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A Rough Rhyme on a Ruff Matter.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "ALTON LOCKE."

The merry brown hares came leaping Over the crest of the hill, Where the rabbit and the hare lay sleeping Under the moonlight still.

She watched a long list of clever, Where rabbit or hare never ran, For its black sour hain covered over The blood of a murdered man.

There's blood on your new foreign shrubs There is blood on your pointers' feet; There is blood on the game you sell secure, And there's blood on the game you eat.

You made him a poetess yourself, squire When you'd give neither work nor meat, And your boys' faces looked the same As at your starving children's feet.

When packed in one reeking chamber, Man, maid, mother, and little ones lay, While the rain pattered in on the rotting Urn-bed,

When we lay in the burning fever On the mud of the cold clay floor, Till you parted us all for three months, At the cursed workhouse-door.

We quarrelled like brute, and who won? What self-respect could we keep, Worse housed than your hogs and your sheep.

Our daughters with base-born babes Have wandered away in their shame; If your misses had slept where they did, Your misses might do the same.

Can your lady patch hearts that are broken With handfuls of coal and rice, Or by dealing out flannel and sheeting A little below cost price?

You may tire of the jail and the workhouse And take to sloppings and schools, But you've run up a debt that will never Be repaid us by penny club-rules.

In the season of shame and sadness, In the dark and dreary day, When serenity, grief and madness Are eating your race away;

When to kennels and livered varlets You have cast your daughters' bread, And worn out with liquor and barlets, Your hair on your feet lies dead.

When your youngest, the mealy-mouthed rector, Lets your soul rot asleep to the grave; You will find in your God the Protector Of the freeman you fancied your slave.

She looked at the list of clever, And wept till her heart grew light, And at last, when her passion was over, Went wandering into the night.

But the merry brown hares came leaping Over the uplands still, Where the clover and corn lay sleeping On the side of the white chalk hill.

Such items as the following, from the English papers, speak volumes: Two girls are in custody in Tipperary, who confess that they set fire to a haystack in order to get transported.

Accounts from Galway state that the rage for emigration in that quarter, so far from declining, seems to be gaining strength every day.

A clergyman who was consoling a young widow on the death of her husband, spoke in a very serious tone, remarking that he was "one of the few—such a jewel of a Christian! You cannot find his equal—you know that full well!" To which the sobbing fair one replied, with an almost broken heart—"I'll bet I do!"

THE FREEPORT AQUEDUCT.

That the public may make up a just judgment in relation to the transactions connected with the rebuilding of the Freeport Aqueduct; I wish to make a full and fair exposure of them through the press.

This structure was erected by the commonwealth to convey the water in the canal across the Allegheny river. It is situated one mile above Freeport, where the Kiskaminitas flows into the Allegheny.

The two hours having raised a joint committee to examine into the management of the public works, these facts were placed in the hands of the committee.

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work, at one dollar and fifty cents per day. He swears that he received but thirteen dollars in all; that he worked but one day in June, and eleven or twelve in May, at one dollar per day; that he was taken sick in June and thus prevented from working; that he signed two check rolls for Morgan, who paid him; that he did not examine the rolls closely when he signed them.

"From the foregoing abstract from the testimony which the committee have deemed proper to incorporate in their report, it will be seen that false returns have been made to the Auditor General of moneys purporting to have been paid the witnesses, who were employed in rebuilding the Freeport Aqueduct, and by this means in these five instances alone, the sum of \$137 50 have been abstracted from the Treasury.

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"We come now to the manner in which the money is accounted for. Charles Fouser swears that he received 75 cents more than his receipt upon the check rolls called for. A man by the name of Scott, one or two dollars also. But the principal witness, on the part of Mr. Power, is a Mr. Morgan, who appears upon check rolls as clerk and foreman.

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"The balance of the timber was given in charge by John A. Steele and John V. Criswell to run it and return the proceeds to Mr. Power. They took it to Cincinnati and sold it to Bailey, Longstaff & Co.

"Criswell appeared before the committee; seemed to know nothing definitely about it; said Steele and himself ran it to Cincinnati—sold it to Bailey, Longstaff & Co. at 6 cents per foot—got \$500 in cash—gave two notes to Clover—balance went to bear expenses.

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yet it cannot be, it will not be. Many of us—most of us—were satisfied with the Jeffersonian platform of Democracy, and willing to stand on it, now and ever. But it could not be, and has not been. Much has already been changed, and much is now undergoing change.

"The current of progress, like that of time, is on—on—irresistibly on, whether we wish it or not; however, we struggle against it, it will bear us along. Democracy, like all things else, is necessarily progressive; and, although the name progressive Democracy is of recent introduction, the thing designated is no novelty.

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