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Original Poetry.

THE LAND OF OUR PILGRIM FATHERS.

All around were the wildwoods That spread far and near, This land of our fathers, These welcomed them here. A rock on the sea shore, That first met their sight, Unparted to our eyes; Their first pure delight. All round in the wildwoods, They found pure and free; No power to restrain them In their proud liberty. Except that power supreme, That now rules on high; And this power to them Did ever keep nigh. The hills, dale and valley, From which spring the trees, Wore the temples where they Worshipped the true Deity. Here in freedom they lived, In this land of the free; None so happy as they In their proud liberty. March 1, 1861.

GLORY.

In the sunny battle-field, Where their swords men fiercely wield, And where none, that save from death can shield; Where all danger, man is torn, Hopeless, dying and forlorn, From this world, soon to the next is borne. There we hear the painful wail, With the sighing, and the groan, And the prayer, for this moment to atone, There's the dying, and the death, And the fall is screaming loud, With the blood, that from their wounds has flowed. There is glory—much sought glory; Glory that is named in story— Seen in fields of blood—of blood so glory, Glory of the age the king— And of which the world will sing, While it onward speeds on time's swift wing. 'Tis not he that by oppression And acts of unjust aggression, Through his land spreads war and devastation, Has won honor so much sought, And which oft is dearly bought, By him who for fame has fiercely fought. Only he that risks his life, In his country's warring strife, Lasts and end, and glory, to his life, He's the great and truly wise, Or his name true glory lies, And to honor soon, or late, he'll rise. To politics ambition lead; That the shrewd man quickly reads, That he looks in glory for his deeds, And pretence they should be, And the people should once see, That he works for his country's we. Some to glory pave their way, And in congress draw big pay, Then they idly toll from day to day; 'Tis the people they forget, And content to idly sit, Eager draw their pay, and draw it yet. But the season soon is done, Then they wish to serve next term; To their homes, they quickly do return, To the people make a speech, And in it pretension preach, And big pledges, soon lead up the breach. And then back again they're sent, But go as before they went, Forgetful of each constitution— You people what care they, Gettified ambition and big pay, Enough to pave—will pave their way. But the truly great as he, That will ever patriotic be, Always speaking for his own Country, Ever ready to sacrifice, Of his own duty never will swerve, He his Country's honor does deserve. March 1, 1861.

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THE WILLIAMSPORT TRAGEDY.

DEATH OF THE MURDERER.—On Monday we published an account of the murder, at Williamsport, of an Irish woman, by her husband, Barney Helan. The deed was committed two weeks ago, and on Sunday last the remains of the murdered woman were found in an out-house connected with Helan's shanty, where they had been buried. When the news was communicated to Helan that the body of his wife had been found, he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, but the wound was promptly sewed up, and the physician thought he would recover. The prisoner lingered in a suffering condition until yesterday morning, when he died, thus saving the county the expense of trying and executing him. The supposition is that the human monster murdered his wife while she was lying in bed stupor from the effects of whiskey, as both were in the habit of drinking to excess. Her throat was cut from ear to ear and her skull broken in several places. From some expressions of Helan previous to his death, it seems that he had been twice married, and murdered his first wife also. He was a tailor by trade, and a first-class workman, but could not refrain from excessive indulgence in whiskey, and failed to provide for his family. He leaves four small children, who are now in the poor house of Lycoming county. May He who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" watch over and protect the helpless little ones thus suddenly orphaned by the brutal deed of a drunken father. Harrisburg Telegraph.

POWER OF ENDURANCE AND DIET.

Even the experienced trainers of the prize-ring cannot decide what is the best food for training men up to their greatest powers of endurance. They have a prejudice in favor of mutton chops and understate that this is the best. The Roman soldiers who conquered the world, and built roads from Lisbon to Constantinople, and who were all trained athletes, marching under a weight of armor and luggage that few men in our day could carry, lived on coarse, brown wheat or barley bread, which they dipped in sour wine. In our own day the Spanish peasants are among the strongest and most agile men in the world. He will work all day in a copper mine, or the pine press, under a hot sun, and then dance half the night to the music of a guitar. What does he live on?

THE PUZZLED IRISHMAN.

During our last conflict with Great Britain, a number of our troops were engaged in repairing the fortifications of Niagara, and whilst so engaged the enemy commenced a pretty sharp fire, so that it occupied nearly the whole of the time of our forces to keep on the look out for the shots of the enemy. Finding that they did not make much headway, they stationed a son of the Emerald Isle to give warning when a shot or shell was coming.

This the sentinel faithfully performed, alternately singing out, 'shot,' 'shell,' 'shot,' 'shot,' until finally the enemy started a Congreve rocket, which Pat had never seen before.

He hesitated, and seeing it elevate, he shouted— 'Shot, and he jabsers the gun with it!'

A PECULIAR MARRIAGE.

The marriage relation is very often now-a-days spoken of with irreverence, and the love and harmony, naturally supposed to exist between those who have been united in the holy bonds of matrimony, much ridiculed. A marriage, however, took place in Hartford, Conn., a short time ago, against which all ridicule falls harmless, for the married couple will be very likely to live in peace for a while. The happy man is a German, who cannot speak an English word. The blushing bride is an Irish girl to whom the German tongue is Greek.

MOTHER, shouldn't be surprised if our Susan got choked some of these days. 'Why, my son?'

"Because her beau twisted his arm about her neck the other night, and if she hadn't kissed him he would have strangled her; besides mother, he sits by her whispering to her and hugs and hugs."

"CHARLEY, what would our wives say if they knew where we were?" said the Captain of a schooner, when they were beating about in a thick fog, fearful of going on shore and being wrecked.

"Haumph! I shouldnt mind that," replied the mate, "if we only knew where we were ourselves."

EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENA IN BORING FOR OIL IN CANADA.

A number of residents of Michigan went over to Sombra, Canada West, in the early part of October, and commenced boring some fifteen or twenty feet from a creek, under the belief that oil would be found; and on the seventeenth of the month, when they had got down about fifty-seven feet, they struck a vein of gas. On removing their augur, the gas rushed with great force from the aperture, and continued to throw up dry sand for an hour. It then ceased, and the boring was resumed; but as soon as this was done, the gas rushed up with such violence as to throw the drill—a piece of iron one and a half inches in diameter, eight feet long, and weighing fifty pounds—clean out of the hole, and it continued discharging water and stones, some of the latter weighing twenty-five pounds, up in the air a distance of one hundred feet. The stream widened out to the diameter of a barrel, after leaving the hole, and the quantity was such as to raise the creek considerably above its ordinary level, though it is here about twenty-five feet wide. After the flow of water subsided, the gas was fired, and an explosion took place which shook the ground for half a mile, and then continued to throw up a sheet of flame as high as the water had previously gone. This flame could be seen for a mile, and was ultimately extinguished with great difficulty. It is thought that the oil spring, for such it proved to be, will be one of the best in the country.

TOO SHARP FOR HIM.—The Agriculturist relates the following anecdote of Prof. Johnson of Middletown University.

"He was one day lecturing before the students on Mineralogy, and had before him quite a number of specimens of various sorts of stones. One of the specimens was a piece of granite, which he was holding up for the students to see. The Professor was talking up the stones one after another, and naming them. 'This,' said he, 'is a piece of granite; this is a piece of felspar, etc.;' presently he came to the brickbat. Without betraying any surprise, or even changing his tone of voice, 'This,' said he, holding it up, 'is a piece of impudence!' There was a shout of laughter, and the student concluded he had made little by that trick.

FRANCIS II OF NAPLES, though a tyrant,

is by no means a coward. Recently, a bomb fell near where he was standing with some officers. The soldiers turned to fly, but he calmly picked it up and threw it over the wall, exclaiming, "Return, comrades; the danger is over." Walking in the street unattended, he was met by a man who presented a pistol and announced an intention of shooting him. "Be careful of your aim friend," said the King, folding his arms, "for, if you miss fire, I will have you shot in the morning." Overcome by such bravery, the man threw himself at the feet of Francis and craved a pardon, which was granted.

The condensed air of a grayed room

gives a deposit, which, if allowed to remain a few days, forms a solid, thick, glutinous mass, having a strong odor of animal matter. If examined by a microscope, it is seen to undergo a remarkable change. First of all, it is converted into a vegetable growth, and this is followed by the production of multitudes of animalcula; a decisive proof that it must contain organic matter, otherwise it could not nourish organic beings.

A REMARKABLE CHILD.—The Shamokin Register of the 7th inst., states that there is an infant in that borough "about one week old, with a double head, one facing in front, and the other backward, the latter one is the largest, but not perfect, and destitute of the organs of sense. The child appears healthy and takes refreshments from its mother."

WHAT greater thing is there for two human souls, than to feel that they are joined for life—to strengthen each other in all sorrow, to always be with each other to minister to each other in all pain, and to be one with each other in silent, unpeaking memories at the moment of the last parting?

Quins, the portrait painter, says that everything should be in character. For instance, search warrants should be painted on "tracing paper," and wedding notes on "foolscap."

The number of deaths from diphtheria in the United States, during the past year, is said to be no less.

VALUE OF AN EXPLANATION.—A certain king, it is said, sent to another king,

saying: "Send me a blue pig with a black tail, or else—"

The other, in high dudgeon at the presumed insult, replied:

"I have not got one, and if I had—"

On which weighty cause they went to war for many years. After a satiety of glories and miseries, they finally bethought them that, as their armies and resources were exhausted, and their kingdoms mutually laid waste, it might be well enough to consult about the preliminaries of peace; but before this could be concluded, a diplomatic explanation was first needed of the insulting language which had formed the ground of the quarrel.

"What could you mean," asked the second king of the first, by saying, "send me a blue pig with a black tail, or else—?"

"Why," said the other, "I meant a blue pig with a black tail, or else some other color."

"But," retorted he, "what could you mean by saying, 'I have not got one, and if I had?'"

"Why, of course, if I had, I should have sent it!" an explanation which was entirely satisfactory, and peace was concluded accordingly.

A DOCTILE HUSBAND.—In Portland, Oregon, there is a man who lived with his wife several years, and they had several children. At last she got tired of him, and proposed that they should get a divorce. He said he had no objection if she would support him. She agreed to do so, and they were divorced. She is now married to another man, and supports her former husband by retaining him in the family as a servant.

COURTESY.—No woman can be a lady

unless she can be a lady. A lady is not a title, but a quality. A lady is a woman who is courteous, who is kind, who is generous, who is forgiving, who is patient, who is meek, who is lowly, who is gentle, who is sweet, who is pure, who is chaste, who is virtuous, who is noble, who is brave, who is true, who is honest, who is just, who is merciful, who is compassionate, who is sympathetic, who is helpful, who is kind-hearted, who is generous-hearted, who is noble-hearted, who is brave-hearted, who is true-hearted, who is honest-hearted, who is just-hearted, who is merciful-hearted, who is compassionate-hearted, who is sympathetic-hearted, who is helpful-hearted, who is kind-hearted, who is generous-hearted, who is noble-hearted, who is brave-hearted, who is true-hearted, who is honest-hearted, who is just-hearted, who is merciful-hearted, who is compassionate-hearted, who is sympathetic-hearted, who is helpful-hearted, who is kind-hearted, who is generous-hearted, who is noble-hearted, who is brave-hearted, who is true-hearted, who is 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