

Letter from a Country Poetess.

For the Saturday Morning Post, March 7th, 1840.

Ma. Editors—Some "person or persons unknown" have sent me a copy of the "Home Journal" in which the following communication held a place. Attached to it is a copy of the article which was calculated to do you good. After an attentive perusal, we came to the opinion that we were exactly in the position mentioned in the communication. The lady aims too high on one side and too low on the other, to meet our case. We do not rank ourselves with the "vain-glorious army of would-be essayed poets; neither do we near in the region of Envy, Boredom and Low-dill, but maintaining a decorous elevation, we endeavor to edify ourselves and others occasionally with a simple melody in as harmless a manner as possible. The lady seems to think that this cannot be done without a struggle, or a compromising of the principles of the Christian religion. Surely we can indulge in a sonnet and at the same time let the tenderness of our hearts flow through parched fields and over the barren hillsides of life—the "two are in no wise incompatible. However, the lady says too much to be controverted. We are often of her mind ourselves. Indeed we meditated a decent but little sonnet that infest the field of fame, and had she not poured her arrows to that direction we would perhaps have opened a destructive fire, to the utter annihilation of them. But we have been afraid we might kill ourselves in the attempt; so we have restrained our valor to keep out of "harm's way." Maybe the time may come when, perched on the topmost bough, we can laugh at the destruction of the branch, and our fellow warblers—or maybe we may be driven from our perch, where the lady is snugly ensconced, according to her own showing, we may escape the perilous storm of criticism. One who has "cut" with the "Home Journal," is not allowed to build towers at those who are "cut" by them. But Mr. Editor, publish the article when the "edifying" fever abates with you, and it may do good to some poet who has more humility than we possess. We confess its inapplicability in this direction. If any part suited us, it would be where it says, "There are voices that of necessity make themselves heard." And "If you can battle, &c. There are excellent for us.

To "person or persons unknown" who favored us in the above way, say, though your benevolent kindness is in a measure lost upon us, yet we are putting the affair in the way of doing you good in this region. It will be posted, and after all or may reap a rich benefit therefrom. For, with all our faults, we are not without our voice is strong enough to drown the "noise" of "vain-glorious" kept up by the "coolets" of very possible verses. And for our part we do not wish to drown them, but we must gain a hearing by fair means or foul. So, our friend, you have no doubt heard that we have "cut" you. Now, Mr. Editor, publish the letter and let us "cut" your "humming" in a decided, and we shall form our opinion of his modesty thereon.

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Misses Editors—A letter sometime since addressed to me by a young friend, has elicited the following communication. I have no objection to reply to it, because it contains some very interesting and instructive remarks, which may be of some use to some of your readers. I will try to do so, and if you think it worth a notice, I will be glad to see it in your paper.

To Misses Editors—I have not determined, at last, to reply to your query as to whether I consider a poet's profession a very desirable one. There are many reasons why I do not. In expressing an opinion, I have feared to do anything that might be construed into a slight upon the talents of any of your correspondents. I have seen too many able men to return a decided answer regarding your query. I have seen too many able men to return a decided answer regarding your query. I have seen too many able men to return a decided answer regarding your query.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

CANADA.

PHILADELPHIA, March 23, 9 P.M.

By the steamer Canada, which arrived at 11 P.M. on Thursday last, the following news has been received from Liverpool, to the 10th inst.

The Canada arrived at Halifax on Thursday evening, about 10 o'clock, having experienced heavy weather on her passage. The press bringing the news, arrived at St. John's yesterday, at half past two o'clock, having left Halifax at twelve o'clock.

LONDON, March 10, 40.

The terrible accounts from the east of Russia, furnished with the decided tone of defiance lately assumed by Russia, makes it evident that the war in the East is now in a more serious and dangerous phase than it has ever been in before.

The funds, under the influence of the news, fell to a low ebb, and the market was generally depressed. The price of the 3 per cent. consols fell to 94, and the price of the 4 per cent. consols to 104.

There has not been the slightest reaction in the price of the 3 per cent. consols, since the 10th inst. The price of the 4 per cent. consols has fallen to 104, and the price of the 5 per cent. consols to 114.

There is a greater degree of dullness and gloom in the grain trade throughout all the leading markets than there has been for a long period, and prices continue to drop.

From the manufacturing districts, the accounts continue favorable.

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