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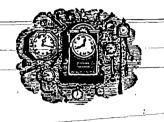
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POETICAL.



Bereavement and consolation.

It is not in the parting hour, when those we fondly

Have breathed to us their last farewell, and winged their way above;

Nor yet, when in the darksome grave we lay them

to their rest, The sharpest pang of sorrow rends the stricken mourner's breast.

'Tis when we seek our lonely home, and meet no more the smile

Which could the darkest cloud dispel, and every car beguile:

And when we meet around the board, or at the hour of prayer,

'Tis then the heart most feels its loss-the loved ones are not there.

And thus, while days and months steal on, as memory brings to view The vision of departed joys, our grief is stirred anew; Though faith may own a Fathers hand, yet nature

will rebel. And feel how hard it is to say, 'He hath done all things well.'

O mournful memories of the past! ye wear our lives

away ; Ye haunt us in our dreams by night, and through each weary day ;

The home which late, like Eden's bower, in bloom ing beauty smiled, Ye make a barren wilderness, a desert waste and

But why thus yie !d to truitless grief ? are they not happier far, The sainted ones for whom we mourn, than we who

linger here ? Onr hearts should g'ow with grateful love to Him

whose watchful eve. Saw dangers gathering round their path, and called

them to the sky. Not long shall we their loss deplore for soon the

hour will come When we with those so fondly loved, shall slumber in-the-tomb

Then let the remnant of our days be to His service Who laid our idols in the grave, lest we should fall of Heaven.

Silver Thimb'es and sheelds,' Castors, Forks, and Not willingly the Lord afflicts, nor grieves the sons

of men; Tis but to wean our soule from earth and break the

power of sin; He saw us wandering from His paths, and sent the

chastening rod To turn our feet from error's way, and bring us

hame to Gal. Shall we defeat His wise design, and waste our

days in tears. Ungtateful for the numerous gifts that Heaven in

mercy spares?

days shall dawn,

And plants of peace shall spring anew from seed in action sown.

MISCELLANY.

THE IMPROMPTU MARRIAGE.

·For heaven's sake, Susy, do be serious, if you can, for five minutes. Pray, pray, cease this trifling which is but cruel playing with my feelings, and let us treat this subject as

it deserves, soberly and seriously.'

'Well, there, then!' cried the laughing, black-eyed girl to whom Charles Westerly spoke. There, then, is that grave enough? See, the corners of my mouth are duly turned down, and my eyes rolled up, and I am as sober as a patient who has caught sight of the destist's instruments. Do I suit you so?"

'You suit me anyhow, and you know it well, you witch!' cried Charles, gazing with a smile at the pretty face puckered up in its affectation of demureness. But he was not to be driven from his point, as he resumed gravely, after a pause-The time has come, Susy, when I feel I have a right to demand an explicit answer to my suit You have rounded bottom of the boat. trifled with my earnest feelings long enough. I have grown restless under my fetters.

the hapless lover, impatiently.
'That being the case,' said Susy, 'take my

advice-wear them gracefully, and don't pull and jerk so; it only makes them hurt you.' The young man turned away, and walked silently up and down the room, evidently fret-

Charles continued his moody walk. tree! cried Susy, suddenly. 'Do you come

and see it.' .Charles mechanically approached the win-

dow and looked out. ing her hand on his arm, and looking up and his hand gra-ned a rope. New life

derness awakened by her manner. 'What?' turned the provoking girl, with an affectation to the captain, had watched his struggles that in the hands of the majority riches have

easily catch it!" His answer was to turn angrily away.

he did not heed any of Susy's artfully artless nid.

devices to allure his notice. At last he stop.]ped abruptly before ber, and said:

but I will no longer be your plaything. To also. morrow you are going away, to be absent for months, and if you cannot, this very day, throw aside your coquetry, and give me an onest 'yes' for my answer, I shall consider that I have received a 'no,' and act accord-

ingly. 'And how would that be? What would you do?' asked Miss Susy, curiously. Begin by tearing your false and worthless

image from my heart!' cried Charles, fu-'It would be a curious, piece of business,

Charley; and you would not succeed either,' said Susv. I should and would succed,' said Charles,

as you shall see, if you wish, cruel, heartless 'But I don't wish, Charley dear-I love dearly to have you love me, said Susy.

'Why, then,' cried the foolish youth, quite won over again, 'why, then, dearest Susy, will you not consent? 'Remember, I said I liked to be loved,' re-

loving. But-pray, how long-did you say you not think thathad been courting me, in that pretty little speech of yours?

'Three long years,' replied Charles.

Neatly and accurately quoted, Charley. But you know my cousin Rachel was only won after five years' courtship. You don't suppose I am going to rate myself any cheaper than she did, do you? Suppose we drop this tiresome subject for two years; perhaps by that time I may be able to work myself up to the falling-in-love point—there is no knowing what wonders time may effect.'

If you are not in love now, you never will be, returned Charles, sturdily; and 1 will have my answer now or never.

'Never, then,' laughed Susy. But she had gone a step too far. Her often severely tried lover was now too much in earnest to bear her trifling any longer.

'Never be it, then !' he cried; and seizing his bat he strode from the room.

Susy listened to his receding footsteps with dismay. Had she, indeed, by her incorrigiber, I want your love not your grable love of coquetry, lost him? It smote her will be satisfied with nothing less. to the soul to think so. As she heard him open the front door, impelled by a feeling of despair, she raised the window sash, and, leaning forward, whispered :

'Charley, Charley! you will be at the boat to-morrow to bid me good-bye, won't you?-Surely we are still friends?'

As she spoke she tore a rose from her bosom and threw it to him. It lodged on his had been poison, and passed on without look-

Susy spent the remainder of the day in tears. Early the next day the bustle of de parture began. Susy was going to accom pany her widowed and invalid mother on a trip for her health. As they reached the wharf and descended from the carriage, Susy's eyes made themselves busy scarching for Let faith and hope be cherished still, and brighter a wished-for face; but it was nowhere to be seen.

> The steamboat lay panting and puffing, seemingly impatient to be let loose. Susy's mother, aided by the servant man who ac companied them, bad already crossed the gangway which lay between the wharf and the boat, and Susy was reluctantly following, when the sound of a voice behind her-the very voice she had longed to hear-startled her. She turned to look round, and missing her footing, fell into the water.

> Another instant and Charles had thrown off his coat, and calling out loudly. 'Tell the captain not to allow the wheel to stir, and to lower me a rope!' he sprang into the water. But of her whom he was risking his life to save, he was unable to perceive any trace.

Judging that the current of the river might have carried her a little forward, he swam around the wheel but still he saw her not, and despair seized his heart as he conjectured that she might be under the boat. He strained his eyes to see through the water, and at length discerned, far below the surface, what seemed the end of a floating garment lodged between the wheel and the

If this were indeed the unfortunate girl, OILS, PAINTS, in the grown restless under my letters. Shake them off, then Charley! interrupted the saucy girl, with a defiant toss of her head, which plainly said, 'I defy you to do it.'

the least movement of the wheel must inevitably crush ber, and Charles, in his terror, fancied it was already beginning to turn. He dived and clutched at the garment, but mission to the creation, and yet; amazingly rapid as light dived and clutched at the garment, but mission to the creation, and yet; amazingly rapid as light dived and clutched at the garment, but mission to the creation, and yet; amazingly rapid as light dived and clutched at the garment, but mission to the creation of the wheel must inevitable us that there are stars so distant the least movement of the wheel must inevitable us that there are stars so distant the creation, and yet; amazingly rapid as light dived and clutched at the garment, but mission to the creation of the I cannot, Susy, and you know it,' replied but scarcely waiting to get breath, he again plunged below. This time his efforts were rewarded with success, at least so far that he was able to bring Susy's form to the surface of the water; but she seemed totally lifeless: Charles was now so nearly exhausted that he had only sufficient presence of mind left to ting and fuming internally. Susy, mean- clasp Susy convulsively to him while he kept time, looked out of the window and yawned. affect by holding on to the wheel.

But this, his last hope of support, seemed foot against one of the paddles so as to push Don't you think, Charley,' said Susy, lay. As he did so something touched his head, cagerly in his face; 'don't you think you seemed now infased into him. He gathered could manage to ______' could manage to _____ all his energies, and fastened the rope round beginning of time to have been one of man's 'What, Susy?' asked Charles, all his ten- Susy s waist—consciousness then entirely universal passions. Many causes have tended foregok him. In the meantime the witnesses 'Drop a pinch of salt on his back?' re of the scene, after giving Charles' instructions riches have been a blessing; but who will say of simplicity; for then, you know, you could and exertious with breathless interest. The not been a currupter and a curse? Yet it is friendly rope had been flung to him again not money which is the root of all evil, but

At last, perceiving that he was quite exhausted, and must inevitably soon let go his Susy, for three long years I have been hold on the wheel, and then probably sink your suitor, without either confession of love to rise to more, the captain judged it best to unfrequently "thirty feet long, and measures He had come from a neighboring town, he or promise of marriage on your part. Often run the risk of moving off, so that a small as I have demanded to know your sentiments | boat could be sent to the rescue. The result | powerful teeth are formidable enough in ap- | way too. Such a set of neighbors se he had toward me, you have always coquettisbly re- of this hazardous experiment was successful. fused me an answer. This state of things Susy was raised by means of a rope, and a must cease. I love you better than my life; boat reached Charles in time to save him ordinarily hangs loosely over his upper lip. to leave the place, and he had started, and

Both sufferers, were taken on board the steamboat, which now moved off to make up for lost time.

And thus, when our hero regained his consciousness he found himself many miles from home. Of course his first auxious inquiry was for Susy, and when informed that she was rapidly recovering, his happiness seemed complete. He showed his contentment by falling into a deep, quiet sleep.

About sunset a message came to him that Miss B—— desired to see him. He found her lying on a sofa in the captain's stateroom, which had been given up to her. Her mother was sitting beside her. She looked his enormous mouth, and shows his formidavery pale, and somewhat suffering, but she held out her hand to him very gratefully, while the tears stood in her eyes

'Charles,' said she, without offering a word of thanks, 'I want to see a clergyman. Is there one on board?"

'I will go and see,' said Charles, moving to the door; but a dreadful thought triking plied Susy; I did not say anything about him, he turned, exclaming, 'Susy, you do

'That I am going to die?' said she, anticipating him. 'No, Charles; but I want to see a clergyman.

Charles-went, and soon returned, accom-

panied by a minister. 'I thank you, sir, for coming to me,' said she to the latter as he entered. I have a strange request to make of you. Would you object, sir, in the presence, and with the consent of my mother, to unite me to that gentleman?'

If the minister was astonished at this request, Charles was infinitely more so. 'What did you say, Susy?' said he.

bear aright?" 'I believe so,' said Susy, smiling at his eager amazement. 'Does the scheme meet your approval?'

'It was heaven-inspired,' cried the poor fellow, frantic with joy-but a shade coming over his radiant face, he added, gravely But, Susy, have you considered? Remember, I want your-love not your gratitude. I

Do not be concerned about that, dear Charley,' replied Susy, gazing at him very tenderly through her tears; 'be assured you fattest I eber did see! Let us see how me have them both, and had the first long, long before you had the last.'

'But, Susy, you said only yesterday ---'
'Never mind what I said yesterday,' interrupted Susy, with some of her old spirit breaking out. 'Just mind what I say to day. | himself, and in spreading out the least to the arm, but he brushed it away as though it If I was a fool once, is that any reason I imagination, his arm relaxed, when off hopmust be one always? But, indeed, Charles, she added more softly, 'I have always meant | distance, eyed his late owner with great comto be your wife—the only scruple I have is posure. The negro knew there was an end | you hear it hiss?"

am not half good It is needless to say how the discussion ended. The reader has already divined that Charles continued his journey; and thus in the course of one eventful day he risked a life, saved a life, made an impromptu marriage, and set out on a most unexpected wedding trip.

Beauty of the Heavens.

How delightful to contemplate the heavens! We can find no limit, no boundary.-Millions of miles may be traversed from any given point of space, and still the heavens appear illimitable. Infinity is stamped upon them. And with what gorgeous splendor and magnificence is that curtain adorned !-In every direction it is studded with worlds, suns and systems, all harmoniously moving in perfect and undeviating obedience to the Almighty will. The soul, in such a con-templation, is absorbed. Earth ceases to hold us with its silver chain. The mind, set free from groveling pursuits, mounts up as if on the wings of an eagle, and soars away through immensity of space, surveying and admiring the innumerable revolving orbs, which, like so many 'crowns of glory' and 'diadems of beauty' spangle that firmament 'whose antiquity is ancient days,' and which so wonderfully attest that 'the hand that made them is divine!

The immence distance of the fixed stars claims our attention, and awakens the most enrapturing feeling in the mind. Reason is compelled to give the reins to imagination,

DEAD MEN .- Have you over read the ancient Mariner?' asked the Rev Mr. Spurgeon one day of his congregation. 'I dare say you thought it one of the strangest imaginations ever put together, especially that part where the old mariner represents the corpres of all dead men rising up to man the ship-dead men pulling the ropes. dead men steering, dead men spreading the sails. I 'Oh! what a beautiful bird is on the lilac also to fail him soon, as he perceived that it thought what a strange idea that was. But was now really beginning to turn slowly a- do you know that I have lived to see it done! round. By a desperate effort he struck his I have gone into churches, and I have seen a dead man in the pulpit, a dead man as a himself as far from the dauger as possible. - descon, and a dead man handing the plate, and dead men sitting to hear.'

> The acquisition of riches seems from the beginning of time to have been one of man's to inspire it. In the hands of the good

The Sea-Elephant. At present, the true sea-elephant is found

over sixteen feet in circumference! His was moving away, and glad enough to get apearance, and above them he raises, when he there, unkind, disobliging, cross, and conis roused to anger, his inflated trunk, which trary, it was enough to make any one want His whole body is covered with stiff, shining was going to settle in another region where hair, and underneath his fur coat he has a he could find a different set of inhabitants. layer of fat at least a foot thick, which protects him effectually against the terrible cold just such neighbors where you are going." of the polar regions. The two awkward feet, mere stumps encased in fan like coverings, are of little avail to the giant when he moves on firm land; after a few yards he begins to groan and to rest, while the whole huge body sbakes as if it were one vast mass of jelly. his oil; they walk along fearlessly through considerate, accommodating, and generous the thick crowds, and knock them over by a that he felt very sorrowful at the thought of single blow on the nose. The giant opens ble teeth, but as he cannot move he is virtually belpless. Very different, however, are his motious in his own element; as soon as be is under water he swims with amazing rapidity, turns and twists like an eel, and is thus enabled to catch not only swift fish and sepias, but even the web-footed penguins.-He must find it difficult, at times, to provide he swallows masses of tangled scatang, and them as we ought? large stones have been found in his stomach to the number of twelve. When he wishes to sleep he floats on the surface and is rocked

and cradled by the waves of the ocean. What has, in all probability, led to their being taken for human beings by credulous and superstitious mariners of early ages, is the beauty of their eye, and the deep feeling they manifest at critical times. They not only never attack men, but, unlike the sympathetic seals, they also abandon their wounded companions, and purposely turn aside so as not to witness their sufferings and their agony. When they are mortally wounded they drag themselves painfully inland, and hide behind a large rock to die in peace and unseen by others. If they are prevented from thus retiring, they shed tears, as they also weep bitterly when they are illtreated by cruel sailors,— Putnam's Magazine.

A colored man, to whom meat was a rare

blessing, one day found in his trap a fine rabbit. He took him out alive, held him under his arm, patted him, and began to speculate on his qualities. 'Oh! how berry fat! De cook him! Me roast him. No, he so berry fat, he lose all de fat. Me fry him ! Ah he so berry fat, he fry himself! Golly, how fat he be. Den me stew him.' The thought of the savory stew made the negro forget ped the rabbit, and equatting at a goodly of the matter, so summoning all his philosophy, he thus addressed the rabbit: 'You' long eared, white-whiskered, red-eyed rat, you not so berry fat, arter all!'

The tyrant fashion makes us slaves, the said: tyrant fashion digs our graves. Last month had a sweet young friend, a martyr die to the 'Grecian bend!' her doctor said, 'her spinal marrow had really grown as fat as tallow; he plastered, blistered, did leach and said: and cup, but yet the ghost she did give up; some thought ber case was treated wrong, that she took medicine too strong, that simply homoopathic pills would have saved her life (and doctor's bills), but others tho't the true cause found, as the decision seemed profound, beneath the sod she sleeps to-day; all ber fine clothes are laid away. Alas I had she been spared a while, they would have soon gone out of style; rending her heart with pain and grief, which saldom ever finds relief, the spirits say, her friends to cheer, that she is hovering ever near; these words with joy, their hearts did fill, she is a Grecian bender still.

For the benefit of our farmer friends, many of whom do not remember how many pounds of the various grains it takes to make a bushel, we publish the following

Wheat, sixty pounds. Corn, shelled, fifty six pounds. Rye, fifty six pounds. Oats, thirty two pounds. Barley, forty-six pound. Buckwheat fifty six pounds. Irish potatoes, sixty pounds. Sweet rotatoes, sixty pounds. Onions, fifty-seven pounds. Beans, sixty pounds. Brau, twenty pounds. Clover seed, sixty pounds. Timothy seed, forty five pounds. Hemp seed, forty-five pounds. Blue grass seed, fourteen pounds. Dried peaches, thirty-three pounds.

Burns being in church on Sunday and having some difficulty in procuring a seat, a young lady, who perceived him, kindly made way for him to her pew. The text was on the terrors of the gospel, as denounced against sinners, to prove which the preacher refered to several passages of scripture, to all of which the lady seemed atten tive and somewhat agitated. Burns, on perceiving this, wrote with a pencil, on the blank leaf of her Bible, the following lines:

Fair maid, you need not take a hint Nor idle texts pursue; Twas only sinners that he meant Not angels such as you.

Men will argue more forcibly about the and again, but in the excitement of his feel- the love of money for its own sake, or merely human heart, but woman will read the heart His answer was to turn angrily away.

His walk this time was longer than before, and his semi-sensibility, he had been and his cogitations were more earnest; for incapable of availing himself of the proffered he did not heed any of Susy's artfully artless and.

Indicate the continue of the real curse of the most genius. Women observe; men gold.

This feeling is the real curse of the most genius. Women observe; men gold.

Just such Neighbors A man stopping at a taveru for rest and only in the Antarctic Ocean; a moneter not refreshments, began to talk about his journey. 'Well,' said the landlord, 'You will find

The next night another wan stopped at the inn. He too was on a journey, was moving. On inquiry, it was found that he came from the same place from which the former traveler had come. He said he had been obliged to move from where he lived, like fat. Here he falls an easy victim to the and he did not mind moving so much as ho sailors, who come in search of his ivory and did leaving his neighbors, they were so kind. leaving them and going among strangers, especially as he could not tell what kind of neighbors he would find.

'Oh, well,' said the old landlord, 'you will find just such neighbors where you are going. Does it not seem possible that men will generally find about such neighbors as they are looking for? Some people are always in trouble, others follow peace with all men.' Who knows but we can have just about such his enormous body with sufficient food, for neighbors as we wish-for, simply-by-treating

> WHAT HE WANTED - 'Fellow citizens,' said a stump orator, 'we have the best goverament in the world, and the best country. No people on the face of the globe enjoys more privileges than we do We have the liberty of the press without onerous despotism. What, fellow citizens, is more desirable than this? Can you want anything more, my countrymen?

'Yes, sir ee!' shouted a listener, 'I want a suck out of that flask sticking out of your coat pocket behind.

A tavern keeper in a town of Wisconsin employed a German blacksmith to do a certain job of work for which he paid the cash at once. Afterward a neighbor got a similar job done on credit for a less price. Upon being asked the reason, the blackswith replied: 'You zee, I've zo much charged on my book, and I zometimes loose 'em; and zo ven I have a good cash customer I sharge good price, but ven I puts it on my book I do not like to sharge zo much; zo if I never gets 'em I not lose so much.

As Father Taylor was giving a temperance address in Rocky Hill meeting house a certain drunkard-was so much offended with his severe, but truthful remarks, that he rose up and began to hiss the speaker. Instantly Father Taylor turned the attention of the audience to the insolent rowdy, and then very forcibly said, as he pointed to his victim, 'there's a red nose got into cold water ; don't

A bachelor friend of ours passing up the street yesterday, picked up a thimble. He stood for a moment meditating on the probable owner, when pressing it to his lips he

'Oh that this were the fair lips of the wearer.' Just as he had finished, a big, fat, ugly, black wench, looked out of an upper window

·Boss, jis please frow dat fimble in de entry, I jis drap it !'

In repairing the old Minister Hayos House, at South Halley, Massachusetts, recently, an entrance into an unused closet was found in the chimney on the second floor, and in this place were two smoked hams, in good preservation, which had been there over fifty years.

As old minister enforced the difference of-

opinion by argument: 'Now, if everybody

had been of my opinion, they would all have wanted my old woman.' One of the deacons,

who sat just behind, responded: 'Yes, and if everybody was of my opinion, nobody would have her.' A fellow was lately brought before a magistrate in York on a charge of poaching.-The moment the justice saw him, he exclaimed in a violent passion, 'I see the villain in your face.' 'I never thought,' said the

looking glass. A prudent man advised a drunken servant to put by his money for a rainy day. In a few weeks the master inquired how much of his wages he had saved. Faith, none at all, was the reply; it rained yesterday; and it all went.'

prisoner, very coolly, that my face was a

A mild tempered man who had fallen on an icy sidewalk, picked himself up with the soliloquy: 'I don't cherish the least ill will, but for interesting reading matter recommend to me the obituary of the man who owns the sidewalk.'

'It is strange,' muttered a young man, as he staggered home from a supper party, how evil communications corrunt read man ners. I have been surrounded tumblers all evening, and now I am a tumbler mysolt.

'That's very singular' said a young lady to a gentleman who had just kissed her. 'Oh? well, my dear miss, was the reply, 'I will soon make it plural; and the villain did.

Of all the dust thrown into mena eyes, gold dust is the most blinding

If you cannot do as well as you wish, do as well as you dan.

Why are the girls in Missouri sweet? Bo cause they are Mo. lasses.