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Child's Hymn for Christmas Eve.

BY MISS &. M. F. BUCHANAN.

Who did'st walk in childhood's ways,

Made thee once a babe of earth ;

Who, in childhood's helpless days,

Wast by human guidance led

Who in loving care hast said,-

"Little ones, come unto me !" Praise and prayer I bring to thee.

Holy Christ-child ! Thee I bless

For my stores of childhood's wealth,

Holy Christ-child ! there are those

Treading now these winter snows,

With no parent's hand to guide;

None to weep if ill betide ;

Yet they labor while I play;

Portions sad to children be !

Worthier I am not than they,

Toil, and cold, and hunger, three

Holy Christ-child ! be their friend?

Let them dream of thee to-night;

Raiment warm and pleasant food ;

From the United States Gozette.

Tobacco's Victim.

HT THOMAS M'KELLAR.

is shrivell'd skin, stretch'd o'er his brittle bones

had's tempest-driven in the torrid zones.

hapless widow and her babes forlorn-

He spat his life away; and left his heirs---

widowhood and orphanage to mourn. And sigh, and sink beneath a flood of cares.-

one should ask, where his remains repose !

Be this the answer-everywhere around,

here'er the smoke of his cigar arose,

is wasted carcuse fills a nameless tomb-

doom !

Wellesley.

Grateful let them bend the knee

Sweetly rest till morning-light;

Then awake to gifts of good.

On thy blest nativity !

In their rugged path attend ; 🔹 🛥

For my mother's kind caress,

On me still where'er I move,

For my safety, for my health,

Fadeless as our Christmas tree

For the many eyes of love

Let my adoration be !

Holy Christ-child! Thou whose birth



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 despotism .- JEFFERSON. - the second second

By Masser & Elsely.

Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, Dec. 24, 1842.

Matl Robbery. The Cumberland Md. Alleghanian says that Peter Halderman, who was lately convicted in Baltimore of the crime of robbing the U. S. mail'some ten months, has made a disclosure of

facts co."nuected therewith as follows : declined from time to time. Sides eventually passengers in the Mail he we add inform him of to be little affected by it at the time. tact, and that he would go on with him to the Shades of Death-and then in that dark and dismal place, take him from the drivers' boxtie him to a tree by the read side, and take the mail off and rob it." That he, Sides, when found in that condition, would say that "three ; and robbed the mail."

This proposition Halderman also declined, But Sides, not being intimidated, determined that the mail should be robbed if he had to do it entirely himself? Things went on this way until February, 1842. At this time Halderman was staying at the tavera of his brother, when about 11 o'clock in the night the robbery took place. Sides drove up, stopped the stage before the door, and aroused Peter Halderman; under the pretence of getting something to drink. Two persons were sleeping with Halderman, and heard him say, "Peter, I want a grog," The drinking over, and the persons near the bar asleep, Sides invited P. Halderman out to the coach On arriving there Sides then opened the doors and said, "Now, Pete, is your time ; 1 have no passengers."

have any thing to do with it. "Sides replied- head hanging down nearly to the floor, and her And shrunken muscles, bound his frame together. Till D ath's keen blast offswept him like a feather who will ; we will rob the mail this night, and if found out; I'll be d-d if I dont put it upon you, any how." By this time Sides had the mail out of the stage, and raising it up, threw it upon the shoulders of Halderman, shut the door of the stage, cracked his whip and put off. Hal-There may his heart, his lungs, his all be found. derman pondered the thing over in his mind, is soul has gone, uncalled, to meet its changeless and finally came to the conclusion that he would inasmuch as the mail had been given him, he He was arrested in a few minutes afterwards a English free version of the lines upon Milton in the "Primitæ Reliquia" of the Marquis of would see its contents. He proceeded with it into the woods in the rear of the house, and Mr. Letter's brother-in-law, although he fought | war in Piedmont - The First Consul granted there amidst the rocks and trees of the forest, desperately all the time, and inflicted a dan- her a pension of 200fr. for her distinguished he raised a fire, and opened the mail, and took from it a little upwards of six thousand dollars

Awful Murder in London. We find in the Boston Despatch among the

foreign news per Columbia, an account of a shocking murder in London. The lady of Mr. George Letter was left a-

Jone by her husband, for a few days, at their Halderm."u says that during the latter part house in Threadneedle street, as he had busiof the year 18,'I Peyton Sides made applica- ness out of town. On the second day after his tions to him to aid in robbing the mail-that he departure, one of the servants a young man by the name of Chambers, was reprimanded by proposed to H, that "wh "never there were no his mistress for some misdemennor, but seemed

At about midnight, after Mrs. Letter had retired to rest, she called up the servants and inquired whether any of them had tried her door. They protested their ignorance of the matter, and then she declared that some one had en-Ana "ared to open it, but having found it locked, men came from the shades with black faces, had reti."ed softly down stairs. She even heard stopped the horses, tied him in that condition him blander which he reached the landing at the foot of the Mairs.

One of the servarits then agreed to sleep in the entry near the door of her apartment, and the lady being thus assured, ittired again to roet

In the course of an hour or two the cervant who slept near the door of Mrs. Letter heard a groan. He was in a slight slumber at the time, and it awakened him up. He listened at the door, but hearing nothing further, supposing that his mistress was restless in her sleep, lay down again. He had scarcely closed his eyes when he became convinced that he heard a step in her apartment.

He called several times and received no answer --- He called up the laundress and related the circumstances to her : when it was agreed to force the door. On doing to, they beheld eur, who was afterwards married to, and i Halderman declined and said he could not Mrs. Letter lying half way on the bed, her "Well sir, if you do not, I have another man throat cut from car to car. The floor was covered with clotted blood, and there was evidence that some person had slipped down in the blood whose tracks led distinctly to a fire-place. The house was now aroused, and it was soon perceived that the young Chambers was missino.

One of the servants set off for his mother's house in Piccadilly, where he was found; his clo- favor, he blamed of the matter at all events, and that, thing was stained in many places with blood. by the policemen who arrived in company with gerous wound upon Mr. Robert Smith, one of the police men, whom he stabled in the abdo- 1502 she was again enrolled in the 9th Dra-

The Progress of a Penal Colony. The history of the penal colony at Australia, must be regarded as extraordinary. It is situated on the largest island in the world, and was visited by Captain Cook in 1770. He then

called it Botany Bay .- It was colonized by the English in 1775, and a portion of the settlement is made use of as a penal colony for convicts. ment of his friends, every remedy of the facul-In 1838, no fewer than 336 ships arrived at New South Wales, nearly all from Great Britain ; while in 1839 the imports into Sydney amounted to between \$5,0(\$),000 and \$6,-000,000, and the exports to between \$\$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. The island is 270C miles long and 2000 wide. Sydney is the capital, and has about 30,000 inhabitan's. At a sale of building lots in that town only a few months back, \$100 per foot were obtained in some cases, and others sold at the rate of \$150,000 per acre. The original lots, on which Sydney is built, were given to the early convicts in the hope of inducing them to become industrious and independent. So lightly were they regarded by the majority, however, that one, more far-seeing than the rest, purchased the whole from his companions for two puncheons of runs. This man eventually died worth \$300,-000 per annum, although 20 or 30 yer a hafare he had been transported for stealing more from a common in England. He level in great splendor towards the close of his life, his table being furnished with every luxery. Among those who depended upon his bounty was

had been transported for the crime of forgery !

There is still in existence an extraordinary woman whose maiden name was Therse Figunow the widow of, a man named Sotter. At an early age she was induced, by circumstances to enter as a soldier in the Atlobroge Legion, This was in 1793, and she took part at the seige of Toulon. The next year she was removed to the 15th Dragoons, and made the campaign of Catalonia with the army of the Eastern Pyrences. When the Convention interdicted women from serving, the Generals of this army obtained a special exception in her

She was in Bonaparte's campaigns in Italy. After the battle of Novi she entered the 9th Dragoons, in which regiment she followed the conduct as a dragoon during eight years. In

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length of time they are to be published, will be continued until ordered out, and charged accordingly.

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A GREAT EVENT LOWN LAST.-Hear what the Portland Bulletin on vs of it and

A friend of ours has be in exciting our risibilities by relating a circum, stunce which took place on the railroad, as the , cars were coming in the other afternoon. Whi, 'e the fire steed was putting in his prettiest lick. ", shooting ahe engineer long the track like a meteor-u discovered far ahead a man swaying + to and fro using thet great philosopher's minder and his case was gia large stick as if making signs. Supp. to the some accident might have happened surgeon was introduced to Malebranche, and he rails, or some impediment might be in the 1 111 told him that his medical brethren, not knowing he prudently shut off the steam, and put on force to check the progress of the cars, so the 'M' suade him that he had a nose like those of his they came to a dead halt on arriving at the spa t

> mired the con-"What is the matter 1" one ictor.

tion, he would stake his own life on its success. "Matter !" thundered the chap, brandishing Malebranche joyfully accepted the proposal; his stick on high in token of defiance , "I've and next day appeared the enterprising opera- fought your lions, your tigers, and your wild tor, accompanied by assistants, carving knives, | roaring bulls of Bashan, and do you think I'm scalpels, saws, tenacula, ligatures, and all the afraid of a _____old cook stove on wheel-, paraphernalia of the healing art. Malebranche It turned out that the fellow was crazy, and was secured on the operating stool, and, efter that he had escaped from a neighboring house employing every imaginable instrument, the o- where he had been confined.

> LORD MELBOURNE .- The late head of the Whig cabinet is very infirm. He suffer reinfirmities consequent upon a life of pleast reand excitement. He is now 63 years of age, and will probably never enter into public ' life again having lately suffered from two paralytic strokes.

> As some laborers were diggin g a cellar in Howard street, Boston, the othe r day one of their number discovered a large amount of money nearly a thousand dollars. The owner of the estate claims it as does the former owner The finder still hangs on tol t, and will not tell the exact amount found. A lawsuit will prob-AND DURING A

A LEAT-DESCRIPTION THEFE TOR .- Some_time and the Emp-ror of Corns, 1-ing suboved by the number of any all from the provinces issued a proclamations optoming "strict search to be made to figures all law-suit exciting blackguards, and when found, to punish them severely."

A ROLAND FOR YOUR OLIVER .- Dickens' sensitive nerves are shocked in witnessing or hearing of a sale of negroes.

ife would probably consider the following

the very moment he opened them. It is true the operator had brought the leg of mutton una clergyman who said grace at his table, who der his cloak ; but Malebranche was perfectly cured. INDIAN DANDIES -- The editor of the Iowa Gazette visited the recent council in the west, between Goy Chambers and the Sacs and Foxes. He thus describes one of Black Hawkin MANY R. A.

> The transcessor of Disco Tracks is the A donia of hos table, such a semicirar machematican est man in the second inches high, graceful and el gaut to lus man ners, and although weigh ng perhaps two hondred liss, he trends lightly as an infant. Kenkes koush a chief of much distinction among them. is also a talented and a five looking may and though as brave as Cosar, he is a regular built Brummel exquisite. He usually sports an ebony cane, with a gloriously large and bright head, which he twirls in his fingers in the most elegant style imaginable, and when sitting rests his chin and lips upon the brilliant ornament a la "the fine old English gentlemap." Ile is a transfer of property, done in an English village smilling chap, and celebrated at a gallant, as as all in the way of busin se

r, one day a voung

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MALEBRANCHE, the greatest mathemati-

cian of his day- lream one night that he had

a leg of mutton grown to his nose. Some phi-

losophers, who called the following morning to

see him, found him in great distress of anind, be-

ing persuaded he had that terrible log of mut-

ton appended to his proboscis. Every argu-

ty failed to remove the ballucination from the

ven up as hopeless. H

perator skinned the good father's nose, and then squeezing it so hard that the pain made him close his eves, "Victory !" cried the surgeon, "I have got it off !" and lo and behold there it was indeed, before the delighted patient's eyes

a cure for his disease had endeavored to perneighbors, but that he acknowledged the fact, where the man stood, of the presence of the leg of motion. If, ho ever. Malebranche would submit to the oper

ah him Franis still her visil kaans miring strains of rasture as he sleeps ; om Siloa's brook the living stream supplies, nd pours celestial light on sightless eyes : is spirit soaring in ascent sublime, levond the flaming bounds of space and time .--- " arth's transient ills o'er him have lost their power, hose soul to God's eternal throne shall tower. or Want nor We that spirit shall subdue. hich ranges radiant all creation through.

por-Blind-Survivar of his country's shame

ill Milton ho'ds his fearles: flight to fame;

id smiles contempt upon degenerate days:

s mental eve, corruption calm surveys,

Population of Ascient Rome.

Dr. Loudon, of Paris, in his late work on pulation, asserts that ancient Rome, in her entest sulendor, contained 8.000.000 souls, de la Muille, and the modern French acamicians generally, will scarcely admit that tre ever were more than from 400,000 to 0.000 inhabitants within the walls of the Ereal City. Other antiquaries are equally stradictory. Gibbou and Hume supposed the mbers to have been 1,000,000. Mr. Jacob, his history of the precious metals, has calcud them at 1,200,000; so did Brottier, the tebrated commentator on Tacitus. The e professor Nibby, in his Roma Antiqua, hjectured that the citizens, strangers, and ayes, with their children, must have reached 000,000. Chateaubriand reckons 3.000,000. isrus Lispisus and Mengotti computed them 4,000,000. Isaac Vossius allowed the posility of 8,000,000, perhaps, said he, 14,000,-10. There are still more extravagant calcutions on this obscure point of archiology. pleguchius and several other writers have aclly declared their belief that in the time of early Emperors there were conglomerated the seven hills and on the banks of the Ti-'s around the seven hills, upwards of 27,000,-9 of human beings. Amidst this discrepanof opinions it is probable that the notion of -,000,000 of souls in ancient Rome, as mainained by Dr. Loudon, is that which is the most correct ; being founded on 16 different statistical facts drawn from the ancient authors, each leading to the same conclusion. In the year 1377, when Gregory XL was pontiff, the city of Rome contained no more than 17,000 people ! At present the entire numbers do not exceed 160,000. How mutable are human events ! Albion, the Botany Bay of Rome, is now the mistress of the world. The Palatine hill is partly occupied by an English College, and a large portion of it is owned by an Englishman, Mr. C. Mills-Foreign paper .

needn't call again.

in money ! All the checks, drafts and halves of notes, he burned, with the mail bag and the balance of its contents.

That of the money taken he gave Sides \$3000, in good money, and kept the balance, it being in treasury notes and other funds not so current here. That he kept his money in the woods until last August, hoping to find an opportunity to return it ; but the arrest of Sides cut off this hope, and alarm drove him to Canada where he was arrested by Mr. Patterson. Sides says he had part of his money in the garden attached to the tayern of Mr. Fairall-that he put it in a bottle and sunk the bottle in an old post hole, where the fence had been removed. These facts were gotten from Halderman himself, and are believed to be true.

AN ADNEXT GERMAN COMPOSUR --- While hard at work one evening upon a very complicated theme for a fuge, and more than usually possessed by the spirit of music, he fidgeted about on his chair, paced up and down the room huming tunes, and now and then muttering incoherent and disjointed sentences, whilst every moment he went to the candle to relight his pipe. His wife, also absorbed in thought, was sitting quietly at work. Rinck duly lighted his pipe ; but instead of laying the match of the table, placed it in all innocence on his wife's cap. At length he settled himself at his desk, and was proceeding peacefully with his task, when lo, his labors were broken in upon by a sudden glare of light accompanied by a shrick from his wife , her whole head was on blazecap and hair were a prey to the flames. Rinck maintained that his wife had put her head too near the candle ; but two or three front locks that still survived of her (must we confess it !) false hair, and a strip of lace that came over her forchead, proved beyond a doubt that the conflagration must have commenced its perfidious career of devastation from that part of her head that was not immediately exposed to the candle. "Why, my child," expostulated Rinck. as he beheld his beloved Margaret standing a perfect wreck before him, "how could I possibly have done it, when I have not stirred from my deak the whole evening 1"

At a church meeting in Hanover, N. H., it was necessary to ascertain the number of ting whether he has done it or pist, he goes a nity offer, they glide together into the room widows in the parish. After some time had second time round to make all sure. To judge where the sick man is, slip stealthily to the time the premises, an officious-in-sea- also from the number of salutes, the matrimo- bedeide, raise their fore paws upon the bed There are women enough in all conscience, son and-out-of-season member from the eastern niel bonds in these high circles must be one of clothes, and in this attitude continue together but not conscience enough in all women-as part of the town jumped up and said, 'I think | interrupted felicity-a gentleman scarcely en- for some time to gaze intently on the p i dent L ---- d P

men with a carving knife.

to the sleeping apartment of his mistress by way of the chimney, after having found the door locked, and that he was actuated purely by Imperial Guard, and in 1812 was made priceder motives of revenge. His parents appear to near Burgos by one of the Cure Merino's gue have been once in good circumstances; but rilla parties, and sent into England. She rebecoming reduced, young Chambers was put out to service.

London and is distracted with the intelligence the Imperial Guard. Certificates, signed by which awaited him here.

lute-in unwersal vogu e from remote antiquity-rather a greeting than a caress-derived equally from religious feelings and oriental custom. Fathers and sons kiss-old generals with rusty moustachios kiss-whole regiments kiss, exchanged. If a Lilliputian coros de cadeta have earned the Imperial approval, the Imperial salute is bestowed upon the head boy, who passes it on with a heavy report, to his neighbor, he in his turn to the next, and so on, till it has been diluted through the whole jovenile body. If the Emperor reprimand an officer unjustly, the sign of restoration to favor as well as the best atonement is-a kiss. One of the bridges in Petersburg is to this day called the Potzalui Most, or Bridge of Kisses (not of Sighs,1 in commemoration of Peter the Great who having in a fit passion unjustly disgraced an officer in the face of his whole regiment, kissed the poor fellow in the same open way upon the next public occasion on this very bridge:

On a holliday of jour de fete the young and with son, though at this time very low, of the delicate mistress of a house will must only hiss | circumstance, begging of him, as a ceruier reher maid servants; but all her men servants sort, to try what effect his own wood would stal too; and as I have mentioned before, if the gen- have upon the pute reputered. He are that he demon venture not above her hand she will succeeded in a weak which have his tayon stoop and kiss his cheek. As for the Russian ites, pointing of the same time to some food, father of a family, his affection knows no bounds; placed at hand for the trial. This gentle comif he leaves his cabinet affairs ten times in the | mand had its reflect ; the dogs at once ob-yed ; course of the morning and enter his lady's sa-loon above, he kisses all his family when he en-ters, and again when he leaves the rooth; continued to take as much as supports life; but sometimes indeed so mechanically, that, forget- once every day at least, and offener if opportuforehead, cheek, or hand.

goons, was at the battles of Austerlitz and Je He has since confessed that he descended in- na, and continued her career until the capture of Berlin.

In 1810 she went into Spain as one of the turned into France in 1814, and on the eve of the Emperor's departure for Waterloo was pre-We learn that Mr. Letter has just arrived in sented to him in her uniform as a chasteur of several Marshals and Generals, attest that she received a gun shot wound at Toulon, four Kissing in Russia .- This is the national sa- sabre wounds in Piedmont, had four horses killed under her, and saved the lives of General Noruez and several other officers. She is now 69 years of age, and continues to enjoy her pension .- M. St. German Leduc, a friend of thi female warrior, has from her dictation, written The Emperor kisses his officers .- On a review- a history of her strange eventful life, which ing day there are almost as many kisses as shots forms one of the most interesting books that has been published for many years.

> STRONG SYMPATHY IN THE DOG .- An interesting instance of this feeling in the canine species, the authenticity of which may be relied on, lately took place, or rather is still proceeding, at Invergeldie, a large sheep-farm on the estate of Lawers near Confrie, Perthshire, The overseer became severely indisposed and for the first ten days after their master had the ken to bed, his two faithful collies refused to be ry .- Cincinnati Sun. comforted, meanofully declining thit sorts of

ford, nay, even milk worm from the now, at last pressed upon them by the domestics. At tough their rase became an vericus-for they were otherwise valuable does-that the over-Sear's mother was accessed around to inform her then droopingly retire out of the room.

your smiling gentleman usually are. It was atmusing to witness his efforts to come the pohte thing over his brother savages.

The PIE-LALD HORSE .--- A good story was told us the other day of an old pie-bald horse, tolen from a market wagon. A thief took from a market wagon in the 2d street space, while the owner was away, one of the horses, and putting on a saddle made off. The farmer returned; but happening to get on the wrong track, was sadly hindered from home. In the meantime, the thief crossed into Kentucky, and when at a proper distance, as he thought to avoid detection, offered the animal for sale. The person to whom he offered, said he had one so much like it that he knew he would trade, and thus have a fine match. Accordingly he went with the follow to his neighbor's, but the moment the old lady saw the 'critter', she declared it was their own 'pie-bald' 'O'no,' said the fellow, the horse is mine ; I bought hun in Ohio.' 'Very well,' said the old lady, 'if that our horse it you will thim go he will open the gate and walk 'into the vard.' Well, they let old pie-bald go, and sure enough, to o ed the gode as usual, and the fellow now that he had stolen the man's horse in Cincinnah and teken him home to sell ! The rascal was 60011 made sure of, and before this, is working out the penalty of his vil lainy in the penitentia-

PECULIARITIES OF CATS .- When the British troops entered the dominious of the "Golden Foot," they were struck by what they believed to be the cruelty, or supposition, of the natives of Burmah, in docking the tails of their cats to within an inch and a half of the root, and splitting them at the true perhaps it was a religious not qualified for the office." commany, they thought ; or, perhips, poor puss interist mass with them, as with some other and more civilized notions, as a sort of fiend, and this entling and maining might be a charm to restrain her movers of svil. But that it was sately the work of Dame Nature, was, after as and still supported by the chair; and often man has manufic to mean gravalation. discoa solution was deviced when a found a cat subscribe whether swithing fifter of datternes off still story tails, uplic at the tiper nor does this pecultaritity every pertoin to the Burnsee cats day to his companion, "I know a new-festion -thuse or Midnitar and Shart are also thus dis. minimized to keep out the weat" "What's

REGARN -A celebrated wit was indeel why he did not marine a county failly the whites his ware soft. In the many colleather to beau the follow said when the girl told hun he we have embraced them all, have we not Presi- ters the room without kissing his wife either on features of their own unconscious master, and much attached. I know no reason ters all the determinant is a set of the set of t except the great regard we have for each oto r. stretter."

SALE OF A "LANCASHIER WITCH."-O e of here ladies underwent the ordeal of a "sale" in the public market of Wigan last week. We

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have been unable to obtain the names of the "lady" and the husband who offered her for sale ; but at all events a purchaser was found, and the "saleable article" disposed of at the price of 26 shillings.

JUDGE AND LAWYERS .- Dr. Franklin thought the judges ought to be appointed by the lawyers; for added the shrewd old man, in Scotland, where this practice prevails, they always select the ablest member of the profession, in order to get rid of him, and to share his practice among themselves.

A PROFESSIONAL PUN - A poor corset maket out of work and starving, thus vented her missiable complaint ; "Shame that I should be without bread, I that have stayed the stornachs of thousands." She might have added :-"Alas ! that the cause of so much 'bustle' in the world, should sink into such neglect."

The following letter was received by the editor of the Kentucky Yeoman, through the Post office :---

"Mr. Editor : Kin you tell how a fellar is to get along these hard times, what's in debt, and who aint got any money, no friends ; and who are too honest to work, and too lazy to steal ! If you kin, I will subscribe to your paper.

'Is HE QUALIFIED !'-"Why do you not present yourself as a candidate for Congress !" said a lady the other day to her husband, who was confined to his chair by the gout.

"Why should I, my dear ?' replied he, 'I am

"Nay, but I think you are," returned the wife, "your language and actions are parliamentary .- When bills are presented, you order them to be laid on the table, or make a motion to rise ; though often out of order, you poke your nose into measure c destroy the constitution."

"I say, Sam," said a plo he other heat " "Why, if you only a disherring for been hast, you'l be dry all as