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Tax Inisu Hane has long been celebrated for the wildness and beauty of its music. The best players on this instrument have been blind, so that blindness has become almost a sine qua non in a ling of them, the New York Herald saysskilful Harrer. There is between poetry and mu-Concert there.

THE Harper once in Tara's halls, Rung loud the mar isl strain; Nor were those full and stirring notes Struck by his hand in van. They roused the sons of Erin, far To drive the invading for: They fired the heart that nerved the hand, To deal the avenging blow.

In vest of green, the Harp r sat Beside the royal throne; The golden chain that slung his harp, In pride around him thrown. Wide the ugh the balls his music rang, And warriors leaped to hear; Drew the bright sword, and sho k it high, And tossed the beamy spear.

But Tara's halls are seen no more; In rain low they lie: The green turf o'er them weaves its soil; The weeds there mantle high-And Erin's son's no longer lesp. To hear their harp's wild tone: The light, that o'er their country shed its beam from beaven, has flown.

And sally now the Harper wends To other realms his way: He seeks a freer, happier land, Where B itons bear no sway. Then welcome here, with generous cheer, The minsurel, wandering lone; And let us ever hold him dear, And prize him as our own.

> From Blackwood for October. Breadth and Depth.

BY SCHILLER. Full many a shining wit one sees With tongue and all things well-tonversing; The what can charm, the what can ple se, In every nice detail r hearsing. Their raptures so transport the college,

It seems one honeymoon of knowledge. Yet out they go in silence where They whilom hold their learned prate; Al. ! he who would achieve the fair, Or sow the emityo of the great. Must heard-to wait the ripening hour-In the least point the lettiest power.

Wah wanten boughs and prank-one hues, About to air aspires the stem; The glittering leaves inhale the dows, But fruits are not concented in them, In the small kernel germ'd, we see The forest's future profe-ran Tunn!

city, persons from the South in the very last those parts of the room not in ruius were ble and accomplished tenant. most completely perforated in many places; ther head-dresses, armed with bows and arrows, day on a patch of ground I own, to see what it life than poisonous upas, limbs racked with the musical instrument; and these figures were metal, the poling babe, a grievous burden to them- gyptian crocodile. tive and ungovernable hands? He who, for an these runs hereafter. constitution of dilapidated patients. He has plain.

Duke de Bassano. The third son is a clergy- but he found no metallic instruments. man of the Episcopal Church,

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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 prin iple and immediate parent of despotian. -- I sersusor.

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Central America.

Mr. Stephens' new work on the Ruins of Central America, will be published shortly.

Another work on the same subject, but embracing a different field of that very interesting | ins. region, is also in press at New York, from the pen of Mr. NORMAN, another American traveller. Messrs. Harper will publish the first, and Messrs. Langley the last named work.-Speak-

There will, of course, be a great competisic a food alliance, and hence the one always comes tion between these publishers, and a great conto the other's aid. The following beautiful lines troversy between the respective friends of on this subject are from the New Haven Herald, these gentlemen, as to the relative merits of for which they were written by J. G. Pencival, their works; and which is most deserving of Esq., on occasion of Mr. Wall, the blind Hurper's approbation and patronage. Mr. Stephens might be supposed to have had the advantage, inasmuch as this was his second trip to Central America, and he had the assistance of Mr. Catherwood .- But on the other hand, Mr. Norman, although he travelled alone, is a most excellent draughtsman, and has visited a place of which we had no previous record; we mean the stupendous ruins of Chi-Chen. Other travellers, French and English, had seen and written about Palanque and Uxmal before Mr. Stephens, but Mr. Norman is the first visitor to the ruins of Chi-Chen who has given to the world any written record of his visit.

> We have seen the illustrations to both these splendid works, and can only say that society cise and intelligent keeper of the 'Chained is greatly indebted to these enterprising and Bear. talented young men, for such valuable additions to our National Literature. We think that ed you, and here I'll drive my stakes. As for probably the work of Mr. Norman will be read black Dick, he'll not trouble you much, old felwith the greatest interest, from the fact that the low-Pve learnt him to live on short allowsubject he speaks of is entirely new. Indeed, ance. When I started from the cross roads, I it was by more accident that Mr. Norman put a peck of corn behind my blanket, and told heard of these great ruins. He had been to Cu- him he must get along with it, to which he aha for his health, and crossed to Merida, in greed, but it did nt last, and he has nt had a Yucatan. Whilst here, he heard of festivities crib for twenty days-but no matter, just give &c. going on at Isamel, in the interior. He me that green bottle, landlord-Pin as dry as a passed through Ticoxo and Calcachen to Isa- rattlesnuke's skin !" mel; and then determined to go to the next | The red-eye was furnished, and three doublarge town, Valladolid, which he did, passing loons rattled on the pine counter, drawn from through Tuncax and Sitax. At Valladolid he | the moleskin purse of the stranger. heard of some ruins lying between that city and the South coast, opposite the island of Cozumel; but after great toil, and cutting his way lord, leave a hole for me to get out of early in through the woods for three days, he was obliged to give up the task. He returned to Val- lar business on hand." Indolid, and then accidentally heard of the ruins at Chi-Chen, lying on or near the pathroad to Campeachy, but none could say that the had night." The keeper of the 'Chained Bear, was

After travelling from one Indian but to anogoet the world has ever seen. For a circuit of dungs "of Bill Thompson from Snake Creek."

selves and a disgusting spectacle to others, you A few rods to the South of the Temple of ed with an anxious expression of countenace. would exclaim, as I have often done. Ot the Chi-Chen stands a pyramid measuring 500 feet "You say you found these lumps on your lamentable want of science that dictates the a- at its base, gradually drawing in towards the form to buse of that noxious drug, calomel, in the summit, which presents a large platform upon . Sartin-picked 'em up one day last week Southern States! Gentlemen it is a disgrace- which is erected a square building, about two nful reproach to the profession of medicine; it ty feet high, and all carved and ornamented is quackery! horrid, unwarranted, murderous with rare architectural devices, approaching quackery. What merit do gentlemen of the the Egyptian and Hindro style. But the most the lovs have got a lot." South flatter themselves they possess, by being extraordinary part of the runs is the "House of But I will ask another question. Who is it lated to impress the beholder with the imthat can stop the career of mercury, at will, | mense wealth and skill of the unknown archi- state of perfection."

to mercury, is a vile enemy to the sick; and towards the mountains on his road to Cam | ing sir."

pearance of each of these valuable works. Mr. the didnt care about selling out his gold outch. Norman's work will be published in a few days At last be was offered by a company of enterit will contain near 50 superb and original prising speculators, thirty thousand dollars for plates, illustrative of the above remarkable ru- it, on the nail, on his assurance that "the boys"

#### The Gold Mine. SECTIONS OF THE WEST.

Many years ago, when the now proud Queen city of the West was a thriving village with log cabins and hard cider in abundance, a tall thin, visaged mortal rode a miserable apology for a horse through the principal street, and stopped at the sign of the "Chained Bear," on Water street. He was original in every respeet. His coonskin cap was drawn over his small grev eyes, and his nut-dyed coat was buttoned up to his chin, although the thermometer was high up in the nineties. Buckskin inexpressibles ornamented a pair of legs which had doubtless done the State some service in running down some wild varmints, and cowhide boots appeared to be made for the double purpose of protecting his feet from the snows of winter, and carrying water to extinguish fires. Walking up to the har the strange customer thus addressed the landlord :

"How much for my horse and me, landlordspose I stay a short time !"

"We charge so much a day for you, and so much a day for your horse," replied the con-

"All right-I know as well as if I'd winter-

"Now for some rib-timbered and a spread," said the out-and-outer, "and do you hear, landthe morning, for I've got some mighty particu-

"Yes sir-yes sir-your name is"-

"Bill Thompson, from Snake Creek-good at a loss to fix his customer, and racked his brain to divine the nature of the imighty particther, accompanied only by an Indian boy, at ular business he had to transact the following last on the third day, and about forty miles day. The bar room loafers had their say-old from Valladolid, he cause in sight of the beau. Mrs. Knowall her guess-the knowing ones tiful and stupendous ruins of Chi-Chen. Here their thoughts-but all concluded it would be he found the remains of a city probably the lar- better to let old Father Time reveal the future

many miles in diameter, nothing could be dis. In the morning the guest was missed, but he The following extract is from the lectures of covered but the walls of palaces and temples, made his appearance at the breakfast table, ap-N. Champman, M. D., Professor of the Insti- and pyramids more or less dilapidated; and the parently in a very good humor with himself and tutes and Practice of Medicine in the Universite earth as far as the eye could reach, was strew. all the world. After the repast he inquired ty of Pennsylvania, located in Philadelphia. ed with beautiful columns, some nearly per- for the residence of Rev. Mr. S --- 'a chemist He thus discourseth on the use of calomet: fiet. One temple was 450 feet long and built of good repute, and sloped. He soon stood at "Gentlemen: It you could see what I al- of carefully hewn stone. Within it was one the door of the scientific gentleman, and was most daily see in my private practice in this room, fourteen feet long, and six wide, and invited to take a seat in the parlor, by the affa-

stages of a wretched existence, emaciated to furnished with sculptured blocks of stone, a fact "Havn't time to stay, thank you-just a skeleton; with both tables of the skull al- square, representing Indian figures, with fea- brought some lumps with me I found tother the nose half gone, with roffen jaws, ulcerated their neses ornamented with rings, carrying in is," said the apparently 'green'un,' at the same throats, breaths more pestiferous, more intolera- one hand bows and arrows, and in the other a time producing three or four small lumps of

pains of the inquisition, minds as imbecile as interspersed with animals representing the E- The professor carefully examined the lumps, and stepping into his laboratory, soon return-

after a thunderin' shower."

"Did you observe any similar pieces !"

"Didn't take notice-plenty of 'em I 'spose-

"Well, sir, it is my duty to tell you those

had gathered a pile of similar looking lumps. The bargain was closed-the cash forked over -the eager purchasers shown the "gold patch." -but no more lumps were found. Mea were employed to dig in every direction, but no traces could be discovered of a vein, and the greenhorn was never seen afterwards.

## Tenselty of Wrought Iron.

To the Editors of the Balt American.

Gentlemen :- The September number of the Engineer and Architect's Journal contains ome interesting experiments on the power of wrought iron, to resist fracture by percussion, by Jas. Nasmyth, C. E. I give you a short statement of them, and refer those of your readers more particularly interested to the work

Mr. N. says: "From former practical experience in the working of Iron in the process of forging, I had always observed that, however tough, tenscious, and excellent in quality a piece of wrought iron might be originally, by certain treatment, that tenacity might be all but entirely destroyed; and as such treatment is very frequently, absolutely necessary in forging wrought iron into certain forms, the knowledge of the process for removing such but officets, and at the same time materially increasing its tenacity, becomes of great

"If a piece of the very best wrought iron ammered in the process of forging, until it ceases to be red hot, the effect of such cold hammering renders it so brittle, that in many open. cases it breaks across in the process; or if it does not at the time, its tennoity is so much reduced as to render it capable of being broken by the slightest blow,"

To prove the above statement he made the following experiments:

1st. A bar of the very best wrought iron 1 nches square, being at a temperature of 60°, was laid on the edge of an anvil, the end projecting over about three inches; it was broken short off by nine blows from a heavy sle ge

2nd Part of the same bar was heated rebet, and hammered until nearly cold; it was then laid on the anvil at the same temperature and in the same position, as in the first experment, and was broken short off by one slight ing a beautiful close crystalline grain, such as is generally considered proof of good quali- comments on my pantaloons pockets.

3d. Part of the same bar was treated exactly the same, as in the second experiment; when cold it was heated again to a dult red heaf, and laid down to cool at leisure; at 60° it was and in the same position as before, and recesved 105 viceorous blows from the same hammer. without giving any evidence of fracture; bng bent double.

These experiments prove that iron, in the process of lorging, if namemented until it is seen y cold, which is generally done to man it hardsome, workmanlike appearance, base time tenths of its power to resist friction by micussion, but if annealed afterwards, its

made red hot, and allowed to cool grade div gains by the double process, that is, by for it and annealing; twelve times the strength of the original bar.

Mr. N. is of opinion that many of the radway accidents that have been occusamed by the breaking of axles, may have been the result of what he calls "cold handering" and swaging without annealing; as it requires much labor in forging to bring them to the

# Good Advice.

Of all things avoid delat.-Avoid it as you would were nest lence, and famine,--. Hate it able to salivate a patient! Cannot the veriest the Cacique s." It is a wonderful edifice of the specimens are pure gold; but it is singular with perfect betred. - Abber it with an entire fool in Christendom salivate-give culomel! Egyptian style of architecture, and well calcus nay, impossible, I should think, that the pre- absolute abhatrance -Dig potators -bay stone rious metal should have been found in such a wall-probled in water-do any thing that is his after he has taken the reins in his own destructions. But we shall have more to say about "One't know any thing about it, but I'm you value openion, quiet, independence, keep mighty glad you say the humps are gold. I out of dold -As you value good digestion, a arbitrary cause, resigns the fate of his patient Mr. Norman after leaving Chi-Chen, went reckon I can find a bushel of can. Good morn-healthy appetite, a placid temper, a smooth pillow, sweet sleep, pleasant dreams, and happy if he is tolerably popular, will in one success- peachy. He visited the rums of Ichmul, Zab- Of course the news spread like wild-fire wakings, keep out debt. Debt is the hardest of ful season, have paved the way for the busic bah, Zayi, Hohtaeul, and Uxmal. The rures through the town, that an ignorant countryman all tuskmasters, the cruelest appressor - It is ness of a life; for he has enough to do ever of Zayi are very beautiful, situated in the modst | had a gold mine on Snake Creek. The bar- an incubis on the heart, -It eclipses the sumafterward to stop the merciful breach of the of hills; those of Chi-Chen are on a vast level room of the "Bear" was througed with anxious it blots out the stors-it dims and defaces the purchasers, who resorted to a variety of de- heautiful blue sky-it breaks up the harmony thrown hunself in fearful proximity to death Mr. Norman has also brought home with vices to put wood over the eyes of the unso- of acture-it turns to dissonance all the voices and has now to fight him at arm's length as him a great variety of curious idols, and other phisticated countryman. The lumps passed of its includy - a forcews the forchead with prolong as the patient maintains a uniscrable ex- relics of the strange people who once inhabit through the hands of thousands—the knowing mature wrinkle--it plucks the eye of its light, ted these cities; and has deposited them with ones on hearing of the stranger, expressed it drags all nobleness and kendliness out of the Lord Ashburton has had a family of nine the N. York Historical Society. He also brought doubts as to their quelity-offners contended port and hearing of man -It takes the soul out children. His two eldest sons, William Bing- home a large stone, from the front of the "House they were copper, and not a few pronounced of his laugh, and all steadimess, and freedom ham and Francis, are members of parliament, of Caciques." On examining it, we found it them stone. The excitement hourly increased from his walk -Come not under its accursed the first of whom is married to a daughter of to be a very compact limestone, with an adthe Earl of Sandwich, and the second to Clare mixture of silex. The wood used in these fare but the owner did not feel the least or one smitten by the planue. Touch it not,-Hortense, a French lady, and daughter of the buildings is very hard and of beautiful texture, disposed to sell. Five, ten, and twenty thous Taste not its fruits, for it shall turn to ushes on and dollars were effered for land not worth a thy lips -Finally, we say to all, but we speak We shall look with great anxiety for the ap. hundred, but the clodhopper was inflexible; especially to all young men, keep out of debt. of ribbons and laces as to buy them. They is so pay their acous. - A. O. Pic.

### From the Cincinnati Chronicle. The Hote in my Pocket. BY JAMES II. PERKINS.

me one day, "Pray, Mr. Sackwater, lave your it is not to yours; and then he buys no cigars, that half dol'ar about you that I gave you the or leg case a mannered one hundred per cent. morning I" I felt in my waiscost pocket, and on make t process ranges at twelve cents a turned my purse inside out, but it was all epare more, or cands, or new novels, or rare works -which is very different from specie; so I that are still more rarely used; in short, my said to Mrs Slack vater, "I've lost it, my dear; dear Mr. Slack water, he has no hole in his positive's there must be a hole in my pocket !" | pocket." T'E sew it up," said she,

How did that ice cream set? said Tom. It the guick, Cut me! I should rather say it set,' said I, like the sun, phriously,' And as sewed me up-me and my pockets too; they I spoke, it flashed upon me that my missing have never been in the holes since that evenhalf dollar had paid for those ice creams; how- jug. ever, I held my peace, for Mrs. Slackwater sometimes makes remarks; and even when she assured me at breakfast next, morning that

'Are you sure ?' said Mrs Slackwater.

My wife dismissed her promise and then, in joy life, had another pair on my knees.

were poor to begin with, and grew poorer, or good already about to escape. at any rate, no rather, fist. Times grow worse and worse; my pockets looked worse and lightly and frequently; and altogether but litworse; even my nocket bodi was no longer to the, unless lethargic diseases come upon them, he trusted, the rage slipped from it in a name which is very common. I heard Baxter, the

and on his active he are of mor Pauls O'M ore. As his more finished more rests, so he had the

As it gill property our necession in with a ... It is use for the Ord-

ensor to tend to throught it.

The next evening she asked me if I could go a sensible girl. with her to see the Bowens, and as I had no objustion, we started

I know that Ned Bowen did a small business that would give him about six hundred dollars. a year, and I thought it would be worth while to see what that som would do in the way of housekeeping. We were admitted by Ned and welcomed by Ned's wife, a very neat body, of a hom Mrs. Slackwater bad told me a gre t deal, as they had been school mates. All was as nice as wax, and yet as substantial as iron; condert was written all over the room. The evening passed somehow or other, though we had no refreshments, an article which we never have at home but always want when elsewhere, and I returned to our own establishment with mingled pleasure and chagrin.

'What a pity,' said I to my wife, 'that Bowen don't keep within his income." 'He does,' she replied.

was my answer, tit he gives ten dollars to this charity and five dollars to that, and lives so song and comfortable too?"

'Shall I tell you !' asked Mrs. Slackwa-

Certainly, if you can.

This wife, said my w 'e, that it just no a. sy to go without twenty or thirty deliane burt's

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have no fruit but what they raise and have given them by country friends, whom they repay by a thousand little acts of kindness. They It is now about a year since my wife said to use no beer, which is not essential to health, as

It was the first word of suspicion my wife An hour or two after, I met Tom Stebbins, had uttered on the subject; and it cut me to

Duration of Sleep.

Of the duration of sleep the periods varies in various men. John Hunter, Frederick of Prusthere was no hole in my pocket, what could I sia, Napoleon, and other great men slept but do but lift my brow and say, 'Ah! isn't there! little. The Duke of Wellington is also a little sleeper. Boetlave says, that on one oc-Refore a week had gone by, my wife, who casion, his mind being much engaged, he could like a dutiful helpmate, as she is, always gave not sleep for six weeks. He probably meant me her loose change to kerp, call d for a twenty to write 'not soundly.' He added the case of a five cent mece, that had been deposited in my student, who adopted the strange theory, that t sub-treasury for safe-keeping; 'there was a fine natural condition of man was sleep; and I poor woman at the door, she said, 'that she'd to test the truth of the doctrine, slept eighteen promised it for certain.' 'Well. waits moment,' hours of the twenty-four: and as might have I cried, so I pushed inquiries first in this di- been expected, died of apoplexy. The eldet rection, then in that, and then in the other; Descrozilles seems to have slept but two hours : but vacancy returned a horrid groun. 'On my in twenty-four. Annalas de Chimic. Howsoul," said I, thinking it best to show a hold ever, the number, of hours passed in sleep vafront, you must keep my pockets in better re- ries from six to tweive. The indolent, and pair, Mrs. Slackwater; this piece, with I know those whose avocations or fortunes doom them not how many more, is lost, because some to inert life, sleep many more hours than are corner or seam in my plagucy pocket is left necessary, but eight or nine hours would see a to be about the fair proportion which every man ought to take who values his health, or "Sure! sy, that I am, it's gone! totally gone." expects his intellects to be in a fit state to en-

her quiet way, asked me to change my panta- Habit, climate, constitution, calling, age, mo . loons before I went out, and to bar all argument dify, however, the duration. Infancy requires much sleep; youth more than is generally al-That evening, allow me to remark, gentle- lotted to it in England; and manhood is the men of the species 'husband,' I was very loth | medium between the wants of youth and the neto go home to tea: I had a half a mind to bore cessities of age. Some old people, as we have some bachelor triend; and when hunger and preventily remarked, sleep much. Parr slumhabit, in their assuming manner, one on each bered away the greater part of his time; and side, walke up to my own door, the touch of De Mouvre, when eighty-three years of age, the brass knob m do my blood run cold. But slept twenty hours of the four-and-twenty. do not think that Mes. Shickwater is a tarter. But these are exceptions to this law of nature ; my road friends because I thus shrunk from and Rickerand affirms that old men have short some; the fact was that I had, while abroad, sleep, light, and broken, as if, says Gronnard, called to mind the fate of her twenty-five cent according to Stahl's notions, children foresaw piece, which I had invested in smoke-that is that, in the long career before them, there was to say, eigars; and I feared to think of her time enough for performing at leisure all the acts of life; while old men, near to their end, Thus things went on for some months; we | teels the necessity of harrying the enjoyment of

Dr. Elliotson writes-'Old people sleep ner most incredible to relate-as an Irish song | conclumater, declare he never took more than three hours sleep during the most active periled of his life The collabrated General Elliot never short more than four hoors out of the Joursand tweate, and his food consisted wholly " Dr. Burn's

A Nine Ly we Last - A wome lady in "Not Pleaven," size so it, thas put down ten at dress and of Joshion, says: "Moustaches are mever wern by men of ordinary sense. Fop-"The more shame to him," I tenlied, the pish fell was along curry cases Riogs, chains east after it; he can just server any how and breastons of gold, never yet captivated a and in those times it and wight for him to do a woman of common intellect. Gentlemen who exhibit on their hair evidence of much labor at My with author a bar sent way and to kather the tailet, are not held in high estimation by the reflecting portion of the female sex." That's

> BE INDUSTRIOUS .- The following remark. made by the Hon. Will am C. Preston, in a late address before the Graham Society at Lexington, and which is reported from memory by the editor of the Gazette, deserves to be printed in letters of gold for the benefit of all Young Men :

"The result of my observations is, that, not to the wealthy, not to the talented, not to the well-favored with friends and instructors, but to the industrious, to the perseveringly industrious, is the high boon of intellectual attainments awarded - Yes, gentlemen, had I my life to live over again, I would at the outset holid a temple to Industry, and worship in it from morning till evening."

THE DEAD SEA -The water was not only very salt, but exceedingly bitter. The great density of the water was amply proved by its But how can be on six handred dollars!" powers to hear up the body. I could lie on my tock in the winter, with my head, hands and feet all out at the same time, and remain thus as long as I pleased without any motion .-This I could not do in any other water that I have been in .- Paxton's letters on Pales.

"Trans. S. Franklin observed-

he see the plenty of