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SELECT POETRY.

Tennyson has given the world a new poem. entitled In Memorian, which is just published in London, by the bookseller Moxon. The following passages are from it : PEACE

Calm is the morn without a sound, And only thro' the facted leaf The chesnut pattering to the ground;

Calm and deep peace on this high world. And on these dows that drench the turze, And all the silvery gossamers That twinkle into green and gold : Calm and still light on you great plain

That sweeps with all its autumn bowers And crowded farms and lessening towers, To mingle with the bounding main Calm and deep peace in this wide air.

And in my heart, if calm at all, If any calm, a calm despair:

Calm on the seas, and silvery sleep, And waves that sway themselves in rest And dead calm in that noble breast Which heaves but with the heaving deep.

A Sketch.

From the Boston Olive Branch THE PEDLAR AND HIS DOG.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Some years ago I travelled through portion of Michigan. I went on foot or rode as best suited my purpose. I carried rich silks and jewelry, for those disposed to buy. My only companion during my journey, was a large dog of the Newtoundland breed. Lion was fit to be the king of all his species. He was good natured, quiet, and there was something almost human in his eyes. He attended to his own business, and never quarrelled like curs of "low degree." He would bear an insult from worthless puppies, with philosophy worthy of emulation. And I never knew him. save on a few occasions, resent the undue liberties of puppies of larger growth .-When his bile, however was thoroughly aroused, he made such offenders a terrible

warning to "evil doers." When I traveled, he trotted along by my side and when I stopped to trade, he seated himself near me, and watched all my movements with a business-like expression. annoved him a little, sometimes, to see my customers drag the goods from my pack, and handle them with such freedom, which annoyance he expressed by a low growl, while he tollowed every piece with his my full consent.

He really took a strong dislike to those who were disposed to find fault with everything, and my price in particular. I believe he knew every article I carried, and the value I attached to them. Be this as it may, he seemed satisfied when I was, and wagged his tail when I made a good trade. He was an excellent watch dog, and there was no danger of anything confided to his care, being taken away. I found him very useful and companionable in my travels.

Conveyances were so scarce and uncertain that I was often obliged to go on foot from one settlement to another. Sometimes these journeys were anything but pleasant, and as the country was new and the state of society anything but good, robberies were frequently perpetrated upon these lonely roads, and there were many, no doubt, to whom the rich stuff I carried would be a sufficient temptation to commit a murder. This idea frequently occurred to me in traveling through the wild woods of the West. But old Lion was by my side ready to die in my defence, and proud to share my wanderings. I always went armed. An excellent brace of pistols, steel barrelled, and loaded with ball, were never from my pocket, save long enough to see that they were in order, and at night lay beneath my pillow. I felt quite safe with these and Lion, who was the companion of my nights as well as days. He always laid himself down between my bed and the door with his face towards the latter. No one could enter without attracting the at-

tention of Lion. One day, in the summer of 1840, I found nyself in a small German settlement on the boarder of a small lake, anxious to get forward to the next one, which was about eight miles distant. No conveyance could be obtained till the next day, so I set out on foot. It was near night, and I walked forward briskly. I was not long in discovering that my expedition would be by no

m-ans an agreeable one. The road-if road it could be calledwas very bad, and passed through the most gloomy forest in that part of the country. The night, too, crept on apace, and promis sed to be darker than common. But Lion trotted along by my side. I was a smart walker, and was confident I was getting over the ground fast, so I didn't mind i

The darkness was upon me before I was aware of it. It seemed to me that I had already walked eight miles, but could see no signs of a settlement. This surprised me a little, for I was used to traveling, and knew my ability to calculate distances .-But I kept up a good heart and went on until I was quite certain I had mistaken my way, or been misinformed in regard to the distance. I concluded it would be best to keep the road that I was in until I reach-

ed some habitation.
In a short time I was glad I had made this resolution for I saw a light glimmer ing from a cabin. I approached it as soon as possible. It was rather above the medium size. I thought I might be accommodated there very well. It had the appearance of being very comfortable within. I

knocked for admission. The door was opened by a man.

Now I am not a person to believe in presentiments, misgivings and all that sort of right-he won't eat it. He never takes ! thing, but I certainly saw something in that anything that's not his." man's countenance that I did not like, the moment I set my eyes upon him. In a gruff voice he asked my business. I told him I believed I had lost my way, and was tions. After hesitating a moment he asked me to enter. A tall female was seated in the corner near a large rock fire place.—
She seemed busy watching a piece of meat hissing over the fire. It struck me that I of venison, some jerked beef and skins of animals.

among which were pumpsins, preases, hand and foot with a cord, which she had procured for another purpose—perhaps to drag my body away into the woods. entry. She might be forty years old. Her sharp and skinny, as was indeed her whole face. The head gear was wholly indescribable, and from beneath it, grey hairs were visible. Her entire dress was quaint, and unlike anything I had seen. I could hardly keep my eyes off her. She as well as the man, glanced eagerly at my pack as I laid it down. The latter was a coarse looking person, whose countenance appeared more indicative of incapacity than villainy.

To my questions he replied very civilly after I had entered, and he had got a view of my person. I learned from him, what I had suspected for the last half hour-that 1 had taken the wrong road.

I could "stay," This did not appear to me a very great favor, since I had a chance to with the idea that the danger would not observe my host and hostess.

with my host, who had been absent, and was undressing. I put my pistols under I cannot say but I enjoyed our triumph as had returned a few minutes before my arri- my pillow and laid down; but such an unval. During my repast Lion took his sta- accountable and terrible sense of evil presstion by my side, receiving a portion, as he ed upon me that I could not think of sleepalways did.

the board, and taking a paper from my pocket, pretended to be busy reading. few minutes, then went back to his post by the door, and laid down in a kind of fever-I glanced up occasionally from under ish anxiety.

my brows, and was startled to see the apathy of the woman (as well as the man) wearing off rapidty. Her eyes grew animated, and, in unison with his, sought my pack dog with evident signs of dissatisfaction.

sleeping person. Instantly the manner always made a practice of putting my sil- was arranged in a moment. ced in a bag which I wore next to my skin.

After she had done this, she motioned for him to come and lift it, which he did, with apparently as much satisfaction as his other half had experienced.

He then opened the door softly, and then motioned the dog to go out. Though I have no doubt but Lion understood pantomine as well as anybody, he did not offer to stir; but lay at my feet as quietly as ever. At last the old hag grew impatient, and shook the poker at him. Lion showed two rows of white teeth and uttered a low growl. The pantomine ceased in an instant. The door was closed, and the poker returned to its place. I stirred a little .-They were quick to observe me,

"A fine dog," said the man, thinking probable I might hear the remark. "I reckon he wants to go out-he growls as

though he did." A pause followed this remark. He thought I might order him out, but I did no

such thing. "Nice dog," the woman added, after a moment, "nice dog" and then she offered fortable. him a peace of meat, and attempted to fondie him. Contrary to her expectations, Lion utterly refused the meat, and put an end to all familiarity by showing his teeth again in a very testy manner.

That was something strange for him. never knew him to refuse meat before, when it was offered him. Had Lion shared my suspicions! Had his instinct taught him that the hand out-stretched was not a friendly one?

By this last act of hostility on the part of my dog, they had appeared not a little disconcerted. She retreated almost behind my chair, and shook her skinny fist at him; but he did not condescend to express any uneasiness at that rather decided and energetic expression of her feelings.

I now thought it time to wake up, which I did with a preliminary yawn or two .-The same apathy came back and set upon the features of my entertainers. I made them understand that I wished to retire .-There were but two apartments in the caba in, and they both left the one I was in to make arrangements in the other for my accommodation. They were absent some time, and I was quite sure I heard them moving the bed to another part of the room. They came out at length, and I was told that my bed was ready.

They watched my movements with considerable interest when I atose to retire. I started first without my pack on purpose. The faces of the worthy pair lighted up; I returned and took it, and they fell in a moment. This was not all-I passed in first, and the woman attempted to shut the door on Lion; but the latter putting forth all his strength sprang after me in an instant, almost upsetting the hag in the operation. "I thought the crefur would like to stay

by the fire," she said by way of apology. expressed a great deal of Christian anxiety

"I prefer to have him with me," 1 re-

"He won't eat that quarter of meat in there, will be ?"

and closed the door. low candle, and the first thing I did was to an instant to the floor, where a great strugunder the necessity of asking accommoda- examine everything in the room. It was gle took place. In another moment the hag pretty well lumbered up. Various kinds was writhing in my nervous grasp. Her

tenance than hers. She hardly noticed my I examined the bed next. It was a poor

left by design. I began to feel queer, (and that is not just the word to express what I mean.) I had large sums of money about me, enough to like a lunatic. tempt the cupidity of my entertainers at any rate, as their actions had already convinced me. How easy it would be for slept. The idea got possession of me fully,

A kind of telegraphing took place be- and I could not drive it away. I would ing to fasten it with, and I was impressed The meat was set upon the table at last, on was there to apprize me of it. I laid I was invited to partake of it, which I did off my coat and bustled about as though I ing. Lion, too, appeared uneasy-came When I had finished, I drew away from and put his fore paws upon the bed every

At last I feigned sleep, and snored most musically; but I did not fail to look through the crevice to see what my host and hostess were doing. They laid down upon the oftener and oftener. They glanced at the bed which stood in the room without taking off their clothes, and were quiet until I be-Presently I nodded over my paper like gan to snote, when I heard them whisper. What were my sensations when I heard of the two persons grew more alarming. them arise softly, and the man take a gun Finally the tail hag lifted my pack and weighed it in her hand—as well as she was by the hag, draw out a charge of shot which able. Her eyes flashed like a serpent's, for was in the gun, and reload it with a handit contained a large quantity of specie, besides valuable jewelry and costly silks. I pretended to awake. My plan of action about. I have hinted to him the propriety sult. At length, in passing his seat our eyes

while he tollowed every piece with his every piece corner of my pack; but my bills were platacount of losing my hair by a fever. I now much as to say—"I don't care about it, be you, your features have never escaped was at his wits end, and had just concluded than it had ever been before. I lifted myself quietly from the bed and felt about quietly in the dark, until I had found one of the pumpkins I had seen. Over this I drew my wig, and it happened to be an excellent fit. Having dressed it in this uncommon manner, I crept back to my bed, and placed it upon the pillow, in the exact position my head had occupied. When it was thus adjusted it was in juxtaposition with the long crevice through which now took another look. Heavens! the

fiends were loading a brace of pistols with the same infernal slugs. I can't say but I left a little dry about the throat then, I looked towards old Lion. could just discern his great eyes through the darkness. He was still upon the alert. The perspiration began to roll down my face in great drops, not that I felt absolutely atraid-for I flatter myself that I am not a coward-but I did not like the idea of taking human life. I was confident I could defend myself yet even that confidence was not enough to make me feel altogether com-

Taking my pistols in my hand, I bent over the bed, and commenced snoting, at the same time watching the movements of at the sight of a carriage or a cloud of dust. the man and his amiable spouse. Every and although he would take no notice of them explosion from my nose seemed to give them the greatest satisfaction. They looked at each other-nodded and smiled grimly. He took the gun; and in his stocking feet approached the crevice opposite my bed, followed by the hag with the pistols and a carving knile. Stooping, he peeped into my room; and brought his ferocious ooking eyes to beat upon my wig. I knew it would be dangerous to see any more. I raised my head enough to get out of harm's way, and omitted now and then a snore. I heard him distinctly fix the muzzle of the gun against the fissure opposite my wig, and then with a tremor of indignation, and a kind of creeping sensation all over me; I drew back and awaited the It was a moment of awful suspense to me. What if he should discover the cheat and elevate his piece? A thousand such thoughts rushed through my mind in an instant. The cold sweat ran down my not long in suspense. A terrible explosion followed the fearful

pause. A storm of slugs poured into my bed perforating the wig, and scattering the pumpkin in every direction:

"He won't never tell no stories;" I heard the assassin say, as he dropped the breech of the gun heavily to the floor. "Now for the dog." During these operations, Lion had placed

himself by my side, with his foresfeet upon the bed, while, to keep him still, I put my hand over his mouth. He knew well what I meant, for I had kept him quiet so before.

At the moment of the discharge he gave a Let them femain in salt five weeks, then Let them femain in salt five weeks, then by the fire," she said by way of spology. | low growl. I pointed towards the door.—
"Call the varmint out—'taint likely the gentleman wants to sleep in the room with eyes flashed like a ball of fire, while he the beast," added mine host in a way that | waited the moment to wreak his vengeance on the assassins.

"I will open the door a little, and when the cretur sticks his bead out, shoot him," aid the she-wolf.

The door was opened, but the "cretur" didn't "stick his head out." Lion knew "Oh no." I answered. "You are quite better than that, and waited his chance. Emboldened by not hearing anything, nything that's not his."

Saying this, I wished them a good night, the time. With a terrific howl, Lion leap-

ed over the head of the woman, and seized They had provided me with a dim tal- the ruffian by the throat, dragging him in of vegetables occupied different corners, surprise was so great that she made but ve-

The next thing was to attend to the man concern, the frame being made of round and Lion. The struggle between them face was remarkably long, and wrinkled to poles in the same state they were taken was still going on, but the first had the a degree to excite curiosity. Her nose was from the wood; and the clothing upon it worst of it. Lion had set his sharp teeth was coarse enough for a hermit. But what into the throat of the wretch, and rendered struck me as being a little singular was that all his efforts abortive, although he was a the head of the bed was turned towards the man of powerful frame. He was already partition separating the two rooms, and right reeking with blood; and I hastened to save opposite the pillow was a wide crack, what little life was left in him. The dog which had the appearance of having been was loth to quit his hold, and when he did, he left one victim to punish another; for before I could prevent it, he set his teeth quite through the hag's arm, who shrieked

The fellow looked ghastly enough when I released him. His neck was frightfully torn, but he got no sympathy from me. them to shoot me through the crevice as I bound him as I had his companion in iniquity, while he maintained a moody silence, and she heaped curses on the dog .ween the two, after which I was informed have fastened the door but there was noth- I bound her apron round his neck, which was all the surgical aid he got from me .-Lion now seemed very well satisfied with come from that direction. If it should, Lie the arrangements, and laid down in one corner and watched with calm philosophy.

We remained with them until morning. well as Lion did, as they were certainly old offenders as it was proved afterward in the court of justice. As good fortune would have it, a man passed the next morning, by whom I sent word to the next settlement, of what had occurred.

Before 10 o'clock the offenders were in the hands of the law. They were conveyed to the nearest jail, where they awaited their trial, which took place about two months after. They were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, which, all the circumstances considered, was not too much. I believe it ever they live to get out, they will kill old Lion, should be survive their punishment; and he is still as strong and healthy a dog as you can find anywhere .-No money could tempt me to part with master mine-every worthless puppy has his likeness published now-a-days.

Grateful for past services, I suffer him to have his own way in this as in a great many other matters. Let no one despise the dog; as he is the only animal who, forsaking his own species, cultivates the friendship of fears, disappointments and difficulties, that

AN ECCENTRIC OLD BACHELOR. A letter dated Woodbridge, New Jersey, July 4, gives the following singular account

of an eccentric old bachelor. An old bachelor has died lately in this place, having a fortune of \$80,000, -From what I learn of him he must have been one of the most eccentric and curious chaps that ever lived. His clothes upon being taken off were seperately folded in paper and were never allowed sight of a brush, a silk hankerchief answering every purpose.

Should he be in the road and spy a wagon in the distance, he would run for his life; for fear that a speck of dust should chance to fly opon him. The village belles have enjoyed many a laugh at him when returning from church, to see him , take to his heels and run at the time, yet they were not forgotton. He always endeavored to keep as clear of the ladies as possible, and particularly the widows. whom he looked upon as something very dreadful, and was never caught walking in the

road with one if he know it. With all his oddities he was miserly to a cent. and often seen at the store exchanging a quarby saving a copper on every twenty-five. He to see whiher it was not bad, rusty, or some thing else. Many of the articles he bought was by the pennies worth, and hence his great use for that particular coin. When he came to the last penny of his bundle it was wrapped in two pieces of paper and laid away: Thus lived this curious old man, and when he approached death's door he was as odd as ever. He could not bear the idea of any he died, "unwept, unpitied, and uncared for," although worth a fortune of \$80,000;

prize was awarded to Nathan White for curing is as follows: The nork should be perfectly cold before

being cut up. The hams should be salted with fine salt, with a portion of red pepper, wood for five or six weeks. About the first did April take them down and wet them with cold water, and let them be well rubbed filled. with unleached ashes. Let them remain in bulk for several days, and then have them n the loft again for use.

REMINISCENCE Of Fulton's First Steam Voyage and the Recep-

tion of his First Passage Money. Some twenty years since, I found a travel. ling acquaintance, upon a steamboat on the Hudson river, with a gentleman, who, on that occasion, related to me some incidents of the first voyage of Fulton, to Albany, in his steamboat, the Clermont, which, I have never I have lost; but I urged him, at the time, to

far as I know, he has never done. I chanced, said my narrator, to be at Albaand hearing that this eraft was to return to wholly alone, and engaged in writing.

Mr. Fulton, I presume. Yes, bit.

Do you return to New York with this boat?

We shall try to get back, sir. Can I have a passage down !

You can take your chance with us, sir. I inquired the amount to be paid, and after moment's hesitation, a sum, I think six dollars, was named: The amount, in coin, I laid in his open hand, and with an eye fixed upon it he remained so long motionless that I supposed that there might be a miscount, and said to him, is that right, sir! This roused him as from a kind of revery, and as he looked up at me, the big tear was brimming in his eye, and his voice faltered as he said, excuse me, hir; but memory was busy as I contemplated this, the first pecuniary reward I have ever teceived for all my exertions in adapting steam to navigation. I would gladly commemorate the occasion over a bottle of wine with you but really I am too poor, even for that, just now ; yet I trust we may meet again, when this will not be so.

Some four years after this, when the Clermont had been greatly improved and two new boats made, making Fulton's fleet three boats regularly blying between New York and Albany, I took passage in one of these for the latter city.

The cabin, in that day, was below; and as walked its length to and fro, I saw I was very closely observed by one I supposed a him. He is now looking quietly in my stranger. Soon, however, I recalled the fea-face as I write this.—for I have been trystranger. Soon, however, I recalled the feaof having his likeness published with this met, when he sprang to his feet, and eegerly me, and although I am still far from rich, yet I may venture that bottle, now. It was ordered; and during its discussion Mr. F. ran rapidly but vividly over his experience of the world's coldness, and sneers, and of the hopes. were scattered through his whole career of discovery, up to the very point of his final crowning triumph, at which he so fully felt he had at last arrived. And in reviewing all these, said he, I have again and again recalled the occasion and the incident of our first interview at Albany; and never have I done so without its renewing in thy mind the vivid emotion it originally caused. That seemed, and still does seem, to me the turning boint in my destiny-the dividing lines between light and darkness, in my enreet upon earth; for it was the first actual recog-

nition of my usefulness to my fellow men: Such, then, were the events coupled with the very dawn of steam navigation-a dawn so recent as to be still recollected by manyand such as Fulton there related them, were the early appreciations, by the world, of a discovery which has invaded all waters, causing a revolution in navigation which has almost literally brought the very ends of the earth in contact .- Communicated to Buffalo

THE PROGRESS OF COMPORTS.

In the first period of occupation of Highand by mankind, there is no doubt as the flesh or animals served for food, so their skins served for clothes: They had no woollen fabrics to ter of a dollar for twenty-five pennies, there- use for such a purpose; they had neither manufactures of their own, nor money, nor would not take with out examining every one other articles of barter, to exchange for the clothing materials made by the nations of the continent, who were more advanced in knowledge and comfort: Woollen clother, (first in England in 1191) and those of flax, were the earthly products of advancing knowledge gress of steam. and civilization. Those of silk were made in England until about the year 1510. Shoes were not produced; of the present fashion, until 1833. As to furniture, the early inhabiface in streams! Thank Heaven! I was one seeing him, or entering his room, for fear tauce of England employed leaves and dried that they would soil his clothes or his shoes, grass for beds | logs of would or stones served or do some other damage, and in this state the office of chairs and tables; the earth was their floor. It was only by gradual degrees that benches and other raised seats were used. The floor was at length garnished with rushes PRIZE HAM, How Conep .- At the fecent and straw, mixed with sweet scented hay or Agricultural Fair in Montgomery county, flowers. Another long interval elapsed before-about 750-carpets were made in Engthe best ham. This gentleman's mode of land. The beds on which our ancestors slept were often made of straw; even the kings beds were made of it, to the year 1234.

GAME. The Elkton (Md) Democrat says that wild pigeons, players, rail and reed birds, are now making their regular autom-nal visit to that region, and are growing

Time Astor House, N. Y., has raised the price of board to \$2 50 a day.

EARLY DAYS OF SILAS WRIGHT.

A friend, who was on old acquaintance of the late Hon. Silas Wright, related to us an anecdote of that distinguished man, which he received from his own lips, and as we have never seen it in print, (although it may have been,)we give it to our readers. Mr. Wright left his home, at an early age

to "seek his fortune," having by way o met with elsewhere. The gentleman's name | earthly possessions, a fine horse, saddle, and bridle, a pair of saddle bags, a small stock of publish what he related; which, however, so clothing and five hundred dollars in money, which was in bills and was deposited in his saddle bags. He took a west-ward course, ny on buisness, when Fulton arrived there in and in traveling one day he overtook a man his unheard craft, which every body felt so with a wagon and funiture, and an old span much interest in seeing. Being ready to leave, of horses, apparently emigrating. There was nothing particularly attractive at first New York, I repaired on board, and inquired view in the person or his equippage, but upon for Mr. Fulton. I was referred to the cabin, and I there found a plain, gentlemanly man, daughter of the emigrant, a most beautiful young lady, evidently refined and intelligent They journeyed onward to Geneva, chatting bosily together when, suddenly the old gentleman recollected that he wished to get his money changed at the Geneva bank; and to enable him to reach that place before the close of bank hours he proposed that young Wright should take a seat beside the beautifor daughter, and allow him to mount W.'s horse and hasten forward. Ardent, and half smitten by the charms of the young lady, Silas gladly accepted the proposition and leaped from his horse, allowing the old man to make off with all his earthly possessions, money inclusive, with out a second thought.

> "Rapidly the hours of Thalaba went by," while these two young and gif ed beings pursued their course (quite leisurly it may be surmised) towards their journey's destina tion. On arriving at Geneva, Mr. W. drove to the principal tavern, left the lady, but then for the first time a shade of anxiety crossed his mind for the safety of his fine horse and money. He went to all of the other public houses, but could hear of no such a man as he described, he beat up to the quarters of the cashier of the bank, and learned to his additional concern, that such a man had called at the bank, and endeavored to get some money changed, which he declined doing as the notes were tounteffeit ! Our foture statesman then came to the conclusion that he had made a crooked start in life. About fifty dollars worth of old furniture, a dilapidated wagon and a span of worn out horses, for a new wardrobe; fine horses, and five hundred dollars! Ay, then there was the pretty daughter-but her he could not keep as per sonal property, without her consent, and withont money he hardly wanted a wife. He to make the best of a bad bargain, when the old man made his appearance, with horse and money all safe: It turned out that the money which the cashier had thought to be counterfeit, was not so, and the mistake had given the old man the trouble to go some distance, to find an acquaintance who might youch for his respectability, in case of trouble, and this occasioned his mysterious absence. In the sequel the beautiful daughter became afterwards the wife of the future statesman .- Detroit Advertiser.

SONNET ON A MOSQUITO.

The little mosquito, the blood-sucking scamp, How demurely he sits till you blow out the lamp; Then he stretches his wings and lights on

your nose, And does all he can to disturb your repose; And if he can't bleed you with gimlet blade, He will try the effect of his sweet serenade. This last is the worst. How often I've swore That the locusts of Egypt were not half the

Of these little tormentors let loose in the night. Who will sing you a song before taking a

Now welcome cold winter-the North winds

may blow,— would welcome the rain, the sleet, and the would e'en welcome St. Patrick to this our fair land, If in killing these wing'd devils he would

lend us a hand.

MR. T. BIGELOW LAWRENCE is Acting Secretary of Legation in London, ad interim, in the absence of Mr. Davis, who had gone to the Continent.

Mone LikeLy;-The North American says the proposed line of steamships between this and Liverpool will make the passage in twelve days not seventeen. This ooks more like keeping up with the pro-

Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, has a popus lation of 3,079. The population of Tamaqua is supposed to have decreased at east 600 during the last 18 months.

FREDERIKA BREMER, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James Russel Lowell, arrived n Buffalo on Thursday last.

ARKANSAS ELECTION .- The Legislature stands as follows :- Senete, 21 Democrats and 4 Whigs. House, 51 Democrats and 24 Whigs.

PRICE OF ELOPING .- Dingham, tried for petit larceny in stealing the wearing apeloped, was convicted at Troy, and sentenced to six months in the penitentiary, and a fine of \$50.

THE LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTTY have issued orders suspending all work on iron-steamers until further instructions from their

Suspense .- A writer lately, in attempting to describe the agonies of suspense, calls is the "toothache of the mind."