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POETRY.

It is not always May. BY PROFESSOR LONGFELLOW.

The sun is bright-the air is clear, The darting swallows soar and sing, And from the stately elm I hear The blue bird prophesying spring.

So blue you winding river flows, It seems an outlet from the sky, Where waiting till the west wind blows, The freighted clouds at anchor lie.

All things are new-the buds, the leaves, That guild the elm-tree's nodding crest; And e'en the nest beneath the eaves;--There are no birds in last year's nest!

All things rejoice in youth and love; The fulness of their first delight! And learn from the soft heavens above, The melting tenderness of night.

Maiden that read'st this simple rhyme, Enjoy thy youth, it will not stay; Enjoy the fragrance of thy prime, For oh, it is not always May!

Enjoy the Spring of Love and Youth, To some good angel leave the rest! For time will teach thee soon the truth-There are no birds in last year's nest;

Fair Freedom's Home.

BY MELZAR GARDNER.

A wake the glad shout, let the sound ring out Like the swelling trumpet's tone, And the song shall tell the world how well Was the price of freedom won. Twas a gloomy day-no cheering ray Shone on their untrod path, When a patriot hand first made a stand For Liberty or Death! But the work was done-the prize was won; To us the boon has come;

While rolls the sea, our land shall be Fair freedom's happy home

Their hands unstained, themselves untamed In battle's dread array,

They had nerves to bear, and souls to dare The terrors of the fray! Their nerves were steel, but their hearts could feel

The wrongs their country felt, And they braved the storm, unmoved and firm, To God alone they knelt.

On Bunker's height, at deep midnight, The band of heroes stood, We may trace their toil on that holy soil They moistened with their blood; And all that day, the fearful fray Raged on that battle field, And the foeman's dart pierced many a heart That had been freedom's shield.

On land and tide our country's pride; Her flag to the breeze was given; From its starry gleam, by hill and stream, The foe was backward driven. They have passed away like a quiet day, Like a ripple on the deep; That banner waves o'er the quiet graves Where the brave defenders sleep. But the work is done; the prize is won; To us the boon has come; While rolls the sea our land shall be

Fair freedom's happy home. A boy down east, three years, of age, was asked who made him. Holding his little hand a foot from the floor, he artlessly replied, "God made me a little baby so high, and I grew the

The receipts of the Western Railroad for the 26 days in April amount to \$36,000, or \$1400 per day, being as much as the entire receipts in January, February, March and April, 1841.

Quite Cool.

A couple of fellows were riding together in a violent speed. The one that was driving called on the other to hold him. 'O, never mind, pect you are a first rate hand at bakin as you A congregation of vegetables! replied the other, 'I guess we can ride about as fast the horse can run.

We go for the ladies out west, for they have resolved not to marry a man who does not, and will not take a newspaper; and what is still better, they won't let a fellow look at them if he owes the printer for more than a year.

From the Morristown Jerseyman,

Whatever an Irishman undertakes, he goes through with the enterprise with a determination of a man whose life depends upon his success. quarter, half yearly, and if not paid before the end of Be it love making, or ditching, or drinking, or fighting, it is all on the same "go-ahead" principle with him, triumph being his polar star, be the consequences or the difficulties what they may. We give the following genuine letter as an illustration of our assertion. It is from an Irishman to his "darlint" in this town, and as she has left here, no harm cen arise from its publication. We have suppressed names for obvious reasons, but the remainder is word for word as it was written, and it throws the sentimental affectation of the mustachiod dandy completely in the shade. Our fair readers will doubtless thank us for rescuing from oblivion the invaluable recipe for making bridal cake, which will be found at its close, although an Editor may not think much of the receipt of a good slice accompanying an annunciation of the nuptials.

> New York .- Hotel foot of Courtland Street, January 1st 1842.

Dare Mary my Jewal my hart bates whin i begin to write you my swate darlin for i have written to you so many times befor and have given up all hopes of evur harin from you agane my swate honey. i have not bene able to do a days wark sinse i left Denvil for thinkin of you my Dare jewal. Och and had it not bene for Barney i would have bene there yet with you honey. i have bene at Rochaster labrin at the Blacksmithin work i have clared 150\$ dollars Dare honay that is a grate Dale beter than working in the hot sun as you and me did aint it mary dont you recolect whin we planted corn and fed the calves together them was the days whin kisses to digest a fool's argument, unless it be soaked was plinty and the hapiest that ever i spint in in something like reason. amerika. didnt we have fine fun fadin the craturs, i hope you hav not forgot if you hav i winking -- and it's hard work to look at some Smith's motions while they pulled at the sun- sheaves, as in such a case it will infallibly mould will try and bring it to your recolection whin I mete you and i hope that time is not far hence It's hard work to do nothing, and have too my swate honay i hope the next time i write you will not be to my jewal or my honay but to my AULD WOMAN if you will consint and my am with Mr. H. of the--hotel Mr. G. was four hours! here one day and i asked him what had become town to be a taylor i trembled when i asked him for i thout the answer would be you was and never got an answer. i send this by the agent of the morristown cars he promised faithfuly he would take it safe to you i will come up and se you as soon as i get an answer to this. i gave him two shilins to take it and i have no doubt he will you must be prepared to get married whin i come you no the cortship was all done last sumer and we must lose as finle time and be at as little expense as possible for money is money now a days and it will take all we can scrape to git our little shanty furnished. as soon as i get any tidings of you i will get a pig and maby you can get a cow chape up your way i think we will live as happy as kings togethar i have got a new sute af satennet clothes if you cud recommend a good tailer to me i would bring them up to morriston the seat, or steps out into the sisle when any and get them made folks tels me the cloth is very handsome and i would like to have them made nate i have got some hard times cloth to keeping his place in the seat. make me another sute but being as you are a tailer i will let them be till we are bound together nevar to be separated until deth. if you have not got a nice dress to get married in i will send you one my sister was advising me to get you a tagliony it is very fashionable and very perty if you have not got any nice enuff you must send me word and i will send it rite on i will leave it to you to fix the day and hour for the knot to be tied i think it will be a good plan to hire a carriage and ride a little ways out in the country i will bring a few of my comrades with me and you can have a few your intimate acquantances to witness the ceremony i think we had better bord at Mr. L--until we can get all things ready to keepin house we will settle where our place of abode is to be when i see you i think i would like to go to texas or florida we are both young and i think we could make money like dirt i realy do think you will make me a first rate wife and if you really wish to enter upon the matremonyal life i dont think you can do any better than take me we are both good looking and a very likely couple to do well i think you had better bake the cake yorself it will be so much chaper than to huy it i will give you the recite for makin it folks who "know beans." On Sundays espei am told it is an excelent one 2 pounds hogs lard I lb pound rye flour it is the chapest half etables. A good old Dominie, who labored in a pound of rasins pint of molasses one ounse of one of these bean-eating towns made a calcu-

I remain Dare Jewal yours until death THOMAS M----.

have had a good mistress to learn you.

P. S. you must write as soon as possible.

West Point Examination.

The following named gentlemen have been nvited by the Secretary of War to attend the Annual Examination of the Cadets at the Military Academy, to commence on the first Monday in June next-

Thomas A. Deblois, Esq. of Maine. James J. Austin, Esq. of Mass. Gen. E. P. Walton, of Vermont. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D. of N. Y. Prof. Alex. Dallas Bache, of Penna. George P. Maccullogh, Esq. of N. J. Gen. George A. Stewart, of Maryland. Col. Josiah W. Ware, of Virginia. Gen. Alex. Mackrae, of N. C. Richard W. Habersham, Esq. of Georgia. Dr. Churchill J. Blackburn, of Kentucky. Gen. Robert B. McAfee, W. S. T. Dennison, Esq. of Ohio-John G. Floyd, Esq. of Indiana. Hon. A. S. Brown, of Mississippi. Dr. Benjamin W. Maclin, of Alabama, Frederick W. Curtenius, Esq. of Michigan Dr. Frederick Hall, District of Columbia. Capt. Beverly Kennon, U. S. Navy. Col. J. J. Albert, U. S. Army. Capt. P. H. Salt,

public, that the Cadet appointments for this I will do. If you will now help me to split the time of its having arrived at what some year have been made. The next selections open this, I will then go with you without any people call maturity; and I know, from personal will be made in February or March, 1843.

Hard Work.

It's hard work to go up hill without leaning tor to speak of politics without leaning either ready opened one end of the log with a large of farming. I can, however, add my testimony forward--and it's hard work for a 'neutral' edione way or the other.

It's hard work to make a dinner of grape shot, unless they are well boiled--and it's hard work

It's hard work to look at the sun without girls without feeling inclined to wink.

much of it on hand--and it's hard work to collect a debt of one who says 'I'll pay to-morrow.' It's hard work to squeze cider out of a brick-

prayer is you will not say no. i come down to bat --- and its hard work to scratch out ideas for vork jist for the vary purpose of harin from you a paragraph, after being on a spree for twenty-

It's hard work to hold lightning by the tail--of you and he tould me you had gone to morris- and it's hard work to 'stem the torrent of a wo-

dead for i had wrot you so many times befor harder still to be compelled to accept a bad one. It's hard work for many people to live, and doubly hard for some to die .-- Sunday Mercury.

> THE GENTLEMAN AT CHURCH may be known by the following marks:-

> 1. Comes in good season, so as heither to interrupt the pastor nor congregation by a late ar-

> 2. Does not stop upon the steps or in the friends or display his colloquial powers.

3. Opens and shuts the door gently, and walks deliberately up the aisle or gallery stairs, and gets to his seat as quietly, and by making as few people remove, as possible.

4. Takes his seat either in the back part of one wishes to pass in, and never thinks of such a thing as making people crowd past him while

5. Is always attentive to strangers, and gives up his seat to such; seeking another for himself. 6. Never thinks of defiling the house of God with tobacco spittle, or annoying those who sit near him by chewing that nameous weed in

7. Never, unless in case of ilness, gets up and goes out in time of service. But if necessity compels him to do so, goes so quietly that his very manner is an apology for the act

8. Does not engage in conversation before commencement of service.

the house of God, or lounge.

10. Does not rush out of church like a tramping horse the moment the benefiction is pronounced, but retires slowly in anoiseless quiet none on hand.

11. Does all he can by precept and example to promote decorum in others.

Beans.

The people down east are deth on beanscold baked beans-beans "boild in a bag,"beans mixed with corn-string beans-beans cially, do they attack these por, innocent veggig, when the horse taking fright ran off at a orange peel I glas of sider and 3 egs if you lation by which he concluded hat he preached cant get egs snow will do insted of them i ex- to about four bushels of beans every Sunday.

Tricks of the Types.

A Western paper, in chroniling the adjournment of the State Legislature, ays: "It adjourned after passing fifty cats and wolves." They quired Peter. were probably written acts an resolves, but the for i am waiting anxiously for an answer compositor was sleepy when he set them up.

Cruel Stratagem.

gaged in splitting some pine logs for fence rails and in the ardor of his employment had neglected his "look out," till six Indians came upon him with a yell of exultation. The chief of the correspondent, (John Hanman, Esq.) shoul party, whose name was Wahoos, seized him claim the advantages gained by cutting wheat by the arms, exclaiming, "Now, Smit, me got in a green state to be a recent discovery, for I you?" Smith saw it would be vain to resist; remember hearing, when I was a little boy, and, assuming an air of composure thus address- (say twenty-five years ago.) farmers speak of We will also state, for the information of the ed his captor: "Now, Wahoos, I'll tell you what its being advantageous to cut wheat previous to trouble; otherwise I will not walk, and you observation, that in the East Riding of Yorkmust carry or kill me." The Indians now hav- shire and the North of Lincolnshire, as long as ing him safe in their possession, and willing to twenty years ago, a person allowing his wheat save themselves trouble, agreed to help split the to stand until it is dead ripe, would have been log, if he would tell them how. Smith had al- considered to possess very antiquated notions wooden wedge, and renewing his blows on the to Mr. Hanman's that the practise of cutting wedge with a beetle, he directed them to take wheat in a raw state, is attended with a favorhold of the separated parts of the log, three on able result. The cause of my noticing this each side, and pull with all their might, while subject was to caution such of your readers as he should drive in the wedge. The red men may adopt the practice of cutting wheat in the were without suspicion, but kept their eyes on state recommended against binding it in large dered parts of the log. Every blow of Smith's in the centre of them. I have known persons opened the crevice wider, which enabled the who have sustained great loss from this cause; Indians to renew their hold by inserting their and I have known others commit the great erfingers deeper into the crevice, when Smith, for of leaving it laid in the swath, by which slightly changing the direction of the beetle, means the sap contained in the straw is suddenstruck on the side of the wedge, knocking it ly dried up, and the grain being thus deprived out of the log which immediately closing with of its support becomes lean and shriveled. The great force, caught every foe by the hands save best plan is to form it into small sheaves as one, who, seeing the predicament of his com- soon as it is cut, and be careful not to Sind panions, took to his heels, but was soon brought them so tight as to prevent the air taking effect down by Smith's long-barrelled gun, which he upon them. I am, yours, &c. It's hard work to refuse a good offer --- and it's had kept near him. The other five expecting no mercy, were not disappointed. Five blows from Smith's axe silenced their death song.

A year or more after this affair, Smith was He soon heard the songs of a company of war- common breed of cattle." riors, who had discovered the fire, and were steadily paddling towards it in high glee. Smith could hardly refrain from laughing, as they neared the fatal beacon. The songs were sus-

A Loafer's Account of the Market.

demand-shirts is none on hand-dickies is duced them. 9. Does not whisper, or laugh, or eat fruit in dirty-coats is nowhere-stocks is low-weather is hot-julips is cold-cobblers is goodtoddies is up -and cash down. No sales of

Mome League Bonnets.

wear the real Home League bonnets --- manu- be ries .-- Genesee Farmer. factured of American materials and by American hands. "We hail this movement," says the Wilmington Republican, "with pleasure, as in all their variety and excellence. They are it demonstrates the fact, that the Delaware ladies of 1842, are as patriotic as were their mo- make her pour them, as made, into a barrel in thers of '76. Boys, do vou hear that? Dela- your garden, and water your plants of all kinds ware girls and Home industry -- good wives and with them. happy homes .-- Plome Leagues and national prosperity, all go hand in hand together."--- Pa. Telegraph.

> A Mississippian was asked if the people of hat State encouraged tee-totalism. He replied, "We aint 'xactly tee-totallers, though we go in for temperance in a measure."

"What's the cause of that bell ringing?" in- make a capital playmate for her poodle dog."

"It is my deliberate conviction that somebody is pulling the rope!" replied John.

Painting Houses.

Did you ever hear of "old Smith," that used It has long been a subject of inquiry as to to live away down east, during the early settle- the best time to apply paint to the clapboards ment of the country now called Maine? Old of houses for durability. Repeated experiments Smith had lost several of his relations by the have been made, (says the Farmers' Cabinet) hands of the Indians, and had vowed eternal within twenty-five years past, which have reenmity to the whole race. He had been twice sulted in the conviction, that paint applied betaken by the savage tribes, but contrived to es- tween November and March, will stand more cape from them, and had killed several of their than twice as long as that which is spread in number. He sought every opportunity to do the warmest weather. The reason is obvious: them mischief in any way. By this course he for in cold weather the oil and the components had become so exceedingly obnoxious to the parts of the paint form a hard substance on the red men, that they would not even kill him di- surface of the clapboards, nearly as haid as rectly if they could, but were almost constantly glass, and not easily erased or even cut with a on the watch to take him alive, for the purpose sharp knife, and will not soon wear off; whereof satisfying their vengeance by the infliction of as paints applied in the months of July and Authe utmost torture that barbarity could invent. gust, and more especially if in a severe drought, Smith was aware of this disposition of the say- the oil immediately penetrates into the wool ages, and was the less afraid of their bullets. | like water into a sponge, which leaves the lead It is reported that Smith was at one time en- nearly dry, which will soon crumble off.

On early Harvesting of Wheat.

I am much surprised to perceive that your

J. HARLAND.

A Good Cow.

Mr. S. Brooks, of Steuben, Oneida county, returning from an excursion, and passed near a has furnished for the C. N. Y. Farmer an arbend of the Androscoggin river, about a mile count of the product in butter of a cow for the above the falls, on which the Lewistown mills year 1839 and 1840. He says-I made from are now located: it was nearly dark, and he one cow, after supplying my family-consisting discovered an Indian making a fire on a rock of three persons-with butter and milk, in the by the river bank. Smith can through the bu- year 1839, 300 1-2 pounds of butter, which siness at once; the fire was for a beacon, to sold. In 1840, with the same number of perportico, either to gape at the ladies, salute guide the landing of a strong party. With un- sons in my family I made 320 pounds of buterring aim he shot the love savage, who pitched ter, after using for my family butter and mitte into the river, and Smith threw the fire and fire as we wanted. The cow was fee' 1 1-2 peck brands after him; and then proceeded down to of potatoes boiled, with the sour milk mixed the falls, and there he soon kindled another fire with it, from 20th of September to the 50th of on a projecting rock; and then retiring up the May. The cow had two calves during his time. river bank a short distance; awaited the result. She was a cross between the English and our

Amusement for Young Ladies.

To obtain different flowers from the same stem. -Split a small twig of elder bush lengthwise, pended by surprise, at the rapid motion of their and having scooped out the pith, fill each of the canoes, and the hoarse roar of the falls, which compartments with seeds of flowers of different revealed too late the dreadful truth. A brief sorts, but which blossom about the same time; dead song uttered in savage yells, and the cries surround them with mould; and then tying toof several squaws and pappooses, were all that gether the two halves of the twig, plant the preceded their last and dreadful plunge over the whole in a pot filled with earth properly prepared. The stems of the different flowers will then be so incorporated as to exhibit to the eye only one stem throwing out branches covered Boots is scarce-hats is dear- pants is in with flowers analogous to the seed which pro-

Mildew upon Gooseber ries. Say to the growers of Goose oerries, if they

any commodity, in consequence of there being wish to keep off mildew-T rain your bushes so as to admit a free circulation of air through them; manure about the roots, and forget not to sprinkle them . . . th soap suds on washing days, The ladies of Wilmington, Delaware, and of three or for weeks in succession before blosthe surrounding country, have determined to soming, and they cannot miss having fine large

Soap Suds.

Instead of suffering your washerwoman for

Making a Conquest.

"Tom," said an impudent wag to a conceited fop, "I know a beautiful creature who wishes to make your acquaintance."

"Dem'd glad to here it-fine girl-struck with my appearance, I suppose, eh?" "Yes-very much so. She thinks you'd

"This is nipping cold weather," as the hungry urchin said to the pie crust.