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"I'M OLD TO-DAY." An aged man, on reaching his seventieth birth-day, like one surprised, paced his house, exclaiming—"I'm an old man—I'm

wake at last; I've dreamed too long, Where are my three-score-years and-

an old man!"

My eyes are keen, my limbs are strong: I well might vie with younger men. The world, its passions and its strife, Is passing from my grasp away And though this pulse seems full of life. "I'm old to-day-I'm old to-day!"

Strange, that I never felt before That I had almost reached my goal, My bark is nearing death's dark shore;

And yet I love their murmuring swell-Their distant breakers' proud array-And must I-can I say, "Farewell?" "I'm old to-day-I'm old to-day."

Life's waters far behind me roll;

This house is mine, and those broad lands That slumber 'neath you fervid sky; Yon brooklet, leaping o'er the sands, Hath often met my boyish eye.

loved those mountains when a child: They still look young in green array; Ye rocky cliffs, ye summits wild, "I'm old to-day-I'm old to day!"

Twixt yesterday's short hours and me, A mighty gulf hath intervened, A man with men I seemed to be-

But now 'tis meet I should be weaned From all my kind-from kindred dear; From those deep skies-that landscape

From hopes and joys I've cherished here: "I'm old to-day-I'm old to-day !"

O man of years, while earth recedes, Look forward, upward, not behind! Why doet thou lean on broken reeds? Why still with earthly fetters bind

Thine ardent soul? God give it wings, 'Mid higher, purer joys to stray! In heaven, no happy spirit sings "I'm old to-day-I'm old to-day!"

### Miscellaneous.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST GENERAL

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, who is now traveling in Europe, on July the 5th addressed the National mperance League in London.— During his remarks upon the increase of intemperance in this country he referred to the army and to Gen. Hooker in particular, asserting that the battle of Chancellorsville was lost by Gen. Hooker from this cause. A charge of this character should not be allowed to go abroad without investigation by the government, and we hope that some action will be taken; if true, the dismissal of Gon. Hooker from the service should immediately follow. We quote the following from Mr. Beech-

er's remarks:—"The civil war has interrupted the progress of temperance, and it seemed as if the things were for the time going back. In the army, affairs were very bad; drunkenness was rampant, especially among the officers. Those who showed another and purer example were not many, but among these he could mention Major-Gen. Howard, of the 5th Division, who had studied at West Point, and was about entering the ministry when the war broke out. If it were fit he, (Mr. Beecher) could point to several great misfortunes which had befallen the north on the field owing entirely to the drunkenness of officers. The battle of Chancellorsville was lost from this cause; but he had heard it from almost direct authority that the General thus implicated, knowing his weakness, had been previously abstaining, but that having received a severe contusion, he had been prescribed whiskey medicinally, and it was taking it for this purpose that the old appetite had

The New York Independent adds the following to this statement:-"Mr. Beecher stated this as a private communication, but the case of intemperance referred to is no secret here. That Gen. Hooker was drunk, and thereby lost the battle of Chancellorsville, has been published wherever the English language is read; and it is due to the inculpated General that the explanation furnished by Mr. Beecher should be made widely known."

been revived and had overcome

A Substitute for Leather. Leather, to a great degree, is to be superseded. The London Times endorses the claims of an invention, owned by Mr. Szerelmy, of England which, according to the description of the article, possesses every quality of real leather, and is vastly superior to it on many accounts. It will not which cost of calf-skin, \$150, will The invention is of immense yalus.-

# STREET.

BY MRS. F. D. GAGE.

making its first peep in the city, as a woman came stumping up Beekman street, who immediately challenged my attention, and made me forget folly of men and women that sleep soul-inspiring of all the hours of the

twenty-four, Was it anything strange to see a woman coming up Beekman street, the noisy thorough-fare of thousands?

woman was alone: not another human being treading those cold gray stones in sight. Her outward seeming, too, was strange. On her head she carried a board three feet long and eighteen inches wide, which culty; but still she carried her load arge market basket, and the other carried or half dragged a box sixteen inches square. Her dress was old and paiched, but it was clean.

large business house opposite. No, not the step, but within the space up went the freed hands and the keg of joy he is clasped to his mother's came down carefully upon the step breast and smothered with kisses! beside the box; and last, the long Hundreds have passed this humbl board left its porch above the black, genteel hood, and took its place uptween those columns, except that which was occupied by the box .--Now the white cloth that covered table-spread, and was laid neatly over the board, and hid the old nailkeg from the gaze of the passer-by.

shadow of the table, and when the ing time to the pattering?

whole was completed, the lame woThe cakeseller's work is done for six corpulent, uncomfortable men, all needle was threaded, and the work duty done.

spread out upon her lap. for whom those busy fingers were awaited me. 'plying the needle and thread."

wayside.

Stitch, stitch, sticth, went her Beekman street. needle—the hand only stopping to pick up a penny or make change for a little yellow paper, as cake after cake disappeared. How I wished more people would pause before that impromptu stall! Why did they pass her and trade with that redfaced creature opposite, who was

scolding or coaxing every passer by? There, the skirt of that baby slip is done, and edged with a strip of white braid around the bottom.-She holds it up and looks at it, and come the waist and sleeves; mayhap her stitches are not as well set or ums at fairs, but it will do.

The great clock chimes twelve.apple from another woman who anything below your proper humanwalks by with her basket, and a ity, you seek a happy life in the redoughnut and her apple makes her gion of death. - Coleridge. wholesome lunch for the day. Not once has she risen from her box .- REMAINS OF GIGANTIO ANIMALS. Now a cake is handed to a boy, who, with a tin cup which has been hid preparations to promote the discovaway in her basket, bounds away erv of congealed remains of mamand soon returns with water from moth animals in Siberia. It is stathe neighboring fountain.

Her head droops against the cor-

THE CAKE-SELLER OF BEEKMAN an orange, and by and by three or four for two large apples; presently a candy dealer leaves a bright red and white twist in the place of a The sun was just coming up and cream cake, and all these new ac-

quisitions are laid in a corner by themselves. the brightness of the day, and the eastward. Now she holds up the lit- and long life. tle red dress by the sleeves, surveys away this the most beautiful and it with loving looks, and lays it pant and perspire. across her lap, and leaning forward looks wistfully down the street.

darkening the shadows there, and Yes. For at this sunrise hour this still her eyes peer wistfully among the crowd, as it some beloved object

upon her broad shoulders the weight be done? steadily. In one hand she held a of threescore years and ten, drops into the extended arms of the patient, waiting worker, a beautiful child, who clasps her neck and nest-Clump, clump, clump, she came up his delight in half-cry and halfstreet, with her board, keg. box, and laughter. There is no delay; the basket, until exactly opposite the maternal fountain is given to his use. window of my "own hird" apart. And then old deaf granny is told of ment, and there she plumped down, the results of the day, and treated to and put her box upon the step of a the last of the remnants upon the stand. That big apple was for her; that orange was for her. Now little between two columns of said build- rosy-cheeks lifts up his head, bound ing, which made a little recess for with golden curls, and claims that her use. Next her basket was re- braid of candy. How he laughs and leased from her weary grasp; then crows, and for every demonstration

Hundreds have passed this humble group, yet not one has seen this exhibition of filial and maternal love. on the keg: and straightway there The words "mother" and "granny" was a table filling all the space be- reach me up to the second story, as your respiration freer, and your acthe cakeseller tries to make the deaf old woman hear; and I know. by ed the full, round, musical tone, that the contents of the basket became a love, true and pure, lies sweetly much as some thin men whom I sleeping in the hearts of the two.

Whose eyes see that little red slip put upon that baby boy? who And then the treasures of the basket sees that mother's heartfelt satisfucone by one found their place upon tion at the fit? who sees the proud the clean side table-sponge-cakes, crowing of the bright-faced darling, cream-cakes, ginger-snaps, pound- with his pouting mouth made all the of their food, they would like your-cakes, crullers jumbles, and I know sweeter by daubs of candy? Who self tend toward the normal standard not what, until inviting groups fleck- sees that proud old grandmother ed the white cloth, corners, niches, leading her pet away, his little bare and centre, with a tempting variety. feet pattering along the hard pave-The basket disappeared under the ment, and his merry laughter keep- on.

man looked it over with earnest scruthe day. She rises up and straight quite sure to die prematurely. Every tiny, adjusted a few refractory cakes, ens with difficulty her cramped and one of them might, in six or twelve and then, placing her hands upon crippled limbs. The remnant of months, be reduced to the normal her hips, she surveyed the whole with cakes are laid in the basket, the standard, and enjoy a degree of evident satisfaction for a moment, white cloth folded and laid over health and activity to which he is before seating herself upon her box, them, the board lifted upon her head, now a stranger. Is any physiologito await the coming of her custo- the old nail keg hoisted above, the cal statement more self evident than mers. Only one moment's rest did box and basket taken in the two that every fat person eats more than she give those busy hands. No hands, and clump, clump, clump, she he needs? sooner seated was she, than her sew- passes down the street in the dim ing emerged from her pocket. The twilight, her day's work of love and

All this long, long day I had been Ah! what a revelation was bound waiting for a telegram to tell me of up in that bit of scarlet calico! In the fate of one most dear, and that its folds tay the parts of a tiny slip humble creature, crippled, yet earnwhich revealed to my motherly vi- est, faithful and loving, helped me to sion a baby child just tottering alone, grow stronger for the fate that

And when at last that fearful dis-I drew my chair and writing-stand patch came that crushed my hopes, near the window, and as my pen and transferred my love from earth scratched over the paper, ever and to heaven, I know I was able to say anon my eyes wandered out of that with more perfect resignation, "My narrow room, through open win- Father, thy will, not mine, be done, dows, down to this trader by the because of the patient work and cheerful smile of the cake-seller of

Human Aspiration.

All lower natures find their highest good in semblances and seeking of that which is higher and better. All things strives to ascend, and ascend in their striving. And shall man alone stoop? Shall his pursuits and desires, reflections of his inward life, be like the reflected image of a tree on the edge of a pool, that grows downward, and seeks a mock-heaven | comely and and in shape. in the unstable element beneath it. the light of love glows all over her in neighborhood with the slim water. homely, care-marked face. Now weeds and oozy bottom-grass, that are yet better than itself and more her work such as would take premi. appear as shadows are preterable to shadows mistaken for substances? No! it must be higher good to make A penny from her pocket buys an you happy. While you labor for

Russian geologists are making ted that during the last two centu. ries, at least 20,000 mammoths, and ner, her face turned toward her probably twice or thrice that number, cakes and upward toward the clear were washed out of the ice and soil blue sky glowing with the mid-day in which they were imbedded, by the action of the spring floods-Her eyes close, and the red slip The tusks only have been preserved tention has not been much occupied lies quietly beneath her hands. She for the commercial value in ivory. with the phases of foreign emigration of any color, and a pair of boot tops ever-pursues her task. Two o'clock! as possible, as it is considered that population. The number of emi-More costomers. The tired and microscope investigation of the con- grants arrived, and who after arrival cost, of this material, only 25 costs, hungry to and fre pages and take tents of the stomach might throw hungry to and tre pages and state tents of the momen sugar throw may be the state tents of the momen sugar throw may be the state tents of the momen sugar throw may be the state of contrary to and the state of contrary to an antier of contrary to an antier

TALKS ABOUT HEALTH.

BY DIO LEWIS, M. D.

Perhaps you fancy your shape -You do look comfortable and jolly .-But as a physiologist, I must find fault Her stock is getting low, and the with you. Obesity, emaciation, is a sun is sending long slopes of shadow sort of disease—unfavorable to health

This warm weather makes you

I met one of your number down on the beach, the other day. It was The sun sinks lower; the high a warm afternoon. He was very unwalls of commerce and trade are comfortable. We stopped to chat a moment, when he exclaimed:

"I would give ten thousand dollars to be reduced to 150 pounds. I pant sweat; pant, wheeze, and sweat, ev-Ha! how her face brightens! what ery time I stir," and looking earnradience of joy gleams on every featestly into my face, he said, "Doctor. ture! Up goes the little red slip, what can you do for me; what can I held in both hands; and in less time take? My family doctor tells me he supported an old rail keg. She was than I have taken to write the words, can give me something that will lame, and seemed to walk with diffian old woman, who evidently bears whittle me down; do you think it can

"Oh, yes," I replied, "nothing is easier; but it is quite unnecessary to take any medicine. Suppose, sir, you have a very fast horse, much in les in her bosom, almost speaking condition of yourself, and some doctor were to propose to reduce his weight with medicine what would vou say?"

'I should tell him that I could reduce his weight by reducing the amount of his food.

"Just so; and you would be quite right. Allow me to commend the same practice to yourself. Reduce the quantity of your food one quarter and I venture to say that in a month you will weigh from 5 to 10 pounds less than now. At the end of the first month, reduce the amount of your food another quarter. Within three or six months you will find yourself lighter by 20 to 50 pounds. Your digestion will be much healthier, tivity and endurance greatly increas-

"But," said he, "I don't eat half as

know." "This is not improbable, and I presume their excessive eating keeps them thin as with your tendency, excessive cating produces fat. If they were to reduce the quantity of -they would gain in weight, while you would lose.

He promised to try it, and started

"But," exclaims some fat young woman, who would "give the world; to be in good shape, "I cannot go hun-

gry and faint ever.' This remark shows you have nover tried what I have suggested. It is only the great eater who is troubled with hunger and "goneness." you would reduce the quantity of your food, even one half at once, after three days you will not suffer from faintness or hunger. The man who eats temperately of unstimulating food, rarely knows the sensation of

hunger. In the light of these undeniable statements, how silly the practice, common among girls, of swallowing acids, and other killing things; and among men, steeping in tobacco, to reduce the flesh.

I have personally known scores of young women whose health has been ruined by drinking vinegar, or eating chalk and other indigestibles things, all to take away their fat.

sets, in the hope of keeping themselve

1 have met hundreds of fat men who were besmeared and saturated with tobacco juice—objects of disgust to all beholders, a terror to decent erable friend from Kentucky, Mr. Crittennoble, in as far as substances that housekeepers, peregrinating stench- den, as a final settlement of the contropots, and all to keep their flesh down.

> My poor, dear, fat simpletons allow me to prescribe for you.

Rise early; exercise much, partic ularly in the open air; bathe frequently, rubbing the skin very hard; but most important of all, cat plain, coarse food, and reduce the quantity until you find yourself growing thinner two or three pounds per week. Your sluggishness, short breath, and other discomforts will soon leave you, and you will become, bright, clear-headed and happy.—Independent

Increase of Foreign Emigration Owing to the excitement produced by the Southern rebellion public at-

same period in 1862. The emigration this year, then, for the period named. is just double what it was last year There is nothing to restrain a tide ike this to the Western World.

#### ADDRESS

Democratic State Central Committee.

To the People of Pennsylvania: An important election is at hand, and the issues involved in it may now claim your attention. The tide of war has been rolled back from our borders; and with thanks to God, and gratitude to the skill and Meredith. valor which, by bis favor, achieved { the prompt deliverance of our invaded Commonwealth, we may now give our solemn consideration to the causes that have brought to its pres- patriotic statesmarship, in which ent condition a country once peaceful, united and secure. It is now the scene of a great civil war, be tween States that lately ministered Compromise of 1833. Mr. Meredith to each other's prosperity in a Union founded for their common good. It terings of the rising storm were was this Union that gave them peace at home and respect abroad. They coped successfully with Great Britain

on the ocean, and the "doctrine" uttered by President Monroe warned destroy the Union was in the hands off the monarchs of Europe from the of his party; and no adjustment whole American continent Now. France carves out of it an empire, the judgment of the Supreme Court. and ships built in England plunder our commerce on every sea. A great promise, and who looked to a "little public debt and a conscription burden the people. The strength and wealth of the nation are turned from men of the South had controlled, productive industry and consumed with little difficulty, the small but in the destructive arts of war. Our restless class among them who devictories fail to win peace. Through- sired a separate nationality. The out the land, arbitrary power encroaches upon civil liberty. What has wrought the disastrous

change? No natural causes embroil-

ed the North and the South. Their

interchangeable products and com- truly, in the last Congress: modities, and various institutions, rican race; and the ascendency in the national council sof men pledged to an aggressive and unconstitution al Abolition policy, has brought our involved in simple emancipation." country to the condition of "the It was the triumph of the Aboli-house divided against itself." The tionists over the Democrats and Conthe laws. The leaders of this party trine of "irrepressible conflict. suffice. He said:

"I believe this to be a fair basis of amiquiry to the Republicans alone, for the reason that, in the Committee of Thirteen, a few days ago, every member from the South. including those from the cotton States (Messrs. versy, if tendered and sustained by the Republican members. Hence the sole responsibility of our disagreement, and the adjustment, is with the Republican party." -Jan. 3, 1861.

means by which the border States strove to avert the impending strife How the Republican leaders then country may be seen in a letter to the Governor of that State:

"To His Excellency, Justin Blair: -Governor Bugham and myself telegraphed you on Saturday, at the request of Massachusetts and New York, to send delegates to the Peace or Compromise Congress. They admit that we were right and that they were wrong; that no Republican State should have sent delegates; but they are here and cannot get away. -crack, is tougher, will wear longer is asleep—the 1rst falling footstep An effort is now to be made for the to these shores. Nevertheless the Ohio, Indiana and Rhode Island are cavand will resist water as effectually as near her awakens her. So she dozes discovery and preservation of one of tide has been and still is steadily ing in, and there is danger of Illinois; and rubber. The leather-cloth can be for half an hour, and then, busy as these carcases as perfect and entire rolling on , with vast benefit to our now they beg us for God's sake to come to their rescue, and save the Republican party from rupture. I hope you will send have left New York, during the pe- was gotten up against my judgment and

our erring brethren that you will send the Truly your friend,

Z. CHANDLER." "P. S .- Some of the manufacturing States think that a fight would be awful. Without a little blood-letting this Union will not, in my estimation, be worth a

Washington, Feb. 11, 1861.

In Pennsylvania, too, the same spirit prevailed. It was not seen how necessarily her position united her in interest with the border States. She has learned it since, from contending armies trampling out her harvests and deluging her fields with blood. Gov. Curtin sent to the Peace Congress Mr. Wilmot and Mr.

Mr. Wilmot was chiefly known from the councetion of his name with the attempt to embroil the country by the "Wilmot Proviso," baffled by Clay and Webster joined with the had published his belief that the mutwhat he called "stridulous cries," unworthy of the slightest attention. .

By Mr. Lincoln's election, in No vember, 1860, the power to save or was possible with men who rejected who scorned conciliation and comblood-letting" to cement the American Union. Till this time, the Union substantial interests of the South, especially the slaveholding interest, were drawn reluctantly into secession. Gen. F. P. Blair, of Missouri, an eminent Republican, said very

"Every man acquainted with the facts knows were sources of reciprocal benefit, and excluded competition and strife.

But an artificial cause of dissension was found in the position of the African race; and the ascendency in

danger to the Union began where servatives of the North, that secured statesmen had foreseen it; it began a like triumph to the Secessionists in the triumph of a sectional party, over the Union men of the South .founded on principles of revolution. The John Brown raid was taken as ary hostility to the Constitution and a practical exposition of the the docwere pledged to a conflict with rights The exultation over its momentary recognized and sheltered by the Con- success, the lamentation over its stitution. They called this conflict failure, had been swelled by the Abo-"irrepressible;" and whenever one litionists, so as to seem a general expurty is determined to attack what pression of Northern feeling. Riots another is determined to defend, a and rescues had nullified the consticonflict can always be made "irre- tutional provision for the return of pressible." They counted on an easy fugitives. The false pretonce that triumph through the aid of insur- slavery would monoplize the terrigent slaves, and, in this reliance, tories, when we had no territories were careless how soon they pro- in which it could exist, had been voked a coilision. Democrats and used as a means of constant agita-Conservatives strove to avert the tion against slavery in the Southern conflict. They saw that Union was States. A plan of attack upon it the paramount interest of their coun- had been published in "Helper's try, and they stood by the great book," formally endorsed and rebond of Union, the Constitution of commended by the leaders of the the United States. They were con- party that was about to assume the tent to leave debatable questions un. Administration of the Federal Govder it to the high tribunal framed to ernment-leaders who openly incal decide them; they preferred it to culated contempt for the Constituthe sword as an arbiter between the tion, contempt for the Supreme States; they strove hard to merit Court, and professed to follow a the title which their opponents gave "higher law." Thus the flame of them in scorn-the title of "Union- revolution at the South was kindled savers." We will not at length re- and fed with fuel furnished by the hearse their efforts. In the Thirty- Abolitionists. It might seem supersixth Congress the Republican lead- fluous to advert now to what he past ers refused their assent to the Crit- and irrevocable, were it not that it tenden Compromise. On this point is against the same men and the the testimony of Mr. Douglas will same influences, still dominant in the councils of the Administration, that an appeal is now to be made to cable adjustment. If you of the Republi- the intelligence of the people. The can side are not willing to accept this, nor Abolitionists deprecate these alluthe proposition of the Senator from Kensions to the past. To cover up their And I have known a still greater tucky (Mr. Crittenden,) pray tell as what own tracks, they invite us to spend number to ruin themselves with cor- you are willing to do? I address the inall our indignation upon "Southern traitors;" but truth compels us to add, that, in the race of treason, the Northern traitors to the Constitu-Davis and Toombs,) expressed their readi- tion had the start. They tell us ness to accept the proposition of my ven- that slavery was the cause of the war; therefore, the Union is to be restored by waging a war upon slavery. This is not true; or only true in the sense that any institution, only difficulty in the way of an smicable civil or religious, may be a cause of war, if war is made upon it. Nor is it a just conclusion that if you take The Peace Congress was another from your neighbor his "man-servant or his maid, or anything that is his,' you will thus establish harmony between you. No danger to the Union conspired against the peace of their arose from slavery whilst the people of each State dealt calmly and intelfrom Senator Chandler, of Michigau, ligently with the question within within their own State limits .--Where little importance attached to it, it soon yielded to moral and

economical considerations, leaving the negro in a position of social and political subordination no where more clearly marked than in the Constitution and laws of Pennsylvania. The strife began when people in States where it was an immatorial question undertook to prescribe the course of duty upon it to States in which it was a question of great importance and difficulty. This interference became more dangerous when attempts were made to use the