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() The following beautiful poems, one by Bulwer, the other by Moore, were brought out by the tate arrivals from England. They are gems by the thost gifted authors living:

The Wife to the Wooer. Well, then, since scorn has fail'd to cure The love you press so blindly. For once your reasons I'll endure, And answer follies kindly: I'll grant that you, more fair and gay Than Luke to some may be; But light itself, when he's away, Is never gay to me! Then go-then go; for whether or no He's fair, he's so to me! Its words your summer-love may wreathe In florid smiles and gladnes-His lips, more often, only breathe The trouble and the sadness-But sh! so sweet a trust to truth, That confidence of care ! More joy one grief of his to soothe Than all your bass to share. Then go-then go; for whether or no He grieves, 'tis bliss to share ! You say that he can meet or leave Unmoved-content without me : Nor wreck what snares neglect may weave-

Ah! jealous cares are poor respect; He knows my heart, my guide; And what you deem is to neglect, I feel is to confide; Then go-then go; for whether or no I'll think he does confide. And Luke, you say, can sternly look, And sometimes speak severely; Your eyes, you vaw, could no er rebuke-Your whispers breathe austerely.

How know you of the coming cares

Perhaps the shade his temper wears

His anxious eyes foresee ?

Too heedless e'en to doubt me.

Is thought for mine and me! Then go-then go; for whether or no His frown has smiles for me. But Luke, you hint, to others gives The love that he denies me; And hard, you say, in youth to live, Without one heart to prize me! Weil, if the parent rose be shed. The buds are on the stem :

My babes! his love can ne'er be dead. It's soul has fied to them. Then go-then go! His tival ! No: His rival lives in them.

Oh, No-Not Ev'n when first we Leved. Oh, no-not ev'n when first we loved, Wert thou so dear as now thou art; Thy beauty then my senses moved, But now thy virtues bind my heart. What was but passion's sign before Has since been turned to reason's vow; And, though I then might love thee mure, Trust me, I love thee better now, Although my heart in earlier youth

Might kindle with more wild desire, Believe me, it has goined in truth Much more than it has lost in fire. The flame now warms my immost core, That then but sparki'd o'er my brow. And, though I seem'd to love thee more, Yet, oh, I love thee better now,

We must Live Apart.

BY THE HON, MRS. NORTON. "T is past! we've learned to live apart! nd with a faint and gradual ray, All hope bath faded from my heart, Like sunset on the autumn day. Forgetful of those hours of pain, They tell me I shall love again. Perhaps I may ! we laugh at jests Some buried friend at random made; Peace steals within our grieving breasts, As sunbeams pierce the forest shade. We learn to fling all mourning by-Even that which clothed our memory! Therefore I do believe this woe, Like other things will fade and pass; And my croshed heart springs up and blow, Like flowers among the trodden grass: But ere I love, it must be long-The habits of the heart are strong. Ere my accustomed eye can seek la some new unfamiliar face, The smile that glowed upon thy check, And lent thine eye a sefter mace When in the crowd I turned to thee, Proud of the certain sympathy. Ere my poor ear that both been used To live upon the angel voice; Its daily sustenance refused, And forced to wander for a choice, Can listen to some other tone, And deem it welcome as their own. Ere the true heart thou couldst deceive, Can hope, and dream, and trust once more. And from another's lips believe All that the lips so falsely swore! And hear those vows of other years

Without a burst of bitter tears. Ere I have half my mind explained To one who shares my thoughts too late; With weary tongue and spirit pain'd And heart that still feels desolute-Have travelled through those by gone days, Which made life batten to my gaze. What years must pass; in this world's strife,

How smiling was my portion then : The fainting energies of life Will scarcely serve to love again, Love! to the pale, uncertain flame, The fervent God denies his name, No! Let no wronged heart look to mine; Such fate the wanderer hath in store,

Who worships at a ruined shrine, Where altar fires can burn no more; Vain is the license-vain the prayer-No detty is lingering there! O! never more shall trust return,

Trust by which love alone can live; Even while I woo, my heart shall yearn For answers thou were wont to give, And my faint sighs shall echoes be Of those I breathed long since to thee!

*It is known that the husband separated himself from the writer,

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Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism .- JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Eisely.

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From the New York Tribune, DISCUSSION ON MORMONISM.

Bosrey, June, 25, 1842. Considerable excitement has been created here during the past week by a public discussion of the subject of Mormonism. It closed last night, having been continued five evenings The disputants were Dr. West, an English gentleman, and Elder Adams, a minister of the Mormon sect .- The former is a man of strong and well cultivated intellectual powers, and, when excited, an effective speaker. He came here, as I have been informed, from New York, for the purpose of delivering fectures in refutation of Infidelity, and is highly recommended by some of the leading clergymen of that city as well qualified for the proposed task. Elder Adams is a man of strong, but uncultivated mind, and possesses no small amount of tact and ingenuity. As a speaker, he is rough and uncouth, and treats the King's English as unmercifully as he does his own lones. -Precisely how the parties came in conflict, I cannot tell you; but I believe the Mormon was the challenger. Marlboro Chapel was the scene of conflict, and the tickets of admission were sold for 121 cents. The audiences at first plause, was small, but it increased as the controversy

Dr. West affirmed that the doctrines and principles of the Mormons involved hypocricy, lying, fraud, treason, plunder, murder, blasphemy, &c.; and these charges he endeavored to substantiate by quotations from their writings and by proofs drawn from other sources. The laboring our, consequently, was in his hands, while his opponent stood in an attitude of selfheart involuntarily feels when a fellow man is dience. on trial for a serious offence. In this respect, perhaps, the advantages of the conflict were as equally divided as they could have been before an audience whose opinions were chiefly on one side of the question.

During the first three evenings I was not present; but those who were, assure me that I and Friday evenings. On the former evening, the chair was occupied by "Father Taylor," as he is familiarly called, the well-known Sea- culty. He did so, however, in a manner which man's preacher. The debate was opened by Dr. West at S o'clock, and closed by Elder Adams at 10; the parties occupying twenty minutes each, alternately,

Dr. West requested the Secretary to read from the Mormon Book the accout of the mysterious discovery of the golden plates, and of their subsequent translation by commandment of the Lord. From this it appeared that the Mormons claim the power of working miracles and affirm that they are directly inspired by God. Dr. West conteded that this was blasphemy, and an attempt to impose upon the creduulity of the people. Elder Adams admitted that it would be blasphemy if the claim were not founded in truth; but he contended that there were living witnesses that miracles had been performed by Joseph Smith and others; and he affirmed that it was contrary to Scripture to suppose that the day of miracles had gone by. To support his views, he quoted the declaration of Christ, "these signs shall follow them that believe," affirming that it was not merely a promise to the Apostles, but to the whole body of believers. He quoted for the same purpose v. 14, 15; "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anoming him with oil in the same of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.' The modern church, he said was false and spurious on its own confession, as it did not even pretend to do the works which Christ said would be done by believers. and its ministers did not claim to speak from in-

Dr. West ridiculed this claim of miraculous power on the part of the Mormons, and read a statement of some thirty or forty citizens of Palmyra, N. Y., and vicinity, intended to show that Joseph Smith and his associates were men destitute of moral character, and therefore unworthy of confidence. He stated also, on the authority of an individual who assisted in printing the Mormon Bible, that when it was going through the press, the workmen purposely concealed one of the sheets in order to see whether Smith could supply it by another translation from the golden plates, and thus test the genuineness of the book. This caused a great flurry, but Smith pretended to furnish another copy verbatim. On comparing, it, however, with the first, it was found to be a very different affair. This account raised a tremendous laugh at the expense of the Elder. The Doctor also told the following story to illustrate the Mormon method of working miracles. Two priests of that sect were travelling somewhere at the

ward of the other, and put up at the house of a farmer for the night. After going to bed, he feigned severe sickness, and before morning apparently died. The next day the other priest also called at the same house, as a stranger, and being told of the death of his companion, avowed himself a Mormon, and told the host that he could raise the dead man to life. The farmer suspected some trick, but acquiesced arrangement being completed, the farmer inman to life who had been dead for a long time. 'O yes,' he replied, 'Could you do it if his head were cut off !'-- 'Certainly,' said he, 'that without any miraculous assistance whatever, tional character, exclaiming, 'I an't dead-don't murder me !' The noise which followed this story was tremendous. The audience was convulsed with laughter, and made the house ring with ap-

Dr. West said the whole question would be of Paris, and the still levelier Madeline. settled in a few months. Let his opponent work a miracle on the spot, if he had the power, and thus convince the people that he was no deceiver, but an honest man. He demanded this as a means of settling the whole controversy. A large portion of the audience apheard the pith of the discussion on Tuesday peared to consider this a reasonable demand, and the most intense curiosity was exerted to know how the Elder would get out of the diffifairly turned the laugh against his opponent He affirmed that neither Christ nor his Apostles ever wrought miracles on the demand of unbelievers, as a means of convincing them of the truth; and he offered, if the Dr. would refer him to a case where the Apostles had done any thing of the kind, to do the same thing himself. It was an ungodly and adulterous generation which demanded 'a sign' from Chrst; but he told them that no sign would be given them, but the sign of the Prophet Jonas. Dr. West did not attempt to refer to any instance in which the Apostles had wrought a miracle. on the demand of unbelievers; and the feeling was strong throughout the audience, as I thought, that on that point, where he had so confidently expected to nail his opponent to the wall, he had signally failed. Father Taylor, however, was so excited, that he pronounced the conduct of Elder Adams to be wholly unjustifiable, and declared he would no onger preside over such a discussion ; and then the meeting broke up in confusion,

Last evening, considerable time was spent in endeavering to get some one to take the chair. Several persons were chosen, but they all declined; whereupon it was voted that the Secretary preside. The discussion then proceeded, but it was made up chiefly of positive assertion on one side and equally positive denial on the other. Most of those present, with all contempt for Mormonism, must have felt, I am sure, as I did, that the Doctor's arguments were exceedingly lame and illogical, and scarcely worth a moment's thought in connection with the serious charges which he undertook to support. He had evidently entered upon the discussion with a somewhat too high opinion of himself and a too mean estimation of the powers of his opponent. Thinking that he would have to deal with a very gross error, he evidently had not prepared himself for the contest as he ought to have done; while his opponent was armed at all points, and found it no difficult task to answer him. The issue was not well made up. The Doctor's charges were so sweeping as to produce a feeling in the audience that they were extravagant and untailed to prove any thing clearly.

Elder Adams has determined to seize upon this as a favorable moment to spread the Mormon faith in this city, and has accordingly announced his intention to preach at Boylston Hall next Sabbath.

He that has no bread to spare, should not keep West. One of them, by agreement, went for- a dog.

The Thames Tunnel.

The completion of this work, -justly considered one of the most extraordinary efforts of civil engineering in modern days, - has elicited the following notice from a writer in Black-

wood's Magazine: This extraordinary work is now on the point of completion; and the boldness of the enterprise, the indefatigable labor with which it has in the proposals of the priest, and called in been prosecuted, and the remarkable skill his neignbors to witness the miracle. The which has been exercised in bringing it to this point of unquestionable success, place it among ed by the fear of passing under the river, it to the summit of Oliver, gathering pomegranquired of the Mormon if he could restore a the most remarkable scientific performances of must be immense. The convenience of escathe age. We know that any thing may be laughed at, and that the world is foud of laughing the most at the gravest things; but we have would make no difference. 'Well, then,' said no inclination to join in ridicule of a work the farmer, lifting his axe as if he intended to which exhibits so singular a combination of the be as good as his word, "I'll cut off this man's daring and the practical-of the lofty speculahead before you begin.' No sooner had he tion and the profound science, both so characsaid this, than the dead man sprang to his feet, teristic of England, and so honorable to the na-

It is true that the chief engineer of this stupendous work is a Frenchman, but we see much less ground for national lealousy in his origin, than for national honor in his employment, England boasts, and justly, of her attracting Elder Adams declared that there was not the commerce of the world; her still prouder went on, until the Chapel was at last pretty one word of truth in these stories. They were boast should be that of her attracting the talents lies, made out of whole cloth, and intended to of the world. A nation can give no higher substitute ridicule for argument. Let the part evidence of its superiority, than its disregard of of the Mormon Bible which was concealed by littleness of all kinds. The Roman never gave the printers be compared with that book as it a clearer evidence of his being marked for the stands, or else let the story be branded as a master of the world, than when he borrowed silly falsehood, concected by the priests. Let the aims of the conquered nations-when he the name of the farmer alluded to, and also the adopted the lance of the Samnite, the shield of names of the Mormon Elders who practised the Volscian, and falchion of the Tarentine. the deception alleged by his opponent, be We only wish that our adoptions were larger defence. The former had the prejudices, and stated. Let him give to the story a local and more frequent, that we had the power of generally the deep-rooted convictions of his habitation. He dared him to do it; and if he calling to our country the talents of every great audience, in his favor, while the latter enjoyed, did, he (Mr. A.) would pay the expenses of sculptur, architect, and painter of Europe, and as an offset, that sympathy which the human bringing the persons concerned before the au- that we had thus nobly monopolized Thorwaldsen, Caneva, and the builder of the Pantheon

The Tunnel has now completely reached across the river-a distance of 1200 feet-and the projector and engineer had the gratification, a short time since, of being the first who walked from bank to bank, to the shaft on the London side. Those shafts on both sides of the river, which are intended for foot passengers, are really grand things. They are a succession of staircases going round a vast circular excavation, between seventy and eighty feet deep, and when they shall all be lighted with gas, will be among the most extraordinary parts of the whole structure. Even now they strongly realize the poetic conception of the descent into the caverns of the Egyptian mysteries; and the view of the interior, nearly a quarter of a mile in extent, lighted with a long succession of melancholy flames, would probably have suggested to a Greek the image of an entrance into Tarta-

But, in our day, the sublime is well exchanged for the practical, and this vast and formidable looking cavern will be stripped of its poetic associations by the passage of carters and waggous, bales of goods and herds of bullocks. Still it will be almost impossible to divest ourselves of the recollections really attaching to this work. We have before us altogether a new attempt to conquer nature --- a great experiment to make rivers passable without boat or bridge -a new and capable contrivance for expediting the intercourse of mankind. The stone bridge is at all times the most expensive edifice in the world, and the bridge of boats is always liable to accidents, and almost certain to be broken up in every instance of a flood. Besides this, the fixed bridge blocks up the navigation of the river for all vessels beyond the size of a barge or a small steamboat. The expense of the stone phin, exhibits most astonishing feats of strength. bridge also is enormous. Waterloo bridge cost | The Spirit of the Times says :upwards of a million-London bridge about as much more-Westminster and Blackfriars bridges, which are built at a cheaper rate, and in of \$00 lbs, the weight of which he sustained cheaper times, so constantly demand repairs, with perfect, case. He then firmed a platform, that they probably have cost more than either on which were placed 1800 lbs, weight, which of the modern ones, but the Tunnel has the he lifted by the strength of dis back .-- He fistand across the straight of giving a passage from side to side ened next a bandage around his lains and across of the Thames, where from the breadth of the his back and shoulders, and then two horses river, a stone bridge would have probably cost | were harnessed to him while he stretched himnearer two millions than one, and where no self-flat on his stomach on a platform, and they bridge could be thrown across without blocking were mable to move him from his position. up the most important part of the Thames, that | On the contrary he moved along on his belly portion which may be called the great wet dock and dragged the horses after! Then two horof London. Yet the expense of the whole has sees were attached to a rope of thirty six strands not amounted to more than £400,000; and even but their strength could not break it. The this is to be remembered, as an expense greatly same rope was also broken with perfect case by increased by the utter novelty of the experi- this modern Rercules. He also picked up two ment, by difficulties nuforeseen in the com- stout men and swung them around till they bejust, even if Mormonism were ever so gross a mencement, by several eruptions of the river, came dizzy and recled as drunken men, when delusion. By attempting to prove too much, he | by the dearness of workmen's wages arising | he put them down !" from the peculiar peril and singular nature of the labor connected with the undertaking carried on at all hours and wholly by attracial influx of the river, and the various difficulties belonging to working in a mine. The weight of a vast body of water above, acting alike du-

it was as necessary to fortify the outside of the tunnel as the interior, added greatly to the un-

The original object of the tunnel was, to convey cattle, passengers, and general traffic from Land. the rich counties on the Kent side to that great mercantile region of the metropolis-the Lonthis will be now effected, is a question which remains to be decided by experience.-There ping the long circuit up to Lendon Bridge, and stretching herself in the sepalchre "how a which, from the various obstructions in the in stone," streets, and the general difficulty of passing

shorten the passage of the traffic; and the con- no knowledge of their language, and no protrivance by which 1200 clear feet are substitu- ney to bribe to protection, goes up from the ted for at least three miles of the most encum- shores of the Levant, and the plague touch at bered thoroughfare imaginable, must be adop ber not. Civil war, that devastates, spares he ted as a matter of the most palpable advantage. The robber, whose trade seems to have the pro-Still there may be difficulties in the way which scription of ages, assails her not in her progress. practice only can exhibit. But any fear of the And in the city, where poverty and suspice in from the commencement, we have not heard of vent opens for her reception, and the waster; a single instance of its giving way, vast as the more, and the decaying curse of the men pressure was above, and trying as were the cant, seems to be blessed to increase, for h c damps, the ground springs, and the extreme comforts. difficulty of building under water.

At this moment the roof is obviously as free from damp as the roof of St. Paul's !- and unless an earthquake should burst it, the whole exposed to the diversities of temperature, the heats and frost above ground. The especial ad- of the houses and heart of the people, and y t vantage of the system of the Tunnel is that it can be adopted in any part of the course of a ripean rivers exceed the breadth of the Thames at Rutherhithe, unless where they spread into marshes or lakes,) and yet offer no impediment

But we regard it as having a still higher character; we consider it as a noble and essential adjunct to the rail-way system, and to have of their living, which is not revealed to the come exactly at the proper period for comple. wondering world of travellers. She can tell ting a system which is now spreading over Eu- what is devotion, and what is suffering. Sho suffer a full stop at the banks of every great rier. For we cannot look to any resource in the clumsy and always insecure contrivance of 'tyranny of custom may bind or crush there a bridge of boats or masonry, incurring great loss of time, requiring change of engines and ful herbage, force a growth, and perhaps sweecarriages, with a hundred other disadvantages; ten and ornament the very object that has preswhile, by a tunnel, the whole train might sweep along wholly unobstructed, and be many a league on the course before a traveller could returned pilgrim .- Philad. U. S. Gaz. have crossed the bridge. We shall thus probably see the Rhine, the Danube, and the Rhone passed below their beds, if the Governments of their countries shall have the funds or the common sense to follow up their present projects for the rail-roads. Our impression decidedly is, that the tunnel is essential as a part of the railway. England has a right to pride herself alike on the scientific intrepidity and the palpable value of the undertaking to mankind, Brunel has been knighted on the completion of his work. But his perseverence and talent deserve a more productive distinction. We hope that he will give us a history of this great, new, and doolded triamph over nature,

A Modern Hercules .- Moss. Paul, now performing at the Arch street theatre, Philadel-

"Among his exploits, he placed his body in a position so as to form a carriage for a cannon

The New Orleans Picayone contains a list of thirty-five of those who perished in Santa Fe light. All this, too, in constant hazard of an be gathered, and is believed to be very nearly correct. Of this number 16 were shot by the Indians on the roste; 6 were shot by order of Mexican officers; I had his brains knocked out by order; 2 were shot accidentally; 1 dice of ring summer and winter which at any moment fatigue; and 10 died of disease-principally might break in, and against whose incursions | small pox.

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A Pilgrim.

In the ship ONTARIO, at New York from England, came passenger Miss Harriet Livermore, returning from a pilgrimage to the Holy

This, if we mistake not, is the second visitation which that extraordinary woman has made, don and East and West India Docks. How far without any attendant, to Jerusalem-wandering in the valtey of Jehosephat, bathing in the stream of Jordan, washing her feet in Kedron, can be no doubt that if the traffic be not imped- straying to the manger at Bethlehem, and back

Armies of mailed men, that went to redecia through the most crowded portion of the city, the temple and the tomb, whiten the plains of must now occupy many hours, would obvious. Syria with their bleached bones; and guarded y direct the whole current of the traffic into caravens fall a prey to robbers from the Desert. as they journey towards Jerusalem. And y t Hitherto, no expedient has been adopted to a lonely woman, with no kindred on the se i, ructure itself we would regard as altogether bar the door, and the zeal of the Moslem makes onary. The building of the Tunnel seems | n merit of pouring misery or death to the chasolid as a rock. During the whole period tian pilgrim, there the wicked gate of the con-

It is delightful to sit and listen to the ta s of the wayfarer towards Jerusalem, and the najourner within its gates. Others go hedged about with firmans and decrees, defending with fabric seems much more likely to last than were spear, supported with staff, and provided with script. They enter not the innermost reces- a attempt to describe their manners and the morals, by what they see at the wells, and help ver, and even in its widest part, (for few En. at the caravansaries. It is not strange that so h should find all barren and waste, moral and physical, from Dan to Beersheba.

But the traveller, whose wants require, and whose sex warrants, that she should be of the inmost chambers, that she should sit down with mother and children, she can learn the secret rope, which is obviously meant as a great instru- can see and judge, and she will know, that bement of civilization, and which without it must | neath the interior of strange customs, and hinding laws, the feelings of the women are the same in Syria as in America. And though the these feelings, yet they will, like the healthsed them down.

We shall learn something of this from the

Dr. W. L. Wharton, of the U. S. Army, has sent as a gift to the National Institution at Washington, a knife, of which the following account is given in the letter annexed:

FORT LEAVENWORTH, (Mo.) March 17, 1842 DEAR DOCTOR: Agreeably to my promis 1 send you the knife of my father, Col. Daniel Boone, which you are at perfect liberty to dispose of as you may think proper.

In the fall of 1780, my father Daniel Boom, and his brother Edward, left their post for the purpose of hunting buffalo. After procuring as much meat as they could pack upon their bors at they set out on their return home and came to a large deer lick near the bank of a creek at which to rest themselves. They were scarces ly seated on the bank when a deer walked into he lick. Edward Boone shot it down and dragged it into the shade, where my father at cracking walnuts. Just at this moment a par & of Indians fired upon them from a neighboring canchreak. Estward fell dead; my father Days al Boone, sprang to his horse and attempted to throw off the load from his horse, which he did not effect, for the Indians rushed out so suddens ly that he was compelled to take to immedials flight on foot .- In the bustle he lost his knife. Finding himself closely followed by the savages, he entered a canebrake, which concealed him from their sight; they then pursued him with their dogs, and it was not until he had killed two of these that the Indians abandone ! the chase. The knife remained lost until the summer of 1822, at which time some persons drawing a seine in the creek brought it up from the bottom, immediately at the lick alluded to This creek and lick are in Clark county Kontucky. From the time of the recounter I have described to you, in which my unde Edward lost his life, they have been known by the name of Boone's lick and Boone's creek. Very respectfully, yours,

N. BOONE, Capt. 1st Desgoons.

Betanists record 56,000 spaces of variety plants-38,000 are to be found in catalogues. Hamistict makes the species of issues 44,060, of fishes 2,500, of reptiles 700, of birds 4,000, and of mammiferous naimals 5,000,