[From the Macoupin (III.) Statesman.] Eighteen Years a Captive among the Indians.

We were visited, a few days ago, by a man by the name of Joseph Barney, who says that he is in search of a son, whom he supposes to live somewhere near Alton. He made his escape on the 5th of last May, from the Flat Head Indians, near the head of the Flat Head river, in Oregon. He stated that he had been with this tribe of Indians eighteen years. We listened for some length of time to his history, many portions of which are truly thrilling. He was taken prisoner in 1835 on the Upper Missouri river, while poorly; but we give what he communicated cars. to us as nearly as possible. He was in company with a man by the name of John Robertson, both of whom were captured. They attempted to defend themselves, and killed two Indians, but they were overpoweredthere being twenty-five Indians to contend with. They were secured hand and foot, and placed on ponies, and started to the northwestward, and traveled five weeks, when they came to the hunting ground of the tribe, where they were given up to the chief, who shook hands with them, and manifested much joy at their capture. They were unbound but not allowed to escape. The chief offered them his two daughters if they would marry and remain with the tribe. Finding escape utterly impossible for the time being, the terms were accepted, and the marriage took place. The fruits of this marriage were two children, both of which are still living, a daughter, sixteen, and a son, fourteen, both of which he left with the tribe. Two years ago, Robertson attempted to escape, but was retaken, scalped and burned alive, leaving three children with the tribe. Seven years ago, Barney attempted to escape, but was recaptured and would have been put to death but for the interposition of his wife, who was the daughter of the chief. During the time of his captivity, Barney states that he was engaged with his tribe in three battles-two -with-the-Black Feet, and one with a tribe the name of which we do not know-in one of which he says over seventy Black Feet were killed.

The most of the time of his captivity he lived on the head of the Columbia river, and at times as far up as the head of the Flat Head river. During this eighteen years, he saw neither salt, bread, potatoes, coffee, tea or anything of the kind; living upon meat of moose, deer, skunk, rattle snake, turkey, prairie hens, &c. At the time he made his escape he was near Lake Superior, about sixty miles from a trading post of the American Fur Company. The chief (his fatherin-law) was a doctor, and on the 15th of May left, and while he was gone, Barney succeeded in making all the Indians dead drunk with the whiskey which had just been received, giving one and a half pint to each Indian. After they were asleep, he took his bow and arrow, tomahawk, pipe, two and a half pounds tobacco, flint and Leel, and two pounds of meat, being all there was in the hut. He started and traveled all night, having his dog along; the next morning ke killed his dog, to prevent his returning to give a clue to his trace.

About 10 o'clock the same day, when about thirty-five miles, he was overhauled by his father-in-law's (the chief's) dog, which he killed with his bow and arrow, and carried his carcass away from the path, and then concealed himself in the brush; while he was thus concealed the chief passed by him; as he passed the chief muttered to himself, in his language-"I will pass this mountain, and at the foot of it I will take the left hand." Overhearing this Barney availed himself of this information. Following the chief to the foot of the mountain, he found, sure enough, that he had taken the left hand road, which he ascertained by the tracks of his pony.

He continued his journey to the east until about two hours before daybreak on the next morning, when he sat down, fatigued and hungry; after daylight he killed a rattlesnake eight feet four inches in longth, which he roasted and ate for breakfast. He kept on the same direction, when about 5 o'clock he was overhauled by his brother-in-law's dog, which he killed immediately and passed on. On the next day, about 5 o'clock, he was overhauled by another dog belonging to the tribe, which he despatched in the same man-He continued his journey to the east until eight feet four inches in length, which he 'time. He was seven weeks traveling before

traveling or expecting ever to reach a habi-

continued his journey nine weeks before he ground floor. arrived at White Lake in Minnesota, during in the employ of a fur company. He is a coutrements for clothing, and then made his the first time felt the dog move, as he made native of France, and speaks English but way for this State. He arrived here in the a violent spring from the bed, and at the

Barney is a man of considerable intellimany of their signs for determining courses, cures for diseases, &c. "He would like to see his children again, but would rather forego the pleasure than to go back and remain with the tribe. He was married soon after he she dropped asleep, and when she awoke the came to this country, and lived in Otsego sun was shining. She hastily stepped out of county, New York, where his wife died; af | bed, and there lay the body of a man exter which he was employed by the Fur Company. He is 63 years old, but still seems in his hand which was even now extended. and confined in a hut, where they were fed, active and hardy. He describes the country The dog, had seized him by the throat with a as being the handsomest he ever saw. Truly he has "seen the elephant," and if his story is correct, he can tell of more trials, tribulations and adventures than any one now of her only daughter; he coveted her little

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LIFE'S POETRY.

The author of the following verses should be known They are very, very beautiful:

The proudest poetry of youth
Is—"Would I were a man!"
The golden years that He between,
Youth like a dream would span—
"Its in its thought, 'tis in its heart—
"Its ever on its tongue;
But oh! the protect form. But oh! the poetry of age
"Is this-" When I was young!"

Thus, in the morn of life, our feet Would distant pathways find; The sun still face to face we greet, The shadows fall behind! But when the morn of life is o'er, And nature grows less kind, The lengthening shadow creeps before The sunlight falls behind!

With many a murmer slow and sad
The stream of life flows on:
That which we prized not when we had,
Is doubly prized when gone!
And many a sad and solemn truth
Lies written on life's page,
Between the "Poetry of Youth"
And "Poetry of Age"

Story of a Faithful Dog.

The following story is said by the Ports nouth Chronicle, to be derived, as to all its facts, from a most respectable Quaker family, whose veracity cannot be doubted:

"About fifteen years ago, in the western part of the state of New York, lived a lonely widow named Mozher. Her husband had een dead many years, and her only daugh ter was grown up and married, living at the distance of a mile or two from the family mansion.

"And thus the old lady lived alone in her than. house day and night. Yet in her conscious innocence and trust in Providence, she felt safe and cheerful-did her work quietly during the daylight, and at evening slept sweet floor in the shape of hail!" responded the

hension that something strange was about to happen to her or hers. So full was she o this thought that she could not stay at home that day, but must go abroad to give vent to as with a chill, and marveled. it, by unbosoming herself to her friends, especially to her daughter. With her she spent the greater part of the day, and to her she several times repeated the recital of her ap the man who has a family paper, like the prehensions. The daughter as often repeatnever done injury to any person, and added, I cannot think any one would hurt you, for you have not an enemy in the world.'

tribe, which he despatched in the same man- harmed no one in your whole lifetime, sure- tract for stone is about \$30,000; fresco-paintner as the others; after which he proceeded | ly no one will molest you. 'Go home in quiet, | ing \$6,000; plastering from \$8,000 to \$10, without any molestation, traveling four days and Rover shall go with you.' 'Here, Rover,' without daring to build a fire, only in the day said she to a stout watch-dog that lay on the \$30,000. floor, here Rover, go home with Mrs. Mozer. he came to any tribe of Indians, during which and take care of her. Rover did as he was time he had spent one week in despair, not told. The widow went home, milked her thousand pounds sterling a year.

cows, took care of everything out of doors and went to bed as usual. Rover had not At the end of the above time he came to left her for an instant. When she was fair tribe which he calls the Tomahawks. He in bed, he laid himself down upon the outside was kindly treated by them. For fear of be- of the bed, and as the widow relied on his ing taken again, assured them that he belon- fidelity, and perhaps chid herself for needless ged to the Flat Heads, and was in search of fear, she fell asleep. Sometime in the night two crazy Indians who had made their es she awoke, being startled, probably, by a cape. After asking some questions in Eng. slight noise outside the house. It was so lish, concerning the "crazy Indians," he de slight, however, that she was not aware of parted, and after nine miles' travel, came to being startled at all, but heard as soon as she the Missouri river. He made a raft of logs awoke a sound like the raising of a window and crossed over. Traveling due east, he near her bed, which was in a room on the

"The dog neither barked nor moved. Next all of which time he had subsisted upon game, there was another sound, as if some one was which he killed with his bow and arrow. He in the room and stepped cautiously on the remained there three days, and sold his ac- floor. The woman saw nothing, but now for same moment something fell on the floor, sounding like a heavy log. Then followed rence, and seems to have a vivid recollection other noises, like the pawing of a dog's foot; of nearly all that passed during his captivity. but soon all was still again, and the dog re-He seems familiar with Indian life, and gives sumed his place on the bed without having barked or growled at all.

"This time the widow did not go to sleep immediately, but lay awake wondering, yet deeming it best to get up. Int a la tended on the floor, dead, with a large knife grasp of death, and neither man nor dog could utter a sound till all was over. This man was the widow's son in law, the husband store of wealth, her house, her cattle, and her land; and instigated by this sordid impatience, he could not wait for the decay of nature to give her property up to him and his wife, as the only heirs apparent, but made this stealthy visit to do a deed of darkness in the gloom of the night. A fearful retribution waited for him, The widow's apprehensions, communicated to her mind and impressed upon her nerves, by what unseen power we know not, the sympathy of the woman who loaned the dog, and the silent but certain watch of the dog himself, formed a chain of events which brought the murderer's blood upon his own head, and which are difficult to be explained without reference to that Providence or overruling Power which numbers the hairs of our heads, watches the sparrow's fall, and 'shapes our decds, rough hew them as we will."

Kendall of the New Orleans Picavune, relates the following, which occurred in his presence at Baden Baden, in Germany:

* * * At this juncture we were joined by an English party, when the subject matter brought under discussion was bathing.

"I take a cold sponge bath every morning, when at home," said John Bull.

"So do I," retorted the Yankee.

"Winter and summer," continued the Englishman.

"My system exactly," responded the Yau-"Is your weather and water cold?" queri-

"Right chilly," continued Brother Jona-

"How cold?" inquired John.

"So cold that the water all freezes as I pour it down my back, and rattles upon the Yankee, with the same cunning twinkle of "One morning, however, she awoke with an the eye. "Were you in the next room to me extraordingry and unwonted gloom upon her in America," he continued, "and could hear mind, which was impressed with the appre- me as I am taking my sponge bath of a cold winter's morning, you would think I was pouring dry beans down my back!"

The Englishman shrugged his shoulders

THE NEWSPAPER.-How lonesome is the ue. Let him be deprived of it for a few weeks, and then ask him to put an estimate

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WHAT A GREAT CITY EATS.

The Loudon Quarterly Review contains a urious article on the commissariat of the British metropolis, showing how much beef, mutton and pork, fish, oysters and game, oread, fruit and vegetables, milk, butter and cheese, is consumed anually in that city.-The enormous appetite of a town of two milions of inhabitants can be realized only by bringing together statistics like those fur nished by the article in question.

Take, for instance, the amount of butcher's meat eaten in London in a year. Five hun dred thousand head of cattle, two million sheep, one hundred and thirty thousand calves, and one hundred and sixty thousand pigs are slaughtered annually for the British metropolis. Some of this meat is prepared for market as far off as Aberdeen, in Scotland. It is a curious fact that but little more mutton appears to be eaten in London now, than there was twenty years ago, when the population was half a million less. If Stow, who wrote A. D. 1698, is to be believed, there was ten times as much pork consumed in the British metropolis, in his day as is used now, though the number of inhabitants has quadruppled. These facts show that the civilization of the table has advanced in London, even if society, in other respects, has not made extraordinary progress.

The quantity of fish, oysters and game eaten in the British metropolis almost surpasses belief. Of ovsters five hundred millions are consumed annually, of herring one hundred and seventy five millions; of mackerel twenty three millions; of red herrings, fifty millions; of eels ten millions; and soles, ninety-seven millions. The lobsters used are one million and a quarter; the salmon four hundred thousand; the crabs six hundred thousand; the live cod four hundred thousand; and other fish in proportion. Two millions of domestic fowls are annually sent to the London market; a million and a quarof rabbits; two hundred thousand wild ducks; three hundred and fifty thousand tame ducks; a hundred thousand turkeys, and as many geese. Four hundred thousand pigeons; one hundred and fifty thousand plovers; one hundred and twenty five thousand grouse, and a hundred thousand hares are devoured yearly. Not less than one hun dred millions of eggs are eaten in London from New Year to New Year. Nearly five hundred thousand quarts of milk, some of it brought from a distance of eighty miles, is poured down the throats of cockneys, or de-

oured in the shape of puddings each year. Fruits and vegetables are consumed by millions. London uses annually sixty millions of oranges; fifteen millions of lemons; a million and a half pounds of grapes; two hundred thousand pine apples. The amount of home-grown vegetables eaten is astonishing. Not less than thirty-five thousand persons carn a livelihood-merely by-filling-the-vegetable and dessert dishes of the British metropolis. A single railway carried to London, last year, forty-five thousand tons of potatoes. A million and a quarter bushels of cocoa-nuts are imported every year. More than eight hundred millions of pounds of bread are eaten. Althousand millions of tumblers of porter and ale are drunk. So great is the demand for water, that the London wells, for the last twenty-five years, have been diminishing in depth at the rate of a foot annually. At least one hundred thousand persons earn a subsistence directly, and four hundred thousand in directly, by supplying London with entables

and drinkables. These statistics give some idea of what a great city consumes in the way of food .-Philadelphia has about one fifth of the population of the British metropolis, but as people here generally live better than in London. the consumption may be estimated at onefourth. We cat less game, perhaps, and drink ess malt liquors: but, in other respects gen erally;"do our full share. The aggregate, when presented in figures, is really amazing. One draws a long breath insensibly when he foots up the sum total of what a great city

FIENDISH FATHER .- Alfried Artis, of Shelby county, Ohio, was tried at Sidney last week, and convicted of murder in the first degree. The charge against him was that about a year ago he caused the death of his own daughter, quite a young girl, murdering her by a slow process of starvation, expo sure, and the most disgusting and fiendish cruelties. Another daughter, older than the deceased, was witness against bim.

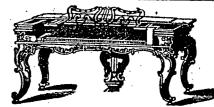
Dr. Beale, the Dentist of Philadelphia, who was convicted of violating the person of Miss Mudge, in his office, has been sentenced to four years and six months imprisonment in the Penitentiary. Previous to fireside where there is no newspaper! Ask receiving his sentence, he read an acdress to the Court, strongly protesting his innocence, Herald, to read, with the latest news, the the District Attorney and the Jury. Dr. B. ed the assurances that the good mother had good stories, the useful lessons, and witty has a wife and eight children, and had heresayings of the newspaper-ask him its val- tofore maintained an excellent character in the community.

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