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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 '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 bounie mill dam of Binnorie, He courted the eldest with glove & ring. But he lo'ed the youngest abune 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 frire. The eldest said to the youngest ane (in?'-· Will ve on & see our fathers' ships com-She's ta'en her by the lily hand, And led her down to the river strand, The youngest 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; (1) 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. It's twin'd me, and my world's make,-O sister, reach me but your glove, And sweet William shall be your love.'-·Sink 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 swan 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; Whose notes made and the listening ear. He brought it to her father's hall, And where the court assembled all, He laid his barp upon a stone, And straight it began to play alone 'Oh vonder sits my father, the king, And youdersits my mother, the queen And vonder stands my brother Hugh, And by him Willia n, sweet and true." But the last tune that the harp play'd then, the Sucker.

Binnorie, O Binnorie Was-Wee to my sister, false Helen!" By the bonny mill dams of Binnorie. When you have a bountiful table, remem

ber the poor this cold weather.

MUSCIBILLA MOUS. IB

From the St. Louis Reveille: Swallowing Oysters Alive.

At a late hour, the other night, the door an oyster house in our city was thrust eyes." open, and in stalked a hero from the Suck er. He was quite six feet high, spare, somewhat stooped, with a hungry, anxious countenance, and his hands pushed clear square will be conspicuously inserted at His outer covering was hard to define; but One Dollar for the first three insertions, after surveying it minutely we came to the conclusion that his suit had been made n his boyance; of a dingy, yellow linsey istonishing rapidity, he had been forced a siece it out with all colors, in order to keep with his body. In spite of his exertions however, he had fallen in arrears about got of the necessary length, and consequent y, stock that far through his inexpressibles His crop of his hair was surmounted by the funniest little seal skin cap imaginable After taking a position, he inculged in :

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

ong stare at the man opening the bivalves

nd slowly ejaculated-'Isters?'

afore I git out of town'

Having expressed this desperate intencruticized the uncased shell fish with a gravity and interest which would have done nonor 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: an a-mazin' site of screwin' hoss, to get'em ont, and aint they slick and slip'ry when we industriously surround ourselves, a cir say about spekelation."

.Well, sir.' was the reply, 'down with two bits, and you can have a dozen.'

five picayunes on my first ventur' to St Louis. I'll tell you what, I'll gin you two hickens for a dozen, if you'll conclude to

out, and the offer was accepted.

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

The bargain being fairly understood, our erately put off his seal skin, tucked up his They can give thee nothing of real value. sleeves, and fork in hand, awaited the ap nor take from thee any thing that is worth quickly it was boiled! A moment's dread kingdoms of the earth, but he has not an ghost-while he burst into the exclama shall inherit the earth."

·Swallowed alive, as I'm a christian! ·Our Sucker hero had opened his mouth The strings he framed of her yellow hair, with pleasure a moment before, but now i stood open. Fear-a horrid dread of he altered out-

'What on airth's the row!

'Did you swallow it alive?' enquired the

hopeless tone

ed from its effects, and gasped, and blowed as you please ' & pitched&, twisted, as if it were coursing brough him with electric effect, while at At length, becoming a little composed, his waggish adviser approached, almost bursting with suppressed laughter, and inquired.

didn't stir a ruction in me equal to a small No one is required to speak to his hos airthquake, than a sarpent when that killing either entering or departing Lemonade & stuff touched it; but'-and here, with a baskets of fruits stand here and there on the countenance made up of suppressed agony side tables, that all may take, who like, but and present determination, he paused, as if eating, which consiitutes 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 netual occurrence We copy it from the 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 thar made of me for that live animal I'm d-d!' and seiz of intellect and taste. Wouldst thou like to ng his seal skin, he vanished.

tion, he cautious'y approached a plate, and of the company at this finale, would have complete indifference to Mrs. Smith's as made a spectator believe that they had all sert on, that you were mean enough to offer been 'swallowing oysters alive.'

M .- Child in one of her letters, makes he following observations, which, we think

'There is a false necessity with which they does come? Smooth as an sei! I've cle that never expands, whose iron never good mind to give that feller lodgings jew changes to ductile gold. This is the pres a good mind to give that feller lodgings jes changes to ductile gold. This is the pres about without credit—propose to the about the house may not be of the conto realize the effect, as uncle Jess used to sence of public opinion, the intolerable boys, now that the long evening are on versible sort, or are of the kind whose restraint of conventual forms. Under this hand that they devote a portion of their stock of ideas is soon exhausted—the for isters. A dozen on 'em aint nothin' to souls, but dares not give utterance to its ing. a chicken and there's so gittin' more'n pyearnings. What hinders? The fear of piece for them. I've only re alized forty 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 he laugh of some club, or the misrepresen dozen, winked to the attendant 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 unschuckled. It

But what will people say?

What does it concern thee what they Sucker squared himself for the onset-delit say! Thy life is not in their hands .pearance of No. 1. It came-he saw-& having. Satan may promise thee all the ful panse ensued .- The wag dropped his sere of it to give He may offer much as sed not to boys alone, but likewise to prosecuted with concentrated attention refused to receive more than five, affect knife and fork with a look of mingled the price of his worship, but there is a flaw amazement 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

·But I shall be misunderstood, misrep-

resented." 'And what if thou art? They who throw stones at what is above them, receive the missiles back again by the law of gravity, & did'nt know what-a consciousness that all lucky 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 moment 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 case from them, like ropes of sand, all fear of sects and parties, of clans and classes,

social intercourse? We meet to see each of ability and inclination, but because trickery he might have in view. 'You're a dead man!' 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

iscreamed the Sucker, in a frenzy, his eyes sleep, he daw 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.

ly wrenching out the cork, swallowed half I can be with you at such an hour. Go

that on some particular evening of the week dies. ludy or gentleman always receive their riends. In one room are books and flowers 'How are you now, old fellew?-did you in another, pictures and engravings: in third, music. Couplesare enscanced in 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 & to put less shortening in the under crust o your pies than the upper. Let Mrs Smith that all living souls love freedom better mon canto ut unuti trust.

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

Some one of our cotemporaries-we know not which, as the paragraph floats

as including every body who has the ca- all sorts of pretences and eviasions. excity of improvement. To this extent et us be boys, to the end of our earthv career, never being too old to learn and so taking the advice it may be re-'Get a pisen pump and pump it out, the guest wishes to read or perseverence pertinaciously 'sticking at portuned the general with questions, as boots.' Suppose I Macket in then, farlue,

to work the men are raking hay in the human mind in general, is disposed to have it, by the hokey!" At some houses in Florence, large parties the judgement; and there is no better to question him as to his whereabout, &

> There is, moreover, a disposition with most people to endeavour to do to: much at once-to overrun, is it were, whole concern?' asked they, whole fields of literature and science at

resses, and deluding themselves with kindness & condescension." he never to be realized intention of is well as the body, and our reading for your appearance.' may easily be made a gossip as unprof when detained by accident in some retine foe and his plan of attack. mote and isolated position, with nothing at hand, perhaps, but a single vol ime, and that probably not of the mos is the rain patters on the window, he print, preface, text and apprehend an vertisements, until he not only under stands the work itself, but remember the printer, the publisher, the terms of he copyright and every other parties lat appertaining to it. The few peop

lesposic influence, men and women check 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 'Two bits!' exclaimed the Sucker, 'now feelings, conceal their highest thoughts on as follows, to calculate the advan your ways; while the cat is uninterest come, that's stickin' it on rite strong, hoss 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 'I'wo hours each evening, makes four- eral Almanac or anteditavian Directory een hours per week; that would make The facts thus collected, however trivial sixty hours per month, and three hun-strike so deep into the memory that hed hours by the first of April. Think they are rarely forgotten; and there is of it. Lay out a system of studies, and lesson in this which might be turned to pursue it faithfully, and if you do not advantage to direct our reading. N. ation 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 that consequently better fitted for the practyour use of it be as were, staked out attended to the practyour use of it be as were, staked out attended to the practyour use of it be as were, staked out attended to the practyour use of it be as were, staked out attended to the practyour use of it be as were, staked out attended to the practyour use of it be as were. tical 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 the time necessary to read the news-fresh pasture. Otherwise, a wide expaper. The study of any of the sent of ground may be skimmed over, me into the street, unless he is paid witness, mister, turning at the same time thy heart yearns for love, be loving, if theo sciences will in fact give increase a zeal to but hittle profit. It is desirable, of within the week. Have the goodness to the wag, hone of your tricks, for I've wouldst have a brother frank to thee, by for the lighter and more practical con-course, to keep up with the lighter 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 essentially e can satisfy the demand of our persea 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 put into the petitioners hand, and said, inually within reach of every member awkward than not to have a general of the domestic circle the news- equintance 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 down fifty. The woman absolutely

ANECDOTE OF GEN. PUTNAM

lerived from the fixed and steady de-more originality of character than Gen much candor and honesty deserves resotion of a small portion of time to the Putnam., who was occentric and fearless compence. Here; I have ordered you study of a particular subject. In this blunt in his manners, the daring soldier, a thousand crowns. What you can he stone. Many fail in their purposes probably from the fact of his I sping, the upright disposition of a pure mind." What is there of joyful freedom in on of intellectual cultivation, not from lack which was very apt to overshrow any

thick, stifling veil which each carries about by fits and starts. The flishing of entered, some miles from New York, was remarked, it was just so in the young thusiasm have their uses, no doub; but in possession of the British, Pipnam with days -no trusting to any of their face f we work only on impulse and when a few stordy patriots, was furling in words,? is 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. Tired of lying in am My son, remember that your chargeor 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 'Oh the host, so they both remain slaves, and surmounting difficulties, and without with the foe. One morning he made a gracious?' what') 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 elmy 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 some. chicken!—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 chicken!—do something for me, do—don't range this matter with wiser freedom. It is on any account cannot fail to accomplish been idle to long, and so have I. I'm test 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 hour, with an ox team and a load of corn . Wy don't you put some of this on it? saddles in the stable-if you wish to read It is difficult, certainly, to return If I come back, I will let you know the nquired the wag, pointing to a bottle of there are books in the parlour-if you want spain and again to the same theme-the particulars. If I should not, let them

The hint was enough -the Sucker, upon field-if you want to romp; the children are at wander and to thunt after new fancies. He shortly after mounted his ox-cart. 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 It will, if it be allowed to take the bit dressed as one of the commonest order in its teeth, fritter away its strength, of Yankee farmers, and was soon at the contests at a draught. He fairly squeat where you please, and while you stay, do secrets of success is to give it discipling of the British troops. No sooner did attaining little of nothing; and one of the Bush's tavern, weich was in possession

n this respect, that it may wait upon the officers espy him; than they began meet without invitation, and without the method of so doing than is pointed out finding him a complete simple, (4s they he same time his eyes ran a stream of tears slightest preparation. It is understood above-certain hours for certain stu shought,) they began to quiz him, and breatened to seize the corn and fod-

·How much do you ask for your

·For mercy sake; gentleman, replied a single incursion, instead of advancing the moch clodhopper, with the most de-. Well, I did, hoss-ugh-ugh-o o o my some shaded acolve, or groups dotted about in compact column towards a specified plorable look of entreaty, sonly let me inwards. If that ister critical's dying agonies the room in mirthful or serious conversation point. They are thus tempted to loung off and you shall have my bull team & listlessly among their books; reading load for nothing; and if that won't dew, here a little and there a little, coqueting I'll give you my world I'll return toall around negligent of more serious ad morrow, and pay you heartily for your

·Well, said they, we'll take you at nereafter giving up such desultory hab- your word, leave the team & provender is. For the mind has its dissipation with us, and we won't require any bail

Putnam gave up the team, and saunstable as the idlest intercourse of con sered about for an hour or so, gaining vivial life. Almost every body has all the information he wished; he then felt how thoroughy he masters an author returned to his men, and told them of

The morning came, and with it sallied out the gallant band. The British were handled with rough hands, and when attractive character-how in mere sell they surrendered to General Putnam, talk according to her gfts; be thou assured defence against the approaches of enui, the clodhopper, he sarcastically remark. ed, Gentlemen, I have kept my word: kindness and condescension.

REWARD OF HONESTY.

A Touching Little Story-There is something in female honesty which 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. apply 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 gave public audience once a weet to inligent persons in his neighborhood, and listributed his bounty among them accorling to their wants. A woman of genseel address, but in a dejected forlorn condition, presented herself one day with her daughter, a beautiful creature about fifteen years old, before this liberd ecclesiastic.

'My lord,' said she, 'the rent of my touse (five crowns) has been due some days, and my landlord threatens to turn my ford Cardinal, to interpose your -scred authority, till by our industry

The cardinal wrote a billet, which he ·Go to my steward with this paper, and people of a larger growth; or rather, all -to have its defined objects and its ing that his eminence gave to her expect should regard themselves as boys' while fixed hours, that we may not play the no more, and that it must be a mistake. reading it if the term 'boy' be received (tuant from our own school, under Both were so convinced of acting literilly according to order that it wasmutuilly agreed to refer the matter to the cardinal himself.

"It is true," said be, there must be a 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 loes not overrate the advantage to be perhaps there were none possessing thus rectified to the woman, saying, 'Sa is in other matters, it is not so much without the polish of the gentleman, spare of it lay up as a dowry for your he rapid rush of the transient flood, as the might well be called the Marion of daughter in marriage, and regard my it is the continued dropping, that wears he north, though he distiked disguise, donation as the blessing of God on

An old lady having hear I some hady 1 swallered it jist as gin it to me! shouled other, and not a peep do we get under the they operate, no matter how ardently: At the time a stronghold called Horse-say the mails were very income.