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From the U. S. Gazette.

The subjoined piece of poetry, real poetry, is from the pen of a lady, whose writings have already received the approval of good judges, and whose name, as an author, would be more familiar with the public...

MINER'S SONG.

By Mrs. Juliet H. L. Campbell.

Old Mother Earth, within thy breast thou'st hoarded many a day, The treasures that thy restless sons, full fain would bear away; Jewels, within thy silent cave, concealed their latent glow...

Evening Mirror Correspondence. A DAY IN GENOA.

Having to deal with all sorts of characters, and being confined for many days in my office, in the dull details of business, it is a great relief sometimes to meet with an odd genius who breaks up the monotony of life...

The first was a Yankee from Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a long, lean, shabbily dressed fellow—but I'll stop and give you a more particular description.

He had on a pair of cow-hide shoes of an enormous size, into the soles of which not less than a half a pound of horse-nails had been driven, if I could judge by the clattering his feet made on the marble floor, as he came in.

As he entered, he came up to me with his cap still on his head, and pulled down over his ears, and said, "Be you the United States counsel?"

"Well, I'm a prophet of God, and my world-ly name is ———. I was born in Worcester in old Massachusetts, twenty-eight years ago, or thereabouts.

"But do you really believe all this my friend?" "Believe it! Why I know it, for it's all been revealed to me, and I can't be mistaken."

"Well then, I'll stay here till it comes." So the Prophet took off his cap, and put it on the floor by his side, and taking out a pocket bible, turned to the prophecies, to read by himself.

All this scene thus far, seemed to me at the time, the most ridiculous I ever beheld; but when the first novelty had passed, and I saw the poor deluded man turn to the bible, the blessed revelation of God, and con its sacred pages with that intense gaze, with which no man looks but an honest man, it was by far the saddest sight I ever witnessed.

scribe: I could have wept over the man but I could not smile at him again. I made out passport, sent it to be signed by the proper authorities, and then went with him to the steamboat office, saw him on board the steamer, which was just weighing anchor for old Rome.

"Yes, I see; well now which way do you go?" "I want to go the quickest way to get to Jerusalem, only I must go by the way of Rome, for it has been revealed to me as it was to Paul, that I must be persecuted and suffer at Rome; she is the mother of harlots, the Beast, the False Prophet, satan's seat, and no Prophet of God can go there without persecution; I shall be there in prison twenty days as has been revealed to me, and suffer great torments and tortures, for which I am prepared, and then God will come to deliver me from prison, as he did Peter and Silas, and I shall go on my way to Jerusalem."

"Well my friend, tell us something about the state of things in Jerusalem after you get there." "Well as I was saying, I don't want to detain the Lord Jesus, nor keep him waiting for me, so I shall get on the ground as quick as possible. Then I shall keep a holy fast of forty days. When this is done, the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven, and set up his kingdom in Jerusalem. Then the day of reckoning will come for all the world. All recks will be burnt up, and judgment taken on all Priests, churches, and wicked men, and a little while given them to repent, and if they don't do it, Christ will destroy them all. The Jews will all be gathered to Jerusalem out of all nations from whence they have been driven, and all the holy dead will be raised to live and reign with Christ; I shall be his Prime Minister, and great Prophet. This will last 365,000 years, and then the world will be burnt up, or burnt over, and a new world made out of the old one, and we shall live on it for ever and ever, even to all eternity. Hell will be in the centre of the earth which is nothing but fire and melted lava, and there they will be burned forever and ever, even to all eternity."

"But what if Jesus Christ don't come when you have finished your fast?" "Why, he will come!" "Well; but if so strange a thing should happen, as that he should not come, what would you do?" "Why you may just as well ask me what if there was no Jesus Christ! But I have stayed here too long already; I was going right away, but the captain told me I must have a passport, or the earthly powers would stop me; I want to go: make it out as quick as you can."

"You shall have it in an hour, friend." "And I'll pay for it now; what will it cost?" "I've got a little money left." "Oh I don't charge Prophets any thing for passports, and I will get the Governor and Police and Papal consuls to vouch your passport gratis, and you can go on board the steamer Virgil this evening, and be off for Rome without delay."

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"Well, just as soon as this Revelation come, I sold out my earthly goods to get a little more money, and left friends and home, for you know what our Lord said, that if a man didn't 'hate father and mother,' &c. I got to Boston, and found a steam ship agoing to leave the next day for England, and I took passage; we was 13 days at sea. The same day we got to Liverpool, I went to London in the cars, and the day after I got there, I went aboard an English vessel, and we sailed here to Genoa in 15 days. So you see it's only about 36 days since I left my father's house, in Worcester; I've gone so fast, because God was on my side, and every thing was overruled for me his servant and chosen Prophet."

A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.—On a fine summer's day, a clergyman was called to preach in a town in Indiana, to a young Episcopal congregation. After the close of his discourse, he addressed his young hearers in some such words as these: Learn that the present life is preparation for, and has a tendency to, eternity. The present is linked with the future throughout creation, in the vegetable, in the animal, and in a moral world. As is the seed, so is the fruit; as is the egg so is the fowl; as is the boy so is the man; and as is the rational being in this world, so will he be in the next; Dives estranged from God here; and Enoch walked with God here, and Enoch walked with God in a better world. I beseech you then, live for eternity. Go to the worm that you tread upon and learn a lesson of wisdom. The very caterpillar seeks the food that fosters it for another and similar state; and more wisely than man, builds its own tomb, from whence in time, by a kind of resurrection it comes forth a new creation in almost an angelic form. And now that which was hideous is beautiful, and that which crawled flies, and that which fed on comparatively grass food, sips the dews and revels in the rich pastures an emblem of that paradise where flows the river of life.—Could the caterpillar have been diverted from its proper element and mode of life, it had never attained the butterfly's splendid form and hue, it had perished a worthless worm. Consider her way and be wise. Let it not be said that ye are more negligent than worms, and your reason is less available than their instinct. As often as the butterfly flits across your path remember that it whispers in its flight—Live for the future!

With this the preacher closed his discourse, but to deepen the impression, a butterfly, directed by the hand which guides alike the Sun and an atom in its course fluttered through the church, as if commissioned by Heaven to repeat the exhortation. There was neither speech nor language, but its voice was heard saying to the gazing audience—Live for the future.—Albany Spectator.

A HIGH COLORED STATEMENT.—The Lehigh Bulletin relates that a Mr. Macungie, of that county, while riding along, was accosted by a white female, and requested to carry her bundle. He complied and offered her a seat in his wagon into the bargain, but she refused. As requested, he carried the box to the next tavern, handed it out, and waited for the lady to come up. After his own and the patience of the innkeeper was exhausted by her delay, the box was opened and had in it—not a new cap or bonnet—but a jet black child, fast asleep! It is perhaps unnecessary to state the lady never came to hand, and the infant was taken to the poor house of Lehigh county.

WRITING AGAINST TIME. It is stated that Mr. James, the novelist, has undertaken for a considerable sum of money, to write three novels—one fashionable, on historical, and one sentimental; to finish the life, in two volumes, of any celebrated character; to write a pamphlet against the corn laws; and to commence four different tales in four different magazines; all within the space of a calendar month. It is supposed that he will perform the task with ease and have two or three days to spare.

DISCOVERY IN MEDICINE.—Dr. James Cooper, of this place, has discovered a remedy, in Liquid form, for blindness, which supercedes anything of the kind we have ever heard of. He has shown us a certificate of a case of amaurosis, which was totally blind for two years, and which he restored in half an hour, so far as to see the light. He informs us that it cures all cases of Opacity, thickening of the Cornea, Weeping of the eye, Cataract, &c. It gives very little pain, and so far as tried, has not failed to cure the most obstinate cases.—York Gazette.

NEW ARTICLE OF EXPORT.—Upwards of 7000 tons of white gravel have been shipped from this city to London, since the 15th of September last. It is taken from the beach at Long Island, and used to beautify the parks and gardens of London.—N Y Mirror.

PIECES OF ADVERTISING. 1 square 1 insertion, \$0 50; 1 do 2 do, 0 75; 1 do 3 do, 1 00; Every subsequent insertion, 0 25; Yearly Advertisements: one column, \$25; half column, \$18; three squares, \$12; two squares, \$9; one square, \$5. Half-yearly: one column, \$18; half column, \$12; three squares, \$8; two squares, \$5; one square, \$3 50. Advertisements left without directions as to the length of time they are to be published, will be continued until ordered out, and charged accordingly. Sixteen lines or less make a square.

An Electrical Girl.

Among the recent novelties, which have attracted the attention of the Parisians, is an 'electrical girl,' of whom the most incredible things are related. Her name is Angeliqutte Cotten, thirteen years of age, a native of the department of Finistere. If the accounts given of her are true, she possesses the electric power in quantity and force, that may be called 'positively shocking.' Her electrical force was only discovered by accident. A reel which she held in her hand one day suddenly flew out of it to the astonishment of all present. On its being replaced it shot off again. There was of course a sensation produced by the circumstance. The scientific were informed of the singular circumstances, and sundry experiments were performed in the presence of Arago, Mathieu, Langier and Goujon. The following is the account of these experiments.

A piece of paper being placed on the edge of a table, was immediately attracted to her left hand. Holding her apron upon it, she approached a guerdion, which 'retired at her approach.' She was then placed in a chair with her feet to the ground. The chair was thrown with violence against the wall, in one direction, and Angeliqutte tumbled down in another. The experiment was repeated several times, and with nearly the same result. Next, Monsieur Arago, the famous astronomer, laid his hand upon the chair, but could not prevent its moving. M. Goujon then set upon the chair, and it was projected as before, the moment Angeliqutte took her seat. On a subsequent occasion two men held it down, but though it did not move any distance, it was broken in pieces. A table and a sofa could not resist her electrical power of repulsion. Dr. Tauchon ascertained to his own satisfaction that the chair was first attracted and then repelled. It is stated that whenever the girl is isolated by a glass stool, oiled silk, or any other non-conductor of electricity, the projections do not take place.

A magnet, says the account, being placed near the left hand, which is alone magnetic, she experienced different sensations, corresponding with the different poles. She thus felt what might be properly termed a Northern sensation, and a Southern sensation; she is not arctic in her taste, however, as she is repelled by the North Pole. When the electric discharges take place, she is violently agitated, experiences very great commotion, and complains of much suffering.

We find her electrical power much greater after she has dined; and her pulse during these remarkable displays of electric energy runs up to 120 a minute. Other wonderful things are recorded of her which of course require some further evidence before they can be credited.

A FEATHERED PATRONESS OF THE NEWS-PAPERS.—The Marion (Va.) Pioneer states that it has a subscriber, a lad eleven years of age, who pays his subscription in eggs, and having but one hen, he expects her to do her duty. This is certainly a hen worth having, and it is to be hoped that her owner's over anxiety for useful information, may not lead him into the temptation of overtaking his literary biddy—at any rate to forget the disastrous example of the classical fowl that laid the golden eggs in olden time. Let him beware of looking for eggs faster than they come in the natural and customary order of such things.

PROFITS OF THE SLAVE TRADE.—It appears by the papers found on board the slaver recently captured, that the slaves cost on the coast \$15 a \$20 each, and will sell in any part of Brazil for \$300. If the Pons had reached her destination in safety, she would have cleared about \$250,000. If the Panther had been successful, she would have made \$350,000 above all expenses.

Lord and Lady are words of Saxon origin.—Lord is from Lof-ord, (Loaf-giver), and he was so called, from his maintaining, at his own expense, a number of retainers or dependants. Lady is from Lof-dian, (Loaf-server), because she cut and served round the bread to the guests.

We find the above in the papers, and have no doubt that the derivation is entirely correct. We remember one Lord that came to this country, who was a real Loafer, and contrived to get into the Watch-house in New York.—Philadelphia U. S. Gazette.

THE CIRCUMULAR.—This is the name of a new and simple machine for cutting down trees, &c., and which is now on view in this town. It can be fixed, it is said, in a minute and a half, and will cut through a tree at the rate of three inches per minute, without causing the waste the woodman makes with his ax, leaving a groove of only one and a half inches around the tree. It is applicable for other purposes, such as the cutting of stone or iron, for cutting iron piping any size or in any position, likewise for turning the mouldings of columns.—English Paper.

Caster Oil mingled with lemon juice and sugar, is not unpleasant to take.