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PATRIOTIC HYMN.

God's blessing be upon Our own, our native land!

AN UNEXPECTED FRIEND. A BEAUTIFUL TALE. "It must be my child," said the poor widow,

Wiping away the tears which slowly trickled down her wasted cheeks. There is no other resource, I am too sick to work, and you cannot, surely, see me and your little brother stray.

"You do not look like a boy that has been accustomed to beg for his bread," said he, kindly laying his hand on the boy's shoulder.

Henry's eyes flashed with gratitude—he received the money with a stammering and almost inaudible voice, but with a look of the warmest gratitude he vanished.

symptoms were explained in a few words when the widow, with a deep sigh, added, "Oh, my sickness has a deeper cause, and one which is beyond the art of the physician to cure."

"Do not despair," said the stranger, "think only of recovering and preserving a life that is so precious to your children. Can I write a prescription here?"

He laid the paper on the table and departed. Scarcely was he gone when the eldest son returned.

Nature has strange ways of doing the most beautiful things. Out of the oozy earth, the mud and rain of early spring, come the most delicate flowers, their white leaves born out of the fruit, as unsoiled and pure as if they had bloomed in the garden of Paradise.

THE WAR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

How the news is received. The Phila. Ledger of April 15th, says: "The treason which was hatched in the Senate of the United States, and treacherously aided by Cabinet officers of the late Administration, has culminated now into active war against the National Government and the people of the United States."

The great naturalist, Cuvier, thought that the germ of all past, present, and future generations of seeds were contained one within the other, as hatches in a succession of boxes.

M. Jouanet relates that in the year 1855, several old Celtic tombs were discovered near Bergeral. Under the head of each of the dead bodies there was found a small, square stone or brick with a hole in it, containing a few seeds, which had been placed there beside the dead by the heathen friends who had buried them.

Late accounts from Europe state that the Emperor of Russia will emancipate his serfs.

THE MARVELS OF A SEED.

Have you ever considered how wonderful a thing the seed of a plant is? It is the miracle of miracles. God said, "Let there be plants yielding seed," and it is further added, each one "after his kind."

Let a child put a few seeds in a drawer and shut them up, and six days afterwards, when his hair is white and his step tottering, let him take one of these seeds and sow it in the ground, and soon after he will see it spring up into new life, and become a young, fresh, and beautiful plant.

Everybody recollects the diamond wedding of the rich old Cuban and the young New York belle. A recent letter from Cuba says: "It may interest my fair readers to remember that Havana is the home of Signor Oviedo, the hero of the diamond wedding. Here he is known as a milatto, at least half black, and he is said to be a Blue Beard for brutality. He is rich; but, as he and his bride are of course excluded from all good society, his wealth can hardly compensate his lady for the slights and seclusion to which her life is henceforth destined."

The slaves in Missouri are estimated in the census returns as worth forty-five millions.

REASONS FOR CHANGING VOTES.

Messrs. Eilenberger, Leisenring, Byrno, Smith of Berks, Boyer and Osterhout, Democratic members of the House of Representatives, who voted against the bill for the proper regulation of the Military system of this Commonwealth, and supplying them with arms and equipments, changed their votes yesterday, by a leave of the House, and recorded them in the affirmative: Mr. EILENBERGER remarked—

I voted against the bill; and when I did so, I did it because I desired, if possible, that Pennsylvania should, by no act, throw the least obstacle in the way of an amicable adjustment of our national difficulties. I had not then heard of the proceedings at Charleston. I was yet hopeful for a peaceable arrangement of our troubles; but since then I have learned that the Federal forces have been fired upon; that there has been a positive refusal to let Fort Sumter be provisioned, and that actual war has at last been inaugurated against the Government of the U. States. I now feel that duty to my country, that duty to the Commonwealth and to my constituency, demand that I should vote for this measure. I had hoped that the evil of civil war might be averted. I can only say it has come, and the blame must rest upon those who have begun it. I must stand by the Government. I must stand for our defence against the enemy. I must stand by the Constitution and the laws, and I shall do so willingly, gladly, not only by my vote, but in every other way which may be required of me.

Mr. SHAFER, the Republican member for Chester county, who had been unavoidably absent when the bill passed, also obtained leave to vote on the same. He voted in common with all good patriots for the bill.

GOING TO JAIL ON A SPECULATION.—The Boston Traveler notices an incident which could hardly have occurred out of Yankee land. One of the witnesses for the defense in a robbery case at Roxbury, declined obtaining bonds, although he could probably have done so, but allowed himself to be committed to jail. He will have to stay there three months, receiving \$1 per day and his board.

LOST CHILDREN.

The following beautiful sentiment, in regard to the future condition of children, is from the pen of Henry Ward Beecher: "When God gives me a babe, I say, I thank God for this lamp lit in my family." And when, after it has been a light in my household for two or three years, it pleases God to take it away, I can take the cup, bitter or sweet; I can say, "My light has gone out; my heart is sated; my hopes are desolated; my child is lost—my child is lost!"—or I can say in the spirit of Job, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

WHAT MAKES A MAN.—A man never knows what he is capable of until he has tried his power. There seems to be no bound to human capacity. Insight, energy and will, produce astonishing results. How often modest talent, driven by circumstances to undertake some formidable looking work, has felt its untried and hitherto unconscious rising up to grapple and to master, and afterwards stood amazed at his unexpected success.

TEXAS TROOPS AND TWIGGS' TREASON.—A United States soldier from Texas writes to the New York Post, denying that the men there were demoralized and infected by Gen. Twiggs' treason. He says: "When the news reached us at Fort Brown, a thrill of indignation ran through every soldier's breast, and nothing but respect for one who had been our superior officer, or rather respect for the office he had filled, prevented a loud expression of our surprise and contempt. As it was, we could not be prevented from talking among ourselves. One of our men, who was considered a sort of spokesman among us—one who is as brave as a lion and as true as steel—was grooming his horses when he first heard of it. Some one told him that Gen. Twiggs had surrendered the Texas North Alabama to the 22nd instant, contains the proceedings of a public meeting held at Frankfort, in Alabama, at which the following resolutions, among others of similar character, were passed."

A GIRL GIVEN TO MARKET with a basket of eggs on her head, had them knocked off by a rowdy, for which he was fined, and had to pay for the eggs. When asked how many eggs she had, the answer was "When I put them in two at a time, there was one over; three at a time, one over; and when I put in four, five or six at a time, there was one over; but when I put them in seven at a time, they came out even." How many eggs had he to pay for?