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## Select Doetry.

American Poetry.

Tue following beautiful little song, written by the late Dr. Costill, formerly of this city, at the time when the Cherokees were ordered to leave Georgia,-was first published in the "United States Gazette"-January 12th, 1830. It is well worthy of re-publication. THE INDIANS SONG.

Lo! the poor Indian !- POPB. Land where brightest waters flow; Land where leveliest forrests grow ; Where the warrior drew the bow ; Native land farewell.

He who made you stream and tree, Made the white, the red man free ; Gave the Indian's home to be Olid the forrest wilds.

Have the waters ceased to flow ? Have the forrest's ceased to grow ? Why does our brothers bid us go From our native homes ?

Here in infancy we play'd ; Here our happy wigwams made; Here our father's graves are laid ; Must we leave them all ?

White men tell us God on high, Is pure and just in yonder sky ; Will not then his searching eye See the Indian's wrong ?

## Tales and Shetches.

### A THREE LING SECTOM.

THE MANIAC; Or, the Longest Night in a Life.

It was one of those old fashioned winters in the days of the Georges, when the snow lay on the ground for weeks, when railways were unknown, and the electric telegraph had not been dreamed of save by the speculative Countess of London. The mails had been irregular for a month past, and the letter-bags which did reach the post-office had been brought thither with difficulty. The newspapers were devoid of all foreign intelligence, the metropolis knew nothing of the doings of the provinces, and the provinces knew little more of the affairs of the metropolis; but the columns of both were crowded with accidents from the inclemency of the weather, with heart-rending accounts of starvation and destitution, with wonderderful escapes of adventurous travellers, and of still more adventurous mailcoachmen and guards. Business was almost at a standstill, or was only carried on by fits and starts : families were made uneasy by the frequent long silence of their absent members, and the poor were suffering great misery from cold and famine.

The south road had been blocked up for nearly a month, when a partial thaw almost caused a public rejoicing ; coaches began to run, letters to be dispatched and delivered, and weatherbound travellers to have some hope of reaching their

Among the first ladies who undertook the journey from the west of Scotland to London at this time, was a certain Miss Stirling, who had, for weeks past, desired to reach the metropolis. Her friends assured her that it was a foolhardy attempt, and told her of travellers who had been twice, nay, three times, snowed up on their way to town ; but their advice and warnings were of no avail : Miss Stirling's business was urgent, it concerned others more than herself, and she was not one to be deterred by personal discomfort or by physical difficulties from doing what she thought was right.

So, she kept to her purpose, and early in Feb. ruary took her seat in the mail for London, being the only passenger who was booked for the whole It was long past ten-the usual hour of retiring

roads though heavy were open; and with the aid chamber. It really was a pleasant, cheerful, of extra horses here and there the first half of little apartment. The crimson hangings of the the journey was performed pretty easily, though | bed and window looked warm and comfortable in

the wind blew keenly, and penetrated every cre- chairs drawn close to the hearth, the long-parted tle road-side inn the snow began to fall fast, both consciousness of outward things in sleep.

The DEMOCRAT & SENTINEL is published every search of assistance, while the coachman com-Friday morning, in Ebensburg, Cambria county, forted Miss Stirling by telling her that as they could calculate they were only a mile or two from "the squire's," and that if the guard could find his way to the squire's the squire was certain to come to their rescue with his sledge. It was not the first time that the squire had got the mailbags out of a snow-wreath by that means.

> The coachman's expectations were fulfilled .-Within an hour, the distant tinkling of the sledge bells was heard, and lights were seen gleaming 5 00 afar; they rapidly advanced nearer and nearer: and soon a hearty voice was heard hailing them. A party of men with lanterns and shovels came to their assistance; a strong arm lifted Miss Stirling from the coach, and supported her trembling steps to a sledge close at hand; and almost before she knew where she was, she found herself in a large hall brilliantly lighted by a blazing wood fire. Numbers of rosy glowing childish faces were gathered round her, numbers of bright eager eyes were gazing curiously upon her, kindly hands were busied in removing her wraps, and pleasant voices welcomed her and congratulated her on her escape.

"Ay, ay, Mary," said her host, addressing his wife. "I told you that the sleigh would have plenty of work this winter, and you see I was

"As you always are, uncle," a merry voice exclaimed. "We all say at Hawtree that Uncle Atherton never can be wrong."

"Atherton! Hawtree!" repeated Miss Stirling in some amazement, and uttered in that familiar voice! "Ellen, Ellen Middleton, is it possible that you are here?"

A joyful exclamation and a rush into her arms were the young girl's ready reply to this question as she cried, "Uncle Atherton, Aunt Mary, don't you know your old friend Miss Stirling?"

Mrs. Atherton fixed her soft blue eyes on the stranger, in whom she could at first scarcely recognise the bright-haired girl whom she had not seen for eighteen or twenty years; but by and by, she satisfied herself that, though changed, she was Ellen Stirling still, with the same sunny smile and the same laughing eyes that had made every one love her in their school days .-Heartfelt indeed were the greetings which fol- will be no longer available at present. On the lowed, and cordial the welcome. Mrs. Atherton | whole, then, we may calculate on losing about on having dear Ellen under her own roof; more by the approaching hostilities. We have, howespecially as she owed this good fortune to Mr. Atherton's exertions in rescuing her.

"It is the merest chance, too, that he is at home at present," she said; "he ought to have been in Scotland, but the state of the roads in | ny and other parts of Europe ; indeed, the offithis bleak country has kept him prisoner here for

but both children and grown people are only too | believing that instead of one and a half millions thankful to have so good an excuse for staying longer at Belfield." And then, laughing, she asked Aunt Mary how she meant to dispose of Miss Stirling for the house was as full already as it

"Oh," said her aunt, we shall manage very well. Belfield is very elastic."

She smiled as she spoke; but it struck Miss Stirling that the question was, nevertheless, a puzzling one, so she took the first opportunity of a supply which will be double the quantity ever entreating her to take no trouble on her account: exported to England. a chair by the fire was really all the accommodation she cared for, as she wished to be in readiness to pursue her journey as soon as the coach | son to expect that the supply will be much in excould proceed.

"We shall be able to do better for you than that, Ellen," Mrs. Atherion answered cheerfully. "I cannot, it is true, promise you a 'state-room, for every bed in the house is full, and I know you will not allow any one to be moved for your convenience; but I have one chamber still at your service which, except in one respect, is comfortable enough."

"Haunted, of course?" said Miss Stirling gai-

"Oh, no, no, it is not that! I had it fitted up for my brother William when he used to be here more frequently than of late, and it is often occupied by gentlemen when the house is full; but as it is detached from the house. I have, of course, never asked any lady to sleep there till now." "Oh! if that be all. I am quite willing to be-

come its first lady tenant," said Miss Stirling heartily. So the matter was settled, and orders were given to prepare the Pavilion for the unexpected guest.

The creeing passed pleasantly; music, dan cing, and ghost stories made the hours fly fast. at Belfield-when Miss Stirling, under her host-The thaw had continued for some days ; the ess' guidance, took possession of her out-door the fiashing fire-light; and when the candles on The second day was more trying than the first; the mantlepiece were lighted, and the two easy

Miss Stirling laughingly allowed, that though, objection to it on this particular occasion, as she wished to rise in reasonable time.

"Very well; then, you had better not fasten the bar at all, and I will send my maid with the key, at eight precisely. Good night." "Good night."

From the London Shipping Gazette. The Effect of the War upon the Price

of Breadstaffs. The approaching war cannot fail to affect our upply of grain ; but we would guard against the attempt that will in all probability be made. by interested parties, to raise the price beyond what the occasion warrants. England will probably lose a great part of the supplies which she has hitherto drawn from Russia direct, and from the corn countries of the Mediterranean and Black Sea, which are or which may come under the influence of the Northern usurper; but we are much mistaken if it is an event to "fright the isle from its propriety," and it would be a source of regret if it should be turned to such an unrighteous purpose? America, as well the Brit- him become? A man in form only; indepenish provinces as the United States, will still be the provedore of England, as it has been for some years past; and the supplies which we shall You can easily train him for this, as a thousand draw from thence, as auxilliary to our own produce, and that which we shall receive from other sources beyond the reach or influence of Russia, must prevent anything like scarcity or inordinate

A return which has been laid before Parliament, within the last few days, is somewhat consolatory on this head. The quantity of grain, meal, and flour which we received from the United States in 1852, were equal to 1,400,558 quarters, converting meal and flour into the equivalent in quarters of grain; from Egypt 775,745 grs.; Denmark 770,196 grs., and Prussia 554,742 grs. From Russian northern ports, England received in the same year 343,948 qrs., and 957,-877 qrs from the Black Sea ports. From Wallachia and Moldavia, we also received 718,877 quarters, a source of supply which we suppose ever, every reason to believe that cultivation has greatly increased in the United States since 1852. consequent on the number of immigrants arrived there from the British islands. from Germacial account of the sale of land which has taken place in the United States, and brought under cultivation since 1852, would fully warrant us in of quarters of grain, which was the supply from thence in 1852, it will, in the present year, reach to think correctly for himself, judge for himself, about double that quantity. But, besides the while young and under your care, and he will United States, we know, on authority which we feel his own responsibility, and will not be so have no reason to doubt, that our own North easily entired and deceived when thrown upon American Colonies are progressing in the raising his resources. But above all, early teach him to of corn of all kinds, more especially wheat, in a look upon God as his Father, and heaven as his most astonishing manner, and it is not going too home, and the chief object of his life here to do far to say that we may expect from this source, good. Early teach him by precept and example

Turning to our agricultural prospects, as the surest source of dependence, there is every reacess of what it was last harvest. Last season was one of the worst we have had in England for Saviour was a mechanic; a carpenter. The great many years ; the quantity of rain which fell in Architect of the universe, in the mechanism of the beginning of the year, prevented much of the the heavens and the earth, with its productions, land being ploughed and prepared for spring seed, animate or inanimate, displays a power and skill and what was sowed was materially injured by which human hands and human wisdom may the wetness of the season. Indeed, the general attempt to imitate, but which they can never calculation is, that the crop was about one-fourth | equal to approach. deficient in yield compared to the ordinary average ; while we have reason to believe that both merous and the most important class of the cominduce much more land to be put under crop this course promotes the interests of the public. They at his post, still holding on to the wheel. year than heretofore. In Ireland especially, we like farmers, have great facilities and great inknow that last year tillage was much neglected, ducements to become men of science and sound to our own corn crops in these countries, and we his convenience to understand. tended with the greatest benefit to the land. In- business, deed from all appearances at present, we may an- Mechanics, like farmers, make safe and en- ny thrilling incidents which he witnessed during ticipate an abundant harvest, should the sum- lightened statesmen. They are well educated in the burning of the boat. One a father, who atmer and autumn prove favorable.

ed will not have been entered upon gratuitously; business than those engaged in these operations? reaching near the shore when his strength so failit has been forced upon a reluctant country and In 1826, a few farmers in a small village in ed him that he was compelled to release them in slightly affected the wild moorland they had to tion of sitting down to have what in old days they a reluctant people—but a fleople who however adcross; thick heavy clouds were gathering round used to call a "two handed chat." There was verse to war, are found ready to meet it, in dethe red rayless sun; and when on reaching a lit- much to tell of what had befallen both, of che- fence of the national honor and the mutual improvement of its members them sink the second time. He leaped in and quered scenes of joy and sorrow, deeply interes- fare. Such are the feelings of the people of Eng- and the "diffusion of knowledge over the globe." brought them to the top of the water, and reachthe guard and coachmen urged their solitary pas- ting to these two whose youth had been passed land under the present prospect; and the con- From that humble but dignified origin has arisin od the tree, but alas! they were dead. Placing senger to remain there for the night, instead of together; there were mutual recollections of sciousness that the calamity of waz is not of their the general institution of lyceums, now in almost the corpse in the fork he climbed above them, tempting the discomforts and perhaps the perils school-days to be talked over; mutual friends own seeking, will prove a powerful stimulus to every section of the country, and many Islands of and there sat with dripping clothes, weeping of the next stage. Miss Stirling hesitated for a and future plans to be discussed; and midnight induce them to bear with patience and resignamoment, but the little inn looked by no means a rung out from the stable-clock before Mrs. Atherpleasant place to be snowed up in, so she resisted ton said good-night. She had already crossed them. Anticipating that the Government will throughout the country should enlist in carnest their entreaties and, gathering her furs more the threshhold to go, when she turned back to have occasion to add to the taxation of the coun- in the great work of self-education, they might closely round her, she nestled herself into a cor- say, "I forgot to tell you, Ellen, that the inside try, to support the expenses of the war, it is a reform and perpetuate our republican institutions ty that she has to wear around her waist a spike ner of the coach. Thus, for a time, she lost all bar of this door is not very secure, and that the satisfaction to know that there is every prospect and hand down pure Christian republicanism to belt similar to those that farmers put on colt's heads key only turns outside. Are you inclined to trust that the necessaries of life-and, above all, the posterity. Without that step, it is equally evi- to break them from sucking. This is the only A sudden lurch awoke her; and she soon learn- to the bar alone, or will you, as William used to poor man's bread—need not be at a higher stand- dent that though the American Republic may re- means of keeping the young bucks from hugging her ed that they had stuck fast in a snow-drift, and do, have the door locked outside, and let the ser- ard than they are at present, if indeed so high, tain its name republicanism, especially in Amerthat no efforts of the tired horses could extricate | vant bring the key in the morning? William | when the harvest of the present year is better | ica, will soon be known only among the things is not a young gent in the neighborhood that does | at all, has since married a handsome man who the coach from its unpleasant predicament. The used to say that he found it rather an advantage ascertained. We would disabuse the public mind that were.

guard, mounting one of the leaders, set off in to do so, the unlocking of the door was sure to of the impression that a war with Russia will necessarily produce a scarcity of bread corn in England; we think that we have shown that such generally, she could not quite think it an advan- a result by no means follows, and that any attage to be locked into her room, still she had no tempt to raise prices, under this plea, will merely be the act of speculators and jobbers. Fortunately England is perfectly independent in all its resources; and it is a proud and satisfactory position for a country to be placed in, that, while it does everything in its power to eschew war, it is always prepared to meet it without apprehension for the consequences.

ri Few Hints to a Father.

Paul you have a son, a darling son. He has faculties for good and for evil, and they must act. Each capable of such intense action that both cannot act on a level, one must be, in some measure subservient. Your son is now young : he has no habits, no principles, no character. These must be formed, and you have been appointed by Providence to superintend and assist in this formation. This you must do, whether you will or not. The nature of the relation existing between you and your son renders your non-participation in the formation of his character impossi-

Toward what course of life would you direct his innecent footsteps? What would you have dent only of good, with feeble, wavering energy his self-respect a mere low, disgusting pride have and are being trained, unless his mind is very for above the commonality. Treat him as a macline, impress it upon him that he is a mere tool, and he will soon become such. Make him keenly feel his interiority, check all his aspirings, and like a sapling bent to the ground, he will soon learn to grow downward. But if you wish him to become a strong-minded, truth-loving, whole souled man, treat him as a man is to be -as an equal. Draw out his better nature: strengthen all aspirings for that which is high and good. Teach him to curb his strong passions, and to attain that self-centrol which enables man to influence his fellow-man. Let him feel that he has the germ of a man within him, which needs only a right cultivation to make it serviceable to him and mankind.

Teach your son at all times to bring his actions and motives to the standard of right and right only. Be sure that he feels confidence in you as a sympathizing friend in all cases. Never elevate yourself or depress him so that he can only of joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, which although small to you, are all to him. Encourage kind action place before him some desirable objects which he may procure by self-denial and extra exertion. Man needs something for which to labor; why not he? Let him find by experiment that there is something for him to gain by right, or lose by wrong, and an inducement to virtuous actions will be given him. Teach him to love the Lord and keep his commandments,

#### future generations. Facts for Mechanics.

St. Paul was a mechanic; a tent maker. Our

Next to farmers, mechanics are the most nu-

are confident that, if it be done, any deficiency | Every apprentice boy, no matter how assiduous in the Russian supplies of grain will be amply or how rigorous his employment, if he spends a leaped on shore and left destruction behind them; compensated by our own produce, and the quan- few moments daily in useful reading and other and after reaching dry land scampered in every tity we are likely to receive from other foreign modes of improvement, is certain to be a man of direction to escape the effects of anticipated excountries. The present season has hitherto been future influence and respectability. That appren- plosion of boilers, powder, &c. most propitious for preparing for spring crops : ties who seeks most assiduously the interests of Awful were the cries from the wrecked behind and from all parts of the country we learn that his employer, premotes most effectually his own and alas we could render no assistance for we had the winter frosts, and the dry and favorable interests; as character is the best capital a no means in reach. And thus ends a tragedy solved. The lady was the widow of Mr. Asron weather during the early spring, have been at- young man can have for the commencement in which I hope never to see the like again.

schools of experience. Who can be better quali- tempted to save his two children by swimming

From the Memphis Daily Whig of March 15. Particulars of the Burning of the Steamer Caroline.

STATEMENT OF THE CLERK.

We left Memphis on Saturday evening at 8 o'bout half in the cabin.

Nothing worthy of note occured until about 4 see what was the matter.

When we reached the foot of the stairway, we discovered that the boat was on fire, and the boilers were enveloped in flames. The horses out the consequences which must ensue from tails were burning.

Below I give you a statement prepared on board the St. Nicolas. Yours, &c., WM E. ELLIOT, CLDRE.

INCIDENTS OF THE DISASTER FROM AN EYE WIT-NESS.

> ON BOARD STEAMER ST. NICHOLAS, Wednelday, March 8,

MESSES EDITORS: After near three days mature reflection and a revisit to the spot where the ill-fated Caroline was burnt, I sit down to the disagreeable task of giving you a faint outline of a scene that beggars all description and sickens the heart to reflect upon. On Sunday evening last, after a pleasant run of twenty-one hours from our city, about 4 o'clock P. M. the attention of the passengers were attracted to the stamping and kicking of the horses on deck opposite the boilers, when a rush was made by two or three of us to see the cause, when lo! the boat was discovered to be on fire, the boilers being enveloped in flames,

The crew immediately proceeded to work the pumps, but were driven back instantly by the flames, when all hopes were gone of saving her, and then came the tragedy of the affair.

A general rush by men, women and children was now made to the forecastle, by the cabin passengers, to avoid the destruction that awaited them from the devouring element which was gaining ground with the rapidity of lightningwhich at the same time drove the deck passen-

and sooner was it filled by dozens of frightened by the name of Mrs. Finn." beings, scorched and devoid of reason by fright. approach you with an effort. He has his world While this awful scene was going on aft, every cabin passenger, save one or two, had gained the forecastle, ready to take the fearful leap, prefering a watery grave to being burned to death .-About this time poor Trice and Creighton were seen on the hurricane-roof. Trice woke up Captain Taylor and ran back to his wheel-asking Capt. T. what to do. He told him to run her ashore, which he attempted, but found that the tiller ropes were burned. About this time Capt. Creighton threw the ladder from the roof, and deliberately went down astern on the stays, and having gained the lower guards he deliberately rid himself of his coat and boots, and after wait ing awhile, swung himself into the water, still banging to the guards, and was seen by a member of the Order of Odd Fellows to give the signal of distress, which the brother answered by telling him to let go and swim-he having no and it shall be well with thee and thy house in earthly means of saving him having only a minute before swam to the shore exhausted, and at that time was assisting Capt. Taylor to the shore, who was almost exhausted.

This was the last that was seen of poor Creighton, he having sunk a moment afterwards. Poor Trice was seen at the wheel a moment before the pilot house was encompassed by flames, and although it is painful to think it, yet we can but conclude that he sank down through the cabin, having the hissing sheets of fire for his shroud. Still it is consoling to think that, though he lost his own life, he saved one hundred others by in England and Ireland, the prospect of war will munity. Whatever promotes their interests, of steering the boat ashore, and also, that he died

We shall never see his like again. At this time could be seen dozens of human beings flounas it was considered that rearing and feeding cat- knowledge. Every mechanic, in every opera- dering in the water having jumped from the lowtle for the English market would pay better. It tion, brings into use some principle of science; er deck to avoid being consumed by fire, all of will now be of the greatest importance to attend which principle it is, of course, his interest and whom are now lying on the bottom of the limpid White. Not so with those on the forecastle. So soon as the bow struck the bank fifty persons

Mr. Elliot clerk of the Caroline, told us of maover his dead children, until the Naomi came

There is a girl in Benton county, so killing pretnot bear spike prints on his arms.

FIRST MARRIAGE OF GEORGE IV .- The Prince's passion for Mrs. Fitzherbet, according to Lord Holland's Memoirs, was very strong before they were united. We are told that he frequently came to converse with Mr. and Mrs. Fox on the subject; that he cried by the hour; that he tesclock P. M., with about 125 passengers in all-a- tifled the sincerity and violence of his passion and his despair by the most extravagant expressions and actions-rolling on the floor, striking o'clock Sunday afternoon, when 21 miles from the his foreehead, tearing his hair, falling into hysmouth of White River, the attention of the ste- teries, and swearing that he would abandon the ward was called to the unusual commotion country, forego the crown, sell his jewels and among the horses and I followed him down to plate, and scrape together a competence to fly with the object of his affections to America.

Mr. Fox, in December, 1785, wrote to the Prince to dissuade him from his union, pointing such a step. The Prince replied in a letter, beginning "My dear Charles," and assured Mr. Fox that he might make himself easy on that matter, and that "that the world will now soon be convinced that there not only is, but never was, any grounds for these reports, which of late have been so malevolently circulated."

With respect to the performence of the ceremony, we are told that it was the Prince's own carnest and repeated solicitations, not at Mrs. Fitzherbert's request, that any ceremony was resorted to. She knew it to be invalid in law, she thought it nonsense and told the Prince so. It was performed by an English clergyman. A certificate was signed by him, and attested by two witnesses, both Roman Catholic gentlemen, and one a near relation of Mrs. Fitzherbert, Mr. Br-

#### Anecdote of Finn.

Finn was once a witness for the prosecution in a case before the Common Pleas in Boston, and his testimony was so direct and conclusive that the counsel for the defence thought it necessary to discredit him. The following dialogue ensued. "Mr. Finn, you live in --- street, do you

"Yes, I do."

"You have lived there a great while ?" "Several years."

"Does not a female live there under your pretection." "There does !"

"Does she bear your name?"

"Is she your wife." "No; we were never legally married."

"That will do, sir ; I have no more to ask." "But I have something more to answer, sir," replied Mr. Finn, with spirit. "The Mrs. Finn of whom you have been pleased to speak with so much levity, is my MOTHER; and I have known but one man base enough to say ought or breathe against her. You, sir, can guess who he is .-True, she is under my protection. She protected me through infancy and childhood, and it is but a small part of the debt that I owe to do as much for her in old age."

The baffled counsellor had no more to say.

# Franklin's Toast.

Long after Washington's victory over the French and English had made his name familiar to all Europe, Dr. Franklin had chanced to dine with the English and French Ambassadors, when the following toasts were drank :

By the English Ambassador-"ENGLAND-The Sun whose bright beams enlighten and fructify the remotest corners of the

The French Ambassador, glowing with national pride, but too polite to dispute the previous toast, drank-

"FRANCE-The Moon whose mild, steady and cheering rays are the delight of all nations, consoling them in their darkness, and making their dreariness beautiful." Dr. Franklin then arose, and with his usual

simplicity said-"George Washington-The Joshua who com-

manded the Sun and Moon to stand still and they

AARON BURR'S WIFE .- The Paris Patric of . late date has the following : " At the last Tuilleries ball, the brilliant toi-

lette of a stranger, with an incredible number of diamonds, attracted the attention of all present. most intense curiosity, when Louis Napoleon was observed to accost the lady and remain some moments in conversation. The enigma was soon Burr, formerly Vice President of the United States, with whom Louis Napoleon was on terms of intimacy while in that country, and at the and of fifteen years he had recognised the widow of his old American friend." This probably alludes The war with which England is now threaten- fied to make laws for aiding these operations of with them both in his arms. He succeeded in to Madame Jumel, the wealthy second wife of Col. Burr, who obtained a divorce from him a few years previous to his decease. She owns a large

A WARNING TO JEALOUS HUSBANDS .- A YOUNG man in Providence. Rhode Island, who had a very handsome wife, recently became dissatisfied with the attention of others towards her, without a cause, of course, and started off and travelled some two or three hundred miles, and visited several hospitals, for the purpose of catching the small pox, so that he might give it to his wife. thinking if she should become pretty well pitted upon her face it would have a tendency to keep away her admirers. But the fun of the joke was that he took the disease himself, went home, and