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EBENSBURG, PA., THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1860.

My Mother.

Poetry:

Mother, dear mother, the hot tears start, As I see thy cheek paling with each passing

For I feel in the depths of my aching heart, That my mother is passing away; Passing away from her home on earth,

To join the angels above, While I must mourn by our desolate hearth, And pine for a mother's love.

Mother, dear mother, thy once raven hair Gleams now with many a silver thread Not traced there by age, but illness and care, And grief for the dearly loved dead-For the dear ones that crossed, with the boat-

man pale. O'er the river to the bright, shining shore. Far beyond the gloom of death's shadowy vale, To dwell with the angels for evermore.

Mother! O, mother! must you too go, When the boatman's horn sad echoes shall

O, mother dear, we shall miss thee so; Ah! I fear that my lone heart will break! But, my cherished mother, I will pray to God, That when thy life's sands have run, may humbly bow 'neath its chast'ning rod, And whisper, "Thy will be done!

Historical. The Black Hole of Calcutta.

We frequently hear allusions in orations, articles, and ordinary conversation, to the of our younger readers, probably, who are are acquainted with the particulars of the scenes of horror which transpired in that

lumstic Methodist-REV. John Williams, abode of death, in its most painful form. cing in prosperity with rapid strides under the friendly aid of Aliverdi Kahn, an Afghan chief of great talent, who had wrested the vicerovalty or nabobship of Bengal from its legitimate ruler, a weak and impotent prince. Upon Aliverdi's death. however, he was succeeded by his grandson Surajah Dowlah-or, as sometimes spelled, Sura-jud-Dowla—a dissolute and tyrannical prince, who, stimulated by the exaggerated reports of the great wealth amassed in the factory, seized the first plausible opportunity for coming to a rupture with the settlers, and commencing putting his designs into execution, was the erection of various fortifications, which were then in progress for the defense of Calcutta, in case of any attack being made on it by the French, but which Surajah Dowlah chose to construe into preparations against himself. He immeoners. The garrison of Calcutta at that whom only 174 were Europeans, totally terms with the nabob, but the fate of Cos-

> originally appeared in a native East In- failing as before, redoubled their rage;dia publication, is at once the most correct but the thirst increasing, nothing but and striking that has yet been given to "Water! Water!" became soon after the

"At five o'clock the nabob entered the diately ordered some skins of water to be lered!" fort, accompanied by his general, Meer brought to their windows; but, instead of Jaffier, and most of the principal officers relief, his benevolence became a more

of his army. He immediately proceeded dreadful cause of destruction, for the sight to the principal apartment of the factory of the water threw every one into such | libraries have been established in Boston, | clock in the tower of the Cathedral of where he sat in state, and received the excessive agitations and ravings, that, un- New Bedford, Framingham, and many Strasburg is not only a monster in size, compliments of his court and attendants able to resist this violent impulse of na- other places. The annual report of the but is the most wonderful piece of mein magnificent expressions of his prowess ture, none could wait to be regularly New Bedford institution, which is the chanism in the world. It is one hundred and good fortune. Soon after he sent for served, but each man battled with the ut- eighth since its commencement, informs feet high, thirty wide, and fifteen feet Mr. Holwell, to whom he expressed much | most ferocity against those who were likely | us that it contains 13,500 volumes, and | deep. About twenty feet from the botglish in daring to defend the fort, and many were either pressed to death by the have been 25,224, the number of persons cherub, holding a small mallet in his hand, the sum found in treasury, which did own. This scene, instead of exciting com- was established by an ordinance of the cherub on the left strikes the first quarter, not exceed 50,000 rupees. Mr. Holwell passion in the guard without, only awa- City Councils pursuant to the State law, and that on the right the second quarter. should suffer no harm.

tunate companions, found them assembled length suffered those who were nearest this plan worked that the Legislature has behind Time, when out comes an old man and surrounded by a strong guard; sev- the windows to convey it in their hats to since given permission to any town desi- with a mallet and places himself directly eral buildings on the north and south those behind them. It proved no relief ring it, to make the annual appropriation in front of the great Reaper. As the sides of the fort were already in flames, | either to their thirst or their sufferings, | of fifty cents per poll, instead of twenty- | hour of twelve comes, the old man delibwhich approached with so thick a smoke for the fever increased every moment with five, and New Bedford has availed itself erately strikes with much power, twelve on either hand, that the prisoners imag- the increasing depravity of the air of the of this privilege. ined their enemies had caused this confla- dungeon, which had been so often respigration in order to suffice them between | red, and was saturated with the hot and two fires. On each side of the eastern deleterious effluvia of putrefying bodies, gate of the fort extended a range of chambers adjoining to the curtain, and before mortal. the chambers a veranda or open gallery; it was of arched masonry, and intended to and had not partaken of the air of the shelter the soldiers from the sun and rain, windows, were either in lethargic stupebut being low, almost totally obstructed faction or raving with delirium. Every the chambers behind from the light and kind of invective and abuse was uttered, should next be ordered to do. About dungeon, finding that the water afforded windows, and those obstructed by the veeven at this season. The excessive prestime did not muster above 514 men of effect, for it opened inwards, on which life; but when they brought him near the many began to give looose to rage. Mr. window, every one refused to quit his of a successful resistance was now gone, separate the prisoners into two chambers. the survivors had so little strength remainout till the following night, in order to a few minutes, said it was impossible; half an hour in removing the bodies which dren on board of ship, which was safely sum, on which he retired once more, and clear a passage to get out one by one; became every hour more distressing, they him." In the meantime, every minute were seen on earth! The nabob's troops ernor, was seized with a panic, threw short of suffocation. Various means were clear the dungeon, whilst others dug a left them to their fate! Mr. Holwell was one stripped off his clothes, every hat was which all the dead bodies were promiscuchosen to fill his place, who endeavored put in motion; and these methods afford- ously thrown." to open negotations for surrender; but ing no relief, it was proposed that they all | The success of the barbarian who inthe troops, in the confusion, having gain- should sit down on their hams at the same flicted these sufferings was short-lived .ed access to the liquor, were soon in a time, and, after remaining a little while Calcutta was retaken a year after by Clive state of complete intoxication, and the en- in this posture, rise all together. This and others. emy learning how matters stood, step- fatal expedient was thrice repeated before ped into the fort without further resis- they had been confined an hour, and every time, several, unable to raise them-Of the harrowing event which took selves up again, fell, and were trampled to application of a passive verb, said : place in the fort on the night succeeding death by their companions. Attempts its capture, the following narrative, which | were again made to force the door, which,

resentment at the presumption of the En- to get before him; and in these conflicts, the issues to the people during the year tom is the dial, on each side of which is a much dissatisfaction at the smallness of efforts of others, or suffocated by their using the library being 3415. This library while over the dial is a small bell; the had two other conferences with him on kened their mirth; and they held up which, as originally passed, provided that Fifty feet above the dial is a colossal figure this subject before seven o'clock when the lights to the bars in order to have the di- the local authorities of any place resolving of Time, with a bell in his left hand and nabob dismissed him, with repeated assu- abolical satisfaction of seeing the deplora- to have a free public library should appro- a scythe in his right. A figure of a young rances, on the word of a soldier, that he ble contention of the sufferers within, priate annually a sum of money equal to man in front strikes the third quarter on "Mr. Holwell, returning to his unfor- whilst it was thus furiously disputed, at its maintenance and support. So well has turns and glides with a slow step around

of which the stench was little less than "Before midnight, all who were alive, air; and whilst some of the guard were in hope of provoking the guard to put an looking in other parts of the factory for end to their miseries by firing into the proper places to confine the prisoners du- dungeon; and whilst some were blasphering the night, the rest ordered them to ming their Creator with frantic execra- in fact, as indispensable as a newspaper or assemble in ranks under the veranda, on tions of torment in despair, Heaven was a school-house. It renders every town in large as life, walk out, bow and pass on. Black Hole of Calcutta, but there are few the right hand of the gateway, where they implored by others with wild and incohe- Massachusetts attractive to the farming As the last appears, an enormous game remained for some time, with so little sus- rent prayers, until the weaker, exhausted population, for other purposes than mere | cock, perched on the pinnacle of the clock, picion of their impending fate, that they by these agitations, at length lay down buying or selling of produce or merchan- slowly flaps its wings, streches forth its laughed among themselves at the seeming quietly and expired on the bodies of their dise. It makes them centers of learning, neck and crows three times, so loud as oddity of this disposition, and amused dead and agonizing friends. Those who sources of information, fountains of inexthemselves with conjecturing what they still survived in the inward part of the haustible literary delight. of Pondicherry, in 1761, from the French, eight o'clock, those who had been sent to them no relief, made a last effort to obtain tem of school district libraries supported by the English, Calcutta had been advan- examine the rooms reported that they had air, by endeavoring to scramble over the by the public funds regularly appropriated, found none fit for the purpose; on which | heads of those who stood between them | partly by the local authorities, and partly the principal officer commanded the pris- and windows, where the utmost strength by the State government, under a law sible to do his work without assistance, oners to go into one of the rooms which of every one was employed for two hours passed for the purpose, and furnishing and accordingly offered any man "feed" stood behind them along the veranda. It either in maintaining his own ground, or libraries accessible gratis to the public. for performing the requisite labor. A was the dungeon of the garrison, who endeavoring to get that of which others Now, what we wish to call attention to, is used to call it "the Black Hole." Many were in possession. All regards of com- the advisability of passing an act similar of the prisoners, knowing the place, began passion and affection were lost, and no one to that of Massachusetts, by which the the fields in the morning, he invited his to expostulate, upon which the officer or- would recede or give way for the relief of people of any town in Penusylvania, and help to breakfast. After finishing the dered his men to cut those down who hes- another. Faintness sometimes gave short other States of this Union, should, after a morning meal, the old skinflint thought it itated—the prisoners then obeyed; but pauses of quiet, but the first motion of any formal vote to that effect, be able to estable a saving of time if they should place the before all were within, the room was so one renewed the struggle through all, un- lish a free public library, supported by dinner upon the breakfast. thronged that the last entered with diffi- der which ever and anon some one sunk regular municipal appropriations. Our culty; the guard immediately closed the to rise no more. At two o'clock, not more | State stands very much in need of the door and locked it fast, confining one hun- than fifty remained alive; but even this multiplication of such influences to keep hostilities. The pretext laid hold of for dred and forty-six persons in a room not number was too many to partake of the its population at home, to stimulate its twenty feet square, with only two small saving air, the contest for which and life progress, and raise the masses in the scale continued until the morn, long implored, of intelligence. There ought to be a libraranda. It was the hottest season of the began to break, and with a hope of relief, ry in every town in the State for the use year, and the night uncommonly sultry gave the survivors a view of the dead .- of the people; and if this law were enacted, The survivors then at the window, seeing | many would speedily avail themselves of sure of their bodies against one another, that their entreaties could not prevail on it. Should none act under it, of course it and the intolerable heat which prevailed the guard to open the door, it occurred to would be nothing more than the present diately collected his army, marched against as soon as the door was shut, convinced Mr. Cook, the secretary to the council, condition of things; but any town resolving that place, plundered the English factory | the prisoners that it was impossible to live | that Mr. Holwell, if alive might have more | to act under it, would take from its own of Cossimbazar by the way, and making through the night in this horrible confine- influence to obtain their relief; and two treasury and no other. Hence we consider the governor and members of council pris- ment, and violent attempts were immedi- of the company undertaking the search, that the passage of the law is a matter to ately made to force the door, but without discovered him, having still some signs of be urged under any circumstances. undisciplined; and attempts were, there- Holwell, who placed himself at one of the place, excepting Captain Mills, who, with are, in the main, as every one knows, a fore, at first made to come to reasonable windows, exhorted them to remain com- rare generosity, offered to resign his, on posed both in body and mind, as the only which the rest likewise agreed to make honest people; but in some of them, even simbazar dispelled all hopes of a peaceful means of surviving the night; and his re- room. He had scarcely begun to recover as among the "world's honest people," love accommodation. The attack on Calcutta monstrances produced a short interval of his senses, before an officer, sent by the of filthy lucre will predominate. In one commenced on the 18th June, 1756; and quiet, during which he applied to an old nabob, came and inquired if the English on the same day the whole of the outworks jemantdar, who bore some marks of hu- chief survived; and soon after the same Benjamin and his son. It was their cusand external fortifications fell into the manity about him, promising to give him man returned with an order to open the hands of the Indians. Though all hope 1000 rupees in the morning, if he would prison. The dead were so thronged, and it was agreed, in a council of war, to hold | The old man went to try, but returning in | ing, that they were employed for nearly get time to convey the woman and chil- when Mr. Holwell offered him a larger lay against the door before they could accomplished the same night. At day- returned with the fatal sentence, that no when, of one hundred and forty-six who break next day the attack was renewed relief could be expected, because "the na- went in, no more than twenty-three came thee'll get them for less; offer him &-, and and while the situation of the besieged bob was asleep, and no one dared to wake out alive, the ghastliest forms that ever wait till morning if he don't trade. had the mortification to see all the English had increased their sufferings. The first beheld them and the havoc of death from as well as neutral vessels then lying in effect of their confinement was a continued which they had escaped with perfect inthe Hooghly, weigh anchor and proceed sweat, which soon produced intolerable difference, but did not prevent them from down the river. To complete the wretch- thirst, succeeded by excruciating pain in removing to a distance, and were immediate but on the way he met there was so much fuss at the time, has ed dilemma of the troops, Drake, the Gov- the chest, with difficulty of breathing little ately obliged, by the intolerable stench, to Benjamin, senior, returning homeward offered his will for probate in the Surrehimself into the last remaining boat, and tried to obtain more room and air. Every ditch on the outside of the fort, into

A Teacher one day endeavoring to make a pupil understand the nature and "A passive verb is expressive of the na-

ture of receiving an action; as 'Peter is beaten.' Now, what did Peter do?" "Well, I don't know," answered the boy, pausing a moment, with the gravest countenance possible, "without he holgeneral cry. The good jemautdar imme-

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WATCH THY FATHER .- The Quakers thrifty, kind-hearted, and undoubtedly of their farming communities lived Friend tom to buy up cattle to fatten for sale .-One day, Benjamin, junior, had selected a choice portion of stock from a passing drover, and was about to buy, when Benjamin, senior, came along.

"Father. I am about to buy these cattle; what does thee think of them?"

"What does he ask? So much? I guess

Filial Ben assented-made an offer in

"Thee will let me have my 'portion,' will thee not?"asked filial Ben. "No, sonny, of course not; I've bought the whole-want 'em all." "What! Isn't that a hard trick to play

thy own son? and I trusted to thee!' "Ah, Benny," said pater familias, reprovingly, "thee must be sharp; wide awake; trust nobody, Benjamin; watch everybody; watch thy father, Benjamin-watch thy

Quite likely for young Benjamin the admonition was needless thenceforward.

Never do things by halves, unless it is sending a bank-note by the post, or paying a hackman his demand.

THE OLD CLOCK ON THE TOWER .- The

times on the bell. He then glides slowly Here is an arrangement which places behind Time, and the young man again within the reach of every town in Massa- comes out and takes his position ready to chusetts the opportunity of maintaining a | do his duty when called upon by the magood supply of excellent reading, for the chinery. As soon as the old man has benefit of all classes, and not dependent struck twelve and disappeared, another set upon voluntary contributions for support. of machinery is set in motion, some twen-Not only has it been adopted in most of ty feet higher still, where there is a high the cities of the old Bay State, and ren- cross with the image of Christ upon it .dered as much as the common school a The instant twelve is struck, a figure of part of the general system for the diffusion of one of the Apostles walks out from beof education and intelligence, but in the hind, comes in front, turns facing the rural hamlets it has been eagerly taken up cross, bows, and walks on around to his place. This is repeated, until twelve figures, representing the twelve Apostles, as distance, and with life like naturalness .-Then all is still as death.

> DIDN'T WORK AFTER SUPPER .- An old miser owning a farm, found it impospoor half-starved man hearing of the terms, accepted them. Before going into

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This was readily agreed to by the unsatisfied stranger, and the dinner was soon dispatched.

"Suppose now," said the frugal farmer, "we take supper; it will save time and trouble, you know.

"Just as you like it," said the eager cater, and at it they went. "Now we will go to work," sail the delighted employer.

"Thank you," said the laborer, "I never work after supper."

VALUE OF RAILROADS .- At a ball recently given at the Hotel de Ville, in Paris, a group, among which was the Secretary of Feruk Kahn, were discussing the merits of the Euphrates Valley Railroad. "Your country," said a lady to the Secretary,"will then be very near to us." "Yes, if the project should be accom-

"Do you doubt its accomplishment?" "The difficulties of execution are very great and numerous.

"Certainly, but the English engineers will surmount them." "Oh !"replied the young Persian, with

an air of cunning,"there is one against which their science must fail; all these deserts are peopled with ostriches. Well, these birds, you know, digest fron; they will eat the road up !

A RELENTLESS FATHER-It is stated that John G. Boker, the father-in-law of vain-went home with the old gentleman, John Dean, the coachman, who eloped slept-and next morning, after caring for with "his own Mary Ann," about three the stock mounted his horse to try again | years ago, in New York, and about which with the whole herd in question. Benja- gate's Court. A clause in the instrument min, senior, was wealthy as well as smart | cuts "Mary Ann" off from the share sho -he had taken an early start, and bought | was to have had when it was first framed, the deceased even mentioning his desire to have her name entirely obliterated from his will. It is also said that "Mary Ann" does not appear to be affected by being disinherited. No doubt she considers a good husband preferable to riches, and so does every sensible woman.

> "Sam, did you see Mr. Jenkins, the new overseer?" "Yes, massa, I meet him down by the

> cotton-gin." "He's a good-looking fellow, isn't he?"

"Well, massa, he talks like a good-looking man—he made a bow—dat's all he said."

The pen is mighter than the sword.