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r SPRING.

Behold the sweet, the lovely spring, Once more she doth appear, Decked in her verdant robes of green, The lovliest of the year.

Stern winter's chilling blast no more Shall shroud the earth with gloom; From nature's unexhausted store The flowers put forth and bloom.

The streams and fountains loosed once mo From icy fetters free,
With foaming speed and deafening roar,
Dance onward in their glee.

The little warbler gaily floats, And sweetly seems to sing; And carol forth its joyous notes, To welcome gladsome spring.

Then welcome, sweet and smiling spring, Whose whisperings seem to say, That winter, on her sable wing, Unce more has passed away.

Odds and Ends.

SATAN TAKEN TO GRACE, MATRIMONY AND A PARLOR .- On Thursday, Mr. Israel Satan was married to Miss Grace Parlor.

Mankind are free ; peace shall abound, Since Grace by Satan hath been found; And in full faith that peace is sent, Israel by Grace has pitched his tent. No more in deserts shall he roam, He's got a Parlor for his home.

The following epitaph may be found a tomb stone in Straffordshire, England :

"Beneath this stone, a lump of clay, Lies Arabella Young; Who on the 29th of May, Began to hold her tongue."

A young gentleman who received a strong hint from a young lady that she wanted a new thimble, sent one to her with the following

"I send a thimble, for fingers nimble,
Which I hope it will fit when you try it;
It will last you long, if it is half as strong
As the hint you gave me to buy it."

IJA stuttering Vermonter was asked the way to Waterbury. With great politeness he strove to say it was right straight ahead, but in vain. The more he tried, the more he couldn't. At last, red in the face, and furious with unavailing exertion, he burst forth with:

"Gug, gug, go long, darn ye, you'll gi-gi git there afore a k-kin tell you!"

Small acts of kindness-how pleasant and desirable do they make life! Every object is made light by them, and every tear of sorrow brushed away. When the heart is sad. and despondency sits at the entrance of the soul, a trifling kindness drives despair away and makes the path cheerful and pleasant.

OLD GENT .- ' Why dont you go to work, stop picking your nose Boy .- Its my nose ain't it? and its Fourth

of July too. I'll pick thunder out of it if I've mind to.' "Sam, why is your head like the moon?"

"I don't know, Jim. Give it up." "Because it is supposed by some to be inhabited. Yah, I say, Bill, Jim's caged for stealing a

horse." "Sarved him right. Why didn't he buy one and not pay for it, like any other gentleman ?"

A young lady says she would as soon nestle her nose iu. a rat's nest, as allow a man with whiskers to kiss her. Don't try her, lest she may not only break her vow, but take a liking for it.

The lady who put her floor cloth in the cradle and scrubbed the floor with her baby, has since joined the Mormons.

The Buffalo Rupublican says the woman

who had a "fellow feeling in her bosom" has sued him for assault. Poor thing! A gentleman who advertised for a clerk

who could bear "confinement," was answered by one who had lain seven years in iail.

The chap who courted an investigation declares he'd much rather hug an affectionate girl. Ehem: who wouldn't like that we wonder ?

Crispin says there is no danger of hard times among the shoemakers, because every shoe is sol'd before it can be got ready for market.

What is stronger in death than in life ?-An old yellow legged hen. If you don't believe

it, try to dissect one after boiling. The worthest people are most injured by slanders; as we usually find that to be the best fruit which the birds have been picking at.

Isn't it rather and odd fact in natural history, that the softest water is caught when it rains the hardest?

In girls we love what they are, in young men what they promise to be.

i III is better to stop at a high door-way than to run against a low one. Ho that will be angry for anything, will be angry for nothing.

the stranger.

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BANDIT'S REVENGE.

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For some years during the early part of the eighteenth century the highway from Lyons to Turin was infested with a gang of robbers of a most bold and desperate character; and so well organized was the band, and so secret was their place of rendezvous, that the vigilance of both cities failed to discover it. Now and then a troop of gens d'armes, who had been sent in search of them, made prisoner of a member of the band : but the offer of life which was made him on condition that he would betray his companions, had always been received with the utmost indignity.

The last individual who had suffered previous to the time our history commences, was a lad of sixteen years,—a fair-haired, blue-eyed boy of very delicate form, and features extremely beautiful when at repose, for then the look of the brave, which he could so well assume, was exchanged for an expression of such deep melancholy, in which, however, there was not a tinge of repentance or fear, that scarcely was there an eye resting on him as he was led up the fatal scaffold but was moistened with the tear of pity. As to the proof of his guilt, there was no question; but had he plead innocence, there were many present at his trial who believed he might have escaped justice; and when he stood on the scaffold, the officer who had conducted him there felt so much compassion for the boy that he whispered in his ear:

"If you are guiltless of the crime alleged against you, declare your innocence, and you may yet be saved!"

"I am not innocent !" exclaimed the youth, and do you think I will speak falsely to save my life? A robber may be a gentleman; but and a lemans, and decourses to dig !!!

"Poor boy!" said the attendant; "well, appeal then to the sympathy of the people, and they will rescue you from this terrible fate!"

looking scornfully in the face of his adviser; and turning to the crowd, he stretched out his | patron of young artists, invited to his chatcau slender arm, and shook his white clenched hand in the anxious faces upturned to his, while his sweet-toned voice was proud and defiant. "Do whom he had found at Rome. He had heard you think, base slaves!" he exclaimed, "that you will strike terror into the hearts of my dral of St. Jean being then without a good brave and free companions, by taking my life? They are all before me, every one of them, but you will not see, even in the leader of the noble band, who is my father, the quivering lip or will be diminished by the loss of me; no! cd, and the salary offered the stranger was more another will be trained to fill my place; and if than double the day succeeding his first percannot satisfy him. Thank you," he continuit possesses the powers it now enjoys, it shall he was received into the society of people of "but the day is almost gone, and I can tarry ssor in the ban hearts, and you will see me again; you shall--"

His farther speech was checked by the officer his crime. For some months after the execution nothing was heard of the band of highwaymen, and their robberies afterwards were more unfre quent, and carried on with less boldness than before.

At the close of a hot, sultry day in midsummer. a traveller, apparently much fatigued, and covered with dust, halted at the door of a humble peasant dwelling at no great distance from Turin, and asked of the woman who sat in the shade of the poplar, busily engaged in plaiting a straw hat, for a draught of water. The lad who had been sitting near her, instantly dropped the old violoncello to which he was attempt ing to fasten a new string, and hastened to supply the stranger's want, while his mother invited the traveller to rest himself on the bench the boy had quitted. The invitation was accepted, and as he sat down, the stranger took up the instrument, and drew his fingers across

"Is your son fond of music, madame?" he asked.

"Yes, monsieur !" she returned, in very pure French: "he has a sweet voice, and if we could afford to give him instruction. I think he would become a master of the science. But his father is poor, and Francois will be nothing but a vine-dresser."

The boy returned with a pitcher of water, which the traveller drank of very sparingly. "Francois, let monsieur hear you sing! said his mother. "I dare say he has an ear

violin. The lad blushed, but after a little hesitation

ler. "I dare say de Maestro, himself, would his only son, and once was the villa nearly de times running into a voluntary, which far exnot have done better at your age, my lad !" "Ah, monsieur, you flatter the boy!" said

the mother, with a smile of delight. "Not a bit !" said the stranger, "his voice

will be the making of him. I wish de Maestro could see the boy !" A slight flush tinged the face of the woman,

and she bent her head again over the work she had for a moment laid aside.

" Pietro, the boy's father, does not think de Maestro a great performer!" said the woman. But," she continued, after a moment's hesifather, and is called a good man by all the who was stolen from the count-his own son! neighbors, Pietro is no musician; and beside, I saw him after the execution, and his face was he is in the employ of the Count d'Enghein."

"And why should that influence him in his opinion of do Maestro's abilities?" asked the friends were the visitors of these evils on the stranger.

"Ah, do you not know ?"

"Years ago I heard him perform several times; and he enjoyed once, I believe, a good reputation; but I never made inquiry respect-

ing his private history !" said the stranger. "Well, it is an old story now," said the woman; "it is sixteen years since the count drove him from Lyons. Maestro,—he did not assume the prefix to his name till after his marriage, was the son of a poor peasant, who lived on the estate of the count's father. His health was delicate when he was young, but he was a very handsome, intelligent lad, and possessed at an early age a remarkable fondness for music; and the old count was so much pleased with him that he promised his father he would give him a thorough musical education. His patron died, however, before the boy had time to make much progress in his studies : and his son, the present count, who, for some unknown reason, had always disliked Maestro, denied what his father had promised him, and advised the peasant to put the boy to work. The lad was proud and irritable, and perhaps he spoke unadvisedly to the count; but at any rate, his without so much as a sou, though he had a sick wife, and a large family of small children.-Nothing was heard of him for some time, but that his mother and her babe had died from "Appeal to their sympathy !" said the boy, want and exposure. At length the count, who had always shown himself, to some extent, the a professor of music,—I cannot remember now the foreign name by which he was called,him perform once at the Vatican, and the catheorganist, a great salary was offered him if he

would accept the situation. "Never did the great organ of St. Jean the downcast eye. And think not their number | Christmas evening! Everybody was enchant. any one else in regard to the lad; your inmy spirit exists when my body is dead; and if formance. Through the influence of the count, ed, as Francois returned with a basket of fruits, ank, and much of his time was passed at the chateau d'Enghein. When the stranger had thought himself sufficiently to possess the good wishes of the people among whom he was, he of justice, and the lad suffered the penalty of made known his real name, and his marriage, which had taken place about the time he was introduced to the count in Rome.

"The stranger was, as you will suppose, Monsieur de Maestro! and his wife was the count's sister. They had been playmates in childhood, and the crucky of her brother towards the youth had made the lady's friendship ripen into love."

" Was it a real marriage that existed between them ?" interrupted the traveller, who seemed

very much interested in the account. The woman looked timidly about her, and then whispered in a low tone, "It was! her waiting-woman, who had always enjoyed the confidence of the sweet lady, was a witness of the ceremony, It was Father Jerome, who died so suddenly, and not one of his servants, attired in his master's garments, as the count so clearly proved it to be, who stood at the altar. But who would have believed me? What am I saving,-but you are the friend of de Maestro! My dear mistress would not allow me to make known what I know of the marriage; she said it would in no way benefit her husband or herself, for the count was determined to ruin him; it would only involve Pietro,-we had been married a year then, - in difficulty. I would not have cared for that, however, but she would not allow it; on her dying bed she begged me not to testify to the legality ofher marriage even if her babe lived, for it might cost him and his soon as he caught the air, the stranger played that he was obliged to escape from the city. piano,—the principal article an accompaniment. The fond mother gazed She diede to the great joy of her brother, but his cabin contained, -where "Bravo, bravissimo!" exclaimed the travel- of the dearest treasure he possessed on earth-

stroyed by fire. And did you ever think of it, monsieur,-Francois, can you not find some fruit for the stranger? did you ever observe, monsieur-O, you have long been absent from this neighborhood, -- you say! but you have heard of course of the robberies which have, for some years passed, been committed between Lyons and Turin. Well, these robberies have always been of the count or her friends; and -and-I know not why I am saying what I so like to that of another d'Enghein!"

"Has it ever been supposed that de Maestro's count ?" asked the stranger.

"Friends? he had no friends!" was the reply; and the woman hurried on, evidently with a desire to evade giving a more direct answer; "no friends where the count exerts any influence. He has hunted him everywhere, like a wild beast; it is said he has sometimes been reduced to the utmost want, through the count's means. Nothing has been heard of de Maestro for some years past."

"Did you tell me," asked the stranger, what became of his child? It lived, you

"No, monsieur, I did not tell you it lived!" returned the woman, quickly. "The report was, that it was dead; and everybody believed it was true."

"Everybody but you, Louise!" said the stranger.

The woman started, but the man lifting, for a moment, his broad-brimmed chapeau from his head, and with it the dark chestnut wig which had hid his own raven hair, and at the same time removing from his face the moustaches that had concealed it, and a line from his cheek that seemed to have been a frightful sear, but father was driven from the d'Enghein estate replacing each as soon as he perceived from the changing countenance of the woman, that he was recognized, asked eagerly, in a language very different from the patois in which he had before addressed her, "Louise, does he not live? Is not Francois the son of the Lady Emilie ?"

"He is! but-but he must not be taken from me! It would be harder to part with him now than it was with my own dear babe, whose place he took in my arms, and my heart .-Pietro thinks him his own son; what can I say to my husband if he is taken away?"

"All your kindness to your mistress and her son is known," said the stranger, "and the boy shall never forget it. You shall see him breathe forth such melody before, as on that again, some day. Do not undeceive Pietro, nor no longer. arm, however, and walk with me a little distance, I shall be well pleased !"

"Go with him, Francois, as far as he wishes you to! remember, my son, as far as he wishes you to! But you must return to me again, some time, remember that too, Francois; when he will allow it, return to me again!" and the woman, unable longer to control her feelings, rushed into the cottage, closing the door after

Three years had passed away since, at the command of his supposed mother, Francois had put himself under the control of the individual. who came, one warm midsummer eve to the door of Pietro's cottage, and asked for a draught of water. But who Ruberto (so was the individual called) was, and why he had taken such interest in him, for notwithstanding he was seldom treated by him with any show of kindness, the youth was convinced that nothing gave his tutor-such was Ruberto to him-so much pleasure as the progress he made in his studies, and his improvement in physical strength,who he was, and why he had taken such interest in himself. François could not learn.

Among the inhabitants of the little hamlet in which his cabin stood, Ruberto was known as Un Fou, but he excited no fear nor ridicule among the most timid, or the rudest, for he was always harmless, and the sight of that broad, pale brow, on which the raven hair was shivering, the glance of the deep-set, melancholv black eyes and the low-toned musical voice never called forth any emotion but that of pity. For some time after he had taken up his resifather their lives. My dear mistress !" and the dence with the stranger, Francois believed that woman's tears fell fast over her work, "she the epithet applied to him was not, altogether, for music; see! he has put the string to your had no friend but me, and her husband was far inappropriate. The course he sometimes took away; for the count, whose influence was very to procure his daily bread, more than anything great, had so exasperated the populace against else, convinced him of the partial insanity of he commenced a sprightly virelay, to which, as him by his story of the wrong done his sister, his patron. Ruberto would rise from the miture which d been playenraptured on her son as the air was concluded; he has never prospered since. The Countess ling in a manner that might have entranced the in her delight at the performance she did not d'Eoghein survived her but little more than a senses of a much better critic than Francois, as observe how much of the merit of it was due to | year, and it was a strange disease of which she | entirely as it did his, -- the master-pieces of the died; twice has the chateau been robbed, once greatest artists, altering and improving, so his he never see you more; ay, his life, even did he quantities, but not sufficient to make it an obpupil thought, their finest passages, and some know you were beyond the bounds of Italy and ject to collect.

ceeded in beauty any music he could place before him; he would rise from the piano, and suspending from his neck by a cord an instrument carried only by the lowest class of street musicians, would start for some neighboring town, where he would be found gathering a few sous from a group of lazzaroni, for the performance, in the most wretched manner, of some contemptible ballad. But when Francois gently remonstrated with him for the have cally dared think before,—the youth who course he was pursuing, offering to labor for was executed two years since, as a member of the support of Ruberto in return for the intation. "though he is a kind husband and that band of robbers, must have been the boy struction he was receiving from him, an expression would dart from those dark eyes which only silenced the youth, but would persuade him, for the time, that it was not to a disordered intellect, but a deranged soul, that the eccentricities of his character were attributable: and he was convinced, by several circumstances, that the extreme poverty of Ruberto was only affected. The longer he remained with him the more was he assured that the real character and situation in life of his friend were very different from what they seemed to be, but beyond that the youth could not conjecture: for there was never a moment when that face relaxed its cold and stern expression; never, though words of kind approval were sometimes addressed to him, was there a tone which invited to familiarity.

The other member of Ruberto's family was more unapproachable than himself, for the old Lunette was deaf and dumb too, for aught Francois knew. During the three years he had spent in the house, she had not uttered a word in his hearing; and she was very unapt in pantomime, for the youth could never make her understand anything, though he sometimes labored to do so.

Very soon after taking up his residence with Ruberto, he had been informed that he was not the son of Pietro and Louise; but who his paents were, and whether they were living or not, he could not learn. His foster-mother whom, at the request of his new guardian, and also her own, he had not visited since leaving her, pretended ignorance of his parentage; and Ru berto would not be questioned on the subject. Three years had passed away, and a great

change had taken place in the personal appear ince and character of Francois. The pale, delicate boy, whom the extreme tenderness of his foster-mother had almost spoiled, and a fear of whose discovery by the unscrupulous relative who might have sought his life, as well as her notions of his superiority of birth, had caused to interdict any intercourse between him and the children of her peasant neighbors, and to confine him so entirely to her society that he was timid and awkward,-had become a strong, athletic youth of ninetcen, handsome in fea tures, and polite and graceful in his manners : reserved, and very sensitive from the peculiar position in which he was placed, but proud and self-possessed. His talent for music had been cultivated, but not to the neglect of other studies, for Ruberto had showed himself as well qualified for his instructor in other sciences, as in music.

On the evening that he had completed his ninetcenth year, Francois informed Ruberto that it was his wish to engage in some pursuit by which he might gain a livelihood without being dependent on the kind friend who had cared for him so long.

Ruberto had been sitting in one of those loomy moods in which he had always at times ndulged, but which had, of late, seized him more frequently than usual, with his head resting on his hand, and his eyes fixed with a cold, insanc expression on his pupil, who, a moment before addressing him had executed a year difficult but sweet piece of music.

" From the kindness you have always showed me since I have been with you," said Francois, "I venture to hope you have already marked out for me a course of conduct, and I shall be ready to pursue it as soon as it is described to me."

Ruberto started as if the simple words of the youth had been a dagger in his soul, and the look which succeeded that vacant gaze was so wild and agonized, that it seemed to chill the blood in the veins of Francois; and before he could collect himself sufficiently to ask an explanation of the sudden emotion, Ruberto strided out of the cabin. Francois rose to follow him, but he had hardly advanced a step towards the door when a hand was laid heavily on his shoulder; and, he could hardly credit the evidence of his senses, the old Lunette stood beside him, gazing with a clear and bright, but anxious eye, in his face, and whispering in his ear in a low, distinct tone.

"Francois!" she said, "fly from this place: far-very far from this place, and now-this very night! Fly, if you have the least regard for him; fly, if life and honor are dear to you!"
From Ruberto, Lunette? Does he wish me to leave him?"

France, never more to return! Obey me, or you will bring a terrible curse on yourself and him. Ask no questions; henceforth I am the mute I have always been !" and the old woman, resuming her accustomed look of stupidity, retreated to the corner of the apartment where she usually sat, and took up her interminable straw braiding.

The abrupt entrance of an individual-a butcher from Lyons, and a distant connection of Ruberto's, so he called himself, prevented Francois from attempting to draw from Lunctte an explanation of her words. Merle, so was the visitor called, was a man about fifty years of age, and in his personal appearance, and the expression of his features, was something that rendered very probable the story of his relationship to Ruberto. But the two individuals were very unlike, too.

The black eyes were equally wild and piercoing, but what was deep melancholy in one, was, in the other, the expression of dark, revengeful thought; the voice, and neculiar accent of the two were the same; but the few words of Ruberto were sweet and gentle, as were the tones which, in his hours of better feeling, he made his old piano to broathe; while the voluble language of Merle was bitter and sarcastic,-his mildest words seemed but dissembled oaths.

The butcher was not a frequent visitor at the cabin, though he had been there several times since Francois had become a member of the family, and the youth had always observed that Ruberto, after one of these visits, had been more than usually silent and gloomy, and more cold and reserved towards himself.

The stranger seemed, from his first sight of him, to take a great fancy to Francois, but he had the most uncommon ways of showing his interest in him. Not unfrequently was his salutation to the youth the presentation of a loaded nistol at his breast, or the holding above his head a short, heavy blade, that he always carried concealed about his person; and the admirable dexterity with which Francois knocked the weapon from his hand and wound his supple limbs around his strange friend, gave Merle much amusement and satisfaction. Especially was the butcher pleased, when those dark eyes glowered so maliciously on him, and his words were so bitter and taunting, at the perfect selfpossession of the youth, and the sprightly wit that so easily parried the home thrust, or the sober rebuke that silenced him.

He had abruptly, it has been said, entered the cabin, and noiselessly, too, at the moment Lunette was resuming her braiding, and glanced with a more than usually frowning eye around the apartment.

"And so you have been giving Francois a little friendly advice!" he said, approaching Lunette, and speaking in a low, quick tone, as his hand fell rudely on her shoulder.

But the venture, though so well made, did not surprise Lunette. Not a muscle of her face moved; and the eye which lifted itself to his, was inexpressive of aught but surprise at his sudden appearance.

Francois had always felt an instinctive dislike to Merle: the sport of the butcher with himself being about as amusing to him as must be that of grimalkin to the captured mouse; and his present visit, the youth thought, might have some connection with the injunction of Lunette, and the mysterious appearance of Ruberto: and under pretence of seeking the latter, he left the cabin, and did not return to it till late in the evening, when the visitor might be expected to have taken his departure.

The dwelling was silent, and in darkness. and Francois crept noiselessly to his sleeping apartment; but as he was preparing himself for his couch, there was a low tap at his door, and on opening, it, the old housekeeper stood before him. By the bright moonlight he saw that she was greatly excited, but with a look imposing silence, she motioned him to follow her, and then led the way to the cellar of the

François groped his way down the stairs after her, and then Lunette seized his hand and drew him forward, he knew not whither, but through a long, subterranean passage, which opened now and then, he thought, into an area of considerable dimensions. At length they paused, and the woman, first pressing his fingers tightly to enjoin silence, opened a small aperture in the wall before which they stood. and then drew him to the spot through which a ray of light was gleaming. Francois peered through the aperture, and before his eye was an apartment perhaps sixteen feet square, comfortably finished, and furnished with a large table, on which were visuds and drinking vessels, and around which were seated a dozen men. The host, to the amezement of Francois. was Ruberlo, and opposite him sat the butcher from Lyons. All the others were unknown to him; but they were dark-browed, ferocious looking men, and three of them bore a very striking resemblance to Merle. [CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.]

Honey Bees .- A correspondent of a morning paper says that he has lived three years in the southern portion of Tulare Valley, California, and can state that during the dry season the leaves of the oak are completely loaded down with honey, so that it drops from leaf to leaf, and finally finds its way to the earth in fine, transparent and crystalized honey. The willow timber on all of those southern streams from the San Joaquin down to Tejon Pass is loaded down with sugar, so that the Indians collect it in large quantities by cutting off the branches, throwing them on a hide and threshing it off, then winnowing out the leaves. There is likewise a small cane that grows in the mountains adjacent to the Tejon, from which the natives collect large quantities of sugar by merely cutting it and threshing the sugar off. "He loves you," returned the woman; "you They obtain it in a pure, crystalized state, cannot dream of the affection he bears you; without any boiling or refining. There is a but Ruberto would give his right hand could species of pine that produces sugar in small.