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Poetry.

The Hour of Death

BY MRS. HEMANS. Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the North-wind's breath. And stars to set-but all,

Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death

Day is for mortal care,

Eye for glad meetings round the joyous hearth, Night for the dreams of sleep, the voice of prayer; But all for thee, thou mightiest of the earth !

The banquet hath its hour,

Its feverish hour of mirth, and song, and wine: There comes a day for grief's o'erwhelming power A time for softer tears-but all are thine!

Youth and the opening rose May look like things too glorious for decay, And smile at thee !-- but thou art not of those That wait the ripened bloom to seize their prey.

Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the North-wind's breath, And stars to set-but all.

Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death We know when moons shall wane. When Summer birds from far shall cross the

When Autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain But who shall teach us when to look for thee?

Is it when Spring's first gale Comes forth to whisper where the violets lie Is it when roses in our paths grow pale? They have one season-all are ours to die!

Thou art where billows foam, Thou art where music melts upon the air, Thou art around us in our peaceful home. And the world calls us forth-and thou an there.

Thou art where friend meets friend, Beneath the shadows of the elm to rest : Thou art where foe meets foe, and trumpets rend The skies, and swords beat down the princely crest.

Leaves have their time to fall,

And flowers to wither in the North-wind's breath, And stars to set-but all, Thou hast all seasons for thine own. O Death l



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Talk of the Lichen on the Rock. for it is late." BY REV. JOHN TODD. D. D. Far up the side of the mountain the naked rock shot up still higher. It seemed very high as you looked upward. The rock was even on its face, and was full perpendicular. On its surface were four kinds of lichen growing-from that whose leaf was very small, to the last, which was quite coarse and large. We sometimes see such lichen on an old fence, an old tree, or an old house. The face of the huge rock was almost covered with it. As I sat down under the shadow of the mountain, waiting for my friend, I gazed at the lichen, and began to wonder, in my own mind, what it was created for, and of what use it could be, when I seemed to hear a small, crispy voice, far up the rock, calling out: "Mother, how old am I?" "Why, my child, you have but just begun to live. You are only eighty years old yet !" "And how old are you?" "I call myself young, for I am only five hundred and twenty years old." I now listened with all my ears, for I knew it was the lichen talking among themselves. I felt sure they would say more and I took out my pencil to put down what they would say. Pretty soon I heard the same little voice say: " Mother, ain't you discouraged ?" "Discouraged ! at what, pray ?" "At your size! Five hundred and twen with foam. ty years old, and how very small you are !' "Not so small, either! I cover six inches square already, while there's my poor grandmother, almost eleven hundred sand. years old, and she covers only five inches, even now! Very tew, I am happy to say, of the lichen family, who have worked harder or accomplish more than I have, though I do say it myself." "Well, mother, of what use is it to cling to this great rock, and hang here Summer and Winter, amid storms, and cold, and winds beating upon us? Here I have names. clung and been trying to gnaw into this rock for eighty years, and have not yet got my roots in half an inch. What's the use? We might as well die and drop off. Nobody would miss us or care. What do we said Alice. live for ?" " To raise wheat." "Raise what ?" "Raise wheat, to be sure." "Pray, mother, what do you mean? We lichen, away up here, on this cold rock, raise wheat! If that ain't funny !" father. "Listen, my child. This huge moun-tain is all solid rock. If it was all pounded up fine, it would make soil on which men would raise wheat. But it is now very hard, and there is nothing to pound tip-top?"

Fireside Reading.

"Yes, quite well, dear; but I was think-it and turn it into powder. And so God has created us, the lichen, to have our home here, to cling to it, to gnaw it, and with a here, to cling to it, to gnaw it, and with a kind of acid we have; to crumble and dissolve it. Don't you remember that the very last year, you rolled down two little grains of the rock? Well, every grain we make falls down, then the rains wash it into the little brook, and the brook carries it into the river. and the river raises it up, solve it. Don't you remember that the it into the river, and the river raises it up, does not own. Few can leave great names erly trained with low branches, most of the and as it overflows its bank, drops it just where the old soil is worn out and the but names of little children are found on Ble. Nile thus covrice wheat needs new. The Nile thus carries but names of this book." down little particles from the mountains,

running into the hall Island, and he says you must make haste,

"You surely do n't mean to take them." I do dislike, it's riding in a carriage with

dolls. Girls make such geese of themselves talking to them, and some of their traps death. almost always fall out. The idea of taking pieces of china out riding !" and Arthur be so silly.

called them great babies for proposing to make sand pies with shells for plums. At last the plank walk was ended, and

even their father could not help laughing when Arthur slipped off a stone just as a huge wave came up covering him with spray; and little Nettie ran away so fast "Suppose we write names with our sun

" Come, Arthur, write yours under ours," called Nettie.

and sure enough the sea came rushing along sweeping away all traces of the

"Here's where I have written mine," and deep in the stone from which he had slipped, the little girls saw Arthur's name. "I should think that would last forever,"

"No, I do n't believe it could, the waves will wear it away; but not long ago I cut my name on the top of a mountain, and I do n't believe that will ever be worn away." "People are very fond of writing their names in the world," remarked their

"I know that," said Alice. "Don't you remember all the names we found on the mountain this Summer, and how surprised we all were to see cousin Frank's on the

"Yes, quite well, dear; but I was think-

dropping her doll at the loud summons, and | Christ on his breast. It must be presumed | that it was the cross of execution that he "Father will be around with the carriage meant to imply by this ornament. As rein a few minutes to take us all to Coney gards the procession of his wealth, it consisted of a few old carriages, bath chairs carried by men with figures like Polichinel-"Oh, is n't that splendid! We'll be lo. One thousand women carried each a ready in half a minute. Let's take our bottle of liquor on her head, a brass basin dolls, Nettie, in their new travelling in the shape of a footbath to receive the blood of the human victims on the day of

the King's banquet; an image of the Vircalled up Arthur. "If there is anything gin; various baskets full of human skulls; an image of St. Lawrence, as large as life, carried by blacks; finally the drum of

"At another festival the King commanded on foot his Amazons, who manœuvred walked off wondering how his sisters could with the precision of a flock of sheep. On the market-place already mentioned, each The little girls, accustomed to Arthur's step was ornamented by a dead body; and speeches, hurried on the dolls' dresses, the King came and went in the midst of then ran down stairs to wait for the car- pools of blood and fragments of human riage. And after they had started, the flesh in a state of putrefaction. On this horses went so swiftly, and there was so occasion he daubed his face with coal. The much to be seen, that Coney Island was ceremony terminated by a mad dance, in reached long before they were tired. Still, which the king took part, dancing vis-a-vis though not tired, the children were very to drunken soldiers and musicians. Such willing to leave the carriage, and run down the long wooden walk to the beech, talking and the people whom we have hitherto of what fun they would have chasing the hoped to turn into a path less contrary to waves, and not caring at all when Arthur the laws of humanity."

A Nation of Pigmies.

In the Bay of Bengal, on the very high road of commerce, is a group of islands thickly covered with impenetrable jungle, and swarming with leeches in the rainy, that both hat and doll dropped upon an and ticks in the dry season. Except a immense sand pie, and her curls were wet species of pig, until recently unknown to science, there are no wild animals that offer any molestation to man; but to make up for this deficiency, the humen inhabitants umbrellas," proposed Alice; and soon Nettie Lee, Alice Lee, were printed in the are amongst the most savage and hostile that voyagers have ever encountered. They may truly be termed a nation of pigmies being on an average only four feet five "I'm not quite such a goose as to waste my time doing that; just wait till that wave comes in," replied their wise brother; nimbleness truly wonderful. Their skin is dark, though not black as that of the negro, and their faces decidely ugly. They go entirely naked, shave the hair off their heads with pieces of bamboo or broken bottle, and further increase their unsightly appearance by daubing themselves all over with a mixture of red ochre and oil; or covering their persons toward nightfall with a thick coating of soft mud, to serve as a protection against musquitoes, with which, in addition to the leeches and ticks, they seem to be tormented the whole year round. They are excellent swimmers, taking to the water almost before they can walk; and they rely upon the sea for the principal sup-ply of their food—turtles, oysters, and fish

Agricultural.

other change in the management having | occurred. At the end of the Italian war, Presbyterian Banner, 10,000 cavalry were left with no stabling but mere temporary sheds ; but the mortality was quite insignificant, and not a single case of glanders occurred. The French Government are now trying some experiments with respect to the results of the WEEKLY NEWSPAPER exposure of horses to even currents of air some of the results having proved of a most favorable kind. As might be expected, the effects of the improved ventilation of sta-PITTSBURGH, PA. bles, have been still more fully exhibited with respect to sick and wounded horses.

Beducing the Stock.

The short crop of hay, together with the bad condition in which much of it has been secured, will in many instances oblige farmers to reduce their stock to correspond with their keeping. Now we have a word for the ear of all such. Do n't sell your best heifers, nor your best ewes, simply be-LARGE RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER cause they are fat and handsome, and will bring a few dollars more than the less likely ones. Do n't do it if you wish to improve your breeds. The doing of it is one of the most sure ways to ruin your flocks and your herds. Select the best to keep. Then you will have better cows and larger fleeces. The mere pittance of a few dol-SUPERIOR STYLE lars should not be allowed to induce a man to part with his best animals. It is poor economy and never should be practiced by farmers having any desire for progression on all the leading topics of the day, both Religious and Sec-We well remember the practice of twentyfive years ago, of letting the drover go into ular. All the various subjects that present themselves for the flock and select just such lambs as suited him best, and we quite as well regent and Christian people, are discussed from the Christian member the effect. After a trial of a few stand-point, and in the comprehensive spirit of Christian years, the sheep business was given up as unprofitable. The flocks seemed to kind of charity and enlarged benevolence. From the beginning of our present National troubles, this 'run out," as their owners said, though for paper, while allying itself with no political party, has taken the life of them, they could not tell why. high and fearless ground in favor of the Constitution and the The case was just as plain as the nose on regularly ordained Government, and of the preservation of their faces, but they "could n't see it." the integrity of the Union. Its utterances have been firm They had allowed the drover, from year to and decided, and they will continue to be such until the year, to take the flower of their flocks, and spirit of rebellion has been entirely quenched, and our Gov they had been breeding from little stunted ernment once more firmly established. runts of things that ought to have had their hides taken off as soon as they saw daylight. As "like begets like," the increase of these flocks were the meanest specimens of the mutton tribe, and their progeny were a unrivalled by any other American journal, in breadth o meaner than they ! Is there any wonder view, reliability, and general usefulness. It is a complete that their flocks "run out ?" These men history of the progress of affairs in Europe, that is invalwere breeding the wrong way. They were breeding down, and the result was precisely as we have stated-natural and inevitable.

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Ruddhists and MLORA

and makes Egypt so fruitful. "Oh! mother, how often can I gnaw off rock enough to raise a kernel of wheat?" "Perhaps once in thirty years." there ?"

"Oh! what a slow work! When will what you dig out this year raise wheat?" little children upon earth then, and they in tongue-"

this rock ready to raise wheat. Thus he | father's. goes before, and provides, and makes even, the poor little lichen useful; and if we do looking out on the sea. They heard Net- should be kept at an even temperature, and our duty, his smile will cheer us, and tie's low answer, and resolved to show forth cool as possible without freezing. From though we can do but little, a very little, their love for the Saviour by trying more the time that fruit is mature it constantly yet that little will do good to somebody." The lichen stopped talking, but I did not | ments. stop thinking. What would my young If you will love Jesus, dear little read-reader have thought had he been there?— If you will love Jesus, dear little read-ers, striving with his aid to do his will, go on slowly, or be retarded almost indefi-Sunday School Times.

Hints to Mothers-Home, Sweet Home.

While a mother needs to guard her children carefully from the many temptations will be read in heaven, as you enter "the less large and fair. A few poor-looking to vanity which will beset them from the holy city" to be happy forever more.— apples will injure the sale of a barrel of very cradle, she cannot be too choice and Christian Times.

scrupulous in having their surroundings those which will refine and cultivate the taste and feelings. Everything which will do violence to good taste and refinement, and promote coarseness and carelessness of manners should be most carefully avoided, even in their most secluded hours. Yet there are homes whose parlors are highly adorned, where the private apartments are all in confusion, and where convenience and tasteful arrangement are the last things victims; the bloody King of Dahomey. thought of. Children take in, with the at- Gerard, well known to fame, has written mosphere of such a home, the principle the Duke of Wellington an account of his which governs it, and it will run through visit to that sanguinary autocrat of the Afall their after life. "No matter what we rican slave regions. "The King of Dahoall their after life. "No matter what we fittan slave regions. The King of Dand-are, so that we show off well." Hypoerisy is its foundation, and it pervades all depart-ments of the character. "Eternal," or the Infinite, is more of a beast than a king. Gerard says this ance of furnishing animals with a good

Abundant pictures on the nursery walls, be they ever so simple, if they only tell. some sweet story; a pot of flowers in the window; a hanging basket or two, even it conducted to the market place where twelve vines winding around the strings that sus- sites. pend it; a few pretty shrubs in the yard, though the space be ever so scanty; a rosebush or two by the doorway, and, if possi-

praised her.-N. K. Chronicle.

Marketing Frnit. naid if their names remain long in the

world. Some write them in great con-The first thing to be attended to in marfruit-pickers which may be advantageously "I know it is kept in heaven. Is it used to reach those otherwise inaccessible. If not the Lamb's book of life ?" said Ar- the fruit is to be disposed of at the nearest

thur, "and are not the names of those market town, it will pay to use care in who love Jesus, the ones that are written picking, but if it is to be consigned to a distant city, it is absolutely necessary to do

"Yes, my son, and none shall enter into so. During the first week or two after it "hat you dig out this year raise wheat?" the holy city but they which are written is taken from the tree, fruit loses a consid-"Perhaps five hundred years hence. in the Lamb's book of life. My little erable amount of moisture, or "sweats," as God sees that there will be old men and children, let us not love in word, neither it is termed, and it is necessary that this process should be through with before will want bread, and so he has created us "But in deed and in truth," whispered packing. The "sweating" may be done and placed us here to prepare soil, and get Nettie as she laid one little hand within her upon a barn floor, or the fruit may be put n heaps in the orchard and covered with Arthur and Alice, side by side, were straw if there be danger of frost. Fruit

earnestly than ever to keep his command- | tends to decay, and that state in which we

your names shall be written in "the nitely, by keeping the fruit at a sufficiently Lamb's book of life." Then when the low temperature. After the fruit has gone ocean of eternity shall roll over the sands through the sweating process, it should be of time, sweeping away all traces of many barrelled. It is better to make two grades

names the world calls great, your names of quality, separating the finest from those

Miscellaneous.

The King of Dahomey. Jules Gerard, the famous lion-tamer, has the barrel so strongly that shaking is prefound his match in that sacrificer of human

While many farmers ventilate too largey, others do not ventilate enough, and some

It costs little to make a home tasteful bloody despot excites the people with san- supply of pure air. When we go into a and cheerful, if only the heart is in it. guinary spectacles, so as to be able to carry stable, and the ammonia arising from the

made of a cocoanut shell, with graceful corpses were exposed to view on separate affected if ventilation is not more perfect.

"Six were hung up by the feet, the six upper side of them. Therefore, if there others were upright like men about to walk. be an opening overhead, the foul air will Those whom I saw close were horribly mu- escape, and pure air will take its place; ble, trees about your dwelling; all these tilated and not beheaded. An enormous whereas, if there are nothing but small are refining agencies, which exert a pow- pool of blood covered the ground beneath cracks, or other apertures in the sides of erful influence on the hearts of your chil- the scaffold, giving unmistakable evidence the building, the air will become very foul dren. Let them help you in a little taste of previous sacrifices, and of the tortures in a short time. Let the cracks be well ful works, some rainy day when you can which accompanied them. Our reception battened, and let the doors be fitted tight, spare the time. Teach them to make a by the King was brilliant, very cordial for and then cut a hole from three to four feet little frame of shell-work, or even acorn myself as well as for the French Consul; square in the floor overhead; and if the cups, pine cones, parti-colored corn, and but we were soon able to convince our building is not a spacious one, there should the like, and see if a little picture set in it selves that this was but a comedy always be a ventilator at the top of the roof. will not afford them greater enjoyment than the most costly, gilded work of art you could buy them. Go out into the wild woods with them, and help to gather pret. which would be ridiculous if they were not the weather is not freezing cold. When ty mosses and old gray lichens for a moss. horrible, the present King is actually more the manger or rack is formed against the basket or home-conservatory. All these fond of them than his subjects. I sew outside of the stable, it is a good arrangesimple arts which make home beautiful, him on that day admiring with the delight ment to have a small dark window before are well worth cultivation -a thousand of a child the grotesque dances and ridicu- each horse, which will slide open and shut times more valuable than the most elabor- lous pantomime of his Ministers, and then easily, so that each horse may thrust his

ately embroidered skirts and braided man- of the Princes, and then of all present, for nose out when he desires, and inhale the tles. Here, as in every thing else, "wis-dom is profitable to direct." I do not which nearly deafened us, delighted the Great caution should be exercised in doubt but that excellent woman Solomon | King, who seemed to be in a state of ec- | ventilating stables, that the animals be not

describes, had a beautiful, tasteful home stacy; and this, M. le Duc. lasted for six exposed to a current of cold air. Currents for those children who "arose up and hours. On the following day his. Majesty of cold air should never be allowed to enter called her blessed," and the husband who invited us to witness a procession of the a stable through large cracks in the floor, King's riches. On reaching the square of as horses will most assuredly contract cold

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