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"I have sworn upon the Altar of God, eternal hostility to every form of Tyranny over the Mind of Man."-Thomas Jefferson

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POETRY.



FINE OLD BALLAD.

The following touching ballad is of very ancient origin, and probably founded on actual occurrence We copy it from the Ministrelsy of the Scottish Border.

There were two sisters sat in a bower:

Binnorie, O Binnorie; There came a night to be their woorer, By the bounte mill dam of Binnorie. He courted the eldest with glove & ring. But he lo'ed the youngest abone a'thing; He courted the eldest with broach & knife But he lo'ed the youngest abune his life,

The eldest she was vexed[sair, And sore envied her sister faire-The eldest said to the youngest ane (in?'-·Will ve on & see our fathers' ships come She's ta'en her by the lily hand, And led her down to the river strand. The voungest stude upon a stane, The eldest came and push'd her in, See took her by the middle sma," And dash'd her bonny back to the jaw; (O sister, sister, reach your hand, And ye shall be heir of half my land.'-·O sister, I'll not reach my hand, And I'll be heir of all your land: Shame fa' the hand that I should take, h's twin'd me, and my world's make,-O sister, reach me but your glove, And sweet William shall be your love.'-Sick on, nor hope for hand or glove! And sweet William shall be my love. Your cherry cheeks and your yellow hair

Garr'd me gang maiden evermair.'-Sometimes she sunk, sometimes she swar Until she came to the miller's dam; 'Oh, father, father' draw your dam ! There's either a mermaid or a milk white swan.'-

The miller hasted and drew his dam, And there he found a drowned woman; You could not see her yellow hair For gowd and pearls that were so rare; You could not see her middle sma', Her gowden girdle was sae bra'. A famous harper passing by, The sweet pale face he chanced to spy, And when he look'd that lady on, He sigh'd and made a heavy moun; He made a harp of her breast bone, Whose sounds would melt a heart of stone; The strings he framed of her yellow hair Whose notes made and the listening ear. He brought it to her father's hall, And where the court assembled all, fle laid his barp upon a stone, And straight it began to play alone Oh yonder sits my father, the king, And yondersits my mother, the queen And vonder stands my brother Hugh,

But the last tune that the harp play'd then, Binnorie, O Binnorie Was-'Woe to my sister, false Helen!'

And by him William, sweet and true."

be By the bonny mill dams of Binnorie. When you have a bountiful table, semem t : the poor this cold weather.

MILSOBILILA NOUS. IB

From the St. Louis Reveille:

Swallowing Oysters Alive.

of an oyster house in our city was thrust syes." open, and in stalked a hero from the Sucksomewhat stooped, with a hungry, anxious strong pepper sauce. tinuance permitted, until all arrearages are discharged.

The hint was enough—the Sucker, upon the children are at down to the bottom of his breeches pockets the instant, seized the bottle, and desperate play in the court—if you want to talk to me down to the bottom of his breeches pockets the instant, seized the bottle, and desperate play in the court—if you want to talk to me down to the bottom of his breeches pockets the instant, seized the bottle, and desperate play in the court—if you want to talk to me down to the bottom of his breeches pockets the instant, seized the bottle, and desperate play in the court—if you want to talk to me down to the bottom of his breeches pockets. He shortly stier mounted his ox-cart, the instant, seized the bottle, and desperate play in the court—if you want to talk to me down to the bottom of his breeches pockets. He shortly stier mounted his ox-cart, the instant, seized the bottle, and desperate play in the court—if you want to talk to me down to take the bit dressed as one of the commonest order by wrenching out the cork, swallowed half where you please, and while you stay, do secrets of success is to give it discipling of the British troops. No sooner did the conclusion that his suit had been made ed from its effects, and gasped, and blowed as you please quent nsertion. The liberal discoun in his boyance; of a dingy, yellow linsey & pitched&, twisted, as if it were coursing he pitched&, twisted, as if it wer LETTERS addressed on business, must woolsey, and that, having sprouted up with through him with electric effect, while at astonishing rapidity, he had been forced of the same time his eyes ran a stream of tears slightest preparation. It is understood above—certain hours for certain stu thought,) they began to quiz him, and piece it out with all colors, in order to keep At length, becoming a little composed, his that on some particular evening of the week dies. with his body. In spite of his exertions waggish adviser approached, almost bursting a lady or gentleman always receive their however, he had tallen in arrears about a with suppressed laughter, and inquired, got of the necessary length, and consequenty, stuck that far through his inexpressibles kill it? His crop of his hair was surmounted by the funniest little seal skin cap imaginable, inwards. If that ister critter's dying agonies After taking a position, he inculged in a didn't stir a ruction in me equal to a small and slowly ejaculated-'Isters!'

'Yes, sir,' responded the attentive operator; 'and fine ones they are too.'

he, 'but this is the first time I've seed 'em remarked-'If any get two chickens from almost unnoticed indent in these festivals and prehaps I'll know what that made of me for that live animal I'm d-d!' and seiz of intellect and taste. Wouldst thou like to may easily be made a gossip as unprofi afore I git out of town"

Having expressed this desperate intengravity and interest which would have done been 'swallowing oysters alive,' oner to the most illustrious searcher into the mysteries of nature. At length he be What will other People say gen to soliloquize on the difficulty of getting em out, and how queer they looked when

'I never seed anythin' hold on so -- 'takes are well worth heeding: in a mazin' site of screwin' hoss, to get'em out, and aint they slick and slip'ry when we industriously surround ourselves, a cir. hey does come? Smooth as an cel! I've cle that never expands, whose iron never good mind to give that fellar lodgings, jes changes to ductile gold. This is the pres o realize the effect, as uncle Jess used to av about spekelation."

'Well, sir,' was the reply, 'down with wo bits, and you can have a dozon."

'Two bits!' exclaimed the Sucker, 'now chicken and there's no gittin' more'n piece for them. I've only realized forty ive picayones on my first ventor' to St Louis. I'll tell you what, I'll gin you two

out, and the offer was secepted.

hearn tell you city fellars are mity slip'ry frank to him coons '

The bargain being fairly understood, our ghost-while he burst into the exclama

·Swallowed alive, as I'm a christian! ·Our Sucker hero had opened his mouth with pleasure a moment before, but now is stood open. Fear-a horrid dread of he missiles back again by the law of gravity. did'nt know what-a consciousness that all sucky are they if they bruise not their own wasn't right, and ignorance of the extent of faces. Would that I could persuade all who the wrong-the uncertainly of that momen: read this to be truthful and free, to say wha was terrible. Urged to desperation, he they think and to act what they feel, to cas faltered out-

. What on airth's the tow! 'Did you swallow it slive?' enquired the

the Sucker.

hopeless tone

At a late hour, the other night, the door

·How are you now, old fellew?-did you

·Well, I did, hoss-ugh-ugh-o o o my ong stare at the man opening the bivalves, airthquake, than a sarpent when that killing stuff touched it; but'-and here, with a baskets of fruits stand here and there on the ill around negligent of more serious ad morrow, and pay you heartily for your countenance made up of suppressed agony side tables, that all may take, who like, but and present determination, he paused, as if eating, which constitutes so large a part of Well, I've hearn tell of isters afore, says to give force to this words, and deliberately all American entertainments, is a slight and ing his seal skin, he vanished.

tion, he cautiously approached a plate, and of the company at this finale, would have complete indifference to Mrs. Smith's as scruticized the uncased shell fish with a made a spectator believe that they had all sert on, that you were mean enough to offer

Mrs. Child, in one of her letters, makes the following observations, which, we think

'There is a false necessity with which sence of public opinion, the intolerable restraint of conventual forms. Under this lespotic influence, men and women check or isters. A dozen on 'em aint nothin' to souls, but dares not give utterance to its earnings. What hinders? The fear of what Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Clark will say, or the frown of some sect, or the anathema of some synod, or the fashion of some clive, or bickens for a dozen, if you'll conclude to be laugh of some club, or the misrepresen dozen, winked to the avendant to shell he is equally afraid of thee. He has bound thy hands, and thou hast fettered his feet. 'Now mind,' repeated the Sucker, 'all It were wise for both to snap the imaginary fa,-two chickens for a dozen-you're bonds, and walk onwards unschackled. It

But what will people say?

·What does it concern thee what they Sucker squared himself for the onset-delib say! Thy life is not in their hands .erately put off his seal skin, tucked up his l'hey can give thee nothing of real value. sleeves, and fork in hand, awaited the ap nor take from thee any thing that is worth pearance of No. 1. It came-he saw-& having. Satan may promise thee all the quickly it was bolted! A moment's dread kingdoms of the earth, but he has not an al pause ensued .- The wag dropped his acre of it to give. He may offer much as knife and fork with a look of mingled the price of his worship, but there is a flaw emazement and horror-something akin to in all his tittle deeds. Eternal and sure is Shakapeare's Ham'et on seeing his daddy's the promise, 'Rlessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

But I shall be misunderstood, misrepresented."

'And what if thou art? They who throw stones at what is above them, receive the from them, like ropes of sand, all fear o sects and parties, of clans and classes.

·What is there of joyful freedom in our social intercourse? We meet to see each 'I swallered it jist as gin it to me!'shouted other, and not a peep do we get under the thick, stifling veil which each carries about 'You're a dead mani' exclaimed his anxi him We visit to enjoy ourselves, and our ous friend; the creature is alive and will host takes away all our freedom, while we

screamed the Sucker, in a frenzy, his eyes, sleep, he dare not, lest it seem unpolite to it, which is the only true method of to when they were going to have a bout -if you wish to ride, there are horses and thus been enabled to compass them. er. He was quite six feet high, spare, inquired the wag, pointing to a bottle of there are books in the parlour-if you want again so the same theme—the particulars. If I should not, let them The hint was enough-the Sucker, upon field-if you want to comp; the children are at wander and to thunt after new fancies.' He shortly after mounted his ox-cart.

riends. In one room are books and flowers in another, pictures and engravings: in hird, music. Couplesare ensconced in No one is required to speak to his hos either entering or departing Lemonade & see such social freedom introduced here? 'The shout of laughter, & the contortions Then do it. But the first step must be only one kind of cake to your company & than cakes or under crust."

> From Neal's Saturday Gazette: MAKE USE OF YOUR TIME

"I wo hours each evening, makes foureen hours per week; that would make The facts thus collected, however trivial exty hours per month, and three hun-strike so deep into the memory the dred hours by the first of April. Think they are rarely forgotien; and there is

as including every body who has the ca- all sorts of pretences and eviasions. pacity of improvement. To this ex en et us be boys, to the end of our earthy career, never being too old to learn ANECDOTE OF GEN. PUTNAM and so taking the advice it may be reit ability and inclination, but because trickery he might have in view.

to work the men are raking hay in the human mind in general, is disposed to have it, by the hokey!" in this respect, that it may wait upon the officers espy him; than they begen meet without invitation, and without the method of so doing than is pointed out finding him a complete simple, (as they

There is, moreover, a disposition der. with most people to endeavour to do to: wuch at once-to overrun, as it were. whole fields of literature and science at a single incursion, instead of advancing some shaded acolve, or groups dotted about in compact column towards a specified plorable look of entreaty, sonly let me the room in mirthful or serious conversation point. They are thus tempted to lounge off and you shall have my built team & here a little and there a little, coqueting I'il give you my world I'li return totresses, and deluding themselves with kindness & condescension." he never to be realized intention of nereafter giving up such desultory habs well as the body, and our reading table as the idlest intercourse of convivid life. Almost every body has felt how thoroughy he masters an authowhen detained by accident in some renote and isolated position, with nothng at hand, perhaps, but a single vol to put less shortening in the under crust of ame, and that probably not of the mosyour pies than the upper. Let Mrs Smith attractive character-how in mere sell talk according to her gis; be thou assured defence against the approaches of enuithat all living souls love freedom better is the rain patters on the window, h. reads it again and again, title-page, imprint, preface, text and apprehend ad vertisements, until he not only under stands the work itself, but rememberhe printer, the publisher, the terms of Some one of our cotemporaries-we he copyright and every other particular know not which, as the paragraph floats lar appertaining to it. The few people about without credit-propose to the about the house may not be of the conhoys, now that the long evening are on versible sort, or are of the kind whos hand that they devote a portion of their stock of ideas is soon exhausted-the surplus time-say two hours every eve- log, as distant dogs are apt to be, their best impulses, suppress their noblest ning, to some useful study and he goes is unsocial, and does not understand feelings, conceal their highest thoughts on as follows, to calculate the advan-your ways; while the cat is uninterest ome, that's stickin' it on tite strong, hose Each longs for full communion with other tages which will arise from so do-ing and uncivilized; and under such circumstances, what a treasure is the ven leral Almanac or antediluvian Directory

of it. Loy out a system of studies, and lesson in this which might be turned to tursue it faithfully, and if you do not advantage to direct our reading. N. sation of some political party. Thou are know more, and are not wiser, and matter how extensive the library, te A wag, who was standing by indulging in afraid of thy neighbor, and knowest not the consequently better fitted for the prac- your use of it be as were, staked out and iical duties of life, we shall be exceed-enclosed; and when you have closely ingly disappointed .- These two hours cropped the herbage within your reach per diem will not at all encroach upon it will be soon enough to move on to a the time necessary to read the news-fresh pasture. Otherwise, a wide ex paper. The study of any of the tent of ground may be skimmed over witness, mister, turning at the same time thy heart yearns for love, be loving, if then sciences will in fact give increase a zeal to but little profit. It is desirable, of within the week. Have the goodness to the wag, 'none of your tricks, for I've wouldst have a brother frank to thee, be for the lighter and more practical con-course, to keep up with the lighter my lord Cardinal, to interpose your tents which fill the columns of a well literature and the journalism of the conducted news sheet. The head of day-to read the newspaper is essential a family who would cultivate a taste -one might as well be out of the world cutors,' for study and for knowledge among his as not to know what is going on within children, should not fail to keep con-it, and probably there is nothing more inually within reach of every member awkward than not to have a general of the domestic circle the news-acquaintance with the current topics receive from him five crowns.' But of the time but the more serious study the, on presenting the document, paid This is a hint which might be address requires to be systematic, and to be sed not to boys alone, but likewise to prosecuted with concentrated attention people of a larger growth; or rather, all -to have its defined objects and it should regard themselves as boys' while fixed hours, that we may not play the reading it if the term 'boy' be received trusat from our own school, under

Among the worthies who figured dur mistake. Give me the paper and I will narked that the writer above quoted ing the era of the American Revolution, rectify it. He then returned the billet does not overrate the advantage to be perhaps there were none possessing thus rectified to the woman, saying, 'So lerived from the fixed and steady de- more originality of character than Gen much candor and honesty deserves revotion of a small portion of time to the Putnam., who was eccentric and learless compence. Here; I have ordered you study of a particular subject. In this blunt in his manners, the during soldier, a thousand crowns. What you can is in other matters, it is not so much without the polish of the gentleman, space of it lay up as a dowry for your he rapid rush of the transient flood, as He might well be called the Marion of daughter in matriage, and regard my t is the continued dropping, that wears he north, though he dishiked disguise, donation as the blessing of God on he stone. Many fail in their purposes probably from the fact of his 1 sping, the upright disposition of a pure mind." of intellectual cultivation, not from lack which was very apt to overshrow any

they operate, no matter how ardently; At the time a stronghold, called Horse- say the mails were very irregular, by fits and starts. The flishing of en- neck, some miles from New York, was remarked; It was just so in her young husiasm have their uses, no doub'; but in possession of the British Purnam with days -no trusting to any of their fair f we work only on impulse and when a few sturdy patriots, was lurking in words." as the phrase goes, we happen to be in the vicinity, bent on driving them eat right through you,' added he, in a most destroy his own If the host wishes to work the humour, our achievements rarely from the place. Tred of lying in amor ride, he dare not lest it seem unpolite to amount to much. There is a dogged bush, the men became impatient, and im ter ought to shine brighter than your

fairly starting from their sockets. On the host, so they both remain slaves, and stirmounting difficulties, and without with the fue. One morning he made a gracious?' what'll I do?' It's got hold of feel it a relief to part company. A few which genious itself halts in the race, speech something to the following efmy inwards, already, and I am dead as a individuals, mostly in foreign lands, ar. And two hours a day, or only one, fect; which convinced them that somechicken!-do something for me, do-don't range this matter with wiser freedom. If a when it is sure, and not to be intermitted thing was in the wind. *Fellers-you've let the infarnal sea toad eat me afore your visiter arrives they say. I am busy to-day results which will astouish him who has going down to Rush's Horse neck, in an on any account cannot fail to accomplish been idle to long, and so have I. I'm

threatened to seize the corn and fod-

'How much do you ask for your whole concern?' asked they.

*For mercy sake; gentleman, replied he moch clodhopper, with the most deistlessly among their books; reading load for nothing; and if that won't dew,

·Well, said they, we'll take you at your word, leave the team & provender. s. For the mind has its dissipation with us, and we won't require any bail or your appearance."

Putnam gave up the team, and saunered about for an hour or so. gaining ill the information he wished; he then returned to his men, and told them of the foe and his plan of attack.

The morning came, and with it sallied out the gallant band. The British were nandled with rough hands, and when they surrendered to General Putnam, the clodhopper, he sarcastically remark. ed, Gentlemen, I have kept my word; I told you I would call and pay your kindness and condescension.

REWARD OF HONESTY.

A Touching Little Story-There is omething in female honesty which harm as much as honesty in a man and both are so rare, and at the same ime so inestimable, that the celebrated listich of our moral bard will equally pply to either:

'A wit's a feather, and a chief's a rod, An honest man's the noblest work of God."

The Cardinal Farnes, who was very properly named the patron of the poor gent persons in his neighborhood, and histributed his bounty among them accorling to their wants. A woman of geneel address, but in a dejected forlora condition, presented herself one day with her daughter, a beautiful creature bout fifteen years old, before this liber-.l ecclesiastic.

·My lord,' said she, 'the rent of my louse (five crowns) has been due some lays, and my landlord threatens to turn me into the street, unless he is paid sacred authority, till by our industry ve can satisfy the demand of our perse-

The cardinal wrose a billet, which he out into the petitioners hand, and said, Go to my steward with this paper, and lown fifty. The woman absolutely efused to receive more than five, allegng that his eminence gave to her expect o more, and that itmust be a mistake. Both were so convinced of acting literally according to order that it wasmutuilly agreed to refer the matter to the cardinal himself.

'It is true,' said he, there must be a

An old lady having heard somebody

'My son, remember that your charac-Get a pisen pump and pump it out the guest-if the guest wishes to read or perseverence pertinaciously sticking at portuned the general with questions, as boots. Suppose I blacken in then, father