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My Lady.

My little lady all in white, Do you want to know, do you want to know Why I sit at this tree-foot, out of the light? Are you sorry for me that God made me so My bright little lady.

Are you grieved that you can jump and run In your pretty trock and your dainty shoes Just as you like, in or out of the sun, With light some teet and heart full of fun, While I sit still, as I cannot choose But sit still, my lady?

My old black frock burns hot on my back-My worn old trock, bought long ago, When mother died-and work is slack, And I d rather 'ress in my old sack Than stint the little ones. Do you know What hunger is, lady?

Oh, I beg your pardon. Those gentle eyes Are filling with tears, fast filling with tears: You have left your swans unfed; surprise Is melting to pity. You're not too wise, But you'll be wiser when at my years, And you're kind, my lady.

Yes, I'm older, grayer, sadder too; Oh, I've had my share, I've had my share Of things unknown to the like of you God sees us both. What he bids me do I try to do. What he makes me bear I bear, my lady.

It's lard sometimes. The hunger and pain, The children's crying-that's worst of all. But I do my best, and I don't complain. There, I'm glad to see you smile again. Give me my crutch. No fear I'll tall-Still, thank you, my lady.

Although I crouch at the foot of thetree, And you o'er the meadow run and shout, There's the self-same sun for you and for me The same birds singing so merrily. 'a is good to see you dance about, My merry lady.

'Twould not make me happy to make you sad And I don't like pity, and God is kind. If I your park and your castle had, But no little sisters to make me glad. No father to work for-to my mind 'I would be dull, my lady.

So we'll each of us go our appointed way, Safe to the end, safe to the end. For some must labor, and some must play. It you pass my door sgain some day, I'll be glad to see you my beautiful friend

My sweet little lady. -Miss Mulock, in Hatper's Bazar.

HALF AN HOJR.

"Your curiosity is natural," said the count, smiling. "It is true that I am under thirty; yet, as you see, my hair is whiter then snow. The change took place in the space of half an hour. When I tell you that nothing but the will of an implacable enemy stood between me and a horrible death during

"Angelo lived by himself in a close,

secret way, and slunned society as a pestilence. I, on the contrary, never spent an hour by myself when I could find any of my host of friends at leisure to receive me. The consequence was that Angelo graduated with high honors, while I fell in love with the beautiful daughter of Leonardo di "Unsteady as I was by nature, that

noble wor an found good enough in me to return my love. The knowledge of my undeserved happiness sobered me; settled down to hard work to gain honor for her sake.

"Those were happy days, signor. Youth, love and ambition made up for me a paradise that I would not have exchanged for that of our traditional first parents. Like that, a serpent was not long in creeping in to poison its

Pauline di Porta was seized with a

"It was easy enough for them to say, · She will die, no human power can save her,' but how was it for me to bear? My own death-warrant would have seemed a mild trial to confront beside the certainty that the woman of my love was to pass away from me, with the golden promise of her youth yet unful-

"In my extremity I thought of An-He had been appointed to the professorship of chemistry in the college, and had already earned a wide reputation for profound knowledge of the science. It seemed possible that in the resources of his learning there might

be a chance for the dying girl.
"I went to him and asked his aid.
At first he refused. What were human
life and human suffering to him, who lived apart from his kind in a gloomy egotism of his own? I could not arouse his sympathies, but I did arouse his fears for himself. I don't know by what violence I brought him to her bedside at

"A curious change passed over his face as he gazed upon the sick girl. His fully, dull eye lighted up, and a flush came into his sallow cheek. Was it her will no wasted beauty, or her weakness and suffering, that touched his cold nature? Whatever it was, it made a worker of miracles of him in her behalf. He watched her as a mother might a child, adninistered powerful remedies known only to himself, and in a week had cured

her. When she had recovered, I went to him and humbly begged his pardon for the violence I had used with him; he looked at me with a strange smile.

"'I have saved her life,' he said; but for me she would have died. "I know it,' I responded; 'I am very grateful to you. Angelo.'
"I did not do it for you,' he said;
'I did it for myself. Do you know the old tradition?' he added, with sudden change of manuer. 'He who saves a

life owns it lorever afterward.' "I looked at him with a superstitious hrill; but he was smiling, and it passed away. I pressed him to visit Pauline with me. I desired him to be the triend of my future wife, and I said

tone: "'Salvatore do you really love that I was startled, but I answered,

quickly:
"Before my own soul, Angelo."
"Strange, he muttered: 'unstable minds like yours are not prone to strong "'Unstable I may be,' I returned,

offended, 'but I know her value as well as any man could know it."
"Yes,' he answered, walking on.
'even a fool must love that woman. A wise man might sacrifice his chances fo

"The subject was not renewed be-tween us; but I did not forget the occurrence, and shortly after mentioned it to Pauline. She had never liked my cousin from the first, and she appeared to find something to alarm her in what

he had said to me.
"Salvatore,' she said, nervously, 'your cousin is an evil man. He does not love you, and would not hesitate to do you an injury. Avoid him. Do not bring him here again. Trust my woman's instinct. I have seen the serpent where you have only seen the eccentric friend."
I laughed at her fears, but promised "I laughed at her fears, but promised that if I could avoid Angelo without offending him I would do so. But it appeared that some subtle instinct had revealed our thoughts to him; for from that day he shunned my society and never entered the doors of the Di Porta mansion again. I had not forgotten the debt of gratitude I owed him, but Pauline's fears had impressed me more deeply than I knew, and I was giad deeply than I knew, and I was glad that he had chosen of his own free will to avoid us.

"On the eve of our wedding, I met Angelo by chance at the door of my lodg-ings. He was engaged in conversation ings. He was engaged in conversation with the lodge-keeper's daughter, a coarse, low-browed Catalonian girl. He

urned sharply as I approached, and the girl retreated in laste.

"He looked at me suspiciously, as if he feared that I had overheard their conversation.

"'The girl is going to Rome to-morrow,' he said; 'I wished to send a message by her."
"Very good,' I returned, laughing.
By the way, cousin, I am to be married

o-morrow; will you not be present?'
"Salvatore,' said he, laying his hand upon my shoulder with a smile, 'don't pli hed. My words seem mysterious to you. Well, come to my lodgings with me and I will explain.'

"His odd manner gave me a sense of undefined alarm, but I permitted him to "My cousin Angelo and myself were fellow-students at Padus. No two relatives could have differed more widely in character than he and I with a weird, blood-red hue as we en tered the room. A feeble taper was burning on the table, and near it stood a bottle of wine and two glasses. Evidently Angelo had counted upon my visit and had prepared to be genial for once in his life. He invited me to sit at the table, and took a seat opposite to me, where the red glare from the window lighted up his haggard features. filled the two glasses with wine. ticed, incuriously, that he held his hand over mine an instant before he passed it

> "'To the future!' he said, as we both drank. 'And what is that future to be for you, Salvatore? Not the idle dream of happiness you have cherished. It must be what I choose to make it. Your life, Salvatore, is in my hands.'
> "I stared at him speechlessly. Had

the man gone mad?
"'In that glass of wine,' he continued, with a slow, deliberate accent, disease that threatened her life. The solemn quacks who attended her looked was a subtle poison, known only to myself, It I so will it you must die, and wise, gave her drugs, and finally left her to die. but I do desire something from you which only the fear of death can extract. If you refuse to comply you have but a half an hour to live. No human power but mine can save you, for l

alone possess the antique. "I looked wildly at his haggard face. What I saw there convinced me that he spoke the truth.
" What have I done to deserve this?" I cried. 'What do you wish me to

"'Salvatore,' said he, with a harsh, vibrating voice, 'you forced me to the bedside of Pauline di Porta. You tempted me to visit her afterward. warned you, but you would not heed the warning. It has come to this-I love her. I love her well enough to

sacrifice my salvation for her. You must yield her to me or die. "'Then I will die where I sit,' I answered, resolutely. 'Do your worst.'
"He glanced at me with a haggard

smile " See what love can do even with one so weak as you,' he said, almost mournfully. 'See what it has done with an iron nature like mine! I pity you but I will not yield. I saved her life and it belongs to me!

"'You are a madman as well as a villain,' I said. 'Thank God she is sate from you whatever happens to

"'Read that paper,' he returned, without heeding my outburst. 'It contains my conditions.'
"I read it by the feeble light of the taper. It was a letter to Pauline, break-

ing our engagement in insulting terms, and stating that I had left for Rome in company with my lodge-keeper's daugh-ter. When I had finished he said:
"I have bribed the girl to leave
Padus. Copy that letter, sign it and go where you please in safety, so that you neither see nor communicate with Pauline again. On these terms you are

safe, not otherwise.
"I tore the paper into a hundred frag-

'You have mistaken your man,' , sternly. 'Sooner than budge said, sternly. Sooner than budge : toot, sooner than disgrace my love with the triend of my future wife, and I said such cowardly dishonor. I will die twenty deaths—I will die proclaiming your orime in the streets.'

"You can't tell what may come of it."

"I laughed at his solemnity, which I supposed to be assumed in jest, and took him with me to her house During the interval prior to the day set for our marriage, he spent a part of nearly every evening with us, and I, like a blind fi ol, was pleased at his friendly interest in us.

"He rarely spoke when he was with us, mostly sitting silently in some obscure corner, apparently buried in thought. I should never have known that he had ever paid any attention to us, but for what he said to me one night as we were going home together. He paused abruptly in the road, and, laying his hand on my arm, said, in a harsh tone:

"I arose and attempted "to reach the door, but could not. The fatal poison had aiready paralyzed my limbs, and I sank back into my chair with a groan.
"Reflect, Salvatore,' he exclaimed, earnestly. "With a long life yet left before you, there is time to forget Pauline and seek happiness elsewhere. With death all human things cease to be. But little time is left you to decide. It was ten o'clock when you drank the wine. It is now five minutes past the hour. In twenty-five minutes you will cease to breathe.'

"He drew out his watch and placed it on the table. It lay in a patch of the blood-red light from the window. I glanced at it vaguely, and saw that its hands marked five minutes past ten. I

hands marked five minutes past ten. I watched it while the slender bars of steel moved over five minutes more of my life, and then gazed up at my destroyer's face. It had faded to the color of ashes, and his eves met mine with a look of horror. Vile as he was he could not see me die unmoved. ""Salvatore!' he cried, 'ten minutes

past ten. "I smiled at him in triumph. With the abyss of the hereafter yawning at feet my soul was calmer than his. There was a dead silence in the room, broken only by the soughing of the wind through the vines at the window. The poison seemed to be benumbing my senses. Through a mist that beclouded my eyes I saw Angelo's face growing ghastlier ever moment, and the watch lying in the blood-red stain. I heard him cry out again in a piercing accent, 'Salvatore, fifteen minutes past ten.' Then I sank into partial unconscious-

ness."
"Once again I heard Angelo's voice as in a dream: 'Salvatore, twenty minutes

past ten.'
"Then there seemed to be a sudden confusion and a shrill outcry from women's voices. In a hazy way I saw the Catalonian servant enter the room, followed by Pauline. I heard her voice in wild entreaty. I saw her kneeling at Angelo's feet, and I saw his rale face bent over her in awful emotion. Then an arm was passed about my neck and a glass put to my lips. In a few moments more I recovered my senses and looked about me. The first object that I saw was the watch marking twenty-eight minutes past ten. The next was my be-trothed wife kneeling beside me.
"'Thank God, you are safe!' cried Pauline. 'Your cousin Angelo has saved your life as he did mine. May

heaven reward him. "I glanced at Angelo and our eyes

"'Yes,' I muttered, 'may beaven re-

proached me, and looking at me for a moment in silence:

"'Salvatore,' said he, with a writhing lip, 'I have lost my game—lost it through my love. The datalonian suspected more than I told her. Her conscience smote her—and she hastened to inform Pauline of her suspicions. Pauline knows nothing of the truth. inform She believes that she has wronged me that you were taken suddenly ill, and that I saved your life. I thought myself invincible. I was, to all but her voice. I loved her too well to deny her even my own chances of winning Can you respect such a love? Can you balance it against your hate of me, and let what has passed be buried torever from her knowledge? Salvatore,' the man's voice trembled and his eye grew dim, 'what I carry in my own heart will revenge you amply; will you let ner keep her respect for me?"

"His misery melted every sterner feeling of my heart. "'Angelo, I said, with emotion, 'she

shall never know the truth.'
"Thank you,' he muttered, wringing my hand. 'You deserve the happiness which is in store for you.' With these words he left the room.

On the next day he disappeared from the city and was never heard of again. "This, signor, is the history of the half-hour. The poison left no trace upon me, except this white hair. My wife believes that some sudden strang illness caused it. To me it is the remembrance of the most mournful and most terrible period of my life."

How General Simpson Served a Bully,

When the allies occupied Paris the French officers, at all times superior with the small sword and equal with the pistol to Englishmen, took every opportunity to insult the officers be-longing to the army of occupation, and t has been alleged that there was a club of Frenchmen, the members of which had sworn to devote their lives to the killing off one by one of the English officers.

was one Frenchman who oasted of having killed a dozen of English officers, and promised to go on n this work. One evening he swag-gered as usual into his cate, and to his astonishment actually saw one of those hated Anglais occupying his chair; a chair, be it remembered, that no one hitherto had dared to sit upon except himself. Mastering his passion he un did his sword belt, and having p aced his sword on one side began to insult the perfectly inoffensive English officer who sat so unconscious looking in his (the Frenchman's) chair. He trod upon the English toes, he deprived the Englishman of his candles, he went from one thing on to another without at all snatched the newspaper out of the Eng-lishman's hand, and then the Briton slowly rose up, displaying to the aston-ished eyes of the Gaul a guardsman some six feet six inches high. The giant, bending across the table, seized hold of the Frenchman's nose with one wrenching his mouth open, spat down his throat. With a bowl the French-man, holding his under jaw with both hands, ran out of the room. His jaw was broken, and neither he nor any o his comrades were seen again at that cafe. We may as well add that the English officer who thus made an example of a bully was the late Genera Sir James Simpson, who for a time com manded in the Crimea, and who from the day he joined the service until his death was the tallest officer in the Britsh army. - Colburn's United Service

If a man is weary of life let him start out of New York on a steamboat. Death by one's own hand is a cowardly under-taking.—New Orleans Picayune.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The Germantown Telegraph suggests that our agricultural societies, which give so many and high premiums for fast trotting horses, might at least spare a little for the encouragement of the food which the noble animal is to eat. Premiums for well-grown hay, clean hay, hay from improved grasses, and well-managed hay fields, it thinks, would surely be objects worthy the attention of even a State agricultural

A wretched woman, brought lately to a London police court, proved to be the wife of an ex-officer of the army. She is of excellent birth, has been presented at court, and is very accomplished, but can't keep from the gin bottle. The name was studiously concealed. The magistrate suggested an inebriate asy-lum but it was explained that her con-sent was necessary and that she wouldn't give it. Ultimately her husband came for her. came for her.

Forestry, so neglected in this country, now receives very careful attention in France as well as Germany. One of the French under secretaries of state is di-rector of forests, and has a large staff. An eminent French scientist, who complains that meteorologists too often neg lect observations on animal or vegetable lect observations on animal or vegetable physiology, recommends that the dates of the arrival and departure of migratory birds, the leafing and flowering of plants, and the ripening of corn shall be noted in each district. Notes, too, are to be made by foresters of such natural history phenomena as fall within their

The rate of increase in population of seventy-two cities in the United States during the decade is 34 80 rer cent. Denver shows the maximum rate-614 per cent. The gain in San Francisco is nearly half as much as that of Brooklyn, and that of New York is 6,910 per cent. iyn, and that of New Lork is 0.310 more than the whole population of San Francisco. The following is a table showing absolute gains in population: New York, 234 289; Philadelphia, 167,-978; Brooklyn, 159,594; Chicago. 176,-023; St. Louis. 64,136; Boston. 101 474; Baltimore, 62,644; Cincinnati, 29 914; San Francisco. 77,877; Pittsburg, 92,939. Total, 1,166,851.

The terrible explosion in South Wales, by which at least 118 lives were lost, adds another to that long line of disas ters which the inventive genius of Davy ward him.'
"Pauline,' said Angelo, in a low, hoarse voice, 'leave us together for a moment. He will recover, I swear to you. Go, I have only a word to say to him.'
"When they had left the room he apthis instance may never be known, but there is a certain timeliness in the news that the British employers and work people have come to terms in regard 'c the bill to determine the degree of liability in the event of accidents. In acof insurance may be established by em-pleyers which will prove of mutual advantage to them and the laborers

> Agricultural statistics show in the last fifteen years the production of wheat and barley in the United States has doubled; that of corn, cotton and tobacco more than doubled; potatoes nearly doubled; hay increase than one third and oats about 140 000. bushels. The vast increase in cereals is mainly due to the rapid development of the Western and Northwestern States. During the present generation the corn-center has been transferred from the South to the West, and the wheat-center from the Middle States to the far West. From 1870 to 1878 the production of tobacco increased 100.000-000 pounds, mainly in the South; white Texas and Arkansas have been the chief contributors to the increase of two and a quarter million pounds of cotton in the same time. In the former 157,000,-000 were raised in 1870, and 500,000,000 in 1878; in the latter 112,000,000 pounds in '70, and 318,000,000 in '78.

Ever since the mutiny of 1867 the people of British India have been disarmed. though generally in villages bordering upon a forest one or two inhabitants are licensed to carry a matchlock, which, although useful in driving off hogs, is of small value in tiger slaying. This, therefore, becomes especially the busi-ness of the magistrate of the district. Consequently, when a tiger appears in the neighborhood, one or two officials pitch their camp in his neighborhood, but are often thwarted for weeks by his cunning, and sometimes do not get him at all. A man-eating tiger is mally suspicious, and is off at the slightest alarm. When once a tiger has become a man-eater he seems to care only for man, and perhaps on this account usually comes off rather short of food, and when killed seldom presents a prosperous appearance. Not one tiger in a hundred, however, is a man-eater; but once let one of this sort get near a village, and it has often happened that the whole of the inhabitants will, after repeated losses, in despair, move en masse to a neighboring town for safety. has frequently happened in Central India, but is now rare.

The Electoral Vote.

electoral vote of each State in the United States is equal to the number being able in the least apparently to disturb the other's placidity. At last he

present.	al vote of each State
Alabama	10 Mississippi
Arkansas	6 Missouri
California	6 Nebraska
Colorado	3 Nevada
Connecticut	6 New Hampshire
Delaware	3 New Jersey
Florida	4 New York
Georgia	11 North Carolina
Illinois	21 Onio
Indiana	16 Oregon
lown	11 Pennsylvania
Kansas	5 Rhode Island
Kentucky	12 South Carolina
Louisiana	8 Tennessee
Maine	
Maryland	8 Vermont
Massachusetts	13 Virginia
Michigan	a two war
Minnesota	5 Wisconsin
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"Where is your other shirt?" she asked, in a tone of concern. "I have it on," he replied, calmly, and then he gazed into his wife's lace with a look of quiet endurance, and went down to the office to get out the paper.—Hawkeye.

The Use of Oaths.

The London Standard publishes the following summary of the declarations of allegiance made by members of the existatures of the countries mentioned: In France, since the abolition of the emoire on the fourth of September, 1870, no oath or affirmation has been adminisoath or affirmation has been administered in any form to members of the legislature of the republic. Nor is there any formality which might be regarded as an equivalent. Under the empire new members made a declaration to the following effect: "I swear fidelity to the emperor and the constitution." But the name of the Deity was not included.

The members of the German parlia

The members of the German parlia The members of the German parlia ment take no oath, nor do they make any affirmation whatsoever. The members of the Prussian, and most other state parliaments, take an oath of loyalty beginning with the words: "I swear by God the Omnipotent and Omniscient," and concluding with the words, "so may God help me." To this latter formula those who wish it may add, "through Jesus Christ, to eternal bliss, Amen." Any one refusing to take the oath, or commenting upon to take the oath, or commenting upon it would undoubtedly be excludes from the Prussian and other state parliathe Prussian and other state parliaments. In conformity, however, with the laws regulating the administration of control of the laws regulating the man of the point of the laws regard the name of the Deity as the awful to be invoked in the transtoo awful to be invoked in the trans-action of secular business. In these cases a simple affirmation would be regarded as equivalent to an oath. The omission of any oath in the German parliament is occassioned by the wish to avoid the delicate question as to the amount of loyalty due to the emperor, in contradistinction to state severeigns.

By the law passed on the 15th of May, 1868, Parliamentary oaths were abolished in Austria, and a simple affirmation was substituted. The first paragraph of the standing orders of the A isrian reichsrath reads as follows: New members, on entering either of the two houses, have, on the president's challenge, in piece of taking an oath, to promise loyalty and obed ence to the emperor, inviolable observance of the constitution, as well as of all other laws, and concientious fulfillment of their duties." Upon the president reading words to this effect, the new member simply replies, "I promise." Articles thirty-seven and thirty-eight

of the rules of the Spanish congress say that deputies, before they can take their seats, shall make the following oath, which is read aloud by the secretary of he congress, all present standing: you swear to observe, and make others bserve, the constitution of the Spanobserve, the constitution of the Spanish monarchy? Do you swear fidelity and obedience to the legitimate King of Spain, Alfonso XII? Do you swear well and truly to behave in the mission confided to you by the nation always and in everything seeking the weltare of the nation?" The deputies them true to a time the second of Yes, I do swear . " and the presi-

call you to account. The president of the Italian chamber of deputies, seeing a new deputy in his place says: "I invite the honorable gentleman to take the oath in the form ollowing: 'I swear to be faithful to the king, and to observe lovally the fundamental statute and the other laws of the state, with a single view to the inseparable welfare of the king and the country.'" The new deputy then, in his place, stretches out his right hand and pronounces the one word, "Giuro, (' I swear.")

Ancient Musical Instruments.

Some years ago Captain Willock, when engaged in his researches among the supposed ruins of Babylon, found a pipe of baked clay about three inches long, which, by common agreement of antiquaries, is of Assyrian workman-ship. This little object can hardly be less than 2 600 years old, and is probably the most ancient musical instru-ment in existence. It has two finger holes, and when both of these are close and the mouth piece is blown into the note C is produced. It only one hole is closed the sound emitted is E. and if both are open G is produced. Thus the notes of this instrument produces the tonic the third and the fifth - that is the intervals of the common chord, the notes which, sounded together, form what is termed by musicians the harmonic Here is at once established a certain

which must have existed during the Babylonian captivity—a coincidence which to be sure a priori reasoning might go far to establish, but never so convincingly to non-scientific understandings as does the evidence of this insignificant pipe. The least observant student of the art remains found a mong the ruined cities of the Assyrian and Babylonian plains cannot fail to be struck with the evidence which they af-ford of a strong and widely diffused musical culture among the kindred races who inhabited them. The fre-quent introduction in mural paintings nd bas-reliefs of instruments of music, the representations of concerts and long processions of musicians, the repeated allusions in the Bible to the musical habits and skill of the people of Baby lon, all point to a singular development of the art of music. In the opinion of Rawlinson, the Assyrians were superior in musical skill, as they were in every form of culture, to the Egyptians themselves, and the Assyrio-Babylonian music was, there is little reason to doubt, an early and yet a highly developed form of the Asiatic type of music—a type which possesses to this day most extensive and most characteristic developments among the slow-changing nations of Asia. If we are asked for more positive proofs of the advance of music among this nation, we point to the umistakable evidence afforded by the constructional complication of many of their instruments We have from among the ruins of Nineveh countless representations of the harp, with strings varying in number from ten to twentysix; of the lyre, identical in structure, though not in shape, with the lyre of Greece; and of an instrument differing from any known to modern musicians. It was harp-shaped, was held horizonally, and the strings, six 'o ten in num ber, were struck by a plectrum held in the right hand; it has been called the asor, from its resemblence to the Hebrew

instrument of that name. frequent representations of shaped instrument, and of We find a guitarpipe with a single mouth-piece, and finger-holes on each pipe. Besides these the Assyrians had musical bells, trumpets, flutes, drums, cymbals and tam-borines. Almost every one of these instruments, either in its original form or slightly modined, is in use to this day by some one Asiatic or African nation. The ancient Greeks adopted the lyre and the double pipe; the former is still used by the Abyssinians under the name of kissar (Greek, kithara.) The double pipe the present writer has hipself seen in use by the boatmen of the Nile. The guitar of the Abyssinians is probably identical with the long-necked guitar or tambora depicted on both Egyptian and Assyrian monuments, and still in use all over the East and even in Hindostan. The ancient Assyrian harp is reparable for not having the "front nilled" which the restaurance of the pillar" which completes the triangle in the European barp, and this apparent defect of construction is characteristic of every sort of harp employed in Asia at this day. On Assyrian bas-reliefs we find representations of concerts, in which several of these instruments are taking part. In one, for instance, we see seven harps, two double pipes, a drum, and the above-mentioned asor.—

New Quarterly Magazine.

Drawing, Hanging and Quartering.

There appears to be much misappre-tension existing as to the English punisliment 'or treason, and this may fitting occasion on which to point out that the sentence of decapitation, pure and simple, is one unknown to the Eng-lish law (for the innovations of the Long parliament and commonwealth, of course, legally go for nothing). The same doom of drawing, hanging, evisceration, dismemberment and quarter-ing was passed on peer and peasant alike (of course, I except the fair sex, whose invariable sectence was combustion), but constitutional lawyers held that, inasmuch as the sovereign could, in his mersy remit the whose of the penalty, so he had the power to dispense with any part. Thus, usually in the case of peers and connections of noble families, decapitation was, by the king's grace, all that was exacted. The soundness of this theory of the royal prerogative was doubted by Lord Wil-liam Russell in the case of Lord Staf-ford, executed for alleged complicity in the pretended popish plot, in the reign of Charles II. The rather overrated husband of Rachel Wriothesley, with a brutal fanaticism that does not display his character in a favorable light, eagerly craved that his political oppon ent should undergo to the full the degradation and suffering involved in his sentence. Charles, however, exer-elsed his prerogative. When Lord Russell's own turn came for his share in the Rye House plot, the king again dis-played this peculiar form of elemency, accompanying the remission with the sardonic remark: "My Lord Russell shall now experience that I do indeed deputies then, two at a time, approach the table of the president, and kneeling on his right hand, he remaining sitting, they place their hands on the Gospels lying open before them. ad therefore prece dent then answers: "If you do so, may death. According to Mr. Justice Black-God reward you, and, if not, may he stone, vol. iv., "drawing" formerly meant, and formerly actually involved dragging the condemned along the ground by a rope tied about his legs to he place of execution; and this torture he judgment literally ordains. says the learned author of the "Com-mentaries," "usually a sledge or hurdle

s allowed, to preserve the offender from the extreme torment of being dragged on the ground or pavement. This quaint view of indulgence seems of a piece with the same legal sage's oft-quoted vindication of the humanity and propriety of the English law in the judgment for treason passed upon women al'uded to above. The passage is worth consulting. The last crimi-nals "drawn" to the gallows, were. I believe, Colonel Despard (see ante, pag-371). and his gang. As they were to be executed in the prison in which they were confined, and as the government insisted that they should be "drawn," this grimly humorous expedient was had recourse to. The conventional sledge or hurdle—the body of a cart or tumbril without the wheels-was introduced into the prison yard, and the conde nned men entered it in batches of wo at a time (except the colonel who had the honor of an appearance en seul) at the door of the staircase leading to their cells, and the vehicle thus making four trips, its miserable passengers were rawn across the flagged space to the foot of the stairs leading to the tower on which they were to die. When the vehicle returned, after its third journey. to take up the colonel, that gentleman remarked—and no wonder—"Ha! ha! coincidence between our music and that What nonsensical mummery is this? The late Dr. Doran tells us (" London in the Jacobite Times") that when during the horrid year that followed the 45, the sledges arrived to receive their wretched occupants outside the gates of Newgate, to set out on their hastly progress to Tyburn or Kenning ton common, the polite keeper of the sail would announce the fact to the moribund in these courteous terms: "Now, gentlemen, if you are quite ready, your carriages are at the door .-

Notes and Queries. The Orlender Poisonous. It is stated that the oleander is deadly poison, and may frequently prove a treacherous fondling if not carefully watched It is one of our most beautiful window plants when covered with its large rose-like blossoms, but in these blossoms the weapon of death resides. A case is recorded of a child having caten a few flowers and being poisoned by the same. The annals of he Peninsular war states that "a number of French soldiers went out foraging near Madrid, returned laden with the fruits of their search. One of the number, with a view of securing some wood to make skewers for the meat, cut a quantity of oleander bows, and having stripped them of the bark, used the wood in the meat. The result was, that out of twelve who ate of the roast seven died, and the rest were danger-ously ill." The poisonous principle is so subtle that its exhalations sufficient to cause serious accidents, and even death, to those who recline or sleep for any time under their influence exists equally in every part of the plant, but it is considerably weakened by cullivation .- Aural New Yorker.

A new, rich and large coral bank has been discovered ten miles south of the coast of Sciarrs, Italy.

The O ion. How dear to my heart re the scenes of Bermuda

When fond recollecti ns present them view: The rosy tomato, the bright-eyed potato. The tear-drawing onion which flavors the

That jolly round onion, That : ilver-skinned onion, sweet scented onion which grew in the

How sweet from the hot frying pan to receive

As polsed on my fork it inclined to my lips; Not a full state dinner would tempt me to leave it.

Though coupled with nectar that Jupiter That jolly round union, That silver-skinned onion,

The sweet-scented onion which grow in the And now far removed from that loved situa

Tears of regret will intrusively flow, As lancy reverts to Bermuda plantations,

And sighs for the union wherever we go; That jolly round onion,

That silver-skinned onion, That sweet-scented onion which grew in the -Lawrence American.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

About 3.000 watches are sold every day in the United States. Four-pound sweet potatoes is Florida's showing this season.

A small boy would rather bust a paper bag than be President .- Modern

The Chinese have named their war vessels after the letters of the Greek lphabet.

A good many Scotch and English, with money enough, are settling in Manitoba. Two-thirds of the world's trouble lies between an extinguished light and the edge of the bed.

A young man in Iowa has become partly demented by his vain efforts to raise a mustache.

Eighteen thousand Norwegians are ex-pected to make the United States their ome this year.

At the Swiss universities this year the female students have carried off most of the prizes. A Chicago woman accidentally killed er son while shooting at a target, and

is insane with grief. It was the man caught by a prairie fire on his own section of land who ran through his property rapidly.

The skipper who lost his dog over-board remarked that his bark was on the troubled seas.—Lowell Sun. The base drum player makes more noise than anybody else, but he doesn't

lead the band. There is a moral to this. -Steubenville Herald. A man arrived in Leadville with a white shirt on a lew days ago, and the governor had to put the city under mar-

tial law at once. An impecunious man generally designates a ten-dollar note as a "William," because he is not on such terms of famil-iarity with it as would entitle him to call it "Birl."

Ninety-one cities in the United States have a population of over 8,000,000, or about one-sixth of the whole populaion, and this does not include cities with less than 30,000 population. To divert at any time a troublesome

fancy, run to thy books; they presently fix thee to them, and drive the other out of thy thoughts. They always receive thee with the same kindness. Sallie Martha Brown Washington King Green Violet Ada Moore Thomp-

son, the only daughter of an aged colored man in the Natural Bridge disriet, Virginia, is included in the present United States census. A Nebraska Sunday-school was on a railroad excursion. A boy leaned out of a car window and fired a revolver at the same instant that a girl put her head out at another window, and the

bullet killed her. John Geis was buried at Rochester in a coffin which he had kept in his house eighteen years for daily contemplation His family had threatened to have it removed, but his threat to haunt them

after death deterred them. A lawyer wrote "rascal" on the hat of a brother lawyer, who on discovering it entered a complaint in open court against the trespasser, who he said had not only taken his hat, but had also written his own name in it.

The largest pump factory in the world is said to be that of the Southern Pump company, at East Nashville Tenn., where a complete pump is turned out every two minutes Their works cover fourteen acres and employ 225 men.

The skull and horns of an uncomlarge mountain ram were found imbedded in a pine tree in Idaho. supposed that the beast was caught and starved in the tree when it was a sap ling, leaving his head to be overgrown

A young lady of Iows, Miss Annie Conde, was lately married. We have heard at some time of an ancient dame who was tempted in the garden of Eden by a serpent, but this is the first occasion that has occurred to notice of a man being willingly embraced in the coils of an anaconda .- Waterloo Observer.

Now is the time when the gentle housewife beseecheth her husband to write "raspberry" labels for her canned fruit, which she proceeds to paste on her jars containing strawberries, and the argument will not take place until next winter when the company is as-sembled for the feast.-Kokomo Tribine. Some cynical elderly people say there are no inducements for a young m n to marry in these days, but they are wrong. Where are all those nice little inducements that our young men spend four evenings in a week with, and call on between times to see if they didn't leave, their cane behind the door?—Middletown Transcript.

" If every one's internal care Were written on his brow, How many would our pity share That have our env. now The fatal secret when reveal'd Of every aching breast Would show 'twas only when

ould show 'twas only when conceal'd Their lot appeared the beet."