Poet's Corner.

"Own'st then the heavenly influence of the muse Spend not thy fury on some worthless song, Dark'ning thy power to lend base subjects light."

(WRITTEN FOR THE SOUTHERNER.) The Lost Cause.

The wind sweeps by with a desolate shrick As a buffled fiend returning. With the curse of his God yet rife in his ears, To his place in the darksome burning.

Must we sit awhile and listen still To the tale of woe it is sighing ? Must we be so calm while a nation mourne For its bravest treasures dying ?

A mother weeps with a mother's grief At the grave of her soldier son : "I give him up, tho' I know 'tis hard If the cause he loved be won."

A child at his father's blood-stained bier Looks up, with a flush of pride; "He is dead, and though foes would revile

his name, He fought on his country's side."

The young wife clings to her first-born babe While she breathes a prayer in her woe To the God of the Fatherless, who sends the

grief That the wretched only know.

A maiden, through blushing tears of grief, Looks down on her lover's face, And clasps her hands as she whispers low, "Tis better thus than disgrace."

A sister strews the fresh spring flowers O'er her brother's tear-stained sod, For God knews best, and she bows in faith 'Neath the stroke of His chastening rod.

An old man mourns for his only son, Who fell where the bravest fall; "He was all I had, but my country called, And I gave him, yes! gave my all."

A nation mourns o'er its martyrs' graves With a wail of dark despair, For a cause is lost and a people's hopes, With their brothers, lie buried there. ORAN

The Iron Vault.

I live in San Francisco, and am a locksuith by trade. My calling is a strange one, and possesses a certain fascination. rendering it one of the most pleasant of pursuits. Many who follow it see noth- can I serve you ?" ing in it but labor-think of nothing but its returns in gold and silver. To me it daylight to-morrow, and receiving five has other charms than the money it produces. I was called upon almost daily, to open doors and peer into long neglected apartments; to spring the stubborn locks of safes, and glut upon the treasures piled within ; to quietly enter the apartments of ladies with more beauty than discretion, and pick the locks of drawers containing peace-destroying missives, that the dangerous evidences of wandering affection may not reach the eye of a husband or father, in possession

of the missing key ; to force the fasten- door blindfolded.'

window, with a heavy hammer in my hand, which I usually kept at that time within convenient reach of my bedside. "Who's there ?" I enquired, raising the hammer, and peering out into the darkness-for it was as dark as Egypt when under the curse of Israel's God.

"Hist!" exclaimed a figure, stepping in front of the window; "open the door, I have business for you.' "Rather past business hours, I should say, but who are you ?"

"No one that would harm you," returned the voice, which I imagined was very feminine for a burglar's.

"Nor no one that can !" I replied, rather emphatically, by way of warning, as I tightened my grip upon the hammer, and his confinement ! proceeded to the door. I pushed back "Remain here," the bolt, and slowly opening the door, the lantera ; "I will be back in a mo-

discovered the stranger already upon the | ment." "What do you want ?" I abruptly in-

quired. "I will tell you," answered the same

soft voice, "if you dare open the door wide enough for me to enter.

"Come in," said I resolutely, throwing the door ajar, and proceeding to light a ing m candle. Maving succeeded, I turned to pant ! examine the visitor. He was a small and neatly dressed gentleman, with a heavy Raglau aroand his shoulders, and a blue navy cap drawn suspiciously over the eyes. As I advanced toward him, he seemed to hesitate a moment, then raised the cap from his forchead and looked me curiously in the fice. I did not drop the candle, but I acknowledge to a little nervousness as I hurriedly placed the light upon a table, and silently proceeded to invest myself with two or three very necessary articles of clothing. As the lord liveth, my visitor was a lady, and the same for whom I opened the little box

"Disguise is useless; I presume you purse of five hundred dollars was placed recognize me ?" "I believe I told you, madam, I should its mysterious occupant had turned the not soon forget your face. In what way "By doing half an hour's work before

hundred dollars for your labor," was the "It is not ordinary work, said I, in-

quiringly, "that commands so munificent compensation.'

"It is a labor common to your calling." much for the labor, as the condition under which it must be performed."

"What is the condition ?" I asked. "That you will submit to being conveved from and returned to your own

picked without his interference. I have

"To the end of the world, madam, on

ings of cash boxes, and depositories of "Ideas of murder, Luglary, and al-records, telling of men grown suddenly most every other crime of villainy, hurrich, of corporations plundered, of or- riedly presented themselves in succession phans robbed, of hopes crushed, of fami- as I politely bowed and said : "I must hes ruined. Is there no charm in all understand something more of the charthis?--no food for speculation?--no scope for the range of pleasant fancy?--Then, who would not be a locksmith, "Will not five hundred dollars answer Then, who would not be a locksmith, "Will not five hundred dollars answer though his face is begrimmed with the in lieu of an explanation?" she inquired. soot of the forge, and his hands are stain-"No-nor five thousand." She patted her foot nervously on the ed with rust? But I have a story to tell-not exactly floor. I could see she had placed entirea story, either-for a story implies the ly too low an estimate on my honesty, and completion as well as the beginning of a I felt some gratification in being able to narrative-and mine is scarcely more convince her of the fact. than the introduction to one. Let him "Well, then, if it is absolutely neceswho deals in things of fancy write the sary for me to explain," she replied, "I rest. In the spring of 1856, I think it must tell you that you are requested to was in April-I opened a little shop on Kearny street, and soon worked myself "Yoa have gone quite for "Yoa have gone quite for enough, into a fair business. Late one evening a madam, with the explanation," I interlady, closely veiled, entered my shop, and rupted ; "I am not at your service." pulling from beneath a cloak a small japanned box, requested me to open it.— The lock was curiously constructed, and rescue from death a man who has been I was all of an hour in fitting it with a confined there for three days. key. The lady seemed nervous at the "To whom does the vau t belong?" I delay, and at length requested me to inquired. close the door. I was a little surprised "My hashand," was the somewhat reat the suggestion, but of course complied. Iuctant reply. Shutting the door, and returning to my "Then why so much secrecy ? or rather, work, the lady withdrew her veil, 'disclo- how came a man confined in such a place ?" sing as sweet a face as can well be imagin- "I secreted him there, to escape the ed. There was a restlessness in the eye observation of my husband. He suspect and a pallor in the cheek, however, which ed as much, and closed the door upon plainly told of a heart ill at ease, and in him. Presuming he had left the vault a moment every emotion for her had giv- and quitted the house by the back door. a way to that of pity. "Perhaps you are not well, madam, and confined there. Certain suspicious acts en way to that of pity.

ladged. Thinking of burglars, sprang evidently an under ground basement, out of bed, and in a moment was at the stopped beside a wault and removed the "Here is the vault-open it," said she springing the door of a dark-lantern, and

throwing a beam of light upon the lock. I seized a bunch of skeleton keys, and

suffered during the three long days of

"Remain here," she said, handing me The two slowly ascended the stairs and

I heard them enter a room immediately above where I was standing. In less

than a minute the lady returned. "Shall I close it madam ?" said I pla cing my hand upon the door of the vault. "No! no!" she exclaimed, hastily seizing my arm ; "it awaits another occu-

"Madam, you certainly do not intend "Are you ready ?" she interrupted, mpatiently, holding the handkerchief to ny eyes. The thought flashed across my mind that she intended to push me in-

to the vault, and bury me and my secret together. She scenied to read the suspicion, and continued ; "Do not be alarmed. You are not the man?"

"I could not mistake the truth or the fearful meaning of the remark, and I

corner, and were out of sight.

ing leisurely along Montgomery - street. | respecti I do not know, but I believe the sleep. the same ing husband awoke within the vault, and state on t replied the lady. "The price is not so his bones are there to day !-The wife is or print. still a resident of San Francisco.

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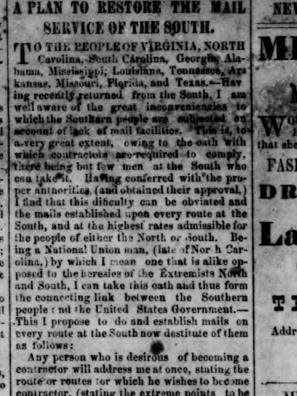
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the night air is too chilly ?" said I, rath- of my husband this afternoon convinced er inquisitively. I felt a rebuke in her reply: "In re- hearing, and will be starved to death by me that the man is there, beyond human

questing you to close the door I had no my barbarous husband, unless immediother object than to escape the attention ately rescued. For three days he has not left the house. I drugged him less of persons.

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attempt to lose the recollection of ever seeing it there." The lady bowed rather coldly at what I considered a fine compliment, and I proceeded with my work, satisfied that a the door. There, sure enough, was the sudden discovered partiality for me had nothing to do with the visit. Having succeeded, after much filing and fitting the vehicle, followed by the lady. As it turned in the lock, I was seized with a curiosity to get a glimpse at the precious contents of the box, and suddenly raising the lid discovered a bundle of letters, and a daguerreotype, as I slowly passed the box to its owner. She seized it hurriedly, and placing the letters and picture in her pocket, locked the box, and drawing the veil over her face, pointed to the door. I opened it, and as she passed into the street she merely whispered "remem-ber !" We met again, and I have been thus particular in describing her visit to the shop, to render probable a subse-quent recognition. About 2 o'clock in th morning, in the htter part of May following, I was awoke it turned in the lock, I was seized with a soon as I was seated, she produced a hea-

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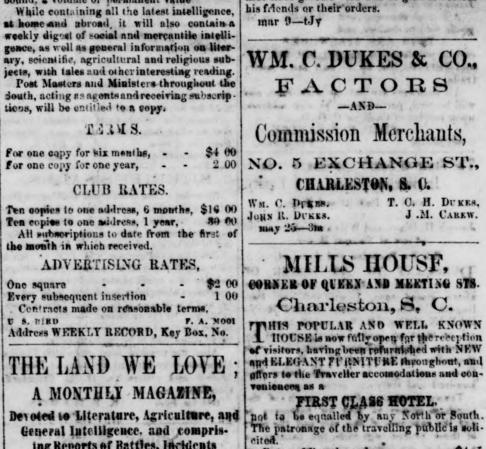
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