

GOD OMNIPRESENT.
Of an Angel's harp, and skill,
To teach the singing chorals;
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The Ceiling of the New House of Representatives
The National Intelligence states that sufficient progress has been made with the ceiling of the House of Representatives in the New South wing of the Capitol, to give an idea of its surpassing gorgeousness. In the North-east angle the massive drop pieces, of the form of fluted inverted pine apples, have been finished and set in their places, portions of them and the cornice have been painted black, and adjoining parts of the ceiling finished; the whole producing an effect that can be equalled, we suppose, nowhere on this continent and excelled scarcely anywhere in the world. These large and elaborate drops, with the surrounding foliage and ornaments, are of paper-mache, and in case of fire, or injury from any cause, can at any time be easily restored. Whilst work of ornamentation is thus progressing in the ceiling of the hall of the House, there is no idleness in the Committee rooms. Several of them are paved with the beautiful and encaustic tiles, and are ready for frescoing; others are undergoing that process, and so exquisitely beautiful in taste and finish is this work, that every visitor pours forth, upon witnessing it, utterances of mingled astonishment and delight. In the north wing, to be occupied by the Senate and its officers, several commodious rooms are finished, and some are well advanced toward completion. One is now in hand for the Naval Committee of the Senate, and its ceiling and walls are being most tastefully and fittingly frescoed and painted. Neptune, Amphitrite, the Tritons, and all the gods and goddesses of the deep, and spirited representations somewhere on the walls of this unique room; the paintings are taken up with wall-pictures and exhibits performed under the American flag. When finished, the room, with its match for the Military Committee, will be among the chief attractions of the magnificent apartments the country is providing for the use of its legislative agents in the Capitol.

Select Miscellany.
A SKETCH FROM LIFE.

At five o'clock on Thanksgiving morning, Deacon Wilson arose as was his wont. No holiday made any change in his hours. Yet now he no longer sprang from his bed with the alacrity which changed duty into pleasure; he rose because imperative necessity commanded it. There were the cattle to be fed and watered, and to poultry to receive the same attention, and there was, moreover, a fire to be made in the huge old kitchen fire place; for the deacon had no servant or helper, in the gray winter of his life, the whole burden of management of his place had fallen on his shoulders—fortunately they were broad and strong—fortunately his constitution was good, his spirits elastic and his piety sincere, for his burthens and trials were indeed weighty. He had been comparatively rich—he was now in embarrassed circumstances. He had looked forward to the time when a son should relieve him of the most laborious of his toils, while a daughter performed the same kind office for his wife. Both had been disappointed—and now the old couple were the solitary tenants of that lone New England farm-house.

A Frontier Scene.

About seventeen miles north of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, is a very remarkable spot. A solitary oak post stands in the barrens, in the forks of the roads, and has obtained, universally, the name of the "Lonesome Post oak."—In the early settlement of the country—more than half a century ago—this was the only tree to be seen for many miles round, and hence its name. It was then tall, green and flourishing; it is now, however, if it yet stands, a leafless, branchless, thunder-riven, shattered trunk, sending up its shafts as straight as the mainmast of a ship of war. Superstition has long guarded the spot. The tree is looked upon with something like the same veneration with which the Egyptian regards his pyramid, those grim sentinels of antiquity. The place is remarkable for a very severe battle, fought by Big Harpe and Davis. The Big Harpe and Little Harpe, his brother, were the terror of the surrounding country, in those early times.—Two more execrable monsters never disgraced humanity. They lived with two women as bad as themselves, in a cave about twenty miles from this tree. Blood and massacre were their delight. It was their custom to sally forth, and without any reason, to murder without distinction, all the men, women and children they could find. As the country filled up, the people could no longer submit to their horrid depredations.—Men and dogs collected, and took the pursuit. They came on the two Harpes in a narrow valley, at about two miles from this tree. They immediately mounted their horses, and dashed off in the direction of their cave. If going about five miles, Davis whose horse was very fleet, had left his companions, and caught up with Big Harpe, he having previously separated from his brother, the Little Harpe.

Outside Gitter and Thide Groug.

Some of our readers, who are, perhaps, in the habit of visiting the city of Wellsborough, will be surprised to find that the town is not so quiet as it seems. There is a great deal of "outside gitter" and "thide groug" going on. A gentleman of about twenty-one, accompanied by a young lady of eighteen, both from Waterbury, arrived at the Stoddard House, in Farmington, where they were immediately put in holy matrimony, by Rev. Mr. Mungo.

Case of Employment in Farmington.

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New Tanning Process.

Although a great number of patents have been taken out for tanning process—more than a hundred having been granted—new modes are still being patented and brought before the public.

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