pistol lying close Sheriff, from the back part of the room, dish was invented by a young lady from Ireby his side. The assassin who never dream. "You are not going to hang the man, but land, who said she could "do that and a dale besides."

at the last day, Gabriel should happen to light there first, the resurrection would be ndefinitely postponed, for some one of the

before he could make a single toot.

CAPITAL SERMON.-A writer in the Sierra (Cal.) *Uitizen.* under the title of "Young Men and Tree Frogs" gives a better sermon, never had been knocked down; it would be a better lecture on morality, and a better essay on mental philosophy, all in a few lines, [Loud and prolonged applause.] Some memthan are sometimes found in as many vol-

umes of standard authors : "The tree frog acquires the color of what man." ever it adheres to for a short time : if it is found on the oak, it will bear the color of came along, and, placing his hand on his pis-that tree; if on a sycamore, or cypress, it tol and cocking it, said, "D-n him, I'll shoot will be a whitish brown and when it is will be a whitish brown; and when it is him !" Mr. Giddings did not think he was

show how important it is to have proper as at the entrance of the aisle, and then and How dangerous it is to gaze on a picture or [Loud applause.]

scene that pollutes the imagination or blunts Why is New Jersey called "The the moral perceptions, or has a tendency to weaken a sense of our duty to God and man." Jerseys ?"

ten similar or dissimilar institutions in the lose. Alas! the giant is very old; though have been found. These are so different in world; and the City Jail, which is the only with frame yet unfeebled, with intellect yet their composition from any other stones gloriously unclouded. But the sands are found on the surface of the earth, that it is not difficult to conclude they may have been shot from some celestial cannon, like the crahim, store him on your mind tablets; then nent and temporary residents of the city be- home; and in after years it may be your ters of the moon. This was the opinion of lot to tell your children that once at least La Place, and is now entertained by our countryman, Prof. J. Lawrence Smith, of mous Lord of Vaux; once listened to the Louisville, Ky.

He has analyzed several of these meteoric voice that has shaken thrones and made ty. rants tremble, that has been a herald of destones, obtained from different localities, and liverance to millions pining in slavery and they appear to be of the same composition, captivity; a voice that has given utterance, In Da thus pointing to a common origin. ture, form, and appearance they are foreignin man's most eloquent words, to the noblest, ers to the stones and rocks among which wisest thoughts lent to this man of men by they have been found ; they are mostly composed of nickeliferous iron, with a very thin sounding these sixty years past in defence of oxyd on the surface. Their component parts truth, and right, aud justice-in advocacy are, iron, 82.39; nickel, 15,02; copper, .09_; the claims of learning and industry, and of phosphorus, 16; sielica, .46; sulphur, .08 the liberties of the great English people, magnesia, chlorine, .02. Some of the nickel from whose ranks he rose; a voice that and iron were combined with the phosphorus, forming a schrubersite. One of these meteor stones, found at Knoxville, Tenn., was so hard that it was difficult to cut with a fine who is worthily a Lord, but who will be yet saw, and it was very white in appearance, owing to the presence of so much nickel. It is supposed that these were projected during some great eruption in the moon, and being

driven far beyond the sphere of our satellites' attraction may have been revolving in paths of their own for thousands of years, until drawn within the influence of the earth. THE Hon. Joshua R. Giddings lectured in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Wednesday there at last to find a resting place. This is mere theory to be sure; but to Dr. Smith. evening. His subject was "Twenty Years in Congress." In the course of his lecture, who believes in it, he can enjoy a quict according to the Atlas, he related the followaccording to the Alus, in related the follow character and dissolved a fragment of tains the great in principle as the great does in his time :

speeches under great difficulties, of which subject deserves further investigation. who regarded himself as the especial champibut not without wonder. Their mysterious consideration, he (Mr. G.) took occasion to and impressive interest.—Scientific Am.

The Freedom of Debate.

refer to the old matter of the Creek Indians SAND possesses the property of aband the slaves that had been stolen by the Georgians; Black took fire and made a speech, in which he charged him with stealsorbing heat from direct application of fire; from actual contact with any heated body, or ing negroes, and franking a dress to his wife. from the radiation of such bodies, from steam or hot currents of air, or is any way The Southern men gathered around him and by which heat can be applied, with far greatspurred him on. When he had concluded, he (Mr. G.) replied in mild terms, as would er facility than any other heating medium, inhabitants would swindle him out of his horn be imagined; but Mr. B. did not so regard This property fenders it a safe protection to it, and coming round to within four feet of any metallic cosing that may surround it, and him, with his beavy aword cane in his hand, even muslin will not burn if in close contact with the sand, though the sand be heated to said. "Repeat that, and I will knock you a red heat. Incredible and novel as the proposition may seem, it is believed that, in recent experiments, gas applied to sand, will a curiosity, and so of course I repeated it.--prove the most economical and best means of heating buildings, or sobtaining heat for bers tried to get him away, but I told them any purposes. It is also thought that its apto let him alone; he was a poor, harmless plication for heating railroad cars will be a Dawson, of Louisians, a professed duelist, decided improvement upon any existing

method. A CHEAP BAROMETER.-It is said by a scifound on the growing corn, it is sure to be in any danger, but others did, and a slave- entific journal that a very cheap barometer iound on the growing corn, it is sure to be green. Just so it is with young men; their companions tell us what their character is; if they associate with the vulgar, the licen-tious and the profane, then their hearts are claused with action and the solution and the solution some camphor precipitates into snowy they associate with the vulgar, the licen-tious and the profane, then their hearts are claused with action and the solution and the solution some camphor precipitates into snowy other Southern men came over and stood by flakes, which are collected by passing the already stained with guilt and shame, and Black; Kenneth Raynor (who has been mixture through a filter, when they are to be they will themselves become like the vicious. called a "Know Nothing" since, but, who put in a vial containing clear alcohol, in The study of bad books or the love of wick- knew something that day,) who was fully which there has been already dissolved a ed companions, is the broadest and most cer- armed, came and took up a position on his much camphor as it will take. The vial is tain road to ruin that young men can travel, left; Charles Hudson rose quietly and put then tightly corked and put where it will not. made it come right this time ? I just worked and a few well directed lessons in either will himself on his right; and Solomon Foot, be disturbed, when it will be found to be an lead them on step hy step to the gate of de feeling his cold northern blood stirred some unerring index of the weather. In fine weather in the sometimes even with eloquence. They struction. Our moral and physical laws what, left his seat and took up his position or the precipitate will rest on the bottom, are masters of their subject. Knowledge sociations of every kind, especially in youth there they maintained the freedom of debate. to the surface with a tendency to the quarter supply us with facts; but the results, even coming-the flakes being affected electricully.