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PROM CAMPBELL'S NEW YOUTHE OF POEMS. I love, contemplating apart, From all his homicidal glory, The traits that soften to our heart,

Napoleon's glory. 'Twas when his banners in Bologne Armed in our island every freeman, His navy chanced to capture one Poor British seamar

They suffered him, I know not how, And aye was bent his longing brow On England's home,

His eye, methinks, pursued the flight Of birds to Britain half way over, With eavy they could reach the white Dear cliffs of Dover.

A stormy midnight watch he thought, If but the storm his vessel brought To England nearer.

At last, when care had banished sleep, He saw one morning-dresming-An empty hogshead from the deep Come shoreward floating.

He hid it in a cave, and wrought This livelong day laborious-lurking Until he launched a tiny boat By mighty working. Heaven help us! 'twas a thing beyond

Description wretched! such a wherry Perhaps never ventured in a pond Or cressed a ferry. For ploughing the salt sea field

It would have made the boldest shudder; Untarred, uncompassed, and unkeeled-No sail-no rudder. From neighboring woods he interlaced

His sorry skiff wih wattled willows, And thus engulphed he would have passed The foaming billows. But Frenchmen caught him on the beach,

His little Argus sorely jeering, Till tidings of him chanced to reach Napoleon's bearing.

With folded arms Napoleon stood, Serene alike in peace and danger, And in his wonted attitude Addressing the stranger.

Rush man, that wouldst you channel pass, On twigs and staves so rudely fashioned; Thy heart with some sweet British lass Must be impassioned.

I have no sweetheart, said the lad, But absent long from one another, Great was the longing that I had To see my mother,

And so thou shalt, Napoleon said, You've both my favor fairly won; A noble mother must have bred So brave a son.

He gave the tar a piece of gold, And with a flag of truce commanded He should be shipped to England old, And safely landed.

Our sailor oft could seantily shift To find a dinner plain and hearty, But never changed the coin and gift Of Bonsparte.

Heaven. This world's not "all a fleeting show, For man's illusions given : He that hath sooth'd a widow's wo. Or wiped an orphan's tear doth know There's something here of Heaven.

And he that walks life's stormy way With feelings calm and even Whose path is lit, from day to day, By virtue's bright and steady ray, Hath something felt of Heaven.

He that the christian's course hath run, And all his foes forgiven, Who measures out life's little span, In love to God and love to man, On Earth hath tasted Heaven.

LARD CANDLES .- The manufacture of candles from lard is another step in the progress of improvement .-- It has been done by Dr. Figures of Franklin, Tennessee. The Nashville Union describes them as possesing superior excellence and brilliancy, as fully equal to sperm in every thing but their appearance, and can be rendered superior in overy particular. They last longer, give a more brilliant light and can be afforded at a cost of 50 per cent, less.

N. Y. Post.

THE LONG-Bow .- The usual range of the long-bow was from 3000 to 4000 yards. It is said of Robin Hood and Little John, that they shot twice that distance. They could shoot sixty arrows in two minutes. The length of the bow was six feet, of the arrow two or three. They were of yew or ash. The cross-bow was fixed to a stock of iron, or wood. It was bent by a lever, and its two strings were discharged by a trigger. It threw builets and stones, as well as arrows. Its range was 150

of Normandy, in Yorkshire, a discovery has and not one that sew it, from the high road to other fabrics, and which promises to be a must be a snug fellow-look what a beautiful the best bed-room. quis .- English paper.

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## AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL.

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 despetism .- Jeffenson.

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MAJOR MAHON'S APARTMENTS. FROM 'JACK HINTON,' LAST NUMBER.

Lieut, Hinton, the English hero in Ireland of the autobiography, has been involved in a quarrel and is to fight a duel with an Irish gentleman jockey, Ulick Burke; and while he is talking the matter over, the evening before the meeting, with his Irish second, Maj. Mahon, the latter relates the following personal reminiscence, by way of illustrating the manners of the Country :]

'Tom, here, doesn't like a story at supper. said the major, pompously; for, perceiving our attitude of attention, he resolved on being a little tyrannical before telling it.

The priest made immediate submission; and slyly hinting that his objection only lay against stories he had been hearing for the last thirty years, said he could listen to the narration in question with much pleasure.

'You shall have it, then !' said the major, as he squared himself in his chair, and thus be-

'You have never been in Castle Connel Hinton? Well, there is a wide, bleak line of country there, that stretches away to the westward, with nothing but large, round-backed mountains, low, boggy swamps, with here and there a miserable mud-hovel, surrounded by, maybe, half an acre of lumpers, or bad oats; a few small streams struggle through this on their way to the Shannon, but they are brown and dirty as the soil they traverse, and the very fish that swim in them are brown and smutty also.

'In the very heart of this wild country, I took it into my head to build a house. A strange notion it was, for there was no neighborhood and no sporting; but, somehow, I had taken a dislike to mixed society some time before that, and I found it convenient to live somewhat in retirement; so that, if the patridges were not in abundance about me, neither were the process-servers; and the truth was, I kept a much sharper look-out for the subsheriff than I did for the snipe.

'Of course, as I was over head and ears in debt, my notion was to build something very considerable and imposing; and, to be sure, I had a fine portico, and a flight of steps leading up to it; and there were ten windows in front, and a grand balustrade at the top; and, faith, taking it all in all, the building was so strong, the walls so thick, the windows so narrow, and the stones so black, that my cousin, Darcy Mahon, called it Newgate; and not a bad name and even that same had its advantages; for when the creditors used to read that at the top of my letters, they'd say-'Poor devil ! he has enough on his hands: there's no use troubling him any more.' Well, big as Newgate looked from without, it had not much accommodation when you got inside. There was, 'tis true, a fine hall, all flagged; and, out of it, you entered what ought to have been the dinnerroom, thirty-eight feet by seven-and-twenty, but which was used for herding sheep in winter. On the right hand there was a cozy little breakfast-room, just about the size of this we are in. At the back of the hall, but concealed by a pair of folding doors, there was a grand stair-case of old Irish oak, that ought to have led up to a great suite of bed-rooms, but it only conducted to one, a little crib I had for myself. The remainder were never plastered nor floored; and, indeed, in one of them, that was over the big drawing-room, the joists were never laid, which was all the better, for it was there we used to keep our hay and straw.

Now, at the time I mention, the harvest was not brought in, and instead of its being full as it used to be, it was mighty low; so that, when you opened the door above stairs, instead of finding the hay up beside you, it was about fourteen feet down beneath you.

'I can't help boring you with all these details; first, because they are essential to my story; and next, because, being a young man, and a foreigner to boot, it may lead you to a little better understanding of some of our national customs. Of all the partialities we Irish have after lush and the ladies, I believe our ruling passion is to build a big house, spend every shilling we have, or that we have not, as the case may be, in getting it half-finished, and then live in a corner of it, 'just for grandeur,' as a body may say. It's a droll notion, after all; but show me the county in Ireland that hasn't at least six specimens of what I men-

'Newgate was a beautiful one; and although the sheep lived in the parlor, and the cows were kept in the blue drawing-room, Darby Whaler slept in the boudoir, and two bull-dogs and a buck goat kept house in the library-At the alum works belonging to the Marquis faith, upon the outside it looked very imposing just been made, which is likely to super- Envis-and you could see it for twelve miles sede the use of indigo in dying cloth and in every direction-didn't say-That Mahon source of considerable wealth to the noble Mars | place he has of it there !' Little they knew that it was safer to go up the 'Recks' than my grand

staircase, and it was like rope-dancing to pass from one room to the other.

'Well, it was about four o'clock in the afternoon of a dark, louring day in December, treading homewards in no very good humor; for, except a brace and a half of snipe, and a trot. gray plover, I had met with nothing the whole a loud shout behind me, and a voice called out-

"It's Bob Mahon, boys! By the hill of Scariff we are in luck!

'I turned about, and what should I see but a

ome !' said Lambert.

"They told us you were away,' says Burke. Some said that you were grown so pious, that you never went out except on Sundays,' added old Harry, with a grin.

"Begad,' said I, 'as to the luck, I won't say nuch for it ; for here's all I can give you for your dinner; and so I pulled out the four birds and shook them at them; 'and as to the piety, troth, maybe you'd like to keep a fast with as devoted a son of the church as myself'

"But isn't that Newgate up there ? said one. . That same.'

"And you don't mean to say that such a ouse as that hasn't a good larder, and a fine

"You're right,' said I, 'and they're both full at this very moment-the one with seed potatoes, and the other with Whitehaven coals.' "Have you got any bacon !" said Mahon.

"Oh, yes!" said I, 'there's bacon."

' 'And eggs,' said another.

"For the matter of that, you might swim in "Come, come, said Dan Lambert, 'we're

not so badly off after all."

"Is there whiskey!" eried Eyre. "Sixty-three gallons that never paid the

'As I said this, they gave three cheers you'd

'After about twenty minutes' walking, we got up to the house, and when poor Darby o- I came to the door of the large room, that I pened the door, I thought he'd faint; for, you have told you already was over the big drawsee, still the red coats made him think it was the army, coming to take me away; and he I contrived to blow out the candle, as it it was above this place, at Rome, on the Illinois river, was for running off to raise the country, when caught him by the neck.

"It's the blazers! ye old fool,' said I. "The gentlemen are come to dine here."

"Hurro!" said he, clapping his hands on his knees,-there must be great distress entirely, down about Nenagh and them parts, or they'd never think of coming here for a bit to eat.'

"Which way lie the stables, Bob!' said Burke. "Leave all that to Darby,' said I; for you see he had only to whistle and bring up as many people as he liked-and so he did, too; and as there was room for a cavalry regiment, the horses were soon bedded down and comfortable; and in ten minutes' time we were all sitting pleasantly round a big fire, waiting for the ra-

shers and eggs. "Now if you'd like to wash your hands before dinner, Lambert, come along with me.' "By all means,' said he.

'The others were standing up too; but I observed, that, as the house was large, and the wait till I'd come back for them.

"This was a real piece of good luck, Bob." quarters we've fallen into; and what a snug bed-room ve have here." "Yes,' said I, carelessly; 'it's one of the

large ones, plainly furnished, as you see; but for the present, you know---'

"Oh, begad ! I wish for nothing better. Let ne sleep here—the other fellows may care for your fourposters with satin hangings' "Well,' said I, 'if you are really not joking,

warmest in the house'-and this was telling 'Here I'll sleep,' said he, rubbing his hands with satisfaction, and giving the bed a most affectionate look. 'And now let us join the

may tell you, that the room is one of the

'When I brought Dan down, I took up Burke and after him M'Mahon, and so on to the last ; but every time I entered the parlor, I found them all bestowing immense praises on my house, and each fellow ready to bet he had got

Dinner soon made its appearance; for if the cookery was not very perfect, it was, at least | "If they don't get tired, there'll not be

men cutting rashers, two more frying them in he closed the door 'And now, if you'll allow the pan, and another did nothing but brenk the eggs; Darby running from the parlor to the kitchen and back again, as hard as he could

'Do you know now, that many a time since, day. The night was falling fast; so I began when I have been giving venison, and Burgunto hurry on as quickly as I could, when I heard dy, and claret, enough to swim a life-boat, in, I often thought it was a cruel waste of mozey; for the fellows weren't half as pleasant as they were that evening on bacon and whiskey!

Tve a theory on that subject, Hinton, I'll parcel of fellows in red coats-they were the talk to you more about it another time; I'll only blazers. There was Dan Lambert, Tom Burke observe now, that I'm sure we all over-feed our Harry Eyre, Joe M'Mahon, and the rest of company. I've tried both plans; and my honthem; fourteen souls in all. They had come est experience is, that as far as regards convividown to draw a cover of Stephen Blake's, a- ality, fun, and good fellowship, it is a great misbout ten miles from me; but, in the strange take to provide too well for your guests. There mountain country, they lost the dogs-they is something heroic in eating your mutton-chop, lost their way and their temper; in truth, to all or your leg of turkey, among jolly fellows appearance, they lost every thing but their ap- there is a kind of reflective flattering about is petites. Their horses were dead beat, too, and that tells you, you have been invited for your they looked as miserable a crew as ever you drollery, and not your digestion; and that your jokes, and not your flattery, have been your re-"Isn't it lucky, Bob that we found you at commendation. Lord bless you! I've laughed more over red herrings and potteen than I ever expect to do again over turtle and toquay."

> 'My guests were, to do them justice, a good illustration of my theory. A pleasanter and a merrier party never sat down together. We had good songs, good stories, plenty of laughing. and plenty of drink; until at last poor Darby became so overpowered, by the fumes of the hot water, I suppose, that he was obliged to be carried up to the bed, and so we were compelled to boil the kettle in the parlor. This I think, precipitated matters; for by some mistake, they put punch into it instead of water, and the more you tried to weaken the liquor, it was only the more tipsy you were getting.

'About two o'clock, five of the party were under the table, three more were nodding backwards, like insane pendulums, and the rest were mighty noisy, and now and then rather disposed to be quarrelsome.

"Bob,' said Lambert to me, in a whisper, 'I its the same thing to you, I'll slip away and get into bed.'

"'Of course, if you won't take any thing more.-Just make yourself at home; and, as

you don't know the way here, follow me !'
''I'm afraid,' said he, 'I'll not find my way

"I think,' said I, 'it's very likely. But, come along!

of turning to the left, I went the other way, till ing-room. Just as I put my hand on the lock,

"What a draught there is here," said 1: 'but just step in, and I'll go for a light."

'He did as he was bid; but, instead of finding himself on my beautiful little carpet, down he went fourteen feet into the hay at the bottom. I looked down after him for a minute or two and then called out-

' 'As I was doing the honors of Newgate, the least I could do was to show you the drop. Good night, Dan! but let me advise you to get more coming."

Well, sir, when they missed Dan and me out of the room, two or three more stood up, and declared for bed also. The first I took up was French, of Green Park; for indeed he wasn't a cute fellow at the best of times; and, if it wasn't that the hay was so low, he'd never whole may not average much over twenty bushwoke in the morning. Well down he went. tributable to the time and the manner in which Then came Eyre! Then Joe Mahon-two and the ploughing and sowing were done. The ways of it unknown to them, it was better to twenty stone-no less! Lord pity them !--he was a great shock entirely! But when I opened the door for Tom Burke, upon my conscisaid Dan, as he followed me up stairs-'capital ence, you'd think it was Pandemonium they had and roaring with all their might.

small rooms-there are eight like this, and five forward, 'It's the cows you hear under-

"Cows!' said he. 'If the're cows, began, they must have got at that sixty-three gal-

'With that he snatched the candle out of my was such a sight seen before or since. Dan he had an enemy before him, was hitting out creaked at every blow, as he called out-

you infernal scoundrel !'

Burke was struggling in the hay, thinking he was swimming for his life; and poor Joe Mahon was patting him on the head, and saying, 'Poor fellow ! good dog !' for he thought prowling round the calves of his legs.

wonderfully expeditious. There were two | man of them alive by morning !' said Tom, as me to sleep on the carpet, I'll take it as a fa-

> 'By this time they were all quiet in the parler; so I lent Burke a couple of blankets and a bolster, and, having locked my door, went to bed with an easy mind and a quiet conscience. To be sure now and then a cry would burst forth, as if they were killing somebody below stairs; but I soon fell asleep, and heard no more of them.

their escape; and when I was trying to awake at half past ten, I found Colonel M'Morris, of the Mayo, with a message from the "A bad business this, Captain Mahon," said done in the way of prairie farming in Ulim-

By daybreak next morning, they made

he; 'my friends have been shockingly trea-

"It's mighty hard, 'said I, 'to want to shoot me, because I hadn't fourteen feather-beds in

"They will be the laugh of the whole country sir. "Troth!' said I, "if the country is not in ve-

ry low spirits, I think they will.' "There's not a man of them can see !-their eves are actually closed up!"

"The Lord be praised ! said I. 'It's not likely they'll hit me.' But to make a short story of it, out we went,

-Tom Burke was my friend; I could scarce hold my pistol with laughing; for such faces no man ever looked at. But, for self preservation sake, I thought it best to hit one of them ; so I just jointed French a little under the skirt of the coat.

"Come Lambert! said the colonel, "it's your turn now."

"Wasn't that Lambert,' said I, 'that I hit ?' "No,' said be, 'that was French.'

"Begad, I'm sorry for it. French, my dear fellow, excuse me; for you see you're all so like

each other about the eyes this morning-' ·With this there was a roar of laughing from them all, in which, I assure you Lambert took not a very prominent part; for somehow, he didn't fancy my polite inquiries after him; and so we shook hands, and left the ground as good friends as ever, though to this hour the name of Newgate brings less pleasant recollections to their minds, than if their fathers had been hanged at its prototype."

Parming on a Large Scale.

What large tracts of land are sometimes farms may be judged from the following articles which are found in the Peoria Press:

AN ILLINOIS PRAIRIE FARM -- Mr. Isaac Underhill, of Peoria, has a farm about 18 miles which is the largest, or at least one of the largest in the state.

The first field of this farm that meets your view in approaching Rome, consists of five hundred acres, under what is sometimes called Virginia or worm fence, eight rails high. Three hundred acres of this are in wheat, principally put in last fall, and which was sowed upon the sod, last year for the first time broken up by the plough. From such ground a tull crop is never expected, before the large a little farther from the, door, as there are furrows, which had lain in a solid body of matted roots for ages, are thoroughly decomposed and pulverized, which cannot take place in a few months. The wheat is now (July 9th.) "white for harvest;" and it is estimated that parts of the field will yield twenty-five, and some, thirty bushels to the acre, though the have guessed it was not a feather-bed till he els. The difference in the crop is mainly at-

balance of the field is in corn and oats. The second field, which is nearest Rome, and seperated from the first named, by the road leading from Northampton to that place, condown there. They were fighting like devils, sists of two hundred acres, which is enclosed with a beautiful and excellent board fence. "Good night, Tom, said I, pushing Burke This was done at an expense of \$1265, which was about the cost of the fence around the five hundred acres. This field contains wheat, rye, oats, and corn and shows what the La Salle prarie can do when under full subjection to the lons of potteen you talked of; for the're all hand of the cultivator. The wheat here presents a scene more beautiful beyond description. It overtops the fence, which exceeds hand, and looked down into the pit. Never five feet in height; it is clean, well headed and even, and must produce thirty-five bushels to was pitching into poor French, who, thinking the acre. A description of the rye and oats would be such as might excite doubts in the manfully at an old turfcreel, that rocked and minds of those who have never seen the crops of our prairie state.-The corn though "I'll smash you! I'll dinge your ribs for you fine, is not so well grown as it is at the same time of the year in ordinary seasons.

The third field, which lies north of the cond, will be of mammoth size when completed, which will be in very short time. Much of it is now under fence, broken up, and a part of it

all under one fence. a | The whole farm comprises about two-theu-

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sand three hundred acres, and has a stringht line of fence on one side, three miles long.

Mr. U. expects this fall to be able to put seven or eight hundred acres in wheat. Much of this will be in ground a second year under cultivation, and with an ordinary season, the next year's crop of this and the sod wheat, or what will be put in new ground, may reasonably be calculated to yield at least, an average production of twenty-five bushels per acre.

The breaking or ploughing of the prarie cost Mr. Underhill \$2,50 per acre by contracts, and wheat sold here nearly all last winter at 72 cents per bushel; if it came a little under that on some days it went higher on others. We add these prices to the preceding account, that the reader may form some idea of what can be

Mr. U. is now building two large barns, 30 by 50 feet, on the bank of the river, at Rome, where there is one of the best steamhout landings on the river. The first of these was ratsed last Saturday, and the frame of the other will be ready to go up in a short time.

Mr. Ware, of London, who has been for more than thirty years engaged in the butter trade in this city, has furnished a paper to the New Farmer's Journal, on the best methods of preparing and keeping butter, from which we extract the following :

"Solidity and firmness, is, I think, of more consequence than is generally allowed; the nearer butter can be made of the consistency of wax, the longer will it retain its flavor.

\* \* To accomplish this object, I recommend salting the cream, by putting in rather more fine table salt than is used when applied after churning, because a part will be left with the buttermilk; or instead of salt, use strong clear brine to mix with the cream or butter. \* \* Brine is preferable to salt, as the butter is smoother and better flavored. If salt be used, it may be in the proportion of half an ounce of fine dry table salt, mixed with two drachms of saltpetre, and two drachms of sugar, both made fine, to every pound of butter. If the butter be made into umps for the market, I should recommend that each lump be wrapped round with a piece of calico, soaked in brine made from fine dry salt. that will carry an egg; for if the brine is weak it will be injurious. If the batter is put into a firkin, the cask should be made of white oak, ash, sycamore or beech, well seasoned by scalding out several times with hot brine, made ter, I would recommend a salt cloth around the butter, also on the top and bottom; the cloth to be kept in its place by a hoop, which can be removed as the cask fills. Mr. Ware deprecates the use of the hand in making butter, and recommends the use of wooden pats, not unlike our farmers' wives' butter ladles, for beating out the buttermilk or packing in casks.

"Those pats must be always (except when in the hand for use,) kept in a tub of cold water, which will prevent the adhering of the butter, and keep them cool."

PERILOUS POSITION OF ST. PETERSBURG.-It melancholy to contemplate the constant stant danger in which this brilliant capital is placed. If Mr. Lohl's picture is not over charged, the occurrence of a strong westerly wind and high water just at the breaking up of the ice, would at any time suffice to occasion an inundation sufficient to drown the whole population and to convert the entire city with all its sumptuous palaces into a chaotic mass of roin. The Gulf of Finland runs to a point as it approaches the mouth of the Neva, where the most violent gales are always those from the west so that the mass of waters, on such occaration is always forcibly impelled towards the city The island forming the delta of the News, or and the, and the highest point in the city is probably not more than two ye or fourteen feet s therefore, enough to place all St. Petersburg The poor inhabitants are, therefore, in continu that the whole 600,000 of them may not, with in the next twenty-four hours by washin out; their houses like so many drowned rate truth, the subject ought hardly to be spoken of with levity, for the danger is too immement, and the reflection often makes many hearts quake in St. Petersburg. The only hope of this apparently doomed city, is, that the three circumstances may never occur simultaneous ly, viz: high water, the breaking up of the and a gale of wind from the west. There so many points of the compass for the war choose among, that it would seem person the extreme to so critical a moment; no less the wind does not blow often from the during spring, and the ice floating in the and the Gulf of Finland is of a bulk and ficiently to oppose a formidable obstacle water in the upper part of the river. Had the ancient sages of Ohkta kept meteorological records, one might berhaps be able to calculate how often in a thousand years, such a flood as we are here supposing might be likely to occur. to read in the news-papers one of these days that St. Petersburg, after rising like a bright meteor from the swamps of Finland, has suddenly was Tower, the bull-terrier, that was in corn. It will consist of sixteen hundred acres, been extinguished in them like a will-o-thewisp. May heaven protect the city !

Foreign Quarterly Review.