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From the American Monthly. THE SUSQUEHANNA.

O River of the widening sho;e; Could I but tell thy beauties o'ar, How many a stream that now, perch ance, His high renown in old romance. Or was, when yet the art was young, In verse, by ardent poet sung, Should be eclipsed by thee ?

The earth has nowhere greener fields. Than thy refreshing mois ture yields; Though loftier mountains bind the Rhine None are more beautiful than thi ne: Health through thy fertile valleys roams And virtue bl sses all their homes, With pure felicity.

Thy banks are rich with standing cord, Thy gollen wheat is still un shorn : In the rich clover feed the kine. Or 'neath the chestnut's shade recline Until the milk-maid blithely gay, All redolent of new-mown hay, Comes tripping o'er the stile

My home has been among thy hills, Thy music, Susquehanna. fills, My soul with vast and pure delight, Whether thou glidest still and bright, Or whether, when the autumn rain Pours down the mountain slopes amain Thou roll'st majestic by.

I seek not Arno's silvery' side, And Bonnie Doon shall ne'er divide My steadfast heart and hope from thee; Among thy wildnesses I see Unwrit ten romance. But, oh ! where The wizard hand that now may care To start the forms of life ?

Oh! would that I could bring once more Van Campen to thy winding shore; And o'er the hill at shut of day Upon the war path urge his way : And make each creek a' d hills de rife With war-whoop shrill, and soun d of strife And deadly revelry !

The hope is vain. 'Tis not for me, Weired Susquehanna, to set free And clothe again in homan mould The sha des that nightly stalk each world : And ere they pass beyond my ken Wave over them the magic pen, And bid them live for aye,

Mine is a less ambitious role: And thought I oft at evening stroll, Along the path across the hill, And see the shadows quickly steal Athwart my way with quiet tread I wander on; still spirit led, To reach the rippling shore ;

Whose sparkling waters met my sight b hen first my eyes beheld the light; And when, at last, I took my rest. Wher lightly on my sinking breast I pray thy kindly loam shall press. And fold me in that long caress

When the last trump shall break ! LENNI LENAPE.

THE EXECUTION OF MARY QUEEN OFSCOTS.

The great hall of Fotheringhay was hung with black; in the midst was a scaffold covered with sage, and surrounded by a low railing. Around this gloomy object nigh two hundred persons were assembled, among them were the principal gentlemen of the county, who obeyed the summons of the sheriff, in total ignorance of the object for which they were required to be present. Behind the block stood the executioner and his assistant clad in suits of sable velvet, the last holding the axe behind him in such a position that it was concealed from the eyes of Mary. As the Sheriff of Northampton and his officers entered the hall there was a profound silence, many a breath was painfully drawn; but when the Queen herself appeared, the most manly eyes were moistened. Never had Mary appeared to better advantage; she walked firmly, scarcely leaning on two noblemen by whom she was supported; her dress, which was that of Queen Dowager of France, adding to the dignity of her deportment. Her pointed coif, edged with bone lace, shaded her wasted features, and around her neck she wore a gold cross, and from her arms was snspended a pair of beads; a falling collar completed a costume at once regal and becom ing. As she gazed aroundineither abashed by the numerous spectators, nor shrinking from the death droppings before her, a murmur of admiration and pity was with difficul ty suppressed. Her attendants followed her to the foot of the scaffold, which was raised about two feet from the ground, but before ascending she exclaimed to melville-

"Once more farewell, good Andrew; pray for thy mistress and Queen. Thou shalt now see the end of Mary Stuart's trials."

"Thank's, sir," she continued to Paulet. who offered his arm with rather a penitent expression of countenance, "it is the last trouble you will experience at my hands."

On the scaffold was a small wooden stool and a cushion, and no sooner had Mary's foot touched the fatal planks than the executioner kneeling before her, prayed her to forgive him for the office he was about to perform; but at this moment her eye fell on the axe and she exclaimed quickly-

"Ah! I would rather have my head taken off by a sword as they do in France."

functionary. "I am forced to disregard your Majesty's wishes; I was not reminded to bring a sword, and am, perforce, obliged to use the axe, wnich I found here. That will not, I trust, induse you to withhold your par-

"I do pardon you, my friend," said Mary, giving him her band to kiss.

"Strange !" she murmured, that your own Queen, when she expected a similar fate from the hands of an offended sister, so dreaded the axe that she told Catlenau she intended to desire an executioner should be sent from France, skillful in the use of the sword,"

Mary now seated herself and, with the assistants grouped around her, prepared to listen to the warrant, which was read aloud by Beale. At this moment little Bonum (a favorite dog) contrived to make his way noiselessly through the press, and, trembling and shaking in every limb. concealed himself, as usual, in the folds of the Queen's robe, without being perceived. .

Mary paid slight attention to the reading, but when the sonorious voice of Beale procounced the concluding "God save Queen Elizabeth," she roused herself from her reveir and gracefully rising, prepared to address the assembly. Her countenance was slightly flushed, and Burgoine, who had known her longest, remarked, " it wore the look of happier days." Her voice was clear and ringing, as she called all present to witness that she, a Sovereign Princess is no way subject to the laws of Parliament of England was about to suffer - the victim of violence and injustice, She spoke of her imprisonment, and the wrongs she had endured at the hands of the Queen's councillors, protested her innocense of all the charges brought against her. thanked God for thus publicly allowing her to confess her faith, and prayed that her enemies might be forgiven.

"Madam," interupted Dr, Fletchar, the Dean of Peterborough, "my honored mistress has commanded-"

"Sir," exclaimed Mary, "with you I have nothing to do, I will not hear you, and I command you to retire."

Dr. Fletcher by no means approved this indifference to his own eloquence; he therefore pertinaciously continued, "Madam, you opinions, abjure your errors, in order that you may be saved." "It is useless, answered the Queen, "you

waste your time ; leave me to die in peace." Then turning herself around on the stool she began to pray; but the dean, making the circuit of the scaffold, again addressed her.

"Trouble me no farther" repeated Mary, re turning to her former position; but here the scene, interposed, to the no small mortification of the zealous divine.

Mary then falling on her knees, recited a portion of the Psalms aloud in Latin, togeth er with her attendants, concluding with a prayer in French, and holding the crucifix be tween her clasped hands.

"Madam," interrupted the Earl of Kent unable longer to contain himself, "cast aside" these Popish trumperies."

But Mary continued her devotions, fervent ly exclaining, "Lord! Lord! receive me into your extended arm, and pardon me my sins." As she reseated herself, the Earl of Kent roughly inquired if she were done .-'For if so, Madam, he concluded' "prepare.'

The executioner now approached, but the Queen gently repulsed him. I am not used." she said, with a faint smile, "to undress before so uumerous a company, or to bo served by such grooms."

Then calling her attendents, she assisted Elspeth to take the pins from her head dress, the girl being almost useless from the violence

"Do not weep," said the Queen in French, I have answered for you." She then kissel them both, and desired her other attendants to pray for her, giving them her blessing.

"Wear this for my sake, Jane," she said taking the cross from her neck. Then turning to the executioner, she said, "My friend, know that all I have on earth is yours by right; let me, however, bestow this on my attendant, and you shall receive twice its value in money; but the fellow, brutally snatching it from her hand, growled, "it is my right."

Mary quietly continued to lay aside her outer garments, and then seated herself that Jane might bandage her eyes.

Unacquainted with the English mode of execution, the Queen continued seated, holding her head stiff and erect, to render the headsman's task more easy; but he stood, axe in hand, not knowing what to do, until head on the block, and clasping her hands under her chin, the one holding the crucifix, the other her book of "hours," she continued her prayer. Unwilling to maim her hands, the assistant drew them away, and as the words, " In Manus tras Domine" yet lingered on her lips, the axe descended awkwardly and heavily. The weapon was blunt, and the man unperved. He aimed too high, inflicting a deep wound in the skull, and struck from the extended hands the crucifix and book. Stunned by the blow Mary remained motionless, but the executioner trembled so of it yourself." violently that the head was not detached un-

"Blame me not, madam." answered the til the third stroke. When he held it up | "Well, if sombody don't pay her fine she abcording to the custom, the features were must be locked up." horribly convulsed.

"God save Queen Elizabeth," he cried as usual. "So perish all her enemies," subjoined the

Dean of Peterborough. "Amen !" responded the fanatical Earl of Kent. Every other voice was suffocated by

tears and sobs, Mary's eyes were open, her hair was blanched by grief, and the French writers affirm the lins continued nervous for more than a quar-

Not content with their spoil, the execution ers proceeded to remove the shoes and stockings of their victim, when they discovered the poor little animal, nestling under the mistress's peticoat. He was dragged forth by force, and by no gentle hand, but with a faint vell he extricated himself, and crouching down between the shoulders of the Queen and the head that had been laid near the trunk; the faithful dog in a few moments expired .- Mrs. Odgan Meek's "Fortune's

[From the Philadelphia North American.] THE INS AND OUTS OF MAT RIMONY.

Young gentlemen who indulge in connubialism often see a great deal in a very little time. In this particular school the very dutlest people, rapidly take on new ideas. A case in illustration was heard on Saturday before Alderman Welding. A young gentleman-we will call him Mr. Wilkins-had re cently reaped the harvest of a protracted courtship in the shape of a marriage certifi cate and a good looking damsel in cherry colored lips and six and three quarter-kids .-Shortly after the wedding day a collector called Mr. Wilkins with a "little bill" of fifteen dollars for sundry back combs, handkerthiefs and other etceteras purchased by the bride in order to render herself as stunning as possible on the evening when she abjured the name of Jones in favor of the patronymic of Mr. Wilkins.

As the collector appeared a model of patience Mr. Wilkies received bill, looked at bill, and allowed that he "knew nothing about it."have but a few minutes to live; change your He called Mrs. Wilkins. "Angelina, my love what Jones is this? Here's a bill for Miss Angelina Jones.

"Why, ducky, that's me." "Possible ?"

"Yes, dear. I quite forgot to get money from ma to pay it with."

" Well, as ma has gone to Chicago, and as I have nothing to do with it, the man must ble, flounder, pull up, and try it again. Now wait," Mr. Wilkins so informed the collector all this could be avoided, Modesty and re-Earl of Shrewsbury, heartily ashamed of the and immediately, closed the front door, leav ing collector to stand upon the siedwalk. As we get this from the collector himself, it must be as he says.

Collector, however, knew a little about the aw. It is said that necessity knows no law, This is all humbug. Col ectors receive a percentage for collecting bills. He felt a necessity for his money, and the results proved that he new a good deal law. He immediatey entered suit agains Mr. Wilkins for his wife'sdebt. The hearing came off as we have said, on Saturday morning, before Alderman Welding. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins ap peared in persons. Collector proved the debt, Mrs. Wlik ins was to lady like to deny it. Mr. Wilkins, of course. followed copy,

but claimed that because he married a set of rippling ourls a pointed bodice it was no reason why he should pay, for getting them up. Alderman Welding, to the surprise of Mr. Wilkins, produced a volume of Purdon's digest, and proved to the contrary. He pointed out old decisions, established precedents, that a citizen in marrying a lady also marries

her debts. Much as he would like to rule to the contrary, Alderman Welding said it was impossible, and judgment must be entered against Mr. Wilkins for the debt and the Mr. Wilkins was to well bred to express surprise but he looked like a school boy afte a lesson in Euclid, The proposition was de

monstrated, and must be correct, but to comprehend the reasoning was another matter .-He accordingly paid the bill and the costs, amounting to a trifle over twenty dollars, and left the office with the air of a man who has acquired sudden knowledge.

Another case illustrative af the same idea was heard by Recorder Eneu on the same day A diminutive German-we will call him Mr. Kraut, entered, complaint that his wife had beaten him in a manner literally merciless. He unswathed his head from the bandages surrounding it, exhibiting the mark of a broom handle administered with no feehis assistant, drawing her forward, forced ble unction. Mrs. Kraut was arrested. She her upon her knees. Meekly she, laid her stood full six feet high, with breadth of shoulder and length of arm in due proportion. -The husband reiterated his affidavit, The woman made no defence, and the magistrate fined her for intoxication. As she didn't pay the fine, the officer mctioned her to follow him to prison. She obeyed the order.

"What you goin' to ?" asked Kraut.

"Take that woman to prison." "Take her to prison?"

"Certainly."

"And who dakes care ob der baby?" "Don't know; s'pose you must take care

"But I can't I goes now to mine vork."

"Und must I get knocked into der cellear by mine vife, and my head broke, and den turn aroundt and pay for it?"

"Somebody must."

Mr. Kraut said something that sounded like profanity. He dropped five dollars and ten tears, the former on the desk of the record er the latter upon the floor, and departed with come. his wife, plunged in profund wonder at the curiasities of the law.

As we said before, people indulging in matshort course of study.

A BEAUTIFUL REFLECTION.

Bulwer eloquently says: "I cannot be lieve that earth is man's abiding place. It cannot be that our life is cast up by the ocean of eternity to float a moment upon it waves, and then sink into nothingness! Else why is it that the glorious aspiration which leap like angels from the temple of our hearts, are forever marching about unsatisfied? Why is it that the rainbow and clouds come ever with a beauty that is not of earth and then pass off and leave us to muse upon their faded loveliness? Why is it that the stars who hold their festivals around the midnight throne, are set above the grasp of our limited faculties, forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory! And finally, why is it that the bright forms of human beauty are osesented to our view, and then taken from us, leaving the thousand gtreams of our affections to flow back in Alpine torrents upon our hearts? We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth; there is a realm where the rainbow never fades-where the stars will be spread before us like islands that slumber on the ocean-and where the beings that pass before as like shadows will stay in our presence forever.

Long Dresses .- "We do not see one lady in ten walking the streets" says aventursome cotemporary, without a constant fidgetting with the long skirts of her dress. Some pin them up at regular spaces, giving them a very rumpled appearance; others wear "pages. or an elastic cord just below the waist, pulling up the dress just as our grandmothers used to do when they went to scrub the kitchen; others frantically seize the side-breadth holding them in front, having the appearance of a desperate determination of sitting down the first convenient opportunity. Some walk co, letting their dress hang, are suddenly brought upon the front breadth stumspect for the opinion of mankind demand reformation in this matter. If ladies would only put a quarter of a vard less in the length of the dresses, they would save the amount the goods cost. and as much public observation.-Home Journal.

OIL EXPLORERS .- A company has been organized and land leased near this borcugh for the purpose of prospecting and boring for oil. Lands have been leased in Lycoming, Eldred and Hepburn townships. Operations will commence early in the spring, when, it suc cessful, it is expected that our town will suddenly expand into a vast oil prospecting com munity, slightly mixed up with the suddenly manufactured ile aristocracy. The question now i s, as to who will strike ile first and be first a millionaire .- West Branch Bulletin,

The Supreme Court of Michigan, an bolition concern, has decideed that the soldiers' voting law in that State is unconstitutional. We wonder if the loyal abolition press will denounce them as Copperheads? Hardly. The Vermont courts, als o'loyal," have decided the same way. We re pectful ly invite an opinion from the denouncers of Judge Woodward, on this subject.

If a lover finds a pleasant note from his sweetheart stuck into his keyhole, it is a keyhole to his heart.

It is often a pretty good matrimonial firm that consists of three quarters wife and one quarter husband.

Model wives formerly took a stitch in time; now, with the aid of sewing machines, they take one in no time.

If a woman is truly beautiful, let not her beauty be made dim by the flash of

We love ourselves notwithstanding our falts, and we ought to love our friends in

Ladies, you should have an affection for whales; you are chiefly bone of their

If you haven't a dollar in your pocket no one can rob you of it-and that's a con-

Why is necessity like a great many lawyers? Because it knows no law.

A person should be just before he is

THE ROMANCE OF WAR,

[From the Cleveland Leader, Feb, 13]

The dull, heavy routine of the Provost Marshal's office here was interrupted and enlivened, last Saturday, by an incident which had several novel and comical features and which is based on a mystery which the authorities have by no neans fathomed, and may not be able to fathom for some time to

Application was made, Friday, to the Sanitary Commission, here by two young women seemingly not over nineteen years of age, for rimony often learn a great deal by a very transportation to Washington. In explanation of the unusual request, they stated that they had been in the Union service as privates, two years, when, their sex being discovered, they were discharged. As their money was all expended, they de-

sired transportation from this point to Washington. In the recital of their experience to the ladies of the Commission, there was something ether in the manner of the matter of the statement which excited their suspicions and the young women put off until the next day. The Provost Marshal was immediately notified of the case, and the parties were arrested Saturday afternoon, by his order .-They gave their names as Charlotte Anderson and Emily Wood. It seems that suspicion was directed only to the former, but only one or two of the authorities of the Provost Marshal's office and Board of Enrolment entertained suspicion in her case, the majority being convinced, and claiming that that crinoline, jaunty hat and feather, feminine voice, figure and gait, and other palpable female "attributes," could not possibly wrap about and sustain any illusion. Nevertheless an examination was ordered, and several respectable ladies were delegated to ascertain if Charlotte was Charlotte. Alas, poor Charlotte! How faded the flower and beauty of thy presence! For the "commissioners" returned a semi-hysterical report of strongly reinforced suspicion of latent manhood. To set the seat of absolute certainty upon what was now in all minds a settled, confident opinion, the examining surgeon of the Board of Enrolment was directed to examine the prisoner-as he was now thought to be a rebel spy-which feat was finally accomplished. after a two hours' parley, which exhausting the resources of statesmanship, palaver and threats, ended in the use of a sufficient amount of force to test the legality of the fair prisoner's title to the name of Charlotte .-The end justified the means, and the examination demonstrated that the prisoner was an irrepressible young man.

It was ascertained that this twain had been stopping at the Burnett House. An officer was sent there, who brought their baggage, was found three suits of clothes, one a citizen's suit, another was military, bearing a lieutenant's insignia, and the third was female apparel. The officers then proceeded to divest him of his water-proof cloak, with hood, alapaca dress, jaunty hat and feather, etcetra of the arcana of feminine attire, and invest him in his military suit, and then they lodged

We may say here that the illusion was complete. He had the voice, smooth face, delecate neck and features, form and gait of a female, and counterfeited the charm of presence of a maid of sweet seventeen.

His accomplice, who seems still younger. was taken by Commissioner Kilpatrick to his home and put under the eyes of his family. She seems thoroughly innocent, from first to last, and advised Charlotte again and again, during the parley, to allow them to proceed with the examination; that it was hard to bear; but then she was in a tight place, and her virtue would come bright out of the fiery ordeal.

She afterward stated, in explanation of her being in company with Lottie Anderson, as she persisted in calling him, that the first time she saw "her" was in this city, about two weeks ago. They had been boarding and lodging together the last few days. She insisted that Lottie was Lottie, and not Charlie at all. If she was not innocent, if she was acting that difficult role, it must be owned she did it with consummate tact and the utmost nonchalence :

We learn that on Thursday night of last week they went to the Burnett House and engaged lodgings, saying, when asked, that they wanted no supper. They broke their fast in the morning, and left their hand baskets as pawns in the hands of the landlord. while they should bring up their satchels from the depot, when they returned, They then engaged board for that day, and at night, learning the price of the luxury of having a fire in their room, had one built. Their bills were all paid, but by the bona fide dam-

The rest of their baggage hand-baskets and portfolios, were taken possession of yesterday by the officers. Dr. Beardsley says papers were found from which they learn certain facts relative to these parties' former whereabouts and operations, and that information can be derived from Columbus which will throw much light upon this mystery, if it does not solve it. Our readers may rest assured that when the facts are arrived at we shall hasten to lay them in full detail before