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Evening West Chester Republican.

A BEAUTIFUL POEM—When Hood's "Bridge of Sighs" came, like a waifing spirit through the world of letters, human affection and sympathy bent as a reed before its marvelous pathos.

TO THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS, AND HIS MEMORY OF HOOD.

BY SAMUEL RUSH.

"One more unfortunate, Guided and great; Never impatient With his sad fate; One unrequited Gone to his doom;

England's "keen vision" Long in the dark, And "rightful decision," (Bitter the mark.)

England relenting, Too late repenting Neglect for the while, Her sunshine astray,

To the broken down door, And the pang of the poor, A friend and a brother, Sympathy teaching, Charity reaching,

With scolding cold fashion With bravest compassion, Could tell of her hapless, Her evil behavior,

"So it has often happened," philosophically remarked poor Phil, on his way to the Toombs; "these cursed baubles of women have often ruined great men."

"We have all heard of the smiles of Providence. We are much pleased with Uncle Jim's idea of the subject."

LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF THREE DESPERATE ROBBERS.

Several months since, the Bank of New Brunswick was broken into and over seventy thousand dollars stolen from its vaults.

The leader of this trio is Phil Stanley, alias Phil Sanford, who prides himself upon being one of the most dexterous of robbers.

He first became known on this continent in the city of Buffalo, where in a single night he committed three burglaries.

In the meantime Phil had married the widow of a Jew, who kept an obscure hotel in the city of Albany.

After getting rid of this annoyance thus fortunately, he went to New York, where his wife was then living.

Raw silk is said to have first been made by a people of China, called Ceres, 150 B. C.

"Why, I served under you in battle, and when you ran away I followed." "I did not go to the pot?" was the Dutchman's placid answer.

Curious Facts From History.

The Saxons first introduced Archery in the time of Volteger. It was dropped immediately after the conquest, but revived by the Crusaders.

Cannon were invented by Swartz, a German, about 1382, and were first used at the first siege of Belwick 1405.

The invention of bells is attributed to Primitius, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, about the year 400.

The study of the elements of the English language was first introduced into America by the Rev. John Davenport.

Book keeping was first introduced into England from Italy by Pele, in 1569. It was derived from a system of a system of algebra published by Birgo at Venice.

Notaries Public were first appointed by the fathers of the Christian Church, to collect the acts or memoirs of martyrs in the first century.

Signals to be used at sea were first contrived by James II., when Duke of York, 1665. They were afterwards improved by the French commander Tourville, and by Admiral Balaen.

A Touching Incident of Fraternal Love.

We have never read a more touching, beautiful incident than the following, which occurred a short time since in one of the French courts.

A French paper says that Lucille Rome, a pretty girl with blue eyes and fair hair, poorly but neatly clad, was brought before the Sixth Court of Correction under the charge of vagrancy.

The deacon, by thunder!" cried Joe—"Hide me, Sally!" "Where can I hide you?" cried the distracted girl.

"The deacon, by thunder!" cried the deacon, sitting up and dropping his pipe on the stove; "what's ails'th'at?"

"The deacon, by thunder!" cried the deacon's better half, who had lately robbed herself, and now came plunging down the stairs in the wildest state of alarm.

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Ventilation—Its Necessity—How Best Effect.

The approach of cold weather, when so much of the time is spent within doors, reminds us that the disregard of ventilation causes more colds, consumption and disease generally than any body but a physician would suppose.

The process of breathing, it is well known, vitiates the atmosphere of confined apartments. A tight room, eight feet high, and twelve by fourteen feet square, will have its air poisoned in two hours by three persons sitting in it.

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A YANKEE STORY.

The funny columns in the English papers derive more of their "sue for smiles" from journals in this country, than from any other source.

About half past eleven o'clock on Sunday night, a human leg, enveloped in blue broad cloth, might have been seen entering Deacon Cophas Barberty's kitchen window.

The deacon's kitchen window was the leg was followed, finally, by the entire person of a live Yankee, attired in his Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes.

"Wonder how much the old deacon made by orderin' me not to darken his door again?" soliloquized the old gentleman.

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