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Choice Poetrn.

BARBARA.

BY ALEXANDER SMITH. Yet, love, I am unblest;

With many doubts opprest, rander like a desert wind without a place of

Could I but win you for an hour from off that The hunger of my soul were stilled, for Death

hath told you more Than the melancholy world doth know; things

deeper than all lore You could teach me, Barbara.

In vain, in vain, in vain. You will never come again. There droops upon the dreary hills a mournful

fringe of rain; The glosming closes slowly round, loud winds are in the tree;

Round selfish shores forever moans the hurt and

There is no prace upon the earth, peace is with Death and thee, Barbars!

AN EFFORAM .- BY MENAGE.

Nature, regardful of the babbling race, Planted no beard upon a woman's face: Not Packwood's razors, though the very best Could shave a chin that never is at rest.

A PARRWELL .-- BY KINGSLEY.

My fairest child, I have no song to give you, No lark could pipe to skies so dull and gray Tet, ere we part, one lesson I can leave you For every day.

Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever; Do noble things, not dream them, all day

And so make life, death, and that vast forever,

One grand, sweet song.

BEAUTY .-- BY GARTHE. Eye and heart I must surrender, Drowned as in a radiant sea; That high creature with her splender.

Blinding all, hath blinded me.

Woman's soft hand my infant cradle spread, Her gentle cares bedecked my bridal bed; By woman let my dying hours be nurst-Her love the last fond solace as the first.

Fairest and foremost of the train that wait On man's most dignified and happiest state, Whether we name thee Charity or Love, Chief grace below and all in-all above.-Comper.

"THOU ART THE MAN."-A letter was received in New Orleans directed to the biggest fool in New Orleans."

soung clerks, not having any idea of who the "biggest fool in New Orleans" was, took | had the most implicit faith in medicine, and immediately informed of the receipt of the

strangely directed letter. " Directed to the biggest fool in New Orleans" eh? "And what has become of it?"

was, so I opened it myself."

"And what did you find in it?" inquired the postmaster. Why," replied the clerk, " nothing but

the words"-" Thou art the man." At a dinner of the Foreign Ministers,

the British Minister gave: England-The Sun, whose bright beams enlighten and fructify the remotest corner of the earth.

tions, controlling in the darkness, and making there, man-I am not sleepy yet." their dreariness beautiful. Dr. Franklin then rose and, with his usual

dignity and simplicity, said: George Washington-The Joshua who commanded the Sun and Moon to stand still and

they obeyed him.

the fellow, "you didn't send me any of from grief at the loss of his queen, gazed for banners might be perceived covered with fu-

SECOND-SIGHT.

BY R. W. SHERIDAN MARKWELL

by French, German, Danish, Swedish, and Russian writers, but this, says the editor of the "Spirit of the Times," from which paper we copy it, is the only true version that has ever been offered to the American public.]

The belief in visions, wraiths, and super-

natural warnings-not to speak of well-de-

fined ghosts-is a foible or weakness confined to no age or country-no period of civilzation. In short, the problem of a mysterious connection between the denizens of this and another world is one that never can be solved, except by a stout denial, similar to that which materialists venture as to the existence of a moonlit scene around. never-dying soul. This belief, moreover, is not confined to the ignorant, Dr. Johnson, the lexicographer, was a firm believer in the possibility of such events; Colonel Gardiner and Lord Lyttleton are other witnesses; Gothe in several passages gives evidence of a similar conviction; Schiller and the Grimms, to mention none else, indulged in like notions. Hence, then, if the case be not quite clear, and the evidence not wholly infallible, room is still for further illustration; and the narrative about to be related is decidedly one in point, and, as being more than usually well authenticated, deserves an attentive perusal. It is extracted from an old German manuscript, included among a number of other documents left by Count Horn, a celebrated century, to the University of Gottenburg, in | sides, the light was too bright | the ears of the latter was a confused murmur, the archives of which it has been found by to proceed from a few passing torches, Nei- but not an articulate word ever reached the of the most startling that has ever been met strange phenomenon as well as himself, was their hands confined by ropes behind their narrative that ensues, which certainly is one with in modern times; for to the formal doc- about to ring a bell upon the table for a page | backs, entered from the door opposite to that and cited as ommous, long, long before the

to the point. Charles the Eleventh, of Sweden, whoas all the world knows-was the father of the great Charles the Twelfih, that long proved a successful rival to Peter the Great, was a downright despot, and yet as wily and as sage a sovereign as ever presided over the court of Stockholm. Oligarchical before, the country, hitherto ruled by nobles and wealthy burforced the states-general to confide the entire | ished at so unexpected a request; but he in- by the headsman, kneeled before the block, ghers, yilded at once to its sovereign, who power to himself, who, though enlightened stantly dressed himself, and joined the king and placed his head thereon. The axe sudbeyond his age, noble-spirited, and sincerely with his bunch of keys They first opened a denly rose, glittering in its course, and fell attached to the Lutheran religion, was, on the other hand, cold, dogged, inflexible, and sort of antechamber to the grand saloon; and A stream of blood flowed upon the floor, and simply a man of facts, without judgment or when the moody king entered it, great was reached even the corpse upon the throne,

lost his unhappy consort, Eleanor-Uulrica; ness and cruelty towards that lady had has-tened her end, he showed his esteem for her unable to answer; for all he knew was, that nessed gave utterance to his tongue. Advanand although report said that his own harshmemory by a grief more touching than could at all have been expected from a nature made | were lined with oaken panels, as usual, and | principal of the spectral ministers of state: of stuff so stern as his. He evinced it, too, in his peculiar way-that most accordant with jesty's wardrobe that could have been used to speak to me; if goblin damned, depart in the nature of a stern and positive man; he produce such a change. than ever; and, as his nature led him to state and military occupations, these were only the gallery, followed by the chamberlain and porbecame, in short, more stern and taciturn more increased, in order to distract his attention from the domestic calamities that had relish for the possible consequences of an ad- of Vasa!"

the wind and sleet gave dreary presage of a quick approaching winter, found this gloomy of terror: "Advance no further, sire; de- altogether in a few brief minutes. The sumonarch in his cabinet at Stockholm, seated in his dressing-robe and slippers before a huge fire, such as (before the days of artificial warning) was indispensable in so cold a climate. Seated in his huge arm-chair, and thoughtfully leaning his head upon his upraised arm, he scarce perceived the presence of his chamberlain-the celebrated astronomer, Tycho Brahe, who was the depositary guard. "Cowards!" said the king, indig- an harp; and the king looked round with awe, The postmaster being absent, one of the tention to his physician, Dr. Baumgarten, who, though he doubted of everything else, On the return of the postmaster, he was of his ability, that on that very evening he

As courtiers should do, they patiently wai-"Why," replied the clerk, "I did not drew on apace, the king, contrary to his custow who the biggest fool in New Orleans tom, failed to wave his hand as a signal for your Majesty to bid me face a fire of Danish night. their departure, for he was vacantly gazing or Russian cannon, I would obey your orders On re-entering his cabinet, Charles caused on the fire, and though weary of his attendants, yet feared, from some cause that he powers of heaven or hell." Charles, thus up, and it was signed by himself and the three could not explain, to be left alone. The agreeable, and had more than once hinted his fears that his Majesty required repose; but a Thts must, I see, be my affair alone;" and had become generally known, even before the the monarch's chair. So likewise with Baum him, he had opened the thick oaken door of which he dictated at the close of the docugarten; his profession seemed to give him the the saloon and entered it, invoking Heaven, ment are very remarkable: —"If the narra- to the promptness and correctness with which liberty of saying how rejurious late hours with reverence, to aid him in his work. Cumight be to the king's health, but his only riosity was now stronger than fear with his ed truth, I give up every hope of enjoying turning to the list of signatures, we see the France—The Moon, whose mild, steady answer was scarcely audible through the attendants, and all three followed him, as if that better life which some of my deeds may answer was scarcely audible through the attendants, and all three followed him, as if that better life which some of my deeds may answer was scarcely audible through the attendants, and all three followed him, as if and cheering rays are the delight of all na- teeth: "The king will mind himself; stay ashamed of the terror they had shown.

Such words from so absolute a monarch were conclusive; and the courtiers were com- by a countless number of waxen lights; and pelled to try different subjects of conversation | the walls, which hitherto had been lined with successively to keep their master's spirits up: antique tapestry, representing events of Swe-strange and supernatural prophecy received but they all failed. The king, in short, was dish history, were now hung with black .in one of his darkest and most revolting tem- Along the walls, too, were hung in order nu- the close of the last century, five regins after-"Father," said a little fellow, "I pers; and this made the courtiers' position merous flags that had been taken as trophies wards, received his death at a masked ball, shan't send you any of my wedding cake not a little painful. As for Baumgarten, he by the soldiers of Gustavus Adolphus from the pistol of the assassin Ankastrom. when I get married." "Why so?" was remained silent; but the Count Brahe, be- the Germans, Danes, and Russians; but, He was tried and condemned; and the youth the inquiry. "Because," answered the lit- lieving that the king's sadness proceeded what was yet more strange, several Swedish who was beheaded before the spectral States knowledge. a while on a portrait of her hung near the neral crape. On the benches that lined the than the murderer of Sweden's appointed

with true queenly dignity.'

tery; she was ugly as ____ " And then in a actor sees before him on the stage. paroxysm of excitement and passion, he stamped his foot and walked about the room, which the king was used to address the as if to hide an agitation for which he might | States; and on it they beheld a bleeding

still residing in the old palace, situated just of Sweden before Vasa erected the republic at the angle of Ritterholm, that looks upon the Lake Moeler. It was a large prison-like edifice. The king's private cabinet was in clad in long black robes, who seemed to be one of its wing; and nearly facing it was the the judicial officers; for they were scated at great saloon, where the States assembled a table, whereon there were numerous ancient when summoned to receive any message from looking folios and parchment documents. In the crown. On this chamber it was that the front of the table on the floor between the king more particularly gazed; and, strange benches was an execution-block covered with to say, its windows appeared to be brilliantly crape, and on it rested a headsman's axe. illuminated. He at first thought that this The spectacle was awfully strange; and unusual light might proceed from the torches what was stranger still, no one in this ghostly of some passing servants; but then what co'd assemblage appeared to recognise the presthey want at such an hour in a chamber that ence of either Charles or his attendants. The had not been opened for so long a time? Be- only audible sound, indeed, which reached the Chevalier Engstrom, who a few years ago | ther could it be a fire; for there was no smoke, | ears of the astonished spectators. Presently, was British consul there. The paper in no appearance of destruction from the fiery however, the oldest and grovest of the blackquestion is written in choice Latin, and is element, no noise of alarm or crashing raft- robed judges, who seemed to act as president evidently the production of no commonly ac- ers; it could be nothing, then, but an illumi- of the assembly, solemnly rose and struck complished person. The results with only a nation. The king gazed upon the windows with his hand three times upon the folio before few of the reflections, are given in the strange | for some minutes in silent astonishment; and | him. Instantly all was silence. Then sevehis minister, Count Brahe, who saw the ral handsome youths in rich attire, but with ument, on which it is founded, the names of who might be sent to enquire the cause of so by which the king had just entered. They same time, however, the count noticed that the monarch turned pale, as if from a sort of events received their accomplishment. But religious awe. Nevertheless, his mind was

they ushered him across the court. door leading to a gallery which served as a with a noise that echoed through the building. his surprise to find that all the walls were while the head, rolling along the centre of At the time of which we speak he had just hung with black! "Who has dured," said the hall, reached even the feet of Charles, he, looking round in anger, "to order this and bathed them with gore The stern king chamber to be hung like this!" The porter had, until now, been silent with surprise, but the last time he swept the apartments they cing, therefore, up the hall, he addressed the he was not aware of any materials in his Ma- "If thou be spirit sent from Heaven, oh

venture so unquestionably strange, and which | From that instant the shapes of the numer-The early gloaming of a late autumn, when might be disastrous, too. The porter was ous personages in the ghastly assembly began the first to speak, and his accents were those to be less vivid and distinct-disappearing pend on it, there's witches here. This is the pernatural lights, too, around the chamber hour at which, ever since the death of her burned dim, and soon became extinguished; Majesty,-whose memory Heaven bless !-a and when the chamber was lighted only by ghost, her spectre, walks this gallery." The the flambeaux borne by the king's attendants, count, too, heard a noise, as if coming from they only dimly showed the ancient tapestry the state-saloon beyond; while Baumgarten, with which the hall was hung. Still there whose candle a puff of wind had extinguish- was a murmuring sound, as of wind moaning ed, proposed to fetch a body of the palace through the leaves of a forest, or of an Æoli-

> How great was the surprise of all! The chamber of state appeared to be illuminated

expression, too, uniting so much gentleness sembly-nobles, clergy, citizens, farmers; in Charles heard his mumbled words, and orders of the State; and they were all clad in the old man on his left must have been the not so. He was counsel of the Trustees, who [This strange story has been already given supposing them intended as a sidelong re- the deepest black. Their countenances, too, proach, such as he was wont to hear from ma- shone so brightly amid the sombre hues by ny others, for his cold unfeeling conduct to- which they were surrounded, that the eyes its sovereign, after his nephew's deposition. his elbow and said, "Pshaw! man, thou art ly dazzled as they looked, though none were tory of any country of so extraordinary and ly every county in the United States and a fool!" and sneering, as he rose from his able to recognise one single individual in the so well-authenticated a case of second-sight; chair, and pointed to the picture, "Fool! whole assembly; for all appeared like that for it is seldom, indeed, that any second witfool! thou know'st you portrait is but flat- undistinguished mass of human faces that an ness, much less four, can be found to guar-

At the further end was the throne, from as that just recorded. well have blushed, had it been his nature.— corpse attired in the insignia of royalty. To He stopped, however, before a window look- the right stood a boy with the crown on his ing out upon the court, and gazed on the head, and holding a sceptre in his hand; while on the other side was an aged man, or Sweden, was not yet completed; and Charles throne, and was clothed in the ceremonial the Eleventh, who planned and began it, was still residing in the old release the state minister of the court of th

six witnesses of high family and character singular a light. The king, however, stop- walked proudly, and with a bold, counageous ped him, "No," said he, "I care for nether step. But who was the strange being that the trle was current for a century in Sweden, man nor spirits; I will go myself" At the followed them? He was a stalwart, muscular person; clac in a brown leather jerkin that closely fitted his person, and in his hand he held the end of the ropes by which the youths fully bent to its purpose; and he went forth who walked before him were secured. When firmly, followed by his chamberlain and phy- the prisoner who entered first, and seemed to sician, who each bore a lighted candle, as be the chief, had reached the middle of the hall, he suddenly stopped before the block, on The porter, who had the keys, had been which he looked with infinite disdain. Meanlong in bed; but Baumgarten awoke him, and while, the corpse upon the throne appeared bade him in the king's name to open forth- to palpitate and tremble with a convulsive with the doors of the Chamber of the States. movement, and fresh red blood flowed from a The poor man, only half awake, was aston- wound in its side. The youth then, bidden

peace!" The spectre lifting his hands, sol-Charles went forward with nervous rapidi- emply and slowly replied: "Thou are Charles

of all his secrets—and he paid even less at- nantly, "what fear ye? I will enter; open when he found the spectral scene had closed. instantly these door, I say!" and therewith he kicked against them with his foot, causing pearance was supernatural; for, when the a sound which echoed like thunder through count and Baumgarten lifted on high their upon himself the liberty of opening the letter. had so well succeeded in convincing the king the empty apartments. The unhappy porter flambeaux, to examine the chamber, the sanow trembled to such an extent that the keys | ble hangings, the block, the axe, the dissevhad been summoned to give him advice and rattled, and all his strength could not make ered head, and the streams of blood that from his illness a new world seemed to open provide a cure for some real or imaginary the key enter the lock. "Pshaw!" said the seemed to have deluged the floor, had all disking, "an old veteran tremble as a uhild- appeared with the rest; and the only proof of shame on you!" and then turning to the the reality of the scene was a deep stain of count, he bade him open the door. "Sire" blood that stained the slipper of the king,

instantly; but I cannot, dare not, face the a statement of the facts to be formally drawn baulked in his purpose, rudely snatched the attendants who had witnessed them. No litkeys from the porter. "Dastards!" said he, the care was taken to hide the matter from before his attendants could advance to aid death of Charles the Eleventh; and the words public good and my solicitude for the interests of that religion which has so long been

professed by my ancestors." It only remains for us to add that this its fulfilment when Gustavus the III., towards

was, therefore, Gustavus III; the boy on his sel. Some of his opponents, we see abuse right was his son and successor; and, lastly, Duke of Sudermama, the uncle of the last, were hostile to the former managers of the who was first regent of the kingdom, and then We believe there is no instance in the his-

antee the truth of so strange a phenomenon

From the Easton Sentinel. WILLIAM A. PORTER.

private history of men who are proposed for

seven years of age. He is the son of the all parties. Hon, David R. Porter, whose name has long been familiar to our people. His mother was the daughter of Mr. McDermott, who emigrated from Scotland during the last centu- throughout the State, appointed Mr. Porter ry, for the purpose of engaging in manufacto his present position; and the convention turing iron, in western Pennsylvania. Being which assembled at Harrisburg on the fourth Irish on one side and Scotch on the other, of March last, confirmed this selection by au Judge Porter has a good right to the title of almost unanimous vote. Scotch-Irish, so much culogized in his life of, Such has been his political and professional

Judge Gibson. He became proficient also, in moral and in- out the country, and had a rapid sale. tellectual philosophy. In the ancient languages he was particularly distinguished; so much so that on graduating he delivered an original speech in Greek and Latin.

of law in the office of Hon J. M. Porter, who city he selected, supervised or assisted in the has turned out more lawyers than some of publication of some of the important treatise our bars contain. Several years were here published by that Institution, which have devoted to the study of the law. During this exerted so much influence on the minds of time he became a general favorite of our citizens, and they will vote for him with a unanimity which few public men could command. In 1842, he was appointed by Attorney

General Johnson, District Attorney for Philadelphia, which brought him in contact with the duties of the ability. The Sheriff of for the remainder of his term ensued, Unathe political discontents, proceedings were commenced to test his illegibility, on the precision which are said to be memorable to right. this day. The notable riots of that period ter: for the doctor hung behind, having no reigns afterwards. But wee betide the blood commenced about this time. One of the most exciting occurred at Kensington. Depart day into the river and came very near drowning from the custom of his predecessors, Sher- ing but succor being fortunately at hand, iff Porter placed himself at the head of a pos- she was drawn out senseless and carried se of several hundred citizens and against all home. On coming to, she declared to her remonstrance proceeded to the scene of dis- family that she must marry him who had turbance. The newspaper accounts are still saved her. fresh in our minds. At the first discharge of fire-arms, the posse left the Sheriff with but a handful of supperters. The testimony afterwards given in Court, brought the subsequent facts prominently to view. One of the witnesses testified that after a long search he | dog!" found the sheriff in the midst of the fight, surrounded by several hundred of the rioters and severely injured. On being urged to retire, he replied, not until the riot is quelled. result was a long illness. We have frequent- was atteending to that advice. ly heard Mr. Porter say, that on recovering which he was formerly met were changed for congratulations. Those whom his amiable the longest to me in my life. temper and integrity had failed to influence were won by his disposition to do his duty.

At the close of his term as Sheriff, the memburs of the bar, without distinction of party, presented to him an address which was republished in this paper. Among other things, they say, "we cheerfully bear our testimony to the faithfulness and purity with which you have discharged your responsible the earth that I dig up from it?" To which the steward, with great gravity, replied: "Have the pit made large enough to hold which you have discharged your responsible trests, to the decorous style in which the af-Tyson, Campbell, Tilgman, Wharton, Cadwalader, Ingersoll, Scott, Hubbell, Perkins, Bayard, and several hundred equally distinguished and of all political opinions,

On retiring f.om the Sheriff's office, Mr. Porter resumed the practice of the law in Philadelphia and continued it with success for fifteen or sixteen years, and until his appointment to to the bench. His success which was almost unprecedented, might have been

In 1849 the Trustees of the late Bank of havn't got it we die.

fireplace: "How striking the likeness—the chamber on either side sat an immense as- king. The crowned corpse upon the throne in United States, selected him as their counhim as the Solicitor of the Bank. This was Bank, and were engaged in suits against many of them. This appointment, which brought him in contact with lawyers in nearpractice Several hundred thousand dellars were thus collected and in the end the notes and deposites of the bank were paid in full principal and interest, (a result at first wholly unexpected) and the remainder of the assets were distributed among the other claimants.

In 1856, when the finances of Philadelphia Some curiosity is usually felt to know the had been greatly reduced, and a vigorous effort to overthrow the dominant party, had been public office. Judge Porter spent a consid- determined on, Mr. Porter was selected as erable portion of his life in this town. On the Democratic candidate for city Solicitor,

a few more facts, well known to his friends ter to Councils, composed of a majority of his here, which may prove interesting to others. own party, in which he refused to interfere, He was born in Huntingdon county, Penn- at their request, in a case pending in Court, sylvania, in 1821, and is now about thirty- was generally read and applauded by men of

When Judge Knox resigned from the

course. His life has not, however, been His early life was passed in Huntingdon, wholly devoted to professional occupations. but we have no information respecting it .- At College he exhibited much literary taste. He came to Easton more than twenty years His address before our literary societies, in ago, and spent several years at the college in 1843, was highly instructive. We remember this town. His teachers speak of him as a also his delivering an add ess before the I aw boy of quick and active mind; a persevering Academy of Philadelphia, of which he was student and exceedingly truthful and honor- one of the Prevosts, but the subject has esable in his thoughts and feelings. During caped us. His most successful publication is his college course he maintained a position at his work on the character of Judge Gibson. the head of his class. He early showed a who, it seems from the preface, showed him talent for debate and represented the literary much kindness in early life. This work was societies of the College, on several occasions. extensively notice 1 by the reviews through-

He has been engaged in other labors somewhat peculiar for a lawyer. He was for several years one of the Managers of the American Sunday School Union and a member of In 1839, Mr. Porter commenced sthe study | the committee of publication. In this capathe young, throughout the country.

In private life the character of Judge Porter is without a blot. In his deportment and disposition he is frank, and cordial. In pri vate charity he is liberal to a fault. As an advocate he was exceedingly clear and forcisome of the ablest members of that bar. We ble. The books are full of his arguments have always understood that he discharged Of his fidelity to clients, the citizens of this . county, of whose business in Philadelphia he Philadelphia having died, a violent contest | had the almost exclusive charge, require nothing to be said; and besides a safe adviser, ble to please either faction, Judge Porter's they have always found him a courtecus and father, then Governor, appointed him to the hospitable gert'eman As a Judge we are office. This was an uncomfortable position, told he leans much towards the common law for the uproar on all sides was great. Besides and that his views are very conservative In religion he is a Presbyterian. In politics he was when he was here and always has been a ground of age. But the character of the of- Democrat. As a Judge he may and probafice was soon changed, Order was brought bly does suppose it improper to take any part out of confusion and all illegal fees abolished. in the political questions now under discussion, Money was promptly paid over and the busi- but those who know him best are sure that he ness was conducted with an exactness and will be found at all times on the side of the

A romantic young lady fell the other

"Impossible!" said her papa "What, is he already married?" "Wasn't it that interesting young mad

who lives here in the neighborhood. "Dear me, no-it was the Newfoundland

- Sheriden was once taken ill in consequence of a fortnight's continued dining out and dissipation. He sent for Dr. Heberden, In the presence of the witness he was again | who prescribed rigid abstinance, and, calling knocked down and very much trampled. The again soon afterwards, asked his patient if he The answer being affirmative.

"Right," says the doctor; "tis the only way to secure you length of days." "I do not doubt it," said Sheriden, "for these three last days since I began have been

- A gentleman having built a large house, was at a loss what to do with the rabbish, His steward advised him to have a pit dug large enough to contain it, "And what." said the gentleman, smiling, "shall I do with

- A nobleman having given a grand party, his tailor was among the company and was thus addressed by his lordship: "My dear sir, I remember your face, but forget your name." The tailor whispered; "I made your breeches." The nobleman, taking him by the hand, exclaimed, "Major Breeches, I am happy to see you!'

Re Some one commending Philip of Macedon for drinking freely: "That," said Demosthenes, "is a good quality in a sponge, but not in a king."

A movemen is on foot in England for sending out a thousand missionaries to China.

- Money is like the air we breathe; if w