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SELECT POETRY.

From the Household Words. The Orphans' Voyage Home.

The men could hardly keep the deck, So hither was the night; Keen northeast winds sang through the rigging...

At length the orphans sank to sleep, All on the leeward deck; Close huddled side to side—each arm Clasp'd round the other's neck...

Now morning dawns: the land is sight, Scudding boats on every lee; The pale and quaking passengers Begin the deck to greet...

A Select Tale.

From the Household Words. OLD MOSES.

Me. B. was a merchant in Baltimore, and did a very heavy business, especially in grain. One morning, as he was passing over the vessels that lay at the wharf...

"You are the strangest negro I have seen for a week. I can get no satisfaction from you. If you would not like to be pitched overboard, you had better tell me what you did."

Down on the Eastin Shoah.

"Is he a good master? Does he treat you well?" "O yes; Mass Willum good; no better massa in the world."

"Where is your master?" "Yander he is, jis comin to de warf?"

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A WIFE IN TROUBLE.

"Pray tell me my dear, what is the cause of those tears?" "Oh such disgrace!" "What disgrace?"

"What will you take for her and the children?" "If you want them for your own use, I will take seven hundred dollars, but I shall not sell Moses nor them to go out of the State."

YANKEE ICE IN EGYPT.

The barque Stamboul, which sailed from Boston on the 24 August last, arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, Oct. 1st, with a cargo of Massachusetts ice—said to be the first ever brought to that port from any part of the world.

"ALL FLESH IS GRASS."—A Bishop in a sermon to his parishioners repeated the quotation that 'all flesh is grass.' The season was Lent, and a few days afterwards, he encountered Terence O'Collins, who appeared to have something on his mind.

DESTRUCTION OF A WHALE-SHIP BY A SPERM WHALE.

From the Pioneer Herald, Oct. 18. Sinking of the Ship—Loss of Two Boats and Miraculous Escape of the Crew.

We have just received the following thrilling account of the destruction of the whale-ship Ann Alexander, Captain John S. Deblois, of New Bedford, by a large sperm whale, from the lips of the captain himself who arrived in this city from Paita, on Sunday last...

On the 20th of August last, she reached what is well known to all whalers as the Off-Shore-Ground, in lat. 5 deg. 50 min. South, lon. 162 deg. West. In the morning of that day, at about 9 o'clock, whales were discovered in the neighborhood...

On the 22d of August, at about five o'clock, P. M., they had the indescribable joy of discerning a ship in the distance. They made signal, and were soon answered, and in a short time they were reached by the good ship Nantucket, of Nantucket, Mass., Capt. Gibbs, who took them all on board, clothed and fed them, and extended to them in every way the greatest possible hospitality.

On the succeeding day, Captain Gibbs went to the wreck of the ill-fated Ann Alexander, for the purpose of trying to procure something from her, but as the sea was rough, and the attempt considered dangerous, he abandoned the project.

At Paita, Captain Deblois entered his protest at the U. S. Consulate, which was authenticated by the following officers and seamen, on board at the time of the disaster; the two officers and the rest of the crew having shipped on board other vessels: Joseph K. Green, first mate; James Smith, third do.; John Morgan, Carpenter; James Riley, cooper; James McRoberts, John Smith, William Smith, Henry Reid, and Charles F. Booth, seamen.

If you would make a good speech, be on the opposition. There is a charm about abuse that no other species of eloquence can even approach. Till Byron took to satire, no one ever noticed him. Had Junius praised the Duke of Grafton, instead of 'lamming' him, his letter would never have got beyond the newspaper they first appeared in.

TO OFFSET trouble, always have a large stock of hope on hand. This was Macawber's plan. The very night he went to jail for debt, he sent to an architect to see what it would cost to decorate a house with hanging gardens, 'in case anything should turn up' that would warrant the outlay.

THE PLACE FOR SPORT.—The Minnesota Democrat, at St. Paul's, says that region of country is full of bears. They are as harmless as hogs. In eleven days the people up in Benton county killed upwards of 100. A band of Sioux Indians killed, in two days, in the neighborhood of Rice Lake, 15 miles distant, 25 bears. Three were seen near town, within a mile of that town.

Death's Ferryman.

BY MISS ALICE CART.

Boatman, thine, I've call'd thee o'er, Waiting on life's solemn shore, Tracing in the silver sand, Letters till thy boat should land.

Push the curls of golden hair From the eyes of starlit dew, And behold me where I stand, Beckoning thy boat to land.

Dearest love, another year, Thou shalt meet this boatman here— The white fingers of despair Playing with his golden hair.

When the corn shall cease to grow, And the rye-field's silver flow At the reaper's feet is laid, Crossing, spake the lovely maid.

There! the white sails float and flow, One in heaven and one below; And I hear a low voice cry, Ferryman of Death am I.

THE "RAPPINGS" EXPOSED.

A Mr. Vose, of Boston, has published a description of the manner in which what are called the "Spirit Rappings," are produced. He asserts that these mysterious sounds are produced by electricity. It is his practice to place his hands flat upon the table, and then strongly will that the sounds shall be produced, on which the raps are distinctly heard in the order and the number he desires.

In cases of persons of strong will, no table is needed to produce the sounds. Such, by a little practice, can throw electricity from the body in any direction they please, and whenever the expelled electricity meets a hard substance, the noise follows. By the exercise of the same power, according to Mr. Vose, tables, chairs and other articles of furniture may be made to move.

Some time ago it was said, by a medical gentleman who had investigated the subject, that the rappings were produced by snapping certain bones in the knee joint. It is quite possible that, in some instances, the sounds may have been produced in this manner, or the knee joint, which was felt to move, might have been the point of departure for the electricity.

A NOVEL SIGHT.—Two large, gracefully proportioned, sprightly-looking deer—a doe and a buck—passed through Broadway yesterday afternoon, attached in the usual style to a light wagon, containing two gentlemen. The buck bore his antlers aloft with true dignity, while his timid mate was the perfectification of meekness and gentleness.

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GRASS LIKE PENCHES, the nearer they are ripe, the more they blush.

DREAMS.—The dream of a closed fist, indicates that you are about to ask a favor from an "universal philanthropist." To see apples in a dream betokens a wedding—because where you find apples, you may reasonably expect to find pears.

THE most attentive man in business we ever knew, was he who once wrote on his shop door, "Gone to bury my wife; return in a half an hour."