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UNDER THE ICE.

FOR FEBRUARY.

Under the ice the waters run; Under the ice our spirits lie; The genial glow of the summer sun Shall loosen their fetters by and by. Moan and groan in thy prison cold,

River of life-river of love; The winter is growing worn and old, The frost is leaving the melting world, And the sun shines bright above.

Under the ice, ander the snow. Our lives are bound in a crystal ring; By and by will the South winds blow, And the roses bloom on the banks of Spring. Moan and groan in thy fetters strong, River of life-river of love; The nights grow short, the days grow long,

Weaker and weaker the bonds of wrong

And the sun shines brighter above.

Under the ice our souls are hid; Under the ice our good deeds grow; Men but credit the wrong we did, Never the motives that lay below. Moan and groan in thy prison cold, River of life-river of love; The winter of life is growing old, The frost is leaving the melting mould,

And the sun shines warm above. Under the ice we hide our wrong— Under the ice that has chilled us through ! Oh! that friends who have known us long Dare to doubt that we are good and true. Moan and groan in thy prison cold, River of life-river of love;

Winter growing wan and old,

We shall be known above.

Roses stir in the melting mould;

## Select Miscellany.

#### A Touching Incident.

In the campaign of Napoleon in Russia, while the French army was retreating from Moscow, there lay in a poor low cottage, in a village, an invalid boy. This village was exactly in the course of the retreating army, and already the reports of its approach had reached and excited the terrified inhabitants. In their turn they began to make preparations for retreat; for they knew there was no hope for them from the hands of the soldiery, seeking their own preservation, and gave no quarters. Every one who had the one of the rebel camps: trength to fly, fled; some trying to take with them their worldly goods, here—the 'camp disease,' they call it. some to conceal them. The little vil- The first symptom is a horror of gunlage was fast growing deserted. Some burnt their houses or dismantled them. The old were placed in wagons, and the young hurried their fam-

ilies away with them. But in the little cottage there was none of this bustle. The poor crippled boy could not move from his bed. The widowed mother had no friends near enough to spare a thought for her in this time of trouble, when every one thought only of those nearest to him and of himself.-What chance of flight was there for her and her young children, among without working the thing very low whom one was the poor crippled boy. It was evening and the sound of dis-

tant voices and preparations had died The poor boy was wakeful with terror, now urging his mother to We hear cannon booming down there leave him to his fate, now dreading lest she should take him at his word

and leave him behind.

"The neighbors are just going away; I hear them no longer," he said, "I am so selfish, I have kept you here. Take the little girls with you; it is not too late. And I am see how that should make me so cold safe; who will hurt a poor, helpless

boy?"
"We are all safe," answered the mother, "God will not leave us, though all else forsake us."

"But what can help us?" persisted the boy, "Who can defend us from their cruelty? Such stories as I have heard of the ravages of these men! They are not men, they are wild beasts. Oh why was I made so weak-so weak as to be utterly useless? No strength even to fly." "There is a sure wall for the de-

fenceless," answered the mother.-

'God will build us a sure wall." "You are my strength now," said the boy; "I thank God that you did not desert me. I am so weak, I cling to you. Do not leave me. Indeed I fancy I can see the cruel soldiers hurrying in. We are too poor to satisfy them, and they would pour their vengeance upon us! And yet you ought to leave! What right

have I to keep you here. And I shall suffer more if I see you suffer." "God will be our refuge and defence," still said the mother; and at length, with low, quieting words, she stilled the anxious boy, till he, too, the dreaded enemy. The mother and children opened their eyes to find that "a sure wall" had indeed been built for their defence. The before. Through the night it had collected rapidly.

A high wind had blown the snow in The lady wanted rank, and became

It was during that time that the dreaded scourge passed over the village. Every house was ransacked; all the wealthier ones deprived of their luxuries, and the poorer ones robbed of their necessities. But the low-roofed cottage lay sheltered beneath its wall of snow, which, in the silent night, had gathered around it. God had protected the defenceless with "a sure wall."

#### PRINTER'S ESTATE.

An esteemed friend and a subscriber writes to us inclosing the following very truth-telling and suggestive

The printer's dollars—where they are. A dollar here and a dollar there scattered over numerous small towns, apart-how shall they be gathered together? The paper maker, the building owner, the journeyman combe diligently gathered and patiently hoarded, or the wherewith to discharge the large liabilities will never become sufficiently bulky. We imagine the printer will have to get up an address to his widely scattered dollars, something like the following: "Dollars, halves, quarters, dimes and all the manner of fractions in which ye are divided, collect yourselves and come home! Ye are wanted! Combinations of all sorts of men that help the printer to become a proprietor, gather such force, and demand with such good reasons, your appearance at his counter, that nothing short of a sight of you will appease him.— Collect yourselves, for valuable as you are in the aggregate, single you will never pay the cost of gathering.— Come in here, in single file, that the printer may form you into a battalion, and send you forth again to battle for him, and vindicate his feeble credit!" Reader are you sure you havn't a couple of the printer's dol-

#### A New Disease.

lars sticking about your clothes.

An Alabama volunteer writes from

"There's a new disease broken out powder. The patient can't abide the smell of it, but is seized with a nervous trembling of the knees, and a whiteness about the liver, and a longing inclination to advance backward. That's the way the water serves mad dogs. Then comes what our Major calls home fever; and next the sufferer's wife and nine children are taken sick; after which the poor fellow takes a collapse, and then a relapse. But it's mighty hard to get a discharge, or even a furlough—awful hard. Fact is, you can't do it

"I tell you what, Bob, between you and me. I'm afraid I'm taking the disease myself; I don't like the reports we hear every day from the coast. by the hour, and they say the Yankees are going to play the very devil with our ducks. I think I can detect a faint smell of powder in the breeze, and feel a strange desire to go into some hole or other. It may be the climate; I hope so, but don't about the haversack every time I see a bayonet. If I only had some good I think I could stand it very well.— Please send me some immediately on receipt of this. (N. B.-Mark the box Drugs, care Surgeon 2d Batt. Ala. Vols.') Our Major is sharp as a brier, and down on brandy like a

duck on a June-bug." five years, and then, in 1827, bestow- toil.

the out-house, where the animals her death, in 1837, she left him well | Rich Scene in the Wheeling Legislature. | FIRST VICTORY: AND THEN WHAT? were, and for a few days the mother provided for, but bequeathed the bulk and children kept themselves alive of Mr. Coutts' immense fortune to within their cottage, shut in and his relative, the eldest daughter of concealed by the heavy barricade of Sir Francis Burdett, who, by change of name, is now Miss Angela Burdett Coutts, also happening to be the wealthiest woman in England.

#### Gov. Wise and his Dead Son.

The Norfolk correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch, under date of the 15th inst., writes:-"Last night, when the steamer arrived at Currituck, Gen. Wise directed that the submit something which would meet their coffin containing the remains of his son be opened. Then, I learn from those who were present, a scene transpired that words cannot de-scribe. The old hero bent over the body of his son, on whose pale face the full moon thew its light, kissed the cold brow many times, and exclaimed in an agony of emotion, "Oh, my brave boy, you have died for me—you have died for!" That powerall over the country, miles and miles ful old hero of Eastern Virginia, as apart—how shall they be gathered famous for the generous impulses of his soul as for his bravery and prowess, recovering now from his illness, positor, the grocer, the tailor, and all and nerved perhance more strongly assistants to him in carrying on his by the great loss he has sustained, business, have their demands, hardly | will fight the enemy with an energy ever so small as a single dollar, but and a determination that will scarcethe mites from here and there must ly be successfully resisted by the congregated enemies of freedom and hu-

A Case of Insanity. "Simon Brown was a dissenting minister of great intellectual powers. He became insane. His delusion was, that he had fallen under the sensible displeasure of God, who had caused his rational soul gradually to perish, and left him only, in common with brutes, an animal life; that it was therefore profane in him to pray, and incongruous to be present at the prayers of others. In this opinion he was inflexible. Being once importuned to say grace at the table of a friend, he repeatedly excused himself, but the request being still repeated, and the company kept standing, he discovered evident to-kens of distress, and after some ir-resolute gestures and hesitation, expressed with great fervor this ejaculation: 'Most merciful and Almighty God! let thy Spirit which moved upon the face of the waters when there was no light, descend upon me, that from this darkness there may rise up a man to praise thee!" −Ďr. Forbes Winslow's Obscure Diseases of the Brain and Mind.

Here is a ghost story or adventure, which recently occured in Lim-

"A woman not far from Emly buried her husband a few months ago. A knock came to the door some night last month. She asked who was there. A hollow voice answered, 'I am your husband, whom you buried, and I am very miserable n purgatory till my debts are paid. Sell the two pigs you have and be sure to have the money for me on such a night when I call." The poor woman did as she required, and felt happy at being able to meet his request, whether through fear or love (has he appeared with his shroud and pale face.) Between the first and second visit of the ghost, the poor woman went and told her story to the priest; he told her it was all very good, but at the same time to have two policemen in the house when she would be giving the money. Accordingly, after getting the money, the pugatorial and shrouded ghost came, and was arrested by the police and lodged in Limerick jail, there to undergo a little more purgatory till his trial comeson. This ghost turned spirits, now, to take every morning, out to be a near neighbor, who is godfather to one of her children."

Among the charming customs of the Siamese people is one which will particularly commend itself to people who hate children and are bothered by noisy boys. Homicide in Siam is punishable at a regular Dr. McKenzie, the literary ed- tariff of prices. Thus, the penalty itor of the Philadelphia Press, who is writing sketches of Irish actors months is 6 "ticul," or about \$3 50; and actresses, relates of the celebra- for a child of four years about \$10 ted Harriet Mellon, that in 1815, being then "fat, fair, and forty," she retired from the stage to wed Mr. Coutts, the wealthy London banker, forty years the penalties decrease, at whose death, in 1822, she succeed so that it is no more expensive to ed to all his fortune—a trifle of about kill an old man from eighty-six to \$10,000,000. A lady with so many ninety years than an infant of two sterling charms was sure to have months. Women can be killed at suitors—among the rest, the Duke of two-thirds of the rates for males.— York, uncle to Queen Victoria, was Another pleasing custom is that considered likely to win her plump which allows a man to hire out his hand, filled with so much treasure. wife to his creditor as a slave, and The lady, however, wore weeds for thus cancel his debt by means of her

ed herself in marriage upon the 9th | The throne of Siam has been occu-Duke of St. Albans—her age being pied by four successive dynasties, the slept like the sisters. The morning fifty-two while her Benedick was first dating from 1851, comprising

The Wheeling Legislature having finished the business before it, adjourned on Thursday evening. Immediately previous to adjournment the following rather rich proceedings transpired: Mr. Radcliffe offered a resolution proposing to ascertain if the Senate would accept the ten commandments without amendment, if first passed by the House. He remarked that no propthe Senate without coming back amended. He desired, before the adjournment, to approbation. The Speaker appointed Mr. Ratcliffe to communicate the passage of the resolution to the Senate. Mr. R. accordingly picked up the resolution, and amidst great laughter proceeded to the Senate chamber. He subsequently returned and reported to the House that the Senate insisted that there were thirteen commandments, and refused therefore to | tained. accept the House resolution without amendment!

#### An Escape.

A day or two since, just before the train on the Detroit and Milwaukie Road reached Grand Rapids, and while it was running down a grade at a high rate of speed, the fireman, a short, fat, jolly son of the Emerald Isle, went to the forward part of the engine to oil up, and, in doing so, missed his hold and pitched off the locomotive. The engineer at once whistled down the brakes, reversed his engine, and finally brought his train to a halt. The conductor rushed out, breathless, to learn the nature of the stoppage, and was informed that the fireman was killed. The train was slowly backed up to discover and secure the remains of the unfortunate man; and when nearly back to the scene of disaster, the indomitable genius was discovered running up, none the worse for the fall. His first salutation, on getting within earshot was, "Is it the ile can yez are afther?" The fireman can consider himself as one of the exempt from railroad accidents.— Detroit Free Press.

Gen. McClellan. In a review of the late victories, says the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, the mind naturally reverts to the Commander-in-Chief, and the debt of gratitude which the nation owes to him for all this success. His cool- stantial, and the greatest on the ness, his calm deliberation, patient waiting, working and planning, steadfastly resisting all sneers, abuse, leading and beautiful and beautif steadfastly resisting all sneers, abuse, ridicule, and his far seeing judgment are the original means to which, under God, the nation owes the brilliant success of the present time.

### Slander.

We yesterday heard a neatly dressed, anxious looking young woman enquire light, that kept our feet from stumfor a letter at the post office. The clerk in a negative manner, when the woman turned away and sobbed as if her heart would break. We learned that her face was as familiar at the little window of the office as the aperture itself, and although she never got the expected letter she never lost hope, but came again and again as regularly as the mails. At last

"The sickening pang of hope deferred" was thus publicly manifested in broken hearted sobs that must have excited the sympathy of the hardest heart. Who the letter is expected from or what the nature of its contents, can only be conjectured, but the post office clerks witness similar scenes under similar circumstances almost every day. Letters are expected and longed for from absent lovers, husbands and sons and the office is hopelessly haunted with the same anxious faces day after day.

A good man should pray to be delivered from applause. Cowper is the only Christian poet who did not deteriorate under fame. Milton became an Arian, Young a worldling, Henry Kirke White a sentimentalist; even in Wordsworth, the æsthetic finally overshadowed the doctrinal, as in an old church the ivy will overgrow the butresses. And what saved Cowper, may have been that which seemed at the time the inexplicable mystery of his lot-his insanity. Earnestly should the man that suspects himself of talent, pray, 1st, that he should not know it from him-self; and, 2diy, that he should not know it from other people.

The brave Union soldier who carried captive the heart of a beauticame of the day that was to bring not twenty-seven. Incongruous as twenty-one kings, and ending in ful and wealthy heiress at Richmond, this union appeared—though the 1603; the second comprised but three and is soon to be married to her, is Duke was the lineal descendant of kings, and ended 1631; the third Sergeant Moulton, of the third Con-Nell Gwynne, an actress, and the comprised eleven kings, and ended necticut Regiment. He was taken only faithful mistress of Charles II in 1782, when the present dynasty prisoner at Bull Run, sent to Richsnow had begun to fall the evening | it was not unhappy. The relations | came to power. The present king is | mond, and attracted the notice of of husband and wife were strictly fifty-six years old, and ascended the the young lady, who supplied the platonic, from first to last, it is said. throne in 1851. The Siamese year object of her affection with clothing, begins on the 12th of March. luxuries and money, exchanged min-The Siamese have a marine of intures with him, and has cloped luxuries and money, exchanged min

Let no one suppose that the victory of our arms over the South is going to reconcile the Northern Abolitionists to a settlement of our troubles. When the fighting the South in arms is over, or even the prospect of it being over, then will come the tug of war, politically. The abolitionists, headed by SUMNER in the Senate, never intend the South shall be received back into osition from the House had ever gone to the Union, peaceably, amicably, honorably, as States, part and parcel of this Union, as they once were.

It therefore behooves every true friend care a snap whether he is to be the to the Union as it was, and as our army is fighting to make it, to be wary and vigilant. We have full confidence in our new Secretary of War, Mr. Stanton, in man than honest Abe. [Applause.] Gens. McClellan, Halleck, Buel, Grant, Mr. Chase, the Secretary of the &c., &c., but we have not the faith in Congress that we probably should have, man of large judgment, comprehenthat the position of these men will be sus-

The Union feeling South will melt as snow before an April sun, if the abolition, emancipation measures before Congress should pass. It would create a new revolution in Western Virginia, Missouri, and McClellan was described at length as Kentucky, and involve the whole North in inextricable dissensions, and lose us the in movement, no marked prominence great portion of our army, for brave as it of intellect, (glad of it, for we Yanis, it will not fight for the negro-but for the Union .- Crisis.

Young Old People. Some look old at less than forty; thers beyond three score have the vivacity, the sprightliness and the spring of youth. One of the most combining all the best products of active politicians of the times is now in his seventy-fifth year, and yet goes by the name of "the ever youthful Palmerston;" and with the weight of pations on his shoulders will find active politicians of the times is now of nations on his shoulders, will find | troubles. time to take a rapid ride on horseback daily, from ten to twenty miles. The heavy cares and severe labors of the Earl of Malmsbury average eleven hours a day, and yet at the age of fifty years, he is scarcely above to be appointed in the dead-letter forty in appearance. It is by no means an uncommon thing to read the deaths of men and women of the English nobility at eighty and ninety years, to be accounted for in part by their taking time to do things, and thereby doubling the time for doing them. The British are a dignified people, with the result of being as a nation, the most solid the most subcans, on the other hand, are a hasty race; their habitual hurries and anxieties eat out the very essence of life before half that life is done, and all bloodless, fidgety, skinny and thin, we are but "a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth

The Dying Star. Like these drooping, dying stars, our loved ones go away from our sight. The stars of hopes, our ambitions our prayers, whose light Edmiston meet us there? At NATHANTEL shines ever before us, leading on and up, they suddenly fade from the firmament of our hearts, and their place s empty and dark. A mother's steady, soft and earnest light, that eamed through all our wants and bling in the dark and treacherous "dealt" the package and shook his head ways; a sister's light, so mild, so vor those whose notes are due, with the pure, so constant and so firm, shining upon us from gentle, loving eyes, and persuading us to grace and goodness; a brother's light, for ever sleeping in our souls, all our goings and our comings; a friend's light, true

#### It is shining beyond the stars. Encouraging to Smokers.

There is said to be living in Osweand eighteen years old, who has notes that when you fail to pay the intersmoked for one hundred years, and consumed a thousand pounds of weed. Moreover, as showing that he is not likely to end in smoke, he is the father of twenty-five children, all liv-

If you want to gain any man's good opinion, take particular care how you behave the first time you are in company with him. The light you appear in at first, to one who is neither inclinable to you see the Institution suffer, or will you think well or ill of you, will strongly prejudice him either for or against you.

Our thoughts, like the waters of the sea, when exhaled toward heaven, will lose all their bitterness and saltness, and sweeten into an amiable humanity, until they descend into gentle showers of love and kindness upon our fellow-men.

A North Carolinian upon hearing that grass was growing in the streets of his native city became frantic with joy. The idea that grass would grow anywhere in North Carolina was perfectly delightful to

All men who do anything must en-

#### Bellows on Prominent Men.

Rev. Dr. Bellows delivered a lec-

ture on the war, in Portland, last week, in the course of which he thus sketched some of the prominent members of the government. We quote from the report in the Portland Transcript: President Lincoln he characterized as simple, faithful, firm unwavering, unambitious, honestnot a genius—Jackson had not a more unbending will, and I am sure he was not honester—just the man to hold the helm at this time—doesn't next President or not—a long-minded, as he is a long-bodied man, looking on all sides of the question-Providence never gave us a better Treasury is Jove like in person, a sive mind, honest purposes possibly a little ambitious, as Cæsar wasbut incorruptible. Mr. Stanton, the Secretary of War, it would do you good to see. He looks like Chapin a benevolent, genial man, of great energy, and every inch a man. Gen. kees are apt to be all head,) unaffectedly dignified and frank, not afraid of responsibility, an air of success about him, something of the man of destiny, (he has a heavy under jaw ;)he does not look great, but as though he was certain to do great combining all the best products of

There will be a rush of women towards Washington at once. The fair sex will be excited beyond measure to know that female clerks are office, to read and to return letters. What a chance for learning secrets!

A Russian student at Heidelberg has committed suicide in the cause of science. He wished to try on himself the effect of cyanure potassium. He did so, and has left a record of the different phases of his self-poisoning.

There is some excuse, after all, for Floyd's sudden departure from Fort Donelson. It is located in a hemp country.

#### From the Cumberland Producerism. SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS in WAYNES-BURG COLLEGE.

We take this method of saying to you that we will meet you at THOMAS POLLOCK'S in Jefferson, Greene county, on Monday, March 24th, from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 11 A. M. At Dr. John Cary's, in Prospert ity, on Tuesday, March 25th. Will Bro. CLARK's business room in Waynesburg, on the afternoon of the 26th, and the forenoon of the 27th of March. I will also be at the meeting of the Union Pressy-TERY, on the first day of its Spring Session. orrows; a father's strong, quick The object of thus meeting you at the above places, is that we may receive the interest due on your notes, and also to faopportunity of paying them off, and lifting them. We would say to those who made pledges at the Synod, (held in Carmichaels) in the way of donations, we expect them met also. A majority of them have promptly paid, while some few have not and trusty—gone out for ever? No! no! The light has not gone out. paid anything. Brethren, here is a moral obligation which we hope will be promptly met. Some others made promises of a similar kind to Bro. Hudson, these are included in this call. Now Brethren, you go, New York, a man one hundred know the condition of a majority of the est your note can be collected at any time. We have already commenced leaving notes us, is an unpleasant business, but you cannot blame us, for we, as the agent, go by orders given, and as a faithful servant we shall know no man after the flesh, but

> you ample warning. Now, Brethren of our own Church, wil come up like men and pay off your indebtedness? Some we meet with, tell us "I think my scholarship has been reated," but cannot tell us just to what period the interest is paid. No matter who went on your scholarship, you are responsible for the interest, and no one else is. Now. Brethren, do for pity's sake, and for the sake of system, say this no more, but find out at once, how your account stands, and let us know, (for we want nothing but what is honest,) and then when you rent your scholarship, see that a receipt is taken for the interest paid.

treat all alike. Besides, we have given

The settlement of these old, loose accounts is your, not my business. Brethren of the Ministry, and Eldership, you placed me in this unpleasant position, will you drifts against the low house, so that it but said me by paying your own indebted it had earliesty covered it. A low money, and the purse of a she-mil-shed behind protected the way to lionaire was at his command. At vessels.

The Siamese have a marine of intures with him, and has eloped dure a depreciation of their efforts. It is not believe that the dirt which their chariot-wheels throw share his fortunes.