

Poetical Department.

NOW-A-DAYS.

Alas! how every thing has changed

With bonnets made of braided straw,

Since I was sweet sixteen,

And aprons nice and clean ;

That tied beneath the chin,

And fastened with a pin.

I recollect the time when I

Rode father's horse to mill,

And up and down the hill;

(As sure as I'm a sinner.)

Would almost faint away,

In wagon, chaise or sleigh;

Or helping "ma" to bake,

Began to beat and flutter;

A sleighing in a cutter;

And as for giving "pa" his meels,

Oh, saints ! 'twould spoil her lily hands,

When winter came, the maiden's heart

Each beau would take his sweetheart out

Would meet and have most glorious fun,

Or, if the storm was bleak and cold,

The girls and beaux together

And never mind the weather.

But now, indeed, it grieves me much

However kind the young man's heart,

Why, surely, "they're engaged !"

There are three days of holy time;

These are the wond'rous three.

The sun his face did hide ;

Their Maker, Jesus, died !

Closed on the mighty dead;

While to the realms of Paradise

Broke on the gloomy grave;

The God who died to save!

Three days of sanctity ;

Of all the circle of the year

There are three days of holy time;

They are the wond'rous three.

The soul divine had fled.

And one beheld the sepulchre

On one the heavens were robed in black,

And well might earth and sky be rent :

Then came the day when life and light

And rose from death to heaven on high

Three days of sanctily;

Of all the circle of the year

The Three Holy Days.

The circumstance to mention,

And honest his intention,

He never asks the girls to ride

But such a war is waged !

And if he sees her once a week,

Though sometimes they make cake !

To think of riding all alone

Across the meadows, rock and field,

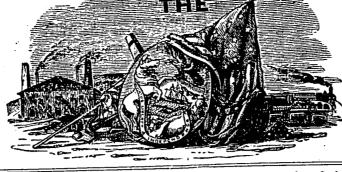
And when our folks went out to work.

I jumped upon a horse, bare-backed,

And carried them their dinner.

Dear me! young ladies now-a-days,

The shawl laid neatly on the neek,



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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Partner ship heretofore existing under the firm of J. & IV. Bernd, has been dissolved by mutual consent, therefore all those who are indebted to said firm will see the necessity of settling their accounts without further notice.

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will was to be drawn so carefully. We stop-ped for a moment to take up Mr. Seeley, the conveyancer, before driving directly to When all the girls wore nomesput frocks, the splendid mansion, in the neighborhood of the present Hyde Park corner, where the

banker had a few years resided. "Have you the will with you ?" asked my principal, whose name was' Marston.

"No ! there's the devil of it ! It is not drawn, and I have had no instruction as yet. "Not drawn ?" exclaimed Marston ? then there's little need of my going any farther," and he reached his hand forward toward the check string-a movement which the conveyancer repressed and said .--

"He utterly refused to have the will drawn out of his house, and said that it must be prepared directly upon the heels of his instructions-no doubt from some strange and perhaps impracticable whim. I am glad he insisted on my bringing you, for the efforts of two in such a case will relieve each other.'

Mr. Marston nodded assent, and, as if half in rumination, said-"I knew Selborne when he was a clerk in the India House, before his uncle's return from Calcutta to place him with the bankers whom he ultimately succeeded. We frequently dined together; and I have lead in all the important causes which his firm have had. Together we have started and settled many important points of commercial law."

"Yes; I remember the one----,"commenced Seeley, (who appeared to me to be something of a prosy character.) as the coach paused before the banker's mansion and thus cut short something of less interest to me than might be the scene we were about to enter upon, and about which my curiosity was exceedingly excited by the conversation so far had. The coach was ordered to wait at the corner, and we ascended the steps .----Evidently to guard against any knocking, the noise of our approach brought a pompthe door before we had quite reached the must be dispatch. I desire too that if she con ous lacquey to the porch, who swung back threshold. Another servant stepped forward, and, taking our hats and cloaks--for it was a raw November night-noiselessly motioned us into a drawing room. found a fine blaze upon the capacious hearth, (for it must be remembered this was some time ago.) and a general warmth diffused through the spacious apartment. This was furnished in simple elegance, and I felt myself pleasantly accommodated in a capacious chair before the ample blaze. A few minutes elapsed-doubiless spent in announcing our arrival, and in preparing his chamber for our reception-when the servant returned, and motioned us to follow. We were escorted up one flight of stairs, and shown into a large bed chamber. Upon a large mahogany bed, of ample dimensions, propped up by pillows, lay the dying banker, and, by his side, the most lovely being I had

care--so rare in thorough men of the world, her-Seeley with something of pity. Mars-who are never so happy as when receiving ton with affectionate interest. He had fond-reflected homage through a lovely child, and led her upon his knee many a time, and I nodded by way of answer. he supposed it was in regard to her that the whiled away many an hour listening to her prattle when a child. •My late clerk Walter Hardinge, has been presumptious enough to address her, and she

bedient enough to receive the attentions.' 'I never knew until-she began.' Until I spoke on the subject, you would

say; but you heard my general ideas for your future long before,' he interrupted.

'Is it necessary that this should be dis-cussed ?' asked Mr. Marston, evidently feeling for her situation, as she sat still unmoved but evidently tortured with contending emotions that she was too proud to show to strangers.

'Perhaps not, perhaps not,' said her father; but this is the point : After a legacy of two hundred pounds to each of the servants who have served me most faithfully, and an acquitance of debt to an old friend, whose name is upon yonder piece of paper I desire all my property- Seeley has the schedule -left unto you two gentleman in trust, as my executors, for my daughter. If she marry Hardinge, she is to have only three hunderd pounds a year-the rest I leave to Christ Hospital. She can choose between begge ry and shame, and comfort and honor.'

Beggery, mayhap, dear father, but-no. no-not shame !' and the strong will giving way, she burst into a flood of tears. I felt like rising up and crushing the remorse-less father ; for in the name of Hardinge I remembered an old schoolfellow at Eton-as honorable a fellow as ever misfortune reduced; and instead of allowing him the University he was prisoned in a counting house. I saw now that he had perhaps named me to her, and hence the shade of pleasure at seeing one of his friends when my name was recently mentioned. It was painfully evident that her love for him, which before

strangers could be thus avowed, was no weak tie. The old man's lips quivered slightly as he

-I shall not live another day, and there sent to the condition of her fortune, she be your wards, and only marry with your joint

.We will retire and prepare the instrument,' said Seeley, with professional nonchalance, as he walked toward the door, followed by myself; whilst Mr. Marston appronched the bed as if to expostulate with his dying friend. Indeed, I heard the words 'You surely cannot mean-,'as I passed through the door. I had just approached the upper stair-Seelcy being now considerably in advance-when I heard a light foot step behind me, and felt a light touch upon the shoulder I looked around, and the daughter stood beside me more lovely than ever, with somewhat disordered looks where her hands had pressed her temples, and with liquid eyes wherein tears still sparkled.

"Pardon me," she whispered, and point- another piece of paper.

Seeley, in a semi-professional abstraction; but a fine fellow, that Hardinge. Met him once on the execution of a trust deed from a depositor of the firm-made some capital uggestions, he did.'

'I know him well,' said I, 'said he is a fine fellow. Can nothing be done for him ?' Mr. Marston shook his head, and Seeley added-Nothing can we do but follow instructions,' and he drew forth from a tin case some sheets of heavy linen paper prop-

erly stamped in blank. 'Suppose they were to be married,' asked before the will was drawn, and it contained this provision of nullity regarding her

estate on a future marriage ? 'Not to be thought of,' said Seeley, 'it vould be a fraud on our client.'

'It would not affect her entirely in the east,' replied Mr. Marston, firmly ; but, as Seeley says, that is not to be thought of just

Suppose they are married already ? Seeley stared, and Mr. Marston looked earchingly into my countenance.

"The same thing,' replied he; the will would have reference to a future condition, which could not happen—an impossible condition because the event already existed. ·But why put these queries ?' asked See-

ley. "Surely you don't mean to-" 'I mean to say that I believe they are already married ! I know Hardinge, and I can now recall certain hints to my mind which convinces me that he is married, and privately, to this lady !'

I dissembled in this way to see what effect the idea would have upon the counselors, before I venture to certainly promulgate her secret.

'If this should be so, how fortunate for the girl,' said Mr. Marston.

'It is none of our business,' added Seeley; the will soon die, and we are not to go

beyond instructions. 'It is so !' I rejoined. I have had it from her own lips not fifteen minutes ago. She knew me to be his friend, and told me."

Both started from their chairs. But do not call her, nor speak to her-

she is too much agitated,' I added. We will prepare the will,' said Seeley. It is but a short document. The trust is simple ; the property, though extensive, briefly to be described.'

Mr. Marston was lost in thought. Seeley had spread out the paper, and was commenc ing to write. I stole to the door, if haply to meet her, and say how well it was -Noiselessly I wound up stairs. She was not in the room. I heard voices in the bed chamber, and knew that she was there .---Noiselessly I returned to the room. Mr. Marston had joined his chair to the table, and was sketching a draft of provisions on

We were again in the chamber of the dying man. It was almost midnight. The of his afflictions; and he is holy, who, when wild November wind during the four hours he hath lost his comfort loses nothing of his we had been within doors, had increased to duty, but is still the same when God chandently furnished as one of her favorite re-treats. She drew towards a recess of the the blast hoarsely murmured in the chimney window, and said in a low and agitated place. It was a fitting night for the troops of death to environ the dwelling, and on the mortal overthrow ! The banker had changbrow, still stood watching the hurried breathing of her father, perplexed with emotions of remorse, fear, anxiety and hope. How I longed to see the form of the unconscious son-in-law enter, and clasping his wife in his arms, sink by the bedside and receive a parting blessing. Yet I saw by his lips, his master and servants are one day to stand relentless eye, his firmly closed mouth, the decision of his face, that not even this could move him from his purpose. 'Is it prepared ?' he asked. Seeley nodded, and spread the document on plaints of disobedience at the prospect of lov- the table, while the daughter glided to the couch and buried her head in the pillows.feelings you must imagine when I tell you Marston's lip quivered as he took the old man's hand, while the medical attendant ad-

Speak, some one! Give me the will, I say; let me see the word! Is it a plot? A light here! Hereafter, said you-hereaf-

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ter-hereafter-here-His speech choked, his breathing was as of one snoring, his teeth clenched, his hands moved as if grappling something, and, with a heavy groan, he fell back dead ! 'Dead, indeed,' whispered the medical

man, as I raised the prostrate and senseless daughter to the couch.

And hereafter indeed, too !-- could there be a word more prophetic ?' said Seely, to my instructor.

Mr. Marston stooped, and felt the deadman's brow; then turned to Laura and kissed her forchead with an emotion not to be repressed, as the attendant drew a lancet after ringing for assistance.

•The property will now descend to her of course,' whispered Seeley, in my ears, as we descended the stairs.

I may here anticipate, and in this connection add, that in after years I was often a visitor at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Hardinge, who took another dwelling, and the old mansion, with its mournful memories, was sold. They lived very quietly and happily, with one child-a son-who bore her father's name. She always wore a saddened shade of countenance. The marble brow with which I was first acquainted, and the calm face beneath betokening silent sorrow, became a familiar thing to my memo-Although happy in her love for husry.

band and child, she could not forget the un-forgiving and frightful mood in which her father died. She never was told the exact. circumstances of his death, but only knew he expired whilst she had swooned during my reading of the unexecuted will.

Sabbath Reading.

DIVINITY OF CHRIST .-- Two gentlemen were engaged in a discussion on the divinity of Christ. One of them, who argued against it, said, 'if it were true, it certainly would have been expressed in more clear and unequivocal terms.' 'Well,' said the other, 'admitting that you believe it, were authorized, to teach it, and allowed to use your own language, how would you express the doctrine, to make it satisfactory and in-dubitable ? 'I would say,' replied the first, that Jesus Christ, is the true God ! 'You are happy,' rejoined the other, 'in the choico of your words, for you have happened to hit upon the very words of inspiration.'-St. John, speaking of Christ says, "This is the true God and eternal life !' John v. 20.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN .--- No man ought to think he hath found peace, where nothing troubles him; nor that all is well, because every thing is according to his mind nor that he is a holy person, because ho prays with great sweetness and comfort .----But he is at peace who is reconciled to God; and God loves him when he hath overcome himself ; and all is well when nothing pleases him but God, being thankful in the midst

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ever beheld. It was his daughter ; and at ed to another apartment. I followed with a he first glance toward her matchless beau- beating heart, and frame scarcely less agity, I paused, spellbound, until aroused by tated than must have been her own. The the voice of the conveyancer saluting his room we entered was a retiring room, evilient in a subdued tone, when I also advanc. ed and bowed reverently to the lady. Sh was graceful as beautiful and motioned us to lifferent chairs with an ease which rendered voiceher more charming. Mr. Marston, as he, greeted her, raised her hand to his lips with "This is a great liberty, and one in which greeted her, raised her hand to his lips with my maiden pride would fain be accuser; ed materially, and the medical attendent was elderly gallantry; while Seeley, who per- but I have heard Walter speak of you as the now by the daughter, who, with marble savior of his life, when he was cramped in haps saw little of society, grasped her other bathing years 1.go, and I share his gratitude palm as he would have shaken the paw of a

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April 12, 1854.

Concer.

An Amateur Concert will be given at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday Evening May 3d for the benefit of the Library Association of the Allentown Academy.

TICKETS 25 cents.

The friends of the Institution and the public generally are respectfully invited to the double gratification of listening to most agreeable music, and contributing to a most worthy object.

EDWIN G. MARTIN, ALFRED J. MARTIN, Committee. W. J. ETTINGER, Allentown, April 26, 1854.

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The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public in general, that they have put the above works in full operation on the 1st of March last, where they will be prepared to execute all kinds of

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The undersigned being machinists themselves will attend personally to the business. he was a widower, with an only daughter MICKLEY & JONES

Fogelsville, March 8.

Miscellancous Selections.

Story of the Unexecuted Will. My name is Sidney Hampton. I am a younger son. The baronial halls of the lamptons, in -----shire, were the scene of my birthplace. My list of ancestors is a long one, but as they never did me any benefit, I have never kept it either in memory or on

paper. How I was nurtured ; how educated : what joys my childhood and boyhood knew, are of little interest. That which attaches to my life commences when I entered London, to keep chambers and terms preparato-ry to being called to the bar. I hated the sea, and fainted at the sight of gunpowder; so the younger son-the fool of the family

--wus set to investigating the laws of his country. The barrister with whom I read, as my family's fortune much decayed, received me as private clerk instead of a premium. He was a kind old man-a bachelorand soon grew as fond of meas I was inclined toward him.

He lived upon law—eat law, drank law. thought law, and walked in law-chatting as we walked, of all the great topics of the science. Together we would take airings -together write and read-together visit the theatre, of which I was very fond. I was therefore in his best confidences, and to this owe many presences at interesting scenes,

where I studied human nature and the dramatic sides of life. It was not two months after my connection began that he entered Grist Work, having engaged a competent miller, and other assistants. It will be ber, and told me that he was about to infringe ber, and told me that he was about to infringe upon the etiquette of his calling by accompanying a conveyancer that night to the house of a rich banker about to execute a

will, and who desired the presence of counsel as well as of conveyancer - the latter nothing loth.

"I desire you to accompany me, for if I am to have anything to say about it. I desire what may transpire," said he, in conclusion. On our way in the coach, he informed me

that the banker's name was Selborne ; that of surpassing beauty and worth, whom he

1-tf guarded from society with curious paternal both the lawyers looked inquiringly toward

giant. When we were seated, she with- and esteem." drew a shot distance from the old man's bed side upon a low couch. A silence ensued, broken by the tremulous voice of the banker. 'A queer whim, you will say, Marston,

and reminding you of old times. I don't mistrust your kindness, nor Seeley's faithfulness, but the nervousness of an invalid may. be pardoned something in asking that my will be drawn up here. It is for my daughter that I especially prepare it." He turned his eye toward her, and said-

Laura, you may leave if you please so to

'I will stay, father.' she responded, in a low but clear voice, looking at her I noticed her face to be as marble, but all the more saint like for the change. There was a mystery

and my heart beat with curiosity. 'As you please—as you like,' rejoined the invalid, fretfully. 'I suppose with the family advisers we can have no secrets." 'None, father.'

Again the same low, clear, firm voice and narble countenance. Mr. Seeley bowed, and made a feint of taking snuff, which, with professional caution, he avoided for the coming sneeze-while Mr. Marston played with his watch seals, and looked somewhat troubled : but insantly looking toward me, he added-'My pupil, Mr. Hampton here, is of honorable family, and possesses my entire confidence.'

I felt her marble brow turned upon me and, lifting my eye, saw a shade of plea-sure across it. 'No, no !-- no secrets !' continued the banker. Laura has formed a foolish attachment, and my will is drawn in reference to that,'

She colored scarlet half rose to go, and hen returned motionless into her seat, as

I bowed with my heart beating more violently as I felt I was about to become the confidant of the beautiful being besides me -an unworthy and unprofitable one, too, I was afraid.

"You heard the language just used by my father ?-harsh and crue!! I care for that, not for his property ; but I am in a

cruel dilemma. If he agonises me with coming Walter Hardinge, what may be my we are already married !"

"Married !" I exclaimed, while she gently, with finger to my lip, that sent a tingle through my frame, repressed the exclama-tion-"This is indeed a dilemma, and one which your father must not now be ac-

quainted with." "Yes, I know it would kill him, and that would be terrible. It is life is now short enough ! But my absence will be observed. &c., &c.'

for it may have an influence on the will, and I would not have him say hereafter I deceived him. I have not courage to speak with him ; will you ?"

These words were tremulously whispered, while she blushed deeper and deeper at every syllable, as I could plainly discern in the reflection from a lamb within an alabaster vase at the further end of the apartment.

I pressed her hand gently by way of answer, and walked silently through the room to the stairs and down into the apartment where the lawyers were now waiting. I determined upon dissembling.

"Ah, Hampton ! admiring the pictures in

ministered a cordial. Read it,' said the invalid.

And at Seeley's request I commenced to ead, after a look of intelligence with Laura Selborne, who raised her head from the pil-

lows for a moment. I soon came to the important clause ; '-To be forever enjoyed by her, and the principal, at her death, to be by her willed as I dared not tell Mr. Marston, elder friend she pleases, except in case she shall herethough he be. He does not know Walter after marry one Walter Hardinge, late clerk -you do. This, however, must be told him to the house of Selborne & Co., the same,

To save my life I could not help an emphatic rest on the word 'hereafter,' which Mr. Marston had dictated below to the con- should do unto them.

veyancer. Both as involuntarily crossed ooks; perhaps the barrister who held patient's hand pressed it ; Miss Selborne rolled from the couch in a fainting fit; and the banker, raising himself from his props with convulsive effort, and his suspicion aroused as will often prophetically happen on a bed

of death, exclaimed ; 'She cannot already have wedded him Hereafter did you say, sir ?' and he glared fiercely on me. Wo were all silent.

ges his face towards him .- Jeremy Taylor

A BLESSED PROSPECT .- The ties which bind together a family who all have a good Christian hope, shall never be dissolved .----Death comes among them but we take the Bible in our hands and inscribe on their tombstone - "Pleasant in life, and in eternity not divided.' One after another falls until the last of the circle is carried to his long home, but the grave cannot retain them .-By and by the family is to meet again-husbands and wives-parents and children-within the gates of the New Jerusalem, all washed and sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God.

RULES OF CONDUCT .--- 1. Never lose any time, I do not think that lost which is spent in amusements or recreation some time every day ; but always be in the habit of being employed. 2. Never err the least in truth. 3. Never say an ill thing of a person when thou canst say a good thing of him ; not on-ly speak charitable but feel so. 4. Never be irritable or unkind to any body. 5. Never indulge in any luxuries that are not necessary. 6. Do all things with consideration, when thy path to act right is most dif-ficult, feel confidence in that power alone which is able to assist thee, and exert thing own powers as far as they go.

Wit and Humor.

Br What part of scripture do two ladies fulfil when they kiss each other ? Doing unto others what they would that men

The man who paid the bill with pleasure says it is easier than to raise the cash. The lady who tried to keep her "preerves in a family jar," found they very oon saured.

Which is the most dange rous, the conents of a gun barrel, or the contonts of a whiskey barrel ? Referred to the Bungtown debating society.

Br What is "mean time ?" That which allows only twenty minutes to dinner.