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SELECT POETRY.

THE SPRING OF LIFE IS FAST. The following lines, from the Louisville Journal, are above all praise—surprisingly beautiful.

There are many dreams of gladness That cling about the past— And from that tomb of feeling, Old thoughts come thronging fast;

Those bright and gentle maidens Who seemed so formed for bliss, Too glorious and too heavenly For such a world as this;

And yet the thought is saddening, To muse on such as they— And feel that all the beautiful Are passing fast away;

It was a sad day in Snooksville; old Seth Smith, the Postmaster, was taken with an apoplectic fit. Every one felt sorrowful—yet there were general guesses as to who would be his successor.

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see no one on business that day, the council having just broken up. The next morning he was early at the general post office, but was informed that the Postmaster General, together with the President and cabinet, had gone on an excursion down the Potomac to Mount Vernon, so that day there would be no opportunity of making his application.

On the following morning he ventured to visit the post office building; he found that the applicants were being rapidly heard, and he waited, hoping that he might be reached that day; he was not, however.

He was ushered into the presence of the Postmaster General, who received him with great politeness. The conversation was immediately opened by the official.

"Why, we thought he was dead, sir," replied he; "the belief was very general, as you will see by looking at the signatures on my petition."

Pap, on his arrival at Snooksville, gave out that he had been of journey to Boston; but office-hunters, seeking to fill vacant situations in other towns in the county, had also been at Washington, and the story of his application for Smith's office was soon the talk.

When Ma'am Smith heard of it, she said that she "truly believed that that was the very office Peleg Pap was hunting for from the very first."

THE N. Y. HOME Journal give the following interesting verities concerning the domestic habits of the Nightingale: During her two years' engagements in London, Jenny Lind hired the suburban residence of a stout and worthy citizen, taking his furniture, his carriage and coachman, his servants and house belongings, of all descriptions on rent.

beset—a kind of tribute to her genius and character which she consistently and unvaryingly refused—the family of the honest coachman were commonly enjoying the much sought privilege. While Duchesses and Countesses were being seated at her door, she was often seated in the corner of the haymow, her favorite resort for every hour of leisure, tending the coachman's baby, or teaching the older ones to read.

The famous opera singer had been more than a year the tenant of Mr. C—, and the staid elderly citizen had never seen her. He had his lodgings in town, near his place of business, and he sent his clerk to Brighton quarterly to receive the rent, replying, with a bluff disavowal of all knowledge of opera-singers, to such of his friends as made the natural inquiries of curiosity.

As to the commerce of the country, he estimates the value of imports, needed in California from the Atlantic states, for the next year, at four millions of dollars in flour, six millions in lumber, and two millions in other articles.

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