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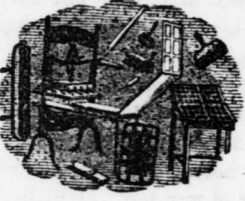
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Poet's Corner.

A LAMENT. BY CRITICUS. Original. Oh! never more shall I have peace— Peace for this weary breast, Until my heart shall cease to beat, And calmly sink to rest.

PAY THE PRINTER.

What man is happy when comes on The long and dreary winter, Oh listen and I'll tell you friends— 'Tis he who pays the printer.

Select Story.

Love and Moral Courage. "But why don't you like him, Agatha?" "Oh—because?" "What philosopher ever solved the mystery of this true woman's reason? "Because" means ten thousand things that pretty, dimpled lips don't choose to put into shape—it means that they know why perfectly well themselves, but won't tell; and not all the coaxing of curiosity, can get it out of them!

down, through the circular dome of frosted glass, gave a life-like glow to the superb paintings whose gilded frames literally covered the walls of the spacious apartments. Here and there, groups of absorbed dilettanti moved, with subdued whispers and brandished opera glasses, as if it were a forbidden thing to speak above one's breath in the presence of these fair landscapes and scenes from history's page.

comes, and the keenest eye could scarcely discern the deeper shade of color that glowed on her delicate cheek, as he quickly came up to greet her. "Fill your glasses, gentlemen," exclaimed Fitz Aubyn, holding high above his head a tiny chalice of engraven Bohemian glass brimming with crimson wine, "let us drink to the health of our fair hostess, Miss Agatha Milne."

praises in the choicest figures of rhetoric; and artists have painted her landscapes in glowing colors;—her maidens have been represented as "the daughters of beauty and song"—her sons, as inspired with the fire of genius! Yet can we not find beauty and genius in what seems at first less favored climes? We turn from the dark, bitter night of Lapland with a shudder. Yet there is something beautiful—even grand—there.

EDITORS EXEMPT FROM DRAFT.

A Fortress Monroe telegram, received recently, informs us that the new "Military Exemption Act," passed by the Rebel Congress on the 4th ult., "secures the liberty of the press by exempting editors, and such help as they require in their business."

- 1st. Because they would sooner stay at home than go to war. 2nd. Because there is more fun writing about the war than "jining in" and helping to stop rebel bullets. 3d. Because if they haven't all large families of small children depending upon them for support, no one knows but that they may eventually be placed in that responsible position. 4th. Because there are enough "dead heads" in the army already. 5th. Because it is pleasanter to die for one's country at home, amid the budding flowers of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter...

THE ADMINISTRATION A FAILURE.

All parties agree that the present administration—supported though it has been by the hearty sympathies and active influence of the whole people of the entire North, and furnished promptly with all the men and money it has asked for—has proved a most magnificent fizzle. The last quarter of the second year of its reign, finding it unfruitful of other results than universal mourning throughout the land, national bankruptcy, unprecedented taxation, a worthless currency, and present or threatening, ruin on every hand.

PARSON BROWNLOW ON THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

Parson Brownlow, in a letter from Washington to the Cincinnati Commercial writes: "I give it as my opinion that we can't fight a successful battle in the vicinity of Washington. Commanding generals are here forced to yield themselves up to the guidance of the weak and ultra, and to a set of men who know nothing about military affairs. Political affairs charlatans and one-idea radicals pitch in and cry "On to Richmond!" thus sacrificing thousands in the field who bring their lives as an offering for their country.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEAUTIFUL. "This world is full of beauty." NATURE has been very bountiful to "Mother Earth," and, pursue what path we may, it is strewn with her gift. We do not deny her partiality, for we will not contend that Lapland, with her long dark night, is equally favored with Italy, the land of sunshine;—or that Greenland, the region of ice-bergs, contrasts favorably with the glorious climate of Brazil!