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Choice Poetry.

WILT THOU LOVE HER STILL? Wilt then love her still, when the sunny curls That over her bosom flow, Will be laced with the silver thread of age, And her step falls sad and low? Wilt thou love her still, when the Summer's smiles On her lips no longer live?
"I will love her still,

With right good will." Wilt thou love her still? then our cherished one To thy sheltering arms we give.

Wilt than love her still, when her changeful eyes Have grown dim with sorrow's rain? When the bosom that beats against thine own Throbs slow with weight of pain? When her silvery laugh rings out no more, And vanish her youthful charms? "With free good will I shall love her still!"
Thou wilt love her still; then our dearest one

We give to thy loving arms. Remember no grief has she ever known, Her spirit is light and free, None other, with falterless step, has prest Innermost shades but thee! Then wiit thou love her still, when the tho'ts of youth In their blushing bloom depart? " Through good and ill, I will love her still!"

Then wilt thou love her still? then our darling take To the joy of thy noble heart! Renember, for thee does she smiling leave The friends of her early days-No longer to meet their approving looks Not their fond, unfeigned praise Forgive her, then, if the tears fall fast,

And promise, to love her well. "I will love her still, With right good will ! Thou wilt love her still? then with peaceful trust We our sobbing sorrows quell.

When her father is dead, and the emerald sod Lies soft on her mother's breast; When her brother's voice is no longer heard, And her sister's hushed to rest-Wilt thou love her still? for thee she looks, Her star on life's troubled sea! "I will love her still. Through good and iil?" With marriage yow on her youthful lin,

Then, we give our child to thee!

A Chrilling Sketch.

THE MIDNIGHT DRIVE

gaged the attention of mankind.

I continued to sit by the fire until the coach count the number of the passengers, and observe their appearance. I was peculiarly struck with the appearance of one gentleman, who had ridden as an outside passenger. He wore a large black cloak, deeply trimmed with crape; his head was covered with a travelling back, and decrare I would not travel in such that with so strange a person, or to proshock violently, and in an instant I felt the We reached, at length, our destination; but, up to the house, and told him he was their who will I don't know; is there any other Pethe grow of its willow Pethe grow of its will pethe grow cap, surmounted with two or three crape rosettes, and from which depended a long black tassel. The cap was drawn so far over his eyes that he had some difficulty to see his way. A black seart was wrapped round the lower part of his face, so that his countenance was completely concealed from my view. He appeared anxious to avoid observation, and hurried into the inu as fast as he could. I returned to the office and mentioned to the clerk the strange appearance of the goutleman in question, but he was too busy to pay any attention to what I had said.

Presently afterwards a porter brought a small earpet-bag into the office, and placed it .. I don't wish to be personal." replied the

man, .. but I think it belongs to -," and the fellow pointed at the floor. "You do not mean him surely?" said the

.. Yes, I do though; at any rate if he is not

the gentleman I take him for, he must be a second cousin of his, for he is the most unaccountable individual that I ever elapped my eves on. There is not much good in him, I'll

I listened with breathless anxiety to these words. When the man had finished I said to

"How was the gentlemen dressed?"

"In black."

I said to the clerk. "Where is he?" inquired the gentleman.

.. In the inn," replied the porter.

"Is he going to stay all night?" I inquired .. I don't know."

"It's very odd," observed the clerk, and he put his pen behind his ear, and placed himself in fre of the fire; "very odd," he repeated. "It don't look well," said the parter; "not

Some other conversation ensued upon the subject, but as it did not tend to throw any light upon the personage in question it is unnecessary for me to relate it.

ative to this singular visitor. He was not ab- whatever his deeds might have been-that was considerably deeper. On the occasion in could forget him that heard him sing. sent more than a few minutes, and when he re- the present journey was instigated by fear and question, it was more dangerous than I had sodate than usual. I asked him if he had was I to be the instrument of his deliverance? structed across it at this place, and people In the vicinity of B— lived a poor but ses which the soldiers had left behind them. he was better at rushing in and preserving the turned, his countenance, I fancied, was more apprehension for his personal safety. But ever known it. There was no bridge congathered any further information.

ing him," he replied; "for when the servants thought distracted me. I vowed that it should was so dark that it was quite impossible to disenter the room, he always turns his back to- not be so. My heart chafed and fretted at the cern anything. I could feel the beatings of confine himself to the sick bed and family.— ped at the house, he, like an old fox, doubled kind, amiable disposition. He was withal a wards them. He has not spoken to a single task that had been put upon me. My blood my heart against my breast, a cold claumy His means of support being thus cut off, he upon their rear, and successfully evaded their companionable man, and his anecdotes and individual since he arrived. There is a man boiled with indignation at the bare idea of besweat settled upon my brow, and my mouth soon found himself in need. Having a wealthy vigilance. The next day he went to W—
stories of the war, of which he possessed a rich who came by the same coach, who attends up- ing made the tool of so unhallowed a purpose. became so dry that I fancied I was choking. neighbor near, he determined to go and ask for his horses; he demanded two of them for fund, rendered him a welcome guest in the first

on him, but he does not look like a servant." I was resolved. I ground my teeth with rage. The moment was at hand that was to put my for two bushels of wheat, with a promise to his services, and generous intentions. Findhistory, or I am much deceived."

silently than usual, and sometimes I saw two I had any intention of taking away his life. - death! The water came down like a torrent avails of his first labors. The farmer was very or three of them conversing together, sotto But should be be the person I conceived, he -its tide was irresistible. There was not a sorry he could not accommodate him, but he coce, as though they did not wish their con- would not dare to come forward.

I hastened back to the office and resumed least my eyes futively toward him. I shudder-temergency of the case unavailable. my seat by the fire. The clerk and I were ed as I contemplated his proximation to my- I know not how it was, but I suddenly bestill conversing upon the subject, when one of self. I fancied I already felt his contamination came actuated by a new languise. Wretch the girls came in, and told me that I was to ting influence. The cap, as before, was drawn though he was, he had entrusted his safety, his get a horse and gig ready immediately, to over his face; the scarf muffled closely round life, into my hands. There was, perhaps, still drive a gentleman a distance of fifteen or his chin, and only sufficient space allowed for some good in the man; by enabling him to twenty miles.

"To-night!" I said in surprise. "Immediately!"

"Why it's already ten o'clock." "It's master's orders; I cannot alter them,

tartly replied the girl. were quite superfluous and perfectly unavail- saiding. It was not long before I was ready to "It's a very dark, unhealthy, night, sir." cast—he should not be deserted in his present commence the journey. I chose the fastest and strongest animal in the establishment, and have heard me. one that had never failed in an emergency. I "A bad night for travelling!" I shouted in sing impeded our way. We had a task to perlit the lamps, for the night was intensely dark. a loud tone of voice. and I felt convinced that we should require The man remained insmovable, without in fled before us. A humar life depended upon them. The proprietor of the hotel gave me a the least deigning to notice my observation. - our exertions, and every nerve required to be paper, but told me not to read it till we had. He either did not wish to talk, or he was deaf, strained for its preservation. On, on we hurproceeded a few miles on the road, and informs. If he wished to be silent, I was contented to ried. My enthusiasm assumed the appearance ed me at the same time in what direction to let him remain so.

further instructions. in fastening the leathern apron on the side on companion was to be conveyed. My heart sud- My body was in constant motion, as though it himself to a sea captain, for seven years, in whip all creation and Kentucky to boot." I was sitting one night in the general coach. stole over me when I discovered who my come to decipher, the writing? There was no other tusted by the same motive. This concentraoffice in the town of ____, reflecting upon the panion was. I had not gone far before I was er means of doing so than by stopping the v. . tion of energy gave force and vitality to our mutability of human affairs, and taking a re- acquainted with the astounding fact. It was hicle and alighting, and end-avoring to read actions.

tion that most concerned me was, how was I the following laconic sentence: to extricate myself from this dilemma !- ... Drive the gentleman to Grayburn Churchs quiet. Which was the best course to adopt? To turn | vard!"

knew me. No: I had started and would pro- neck.

In a few minutes we had emerged from the be a dangerous one.

While we were conversing some persons en- further on there was a river suitable for that of the lamps threw a dull, lurid gleam upon the prayers. tered the office to take places by the mail, purpose. When off his guard, he could in a surface of the water. It rushed furiously past | As he sat on the door-stone he heard the which was to leave early on the following mor- moment be pushed into the stream; in certain surging and boiling as it leaped over the rocks man pray very earnestly that God would clothe ning. I hereupon departed, and entered the places it was sufficiently deep to drown him .-- that here and there intersected its channel .-- the naked, feed the hungry, relieve the needy, inn with the view of satisfying my curiosity, One circumstance perplexed me. If he esca- Without a moment's hesitation, I urged the and comfort all that mourn. The prayer conif possible, which was now raised to the utmost ped, he could adduce evidence against me .- mare forward, and in a minute we were in the cluded, the poor man stepped in, and made pitch. The servants, I remarked, moved more No matter; it would be difficult to prove that midst of the stream. It was a case of life or known his business, promising to pay with the

the purpose of respiration. I was most des escape, I might be the instrument of his etersirous of knowing who he was: indeed had he had salvation. He had done me no injury. been othe Man with the Iron Mask," so many and at some period of his life he might have years incarcerated in the French Bastile, he rendered good offices to others. I pitied his him as much wheat as he needed.

This unwelcome intelligence caused me to him into conversation, thinking he might drop mare. In a moment sheecemed to be endowcommit a great deal of sin, for I made use of a some expression that would in some measure, cel with supermand energy and swiftness number of imprications and expressions which | tend to elucidate his history. Accordingly I though he was a marderer-though he was

drive. The paper, he added would give me ! It had not occurred to me till now, that I hourse, and broke the whip in several places. had received a paper from the landlord which | Aithough we comparatively flew over the the cold, when somebody seated himself be- hope and expectation. This document might companion appears iconscious of my intentions. side me. I heard the landlord cry "Drive on;" reveal to me something more than I was led to unch for the first time, evinced an interest in and, without looking round. I lashed the mare expect: it might unravel the labyrinth in our progress. He bewout his handkerchief. into a fast trot. Even now, while I write I which I was engrangled, and extricate me and used it inco-antly as an incentive to feel in some degree the trepidation which from all further difficulty. But how was I swiftness. Onward we fied. We were all ac-

tal to my own interests. Besides I should be My fortitude in some degree returned, and I dropped down dead.

test. The cheerful aspect of the streets, and ed to take no notice of my actions, and powerful-looking men. but my energy and firmness, I felt, were be- myself with the prospect of being speedily rid a hankering after his mother's grave. When ginning to desert me. The road on which we of him in someway or other, as the river I have he got away before, we nabbed him here." entered was not a great thoroughfare at any already alluded to was now only two or three. The mystery was soon cleared up. The gentime, but at that late hour of the night I miles distant. My thoughts now turned to theman had escaped from a lunatic asylum, and did not expect to meet either horseman or ped- the extraordinary place to which I was to was both deaf and damb. The death of his ney. I east my eyes before me, but could not the man do there at that hour of the night? - mental aberration. unprepared for any attack, should my compan- in the most impenetrable mystery? I am at to regret the loss of the favorite mare. ion be disposed to take advantage of that cir- a loss for language adequate to convey a prop-

"There is nobody knows anything concern- to favor the escape of an assassin? The Nearer and nearer we approached. The night his daily labor. His wife fell sick, and not other dragoons in search of him, he made off ties on the ground. Although uneducated, he

versation to be overheard by those around Hitherto we had ridden without exchang- With the instinctive feeling of self-preserva- and had depended upon his wheat to make it them. I knew the room that the gentleman ing a word. Indeed, I had only once turned tion, I drove the animal swiftly through the out; but he presumed neighbor A- would occupied, and stealthily and unobserved stole my eyes upon him since we started. The truth dense body of water, and in a few seconds we let him have it.

> could searcely have existed a greater curiosity. Situation, and determined to render him what I deemed it prudent to endeavor to draw as istance I could. I applied the whip to the henceforth to be driven from society as an out-He made no reply. I thought he might not emergency. On we sped: hedges, trees, houses, were passed in rapid succession. Nothform, a duty to fulal: dangers and difficulties

of madness. I shouted to the mare till I was

trospective glance at those times when I held a as though an electric shock had subdenly and it by the aid of the lamp, which I feared would . The night had hitherto been calm, but the very different position in the world, when one unexpectedly been imparted to my frame, or afford but a very imperfect light, after all. - rain now began to descend in torrents, and at office, and informed the clerk that the coach which had long been expected, was in sight, and would be at the inn in a few micross. I became dry and parched. Whither was I to believe it was the old Highffyer, but at this distance of time I cannot speak with sufficient. Who and what was my a brisker page, as though I had been speaking then the great agreed and distance, in another were drivery a brisker page, as though I had been speaking then the great agreed distance, in another were of the porters of the establishment entered the as, in a moment of perfect happiness, I had Before I had recourse to this plan. I doesned intervals we heard distant peals of thunder.ent certainty. The strange story I am about companion? I was equally ignorant. It was to her! I received no reply, and, without fur- reached, and in the next, left far behind.to relate, occured when stage-coaches were the the man dressed so fantastically whom I had ther hesitation I drew in the reins, pulled the Thus we sped forward—thus we seemed to anusual mode of conveyance, and long before any seen alight from the reach, whose appearance paper from my pocket, and alighted. I walk- minilate space altogether. We were end-wed more expeditious system of travelling had en. and inexplicable conduct had alarmed the ed to the lamp, and held the paper as near to with superhuman energies—hurried on by an whole establishment; whose character was a its as I could. The hand writing was not very impulse, involuntary and irresistible. My commatter of speculation to every body with whom a legible, and, the light affected me was so weak panion became visions, and appeared to think he had come in contact. This was the sub- that I had great difficulty to discover its mean- | we did not travel culck en u_h. He rose once stance of my knowledge. For aught I knew, ing. The words were few and pointed. The or twice from his seat, and attempted to take he might be -- But no matter. The ques- reader will judge of my surprise when I read the remnant of the whip from my hand, but I courage. resisted, and prevailed upon him to remain. One day, while reconnoitering, he stopped "Stop a minute, stranger," said Francisco,

> back, and declare I would not travel in such I was more alarmed than ever; my limbs and during flight I cannot even conjecture, — surprised by nine British troopers, who rode against you to fight about." ceed on my journey? I greatly feared the blood fly from my cheeks. What did my em- alas! we had no somer done so, than the in- prisoner. Seeing that he was so greatly out- ter Francisco in these parts?" consequences of the former step would be fa- player mean by imposing such a task upon me? valuable animal that had conveyed us thither numbered, he pretended to surrender, and the "No, not that I know of."

ceed, whatever might be the issue of the ad- Poor thing poor thing." I said; you deploring her fate, who a I heard a struggle at to partake of the food which he had left when ing which is the best man." have a long journey before you, and it may a short distance. turned quickly round, and disturbed. Wandering out into the door-yard "But I won't fight. I've got nothing to town. My courage was now put to the severest I looked at my companion, but he appear- ridden so fatal a journey, in the custody of two manded of him everything of value about him "D-d if you shan't fight, stranger, I'm

discern a single light burning in the distance. Had he somebody to meet? something to see | The horrors of that night are impressed as The night was thick and unwholesome, and or obtain? It was incomprehensible-beyond vividly upon my memory as though they had There was another matter which caused me insane? or was he bent upon an errand perfect- were all defrayed, and I was presented with a

PRACTICAL PRAYER.

mined to be rid of the man-nay, even an at- arated us from the spot that was to terminate to leave, that he could return to his work. Ac- enemies, where he ought to have found friends, position, made him many friends, and though some sections of Kentucky.

moment to be lost. My own life was at stake. had promised to lend a large sum of money,

distressed, and comfort the mourners?" "Yes-why?"

would answer that prayer." It is needless to add that the Christian fath-

Now, Christian readers, do you answer your

Miscellaneous Reading. ago, while he ty, Virginia.

PETER FRANCISCO.

As late as the year 1836, there lived in ! in Portugal, from whence he was stolen when but myself." recollections were those of boyhood in the lat- I want to find the great fighting man I've head er country. While yet a lad, he apprenticed | tell so much about. The fellow they say his strength and personal bravery, that no ene- your service." of kis life. At Stoney Point, he was one of of the posts.

dragoons seeing he was apparently very peacebeheld the myster, one being with whom I had he was accosted by the Paymaster, who de- fight about, and I tell you I won't fight." the light thrown from the lamps and a few seemed as indifferent as if he were a corpse. - "Ha! ha! I thought he would make for this have nothing to give," said Francisco, "so use lick me." shop windows, had hitherto buoyed me up. I again resumed my seat, and in part consoled here place," said one of them. "He still has your pleasure." "Give up those silver bue- By this time Francisco had became angry at estrian to enliven the long and solitary jour- drive—Grayburn Churchyard! What could mother, a few years before, had caused the his sabre under his arm, the soldier stooped leisurely to where his pony was tied, he unfasportunity, which was too good to be lost, seiz- threw him after his discomfited rider. ed the sword, and drawing it with force from | The Kentuckian raised himself from the not a star was to be seen in the heavens.— the possibility of human divination. Was he just occurred. The expenses of the journey under the arm of the soldier, dealt him a segreat uneasiness. I was quite unarmed and ly rational, although for the present wrapped handsome gratuity. I never ceased, however, ly wounded, yet being a brave man, the dra- eyes as though he thought he might not have cumstance. These things flashed across my er notion of my feelings on that occasion. He Tow Moore, as he pulled the trigger, a blow from the sword it's about time for me to make tracks. If anymind, and made a more foreible impression shall never arrive, I internally ejaculated, at Mr. Irving said that he took extraordinary nearly severed his wrist, and placed him hors body asks you about that great fight, you can than they might otherwise have done, from Grayburn Churchyard; he shall never pass be- pains with all he wrote. He used to compose de combat. The report of the pistol drew the tell 'em you licked Bill Stokes most ——lv." the fact of a murder having been committed in yord the stream which even now I almost his poetry walking ap and down a gravel walk other dragoons into the yard, as well as W ----, Francisco was a powerfully built man, and the district, only a few weeks before, under heard murmuring in the distance! Heaven in his garden, and when he had a line, a coup- who very ungenerously brought out a musket, ing six feet and one inch in height, and weighthe most aggravated circumstances. An hy- forgive me for harboring such intentions !- let, or a stanza polished in his mind, he would which he handed to one of the soldiers, and ing 260 pounds. His muscular system was expothesis suggested itself. Was this man the but when I reflected that I might be assisting go to a little summer house near by and write told him to make use of it. Mounting the on- traordinarily developed, and he had been known olts the man I saw descend from the coach,"

perpetrator of that deed—the wretch who was an assassin to fly from justice, I conceived I it down. He used to think ten lines a good ly horse they could get at, he presented the to shoulder with ease a cannon weighing eleven endeavoring to escape from the officers of jus- was acting perfectly correct in adopting any day's work, and would keep the little poem muzzle at the breast of Francisco, and pulled hundred pounds; and a gentleman of undoubttice, and was stigmatised with the foulest and means (no matter how bad) for the obviation by him for weeks, waiting for a single word. the trigger. Fortunately it missed fire, and ed veracity (still living in Virginia,) who knew blackest crime that man could be guilty of? of such a consummation. For aught I knew, On one occasion he was riding with Mr. Moore Francisco closed in upon him. A short strug- him well, says, the could take me in his right Appearances were against him. Why should his present intention might be to visit the in a cab in Paris, and the driver carelessly gle ensued, which ended in his disarming and hand and pass over the room with me, playing he invest himself in such a mystery? Why grave of his victim; for now I remembered drove into a hole in the pavement, which gave wounding the soldier. Tarleton's troop of four my head against the ceiling, as though I had conceal his fact in so unaccountable a manner? that the person who had so lately been murder- the vehicle a tremendous jolt. Moore was hundred men were now in sight and the other been a doll-baby. My weight was 195 pounds." What but a man, who is conscious of great ed was interred in this very churchyard. tossed aloft, and on regaining his seat exclaim- dragoons were about to attack him. Seeing his His wife, who was a woman of good size, and guilt of the darkest crimes, would so furtively We gradually drew nearer to the river. I ed: "By Jove! I've got it." "Got what?" case was desperate, he turned toward an ad- fair proportions, he would take in his right enter an inu, and afterwards steal away under heard its roaring with fear and trepidation. said his companion in some alarm. "My joining thicket, and as if cheering on a party hand, and holding her out at arms' length, the darkness of the night when no mortal eye It smote my heart with awe, when I pondered word," was the reply. "I have been trying of men, he cried out. "Come on, my brave would pass around the room with her, and carcould behold him? If he was sensible of innocence, he might have deferred the journey could discover, from its rushing sound, that it jolted it out of me." On reaching his room, till the morning, and faced, with the fortitude was much swollen, and this was owing to the Moore inserted the word, and immediately the same time rushing at the dragoons with and holding it to his mouth, would drink from of a man, the broad light of day, and the scru- recent heavy rains. The stream in fine weath- despatched the finished song to the publisher the fury of an enraged tiger. They did not the bung, a long and hearty draught without tiny of his fellow-men. I say, appearances er, was seldom more than a couple of feet deep in London. "More." added Mr. Irving," wait to engage him, but fled precipitately to any apparent exertion. A while afterward, the clerk went into the were against him, and I felt more and more and could be crossed without danger or diffi- was a most captiviting companion, and the hotel to learn, if possible, something more rel-Was I to be put to all this inconvenience in order were obliged to get thro' it as well as they could. industrious man, depending for support upon Perceiving that Tarleton had dispatched two public peace than all the conservative authori-

that I assisted in his escape. At some distance of my incomprehensible companion. The light bor's, and arrived while they were at family it, and left with his six horses, intending to arms of the Virginia house of Delegates, in revenge himself upon W- at a future time, which service he died in 1836, and was buried "but," as he said, "Providence ordained that with military honors in the public burying I should not be his executioner, for he broke ground at Richmond. his neck by a fall from one of the very hor-

Many other anecdotes are told of Francisco,

illustrative of his immense strength and personal powers. At Camden, where Gates was defeated, he retreated, and after running along a road some distance, he sat down to rest himself. He was suddenly accosted by a British dragoon, who presented a pistol and demanded his immediate surrender. His gun being empup to it, hoping to hear or see something that might throw some light upon his character.—
i was not however gratified in either respect.

was, I was too busy with my own thoughts— had gained the opposite bank of the river.

With a tearful eye and a sad heart, the poor too intent upon devising some plan to liberate man turned away. As soon as he left the house the farmer's little son stepped up and his gun was no further use to him, he present-

ed it sideways to the trooper, who in reaching "Father, did you not pray that God would for it threw himself off his guard, when Franclothe the naked, feed the hungry, relieve the cisco, quick as thought, ran him through with the bayonet, and as he fell from his horse, he mounted him and continued his retreat .-"Because, father, if I had your wheat I Overtaking his commanding officer, Colonel Mayo, of Powhatten, he gave him up the animal, for which act of generosity the colonel af- times repeated, it assumes the appearance of er called back his suffering neighbor, and gave | terwards presented him with a thousand acres of land in Kentucky.

The following anecdote exemplifying his peaceful nature and his strength, is also told of Francisco. How true it is, we cannot say, but we tell it as it was told to us many years ago, while he still lived in Buckingham coun-One day while working in the garden, he

was accosted by a stranger who rode up to the fence and inquired of him if he knew "where THE SAMSON OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. | a man by the name of Francisco lived.' Raising himself from his work, and eying Western Virginia, a man whose strength was his interrogator, who appeared to be one of the

so remarkably, as to win him the title of the shalf-horse half-alligator" breed of Kentuck-·Virginia Samson." He knew nothing of his | ians, he replied, "Well, stranger, I don't know birth or parentage, but supposed he was born of any other person by that name in these parts a child, and carried to Ireland. His earliest .. Well, I reckon you ain't the man I want.

which I sat, in order to protect my limbs from dealy received a new impulse—it beat with would give an impulse—it beat with would give an impulse to our movements. My pay for a passage to this country. On his arival, his time and services were sold to a Mr. | that man, I don't know such a man, said Fran-Winston, of Virginia, in whose service he re- eisco, resuming his work as a hint to the other other other side, facing the stream, is of wood, and mained until the breaking out of the Revolutihat the conference was ended. But the Kention. Being of an adventurous turn of mind. tuckian was not to be bluffed off as he would he sought and obtained permission of his master | term it. "Look 'ere, stranger," said he, reto join the army, and was engaged in active turning to the charge, "what might your given place the force would be diverted towards the

> my could resist him. He wielded a sword, "Ah!" returned the other, "you're just the the blade of which was five feet in length, as man I want to find," at the same time riding about seven tons. The materials being well though it had been a feather, and every one inside the fence, he dismounted and tied his mixed up, and pulverized in these mills, is who came in contact with him paid the forfeit animal-a rough ungainly Indian pony-to one slightly moistened, when it is pressed into

> the "forborn hope" which was advanced to cut away the abadis, and, next to Major Gibbon. from Old Kentuck. I am the Kentucky will an engaging which an account of the was the first man to enter the works. At Bran-chicken, I am. I can out-run, out-hop, outdywine, and Monmouth, he exhibited the most jump, knock down, drag out, and whip any fearless bravery, and nothing but his inability man in all them diggings. So, as I hearn tell to write, prevented his promotion to a com- of a fellow down hereabouts who could whip mission. Transferred to the South he took all creation, I thought I'd saddle old Blossom, part in most of the engagements in that sec- and just ride over to see what stuff he's made tion, and towards the close of the war, he was of, and here I am. And now, stranger, I'm engaged in a contest which exhibited in a strik- bound to see who's the best man, before I go ing manner, his remarkable self-confidence and home. It's all in good feeling you know, and if you lick me, why I'm satisfied, but ---"

at the house of a man by the name of W ---- , | ... vou've mistaken the man entirely. I'm no How long we were occupied in this mad, to refresh himself. While at the table, he was fighting man at all, and if I was, I've nothing roaring away at the rate of a ton of coal each

"Well, then, you're the man, and you must exposed to the sneer and laughter of all who walked up to the mare and patted her on the My companion and I alighted. I walked fully inclined, after disarming him, allowed fight. I've come all the way from Old Kenup to where the poor animal lay, and was busy him considerable freedom, while they sat down tuck, and I ain't a going a-back without know-

at the risk of his life, in case of refusal. "I bound to lick you if I can, if I don't you must

kles in your shoes," said the dragoon. "They the importunity of his visitor, and determined were the gift of a friend," replied Francisco, to put end to the scene. Seizing his antagoncand give them to you I never shall: take ist therefore by the seat of his buckskin breechthem if you will, you have the power, but I es, and the collar of his shirt, he threw him never will give them to any one." Putting over the fence into the road; then walking down to take them. Francisco seeing the op- tened him, and taking him up by main strength,

vere blow across the skull. Although severe- exhibition of strength, and after rubbing his goon drew a pistol and aimed it at his antagon- seen clearly, he mounted his pony remarking. ist, who was too quick for him, however, and "Well, stranger, I reckon you'll do. I reckon

was about to dispatch him, but he beggad and of his power, except in a case of necessity about plead so hard for his life, that he forgave him, his usual vocations, or in defence of the right. and told him to secrete for him the eight hor- On occasions of out-breaks at public gatherings, "There is something extraordinary in his I grasped the reins a tighter hold. I deter- resolution to the test. A few yardsonly sep- pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife became well enough pay as soon as his wife

"I am quite of your opinion," observed the tempt to destroy him rather than it be said my journey, and perhaps, the mortal career cordingly he took his bag, went to his neight

HOW THEY MAKE GUNPOWDER. A correspondent of the New York Tribune, in a letter from Wilmington, Delaware, gives the following interesting sketch of the process of which powder is made at the celebrated Mills of Du Pont, in that city:

"Of course, of the details of the business

of the Messrs. Du Pont, even if known to me. I could not make mention, unless by their consent, but the process of manufacture is in reality no secret; every book of chemistry treating of it to some extent. All know that gunpowder is composed of saltpetre, brimstone and charcoal, but few have any idea of the trouble and labor gone through to have these materials of a proper quality. The saltpetre, as received at the yards, has the appearance of dirty coarse salt, filled with a short fibrous matter; by a process of refining, two or three fine table salt, in which state it is fit for the powder mill. Great care is also taken to have the sulphur pure. But the most labor and forethought seem to be necessary in procuring the charcoal, which is all made of the willow and poplar, the former being used for the best kinds of powder. To procure supplies of these woods the proprietors set out yearly, in every nook and corner, trees, which are hewn down every three years, and the branches are converted into charcoal. This method of procuring the wood gives a singular apperance to the country; for in many places alongside the roads or by the streams may be seen old tree trunks, standing but little higher than a man's head, and topped only with a bunch of small branches. I saw some trunks that appeared to be forty or fifty years old without a limb bigger than my wrist.

The mill buildings in which the materials

are ground or mixed are scattered along the with heavy walls, strengthened with piers; the the roof also slopes toward the stream. The plan of construction is to lessen the damage from explosions, for should an explosion take service during the whole contest. Such was name be?" "My name is Peter Francisco, at stream. The mills consist of two heavy iron rollers on wheels, moving in a trough. I saw one pair, each of which weighed 15,000 lbs. cakes till it becomes almost as hard as plaster mill, an operation which, on account of its danger, I was not permitted to see. After granulation, the powder is taken to the glazing mill. Here 600 or 700 pounds of powder are put into a wooden eask, revolving moderately fast for twenty four hours, there being six or eight of these casks, and close by each were 700 pounds more, ready for another charge. -From the glazing mill the powder is taken to the drying house. Here, at the time of my visit, were nearly four tons of powder, spread out on trays, while close by were two furnaces in twenty-four hours. Danger there was not. the powder is taken to the packing house. where it is put in barrels or canisters, and thence taken to a magazine, of which there are several, built with the same regard to non-damage in case of explosion as the grinding

> While standing in one of the packing houses, and just as I had given a kick to a hundred pound keg of powder intended for his excel-Santa Anna, Mr. Dupont called to a man to bring him some powder in a scoop shovel, and therein I inspected about half a peck of powder destined to knock out of this world some enemy of his said excellency. The unconcern with which this was handed me, as though it were so much wheat, struck me as remarkable. I would not convey the idea that carelessness is customary or allowed, nor was the incident above mentioned a careless act, its noticeable feature arising rather f om the bent of my own mind. On the contrary, the greatest care is exercised, the yards and various buildings being under the direct and constant supervision of some of the firm, and to such an extent is this supervision carried that one of them visits the yard every night at one o'clock; while the discipline of the hands is more efficient, I have heard said by those who ought to know, system of liberal rewards for long and faithful service, and for acts of bravery in case of danger, has so lessened the liability to accident of a dangerous nature, that the proprietors feel perfectly safe, and a stranger visiting these yards feels comparatively so."

> TEARS OF TO DAY. - There is a tear of joy and a tear of grief. The tear to-day may not be forced by the same cause which overflowed the eye yesterday. A tear may be sent up from the heart by joy or by sorrow. It is the same liquid diamond in either case. A little tear-drop on the cheek has a language of its own. It speaks to persons of all nations. It is interpreted readily by persons of all countries. The tear of to-day means joy or sor row. The face adown which a tear runs tells whether it springs from the fountain of joy or grief. A tear draws forth deep sympathy because it is an emblem of Love, of Hope, or of Grief. When it is grief our pulse beats fas-

ter, for our heart is agitated and touched deeply. The true feeling of the heart is seen in a tear which lingers in the eye, that little bright window of the soul! The tears of to-day, if they do spring from grief, may to-morrow be wiped away by the rainbow hues of peace, happiness and prosperity. Ni desperandum. Never despair .- Fireside Journal.

STARVATION IN KENTUCKY .- In consequence of the short crop of breadstuffs last