



The Return of Spring.

Dear as the dove, whose wafting wing
The green leaf ransomed from the main,

Thou bring'st the blossoms to the bee,
To earth a robe of emerald dye,

I will not people thy green bowers
With sorrow's pale and spectre band;

Then, while the groves thy garlands twine,
Thy spirit breathes the flower and tree,

I Would not have thee Young Again.

BY REV. SIDNEY DYER.

I would not have those hours return
Which flushed thy cheeks with rosy youth,

Thy gentle hand is tremulous,
Thy steps become less light and free;

I see among thy auburn locks
The first pale rays of silver now,

From the London Examiner.

THE STORY OF A PICTURE.

Amidst the noble collection of paintings which
adorn the walls of the Louvre, there is one which

It is named, in the catalogue, "The Blacksmith
and his Family," and its history is one so full

There lived, in the seventeenth century, two
brothers, both painters, and endowed with equal

Born at Laon, towards the close of the sixteenth
century, they were brought up together,

Loving, as they did, nature under her simplest
aspect, and humanity in its most primitive

This simple style was then but little appreciated
in France, where the fine ladies of the Court

They had walked together a considerable distance
from home, in order to sketch a picturesque

Whilst they are thus engaged, Antoine was
seized with sudden and severe illness.

The name of these good people was Herbolot,
and their domestic circle consisted of the father

It was upon this thought she now acted. With
breathless haste, she hurried to the chateau,

the flame, and ran on his father's errands, whilst
the good wife attended to her domestic concerns,

These simple and kind-hearted people quickly
prepared their best bed for the sick man,

The best medicine in the world (we trust the
faculty will excuse us for saying so) is watchful

This primitive regimen was, however, successful,
and in ten days the young painter was able

"No, no, that must not be," exclaimed the
worthy blacksmith; "you are now quite one of the

The blacksmith gladly accepted the offer, his
wife coloured with pleasure, and the children

Next day the painters set to work. The forge
was converted into an atelier, their easel was

Three weeks passed away; the painting was
completed, and a fourth son was born to the

As they were bidding the good mother a hearty
farewell, Antoine whispered in her ear, "keep

Twenty-five years had passed away, and Antoine
Herbolot was a soldier in the king's service.

Some time had elapsed since any tidings of the
young man had reached his family, and they

Six thousand francs! the sale of the paternal
homestead would not realize the sum; the elder

The whole family, however, without one dissenting
voice, agreed to make the sacrifice, and

A young girl of the neighbourhood, named
Louise Danchet, who had long been betrothed

The spot toward which she directed her steps
was the neighbouring chateau of Val-, which had

M. d'Amivon, who had once filled the situation
of steward in the household of the Prince de Conti,

Louise, who had been asked by her brother, a
few days before, to assist him to unpack some

The young artists having always retained a
place in the kindly remembrance of the good

It was upon this thought she now acted. With
breathless haste, she hurried to the chateau,

ed after my ransom was paid, than by setting out
for Paris to see the good brothers Lenain, and

This proposition met with universal favour, and
the whole family, without delay, hastened to

Their god-son soon informed them of the history
of their christening gift, and asked them, as

"This little history, we would beg to assure our
readers, is no untrue tale. It is well known

The painting of the "Blacksmith and his Family"
was purchased from M. d'Amivon by the

Louise at first only confided her project to the
mother of her betrothed; for she knew well that

Punctual to his appointed time, the banker duly
arrived at the forge at twelve o'clock, and

At the first glance, M. d'Amivon allowed that
this was yet a finer painting than the one he

"But, how in the name of wonder," he exclaimed,
"did you happen to acquire such a

Madame Herbolot, in a simple and touching
manner, related the history of the young artists'

"You need not waste so many entreaties on the
matter, my good friends. This painting is

The joy of the two poor women on hearing this
offer may more readily be conceived than

All that now remained to be done was to
persuade the smith to part with his favorite

Here, a new source of consolation awaited him.
M. d'Amivon happened to have a young artist

That very evening, notice was given to the
village notary to countermand the sale of the

A few weeks after these occurrences had taken
place, a joyous and light-hearted soldier was

In the midst of all this happiness however, the
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From the London Examiner.

Flowers in a Sick Room.

Among the terrors of our youth we well re-
member there were certain poisonous exhalations
said to arise from plants and flowers, if allowed

Plants, in a growing state, absorb the oxygen
gas of the atmosphere, and throw off carbonic

England and America.

We are glad to see on the part of those who are
the moral, and we hope influential teachers

"Our object is to persuade England to respect
American—to love her as the first born

Sir Charles Brewster, is said to be the author
of these remarks, and the civilization and

"In London there are 20,000 journeyman tailors,
of whom 14,000 earn a miserable existence

In Ireland, it appears from a report to govern-
ment, made in July, 1847, that 3,020,712

In England the average poor rates for ten years
past has amounted to \$30,000,000.

In Ireland \$7,500,000 a year are expended to
feed a starving population.

In 1826, the immigration from the British
Isles was 26,000 persons; in 1849 the number

In 30 years, crime in Great Britain and Ireland
has increased 50 per cent, while population

These are appalling facts, and how widely do
they contrast with the state of things in the

England drives thousands of her poor
from her every year, and the United States

A new omnibus has been introduced into Lon-
don, so arranged that every passenger has a

Fruit Trees.

The Cultivator states that the new method of
raising trees by planting scions is a great con-
sideration in the art of obtaining good fruit.

A Truthful Remark.

"The Lebanon Courier" says, Daniel Webster, in
his late visit to Harrisburg, made a speech

It has been eloquently and truly said, that
if Christianity were compelled to flee from the

The editor of the Allegheny Enterprise says he
has seen a horned rat. There is a rat in this

The Quiet of Boston.

The Boston Journal of the 9th instant says that
the police and a portion of the watch are

The Boston Transcript says of Sims:—
"Six prisoners are kept in one of the jury

The Transcript adds, at a later date, that "Mr.
FERRIDGE has purchased from the agent of the

Final Passage of the Appropriation Bill.

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of
the two Houses of the Legislature, the 15th,

Late in the afternoon, however, Mr. RUBY read
a new bill in place, very similar to that which

At eight o'clock in the evening, the committee
reported the bill, & it was passed rapidly

Marriage of Professor Webster's Daughter.

Miss Harriet W., (daughter of the late Prof.
Webster,) was married at Cambridge, Mass.,

A beautiful woman once said to General
Shields, who, by the by, is an Irishman.

"How is it that, having obtained so much glory,
you still seek for more?"