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The Sleeping Beauty. BY ALFRED TENNISON. YEAR after year unto her feet,

She lying on her couch alone, Across the purpled coverlet, The maiden's jet black hair was grown, On either side her tranced form Forth streaming from a braid of pearl : The slumbrous light is rich and warm And moves not on the rounded curl.

The silk-star broidered coverlid Unto her limbs itself doth mould Languidly ever; and, amid Her full black ringlets downward rolled, Glows forth each softly-shadowed arm With bracelets of the diamond bright : Her constant beauty doth inform Stillness with love, and day with light,

She sleeps: her breathings are not heard In palace chambers far apart. The fragrant tresses are not stirred That lie upon her charmed heart. She sleeps: on either hand upswells The gold-fringed pillow lightly prest; She sleeps, nor dreams, but ever dwells A perfect form in perfect rest.

Love and Loyalty. The following duett is founded on the circum stances of a dandy having sent a love-letter to a young girl, who determined to ridicule his passion, seeks the exquisite, and finds him learning the manual exercise, having been inoculated with military order:

She-If I marry you, little man, First I must mention. I expect to receive from you every-She-For love as well as war,

Has its frequent slarms, And jealousy will go with my hand-She-But should you like the rest Prove a faithless lover. My Peace I am afraid I should never-

She-Sincerity is my plan, And I hope no disgrace: 'Tis written in my features,-She-In what month would you please,

To marry me, sir-He-But, sir, I am very poor, With e indor to deal: In Marriage lotteries, men go

She-All my faults, then, dear sir, To you I'll confess. In fashionable clothes I like to-

He- halt She-I'm extravagant too, Loud!

She-You-and consequently-He-She-I forbode Handle Curtrige! That the cost of apparel Will not be-

He-She-If quartels must issue, Of words we'll have-a HeShe-Will you listen to me, now And don't put me out : From one spark to another,

If you'll only keep steady, These verses to the fire I'll give, and He-- She-Not to light the torch of Cupid These lines I'll-

She-A flame in the kitchen To kindle I meant: To give them what they need, And put them in the-

To PRESERVE BOOKS .- A few drops of any

Present !

perfumed oil will secure libraries from the consuming effects of mould and damp. Russian leather, which is perfumed with the tar of the birch tree, never moulders; and merchants suffer large bales of this leather to remain in the London docks, knowing that it cannot sustain any injury from damp. The manner of preserving books with perfumed oil was known to the ancients.-The Romans used oil of the cedar to preserve valuable MSS. Hence the expression used by Horace, "Digna cedra," meaning any work worthy of being an inted with cedar oil, or in other words worthy of being preserved and remembered.-Greenfield Gazette.

INDIAN RUBBER PAVEMENT .- The London Chronicle says that amongst the marvels of the times a patent has been actually taken out for paring the streets of London with India Rubas to its success. There is to be a sub stratum of wood, on which is to be put a facing of catouche mixed with iron fillings and saw dust, to | ly fastened to a cross-bar near the ground. a depth of several inches. This, it is caiculated, will resist the ill influence of all weathers, and make the most delightful and durable pave-

is much improved by adding a little pounded alum, while it is boiling. This makes it almost as strong as glue .- South. Planter.

passions. Who is rich! He that is content.

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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 despatism. - JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Eisely.

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From the New York Plebian. TWO YEARS IN VAN DIEMAN'S LAND. BY JAMES GEMMEL, ONE OF THE CAPTIVES.

Letter 1. The suther, by way of introduction, states that the facts he now makes public, are not for the purpose of exciting angry feelings between the people of Great Britain and this country, but to interest the benevolent and true hearted in favor of the unfortunate prisoners in bondage.

He states that he was taken prisoner at the "Short Hills," and carried before Sir Geb. Arthur, and promised a pardon if he made certain disclosures. which he refused. In November he was taken to England, from thence to Van Dieman's Land, from which he escaped through the aid of a few Ameri-

Upon our arrival we were sent into the interior to work upon the great road leading across the island, from Hobart Town to Launcetown, and remained together for sixteen months on what is termed Convict Stations.

Through the unwearied exertions of my eminent countryman, Joseph Hume, M. P., who spared neither time nor money to effect our liberation and promote our comfort, and in consequence of pressing letters from him to Mr. Lawrence, a member of the Council, since dead, we were for the three first months preserved from associating with thieves, robbers, murderers, and the scum of the jails of England, felons, pardoned or reprieved felons being our touch his cap to him,

We were heavily ironed in most cases, an iron band round each leg, joined by an iron chain, and employed in digging trenches, breaking stone, sawing blocks for pavements, and dragging stone and timber like cattle, for sick the Doctor refused to exempt him, and the we had neither horses nor oxen. At the Lonely Bant Station, every four of us had a handcart and our task was to haul a load of flint stone, nearly a cubic yard, a mile, through rain and sleet, and return fourteen times a day. Thus we had fourteen heavy horse-loads to draw daily, in all a distance of fourteen miles, and the cart to drag back the other fourteen being 28 miles a day, I having fourteen lbs. of night, after eleven hours of severe toil, we on the christian Sabbath. were locked up in miserable huts, and as it is tainy in winter, we were often dripping wet, but never allowed to go near a fire.

One shirt at once was the royal allowance, and we had Saturday afternoons, and a little soan allowed us, on which to wash and mend istrate, and member of the legislature, more reour wretched garments. When we took off cently of Upper Canada, where he had a large and washed our shirts on Saturdays, we had to property, has been cruelly flogged several go without them till they dried on Sundays. times; and has at various periods been confi-Although in the prime of life, accustomed to ned in a solitary cell, and fed on bread and wafarm work, and strong-made, I have often been weary almost to fainting, and never once in those two tedious years did I go to bed otherwise than hungry. During a passage of four months on my return to this free land, I fared refusal to give it up to Sir John Franklin, the very differently in the American whaler, the Governor. He wrote on slips of paper, but where seamen of which so generously rescued me.

The punishments to which we were subjected were cruel, and the more so because inflicted by pardoned British Felons, released for the purpose, on account of their known harshness and unfeeling character.

Nearly all the American prisoners have been confined in solitary cells, and fed for weeks on ciety. In what way I may now not state, bread and water there-many of them nearly

Not a few have been in the chain gangs. Some are now at Port Arthur, in the coal mines; but the triangles, ever before our eyes, was the object of our greatest horror.

With the exception of the venerable Chauncey Sheldon, now 76 years of age, who commanded a troop of horse under General Van Rensselaer, in the last war, on the frontier, I scarcely remember one American or Canadian who has not been flogged by felons, from two dozen of lashes with the cat-o'-nine-tails, up to six dozen. The triangles accompany the party to work, and are made of three long pieces of wood set up and meeting together at the top; a ring is run through any of these pieces near the top-a strap is run through the ring and ber, and many scientific persons are sanguine | tied round each wrist of the sufferer, whose arms are thus extended at their full stretch, Curtis implored the overseers in the most piteas in cases of crucifixion, his legs are then firm-

naked, except his pantaloons is then exposed to lay down by the road-side, was carried at the lash of the felon of the old. The flagella- night to our miserable prison and locked up.tor is ordered by the police officer to give two, Next morning he was taken back to the hospi-Rye paste is more adhesive than any other four, six dozen of strokes of the heavy whip, as paste because that grain is very glutinous. It the case may seem to him to require, on the hours, sufferer's naked back, who is hen unloosed ly to his work, whatever it may be.

Who is wise! He that learns from every pure-hearted patriots prayed that the God of ver being then raging, and although cured of vant whom Washington recognised. "Yes,"

were by an early death on that far distant | enough to carry him to another hospital or place, shore! The prayers of some were heard, and his recovery was certain. others are fast following to the tomb. A number are far gone in consumption, and according to the best information I could procure, direct of his feet cut off, was carried into the same hosand indirect, more than half of the political pital, but survived. prisoners, though fine stout men when they left these shores, are now ruptured and otherwise injured, caused by hard work, lifting none of its preachers near us. None were alheavy stones, and hauling heavy loads, in wet lowed but those of the Church of England. weather, over the soft clay. Even Elizar Ste- Mr. Beasley, a humane and kind-hearted Mewell built, stout man, of fine appearance, six hort several times, but the established minisfeet high, and but twenty-seven years old, is ter got jealous of his popularity, and he was already ruptured, and Daniel Heustis, one of turned off much to our regret. For such as Mr. the heaviest, stontest men in Watertown, Beasiy there is much need. Van Dieman's though in health, is a walking skeleton.

ged .- First, for finding fault with our wretched food, and next time for hitting a blow at a ther letter, but as I have alluded to some as befelon-overseer, who, in the mere wantoness of ing consumptive, I may here name R. Marsh, power, had thrown me violently over a heap of brother of the Rev. John Marsh, Methodist

for being, as they said saucy.

Hiram Sharp, of Salina was flagellated because he would not touch his cap to the superintendent, an English transported felon, and say 'sir' to him when he spoke. But even but after that we were generally mixed with after being flogged unmercifully he would not on the frontiers. Let me earnestly advise all

Hiram Loup, of Jefferson county, because he grumbled or refused to work one cold morning. rather frosty, he having no shoes, was flogged at the triangles; as was Stephen Wright, son to a Methodist minister there, because when overseer ordered him to wheel a heavy loaded lity of relief, except through the intervention barrow up a palnk, which he failed in doing from weakness. A stout felon then wheeled up the barrow. Young Wright got six dozen subject." on the naked back, and was sent to stone break-

que county, was fed 14 days on brown bread and water in a solitary cell, because he abso- begun to give you a faithful recital. chains on, while our fare was nearly two pounds | lutely refused to do work assigned him on a of coarse brown bread, with a pint of water Sunday. He offered to work harder, if possigruel to breakfast and another to supper, and ble, any other day, but assured his employers about half or three quarters of a pound of meat that his education and his principles alike forand half a pound of vegetables at dinner .- At bade him from performing unnecessary labor

Owen W. Smith, formerly agent to Smith & heavily enough with stones.

Etijah Woodman, formerly of Maine, a mag- in and emigrate : ter. This fine old man has kept a journal of the whole proceedings of the British government, giving its cruelties and crimes in detail, with the dates and names. And his offence was a he put those strips the cell and the whip failed

The free emigrant settlers, and not a few editors, were our firm friends-not so the convicts. I am not a Free-Mason, bet many of us were satisfied that it was a real benefit to us that some of our number belonged to that so-

Matthew Whiting, salt manufacturer, Liverdozen of times. The treadmill is also used as pool, near Syracuse, brother-in-law to Chauncey Shelden, was one day tied up to the triangles, and most severely bastinadoed for a very trivial offence. It was a humiliating sight, to see an old man of good name and fame, with, 1 believe, a large family, 18,000 miles off, thus disgraced and suffering. Many of the young prisoners would gladly have taken his place, but had we spoken a word, our turn would have come next, without mitigating his sufferings.

Alvin Sweet mentions the death of Lysander Curtis, of Lyne, in Jefferson county, but he does not tell how he came by his death. The

particulars are these: Curtis was sent to the convicts' hospital in a high fever, where the doctor told him he was shamming sickness, but that should not serve hard labor, pulling at the hand-carts. Poor ous accents, to let him lie on the bare ground, as work he could not. But the overseers insis-The freeman of the new world stripped stark | ted, and when Curtis could stand no longer, he tal, where he expired in great agony in a few

Wm. Nottage, from Lorain county, Ohio,

John Thomas, a merchant of Ordensburg, or Madrid, who had his toes, and the half of one

I was educated in the Presbyterian persuasion, in the Church of Scotland, but there were vens, of Lebanon, Madison county, N. Y., a thodist preacher, came from a distance to ex-Land is one of the wickedest, most profane, im-I was twice tied to the triangles and flog- moral and degraded places on earth. I will endeavor to conclude my statement of facts in anopreacher, termerly of Chippewa, Alvin B. John Augustus Swansburg, of Jefferson coun- Sweet, of Winfield, Herkimer county, Moses ty was six or seven times stripped and flogged | A. Dutcher, of Brownsville, Aaron Dresser, of Alexandria, Leonard Delano, of Watertown, Andrew Leeper, of Antwerp, and Daniel Discombe, of Chaumonte, all of whom are wasting under that disease.

It is probable that this letter will be copied who may read it not to do so for purposes of retaliation, but to discountenance all frontier movements, and endeavor to influence the government of the United States in the matter. In one of his letters, a copy of which I have seen, Mr. Stephenson, late American Minister in London, wrote from thence, "I see no probabilof our government. You had better, therefore address the authorities at Washington on the

My heart's desire is to bring back the captives; and frontier troubles, while they will ef-Lynus W. Miller, a fine youth from Chauta- feet no good object, may be made a pretext for continuing the dreadful tortures of which I have

1 remain, Sir, the grateful Servant of your countrymen, My courageous deliverers. JAMES GEMMEL. New York, June 25, 1842.

THE FLORIDA INDIANS .- It appears from a Merrick, of Oswego, was flogged at the trian- Congressional document recently published, gles because he had not loaded our hand-carts (No. 217.) that the following sums have been paid to different chiefs, to induce them to come

> \$5,000 Shome Hadio 2,000 Opis Hadio Cosa Tustenuggee 5,000 Fus Eur Ha Fus Hadio 4,810 Passabackimbo 3,000 Solomica 140 Holata Fixico Hallac Hadjo Talwa Fixico Mico Hadjo 865 Rawmoclekichle 500 Abbatustenuggee 100 200 Mico Hadjo Tustenuggee Mico Powis Fixico

Nine hundred and forty common Indiansmen, women and children-also come in for money; and the general sum paid to these is \$30 each; a few are set down at \$3, which were probably children. The result of the whole is, that nearly \$115,000 in addition to the expenditures for troops has been expended in direct application of money to the Flori-

ENGLISH DEFAULTERS .- The hard times have affected sportsmen as well as other people. It is stated that at the late "Settling Day" at Tattersall's, in London, after the Derby stakes at the Epsom Races, ten of the betting men were defaulters to the enormous amount of over Four Hundred Thousand Dollars. The Rev. Mr. Prettyman, a clergyman, was found to be a defaulter upwards of \$20,000. Such is Lite in England.

Horseshoes are now manufactured at Tiov. on a very extensive scale, by machinery The Troy Whig says that straight bars of Iron are transformed into horseshoes, groved his turn, and he sent him back to the station to and punched, at the rate of fifteen per minute. Mr. Henry Burden is the aethor of the

> Liorses, and House Shors .-- According to the late United States Census, there are in the United States four million Horses. It is tons of Iron annually for Shoes.

Never insult the humble, for one day they may be your superiors. Gen. Washington from his degrading posture, and ordered instant- when injured severely by the accidental blast- acted upon this just rule of rectitude. "Do ing of a rock, was carried at once into the in- you bow to negroes," said a gentleman to this deliver them from this degradation, even if it which carried him off. Had they been humane | done in pol.teness, even by a colored man."

A Death Bed Confession.

The Concord, (N. H.) Statesmen of Friday publishes a most singular deposition, taken before a justice of the peace at Grafton, in that State. Bazen Winther and David M. Norris depose that on the night of June 19, there were watching at the death of their neighbor Sam-

the situation of which is thus described: The bed was on the north side, the fire place on the south side, the door way to the kitchen on the east, and a door leading into a bed room on the west end of the room, and a set of drawers on the cast side of the room near the foot of the bed, and a window by the foot, on the north side. The window was raised from four to six inches. The door into the kitchen was open, and Mr. George W. Mann slept there in the south east corner of it. The door into the bed room was shut, and Mrs. Peter Howe and Mrs. Mann slept there.

The man with whom they were watching had been in a dying state for several days, but appeared to have perfect possession of his senses. After the house was still on Sunday night, the deposition goes on to say :-

Mr. Witcher was standing by the foot of the bed, close to the open window, and Mr. Norris a friend and your own daily bread. If you was sitting south of the bed some four or five have, in such a course, grown gray with unpaces from the head, on the west side of the blenched honor, bless God, and die. room. The candle was standing on the mantel, over the fireplace, when we both distinctly heard a groan. We are both positive it could not come from the sick man, nor the bed whereon he was, nor from another room. It was a deep, lengthened groan, and startled us

Mr. Whitcher stepped to the fire place to get the light, to see what the noise came from, or what caused it. As he took the light and turned around to vard the bed, we both raw the crimson colored light. It almost extinguished mough to be added to the pand which contains the light of the candle, so that its light was their progenitors. The sale of this spawn is an very feeble, apparently almost out-and immediately we both saw a strange looking man standing between us and the bed, looking apparently at Mr. Manu-his dress we cannot describe, his whole face we did not see. His clothes were dark, but we cannot give the fashion or make, nor say whether he had on boots or shoes or hat, or not.

We were both transfixed-both stood there side by side, as Norris had risen up. Whitcher kinds of Sorcreigns, which pass current in still holding the candle in his hand and no fire that kingdom, shall be kept at (or as near in the fire place, at least none that gave any us possible) full weight; of this her Majesight, and as the strange man stood before us. his back toward as, and his face toward Mr. Mann, Mr. Mann appeared much excited and agitated; he rolled on his bed, and threw his arms about and opened his eyes wide open, and appeared frightened and to gaze upon the press of Her Majesty. The sovereign is now apparition, then he tried to cover up his head,

The sick man it is stated, then declared that he had forty years previously assisted his employer in murdering a man and making away with his body. He mentioned the name of Edwards, but in what connexion the deponents cannot say. The affidavit then goes on:

He called no other name, and we may be mistaken in this name, but think we are not. He then sunk down, and after turning over once or twice, and throwing his arms about and groaned and died. We know we were frightened, and could not speak, or did not, nor did the stranger, and as soon as Mann had finished confessing and was dving away ; he (the stranknow not : one door was open but we did not see him come in or go out, nor can we believe

The editor of the Statesman in connexion with the affidavit tells the following story.

About forty, or forty-five years since, (we tell the story as told us by individuals in the vicinity) a man by the name of Hodgdon was working in Landaft, N. H., as a joiner. The last season he was there, he finished off a house for Jonathan Noves, and made his home with Mr. Noves during the time. He lent Noves Some two or three hundred dollars in money, so that when the house was finished Noyes was indebted to him about four hundred dollars, for labor and money. When Noyes's house was completed, he went to work upon a house for Mr. John Gross, in the vicinity, his clothes and part of his tools still remaining at Noves's

He left Gross's house one evening to go up to Mr. Noves's-and was never seen after that time. Some little excitement existed there, (as the old people say) at the time, respecting said that they require twenty fice thousand his mysterious disappearance, but as he was a stranger in a measure, it was said he had absconded, and Noyes soon after pretended to have received a letter from somewhere in New York, requesting him (Noves) to sell his (Hodgdon's) tools, and other things, and send the money on to him, which he accordingly O, how ardently and carnesity some of our fected hospital, typus or some other deadly fe- noble Virginian, as they were saluted by a ser- did, but whether the proceeds of the sale went to New York or any where is not known .one. Who is powerful ! He that governs his their fathers, in his good time and way, would his wounds, he there caught the epidemic, said he, "for I never allow myself to be out. The excitement, however, soon died away, and nothing more was said or thought about it un- emblem of the pickpocket,

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C.7 Sixteen lines make a square,

til the feath-bed confession which we publish below, brought the hidden mystery to

Noves died a few days since, and on his death bed, intimated that he had something to disclose before he could die in peace, but Mann went a day or two before his death, and spent uel Mann, of North Benton, in a small room, a whole day with him, and after that nothing more was said about divulging any thing, and he expired apparently in the greatest mental agony and under horrible remorse of conscience, frequently exclaiming O God ! forgive me that one sin. The Edwards to whom it is supposed he, (Mann) referred, and who, many now suppose, was accessary to the murder, is now living, and has been partially deranged at times ever since, as well as Mann.

> THE MANLY COURSE. - Be and continue poor, young man, while others around you grow rich by fraud and dislovalty; be without place or power, while others beg their way upward; bear the pain of disappointed hopes, while others gain the accomplishment of theirs by flattery; forego the gracious pressure of the hand, for which others cringe and crawl.-Wrap yourself in your own virtue, and seek

Heinzelmenn\_

THE CHINESE FISH -The fishermen collect from the surface and margin of waters the gelatinous masses which contain the spawn; they then empty a new laid egg shell of its contents and fill it with spawn, carefully closing it up, and placing it under a sitting fowl. A certain number of days are allowed to clapse, when they break the shell under water previously warmed by the sun; the fry are shortly viviroom lighted up all at once, with an unearthly fied, and preserved in pure water until old eimportant feature of trade in China.

> LIGHT SOVEREIGNS .- Queen Victoria has issued a proclamation to the effect that hereafter every gold sovereign of less weight than five pennyweigts two grains and a half, be not allowed to be current or pass in any manner what-

> Queen Victoria appears determined that all ty's determination, there can be no doubt -having always exerted her authority to that effect .- Sag. Harbor Corrector.

> The last issue of Her Majesty's mint is said to be full size, and stamped with the roya! imalways at pa .- N. Y. Autora.

ASTONISHING .- A tavern keeper in England was doing a thriving business on the Briston road under the sign of "the Donkey," and his house had become noted for its good eating and liberal cheer. At the time of the great popularity of the Duke of Wellington, he had the donkey taken down and a fine portrait at full length, of his grace, substituted. A rival innkeeper of the village, seeing his error, had tho old sign purchased, and tranferred the 'grey uss,' to a place over his own door. The original owner, saw the sign carrying all his old custom with it. The remedy the evil. he had painted in large letters directly unger) was gone. How he got in or out, we der the duke's portrait, "This is the original

> WHAT'S IN A NAME !- Of all the members of Congress, says the New Orleans Bee, Wise is the rashest and acts with the least wisdom .--Proffit is a dead loss, and Goode is good for no-

> When honest industry raises a family to opulence and honors, its very original lowness sheds lustre on its elevation ;-but all its glory tades when it has given a wound, and denies a balsam to a man as humble and as honest as your ancestor .- Colman.

> Savilles, the bimbonian, has invented a new beverage, which the whigs call "Tyler punch," because they can't tell what it's made of .-Boston Post.

> School Books .- An editor somewhere out West, says that a schoolmaster in his neighborhood recommends to his scholars a very fine edition of Combe on the head. He says they have the organ of inhabitiveness very strongly

> The following sentiment was recently given at a temperance table in New Hampshire. By John Long. Hon. Thomas F. Marshall Washingtonians regret to find him a duellist

> The following toast was drank on the 4th, by a 'smasher :'- 'The right of search' the fit

They wish he had aimed higher.