

MISCELLANY.

A Dead Rose.

BY MRS. BARRETT BROWNING.

O Rose! who dares to name thee?
No longer rosette now, nor soft, nor sweet;
But pale, and hard, and dry, as stubble
wheat—

Kept seven years in drawer—thy titles
shame thee.

The breeze that used to blow thee
Between the hedge-row thorns, and take
away

An odor up the lane to last all day,
If breathing now, unawakened would
forego thee.

The sun that used to smite thee,
And mix his glory in thy gorgeous urn,
Till beam appeared to bloom, and flower to
burn—

If shining now—with not a hue would
light thee.

The dew that used to wet thee,
And, white-tinted, grow incarnadined, because
It lay upon thee where the crimson was—

If dropping now—would darken where it
met thee.

The fly that lit upon thee,
To stretch the tendrils of its tiny feet,
Along thy leaf's pure edges, after heat—

If lighting now—would coldly overrun
thee.

The bee that once did suck thee,
And build thy perfumed chambers up in his
hive,

And swoon in thee for joy, till scarce alive—
If passing now—would blindly overlook
thee.

The heart doth recognise thee,
Alone, alone! The heart doth smell thee
sweet,

Doth view thee fair, doth judge thee most
complete—

Though seeing now those changes that
disguise thee.

Yes, and the heart doth owe thee
More love, dead rose! than to such roses
bold

As Julia wears at dances, smiling cold!—
Lie still upon this heart—which breaks
below thee!

THE WILL.

The old lady who related the outline of the following singular story, heard it told in her youth, by no means as a fiction; but as a real occurrence. She even once knew the name of the Northern family concerned in it; but that, with the exact dates, she has now forgotten, if she ever knew the latter, and having never written down the story, she had no means of recovering them. However, from her express mention of a tight wig worn by the benevolent old hero of the tale, we have fixed the strange occurrence not earlier than the last century.

Towards the end of a gusty October day, about the year 1830, a barrister of the Temple was sitting reading, when the opening of the door, and the servant's announcement of "a gentleman," interrupted him. He rose to receive his visitor, who proved to be a perfect stranger, a person of very gentlemanly, but extremely old-fashioned appearance. He was dressed in a grave-colored suit, of antique cut; a neat, tight, gray wig surrounded his serious and even social physiognomy; silk stockings, rolled at the knee, enormous shoe buckles of gold; a cane, headed with the same metal, and a broad brimmed and uncocked hat, completed his equipment, which was in the fashion of the last years of William the Third, or the first of his successor. Having stiffly bowed in the exact way prescribed by the etiquette of the era to which he seemed to belong, he took possession of the chair offered to him by his host; and after a preparatory hem, began in a slow and serious manner:

"I think, sir, you are the lawyer employed by the S— family, whose property in Yorkshire, you are, therefore, aware is about to be sold."

"I am, sir, answered the barrister, "and have full instructions and powers to complete the disposal of it, which, though a painful duty to me, must be performed."

"It is a duty you may dispense with," said the visitor, waving his hand, "the property need not be sold."

"May I presume to ask, sir, whether you are any relation to the family? If so, you must be acquainted with the absolute necessity of selling it, in consequence of the claim of another branch of the family just returned from beyond sea, who, as heirs-at-law, is naturally possessor of the estate in default of a will to the contrary, and who desire its value in money, instead of the land. The present possessor is unable to buy it, and must, therefore, depart."

"You are mistaken," replied the old gentleman, rather testily; "you seem not to know of the will of Mr. S—'s great grand-father, by which he not only left that, his real estate to his favorite grand-son, this gentleman's father, but even entailed it on his great great grand-son."

"Such a will, sir," said the barrister, "was, indeed, supposed for many years to exist; and in virtue of it, Mr. S— has, until now, peaceably enjoyed the property, but, on the claimant's application, a renewed search having been made for it, either the be-

lief proves wholly unfounded, or it has been lost or destroyed. Cabinets, chests, every room, uninhabited and uninhabited, have been ransacked in vain. Mr. S— has now given up all hope of finding it; the sale is to be completed in the course of next week; and the fine old place must pass into the hands of strangers."

"You are mistaken once again, young man," said the stranger, striking his cane on the floor; "I say, sir, the will exists. Go immediately," continued he, in an authoritative tone; "travel night and day. You may save an old family from disgrace and ruin. In the end room of the left wing, now uninhabited, is a closet in the wall."

"We have looked there," interrupted the barrister.

"Silence, sir; there is a closet, I say. In that closet is a large chest; that chest has a false bottom, and underneath that is the deed. I am certain of what I say; I saw the paper deposited there, no matter when or by whom. Go, you will find it worth your trouble. My name, sir, is Hugh S—. I am not now personally known to the proprietor of S— Hall; but I am his relation, and have his welfare at heart. Neglect not to follow my advice."

So saying, the old gentleman arose again, bowed, and at the door put on his hat, in a fashion that would have enchanted an *elegante* of Queen Anne's day; and sliding the silken string of his cane on the little finger of his right hand, on which the lawyer had remarked a very fine brilliant ring, he descended the stairs and departed, leaving the barrister in the utmost astonishment. At first, he felt half inclined to consider the whole as a hoax; then, again, when he thought of the old gentleman's grave manner, and the intimate knowledge he must have possessed of the house, to be able to describe the closet so exactly in which the chest was, he could not but believe him to be sincere.

At length, after much deliberation, he decided upon immediate departure, and arrived on the evening of the fourth day at S— Hall. The side had been the only theme of conversation at every place he had passed through within twenty miles of his destination; and much and loudly was it lamented that the squire should be leaving his house forever, and that poor Mr. John would never enjoy his rights, as they persisted in calling the possession of the estate. On his entrance into the mansion, signs of approaching removal met his eye. Packages filled the hall, servants, with sorrowful countenances, were hurrying about, and the family were lingering sadly over the last dinner they were to partake of in their old regretted home.

Mr. S— greeted his friend with a surprise which changed to incredulity, when the barrister, requesting his private ear, declared the reason of his appearance.

"It cannot be," said he. "It is likely that no one should ever have heard of the hiding of the deed but the old gentleman you mention. Depend upon it, you have been deceived, my dear friend. I am sorry you should have taken so much trouble to so little purpose."

The barrister mentioned the name of his visitor.

"Hugh S—!" exclaimed the old gentleman, laughing, "I have not a relation in the world of that name."

"It is worth trying, however," said the lawyer, "and since I have come so far, I will finish the adventure."

Mr. S—, seeing my friend so determined, at length consented to satisfy him, and accompanied him towards the apartment he specified. As they crossed one of the rooms in their way, he suddenly stopped before a large, full-length picture. "For heaven's sake," cried he, "who is this?"

"My grand uncle," returned Mr. S—. "A good old fellow as ever lived. I wish, with all my heart, he was alive now; but he has been dead these thirty years."

"What was his name?"

"Hugh S—, the only one of the family of that name."

"That is the man who called upon me. His dress, his hat, his very ring are there."

They proceeded to the closet, lifted the false bottom of the trunk, and—found the deed!

The kind old uncle was never seen again.

YOUR FARE, MISS.—A young lady from the rural districts lately entered a city railroad car. Pretty soon the conductor approached her and said:

"Your fare, Miss."

She blushed and looked confused, but said nothing. The conductor was rather astonished at this, but ventured to remark once more:

"Your fare, Miss."

This time the pink on her cheeks deepened to carmine, as the rustic beauty replied:

"Well, if I am good looking, you hadn't ought to say it out aloud afore folks."

The passengers in the car roared with laughter, and her lover at once settled the fare.

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PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS attended to in North and South Carolina.
Office at Mrs. H. Lyons' Garden, Columbia, S. C.
July 20

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Auction and Commission Agent,
Corner of Plain and Assembly Streets.
WILL give particular attention to the disposal of Real Estate, Cotton, Provisions and General Merchandise.
Will attend to the sale of Furniture, &c., at any part of the city that owners may require.
July 7 †13

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I AM prepared to promptly forward all Merchandise consigned to me, arriving in this city from Northern and foreign ports. Also, consignments by railroad, to be forwarded to domestic or foreign ports. Liberal cash advances made on all consignments of COTTON, RICE, &c., to my friends in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.
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July 25 w7*

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WILL renew, on and after the TWENTIETH OF JULY, that part of his former business, which embraced the selling of GOODS or MERCHANDISE and COUNTRY PRODUCE on commission. His long acquaintance with the business and wants of this community will give him some advantages which shall be used to the benefit of his patrons. He has associated with himself his son, JOHN EDWARD, and the new firm will be known as
ROBERT BRYCE & SON.

The undersigned beg leave to call attention to the above notice, and to state that they will be found near the old stand, corner of Main and Blanding streets, No. 7 Bryce's Range, where they will endeavor to give their best attention to such business as may be consigned to their care.
ROBERT BRYCE & SON.
July 15 sw8*

W. H. EASTERBY,
Com. Merchant
Receiving and Forwarding Agent,
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H. SOLOMON & CO. still continue to purchase BRASS and COPPER. The highest market price will be paid.
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West side of Assembly street,

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JUST received, a full supply of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, GLASSWARE, DYE STUFFS, PAINTS and LIQUORS of all kinds for medicinal purposes, &c., which we offer to the trade at lowest rates.

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July 27 †6

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THE copartnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the name, style and firm of KILLIAN & WING, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. F. W. WING, having purchased the debts due to the concern and assumed those due by it, persons having demands will present them to him, and persons indebted will make payment to him.

ELI KILLIAN,
F. W. WING.

The subscriber having purchased the interest of ELI KILLIAN in the above firm, the business will hereafter be conducted by him in his own name. He respectfully solicits a share of public patronage.
F. W. WING.

The subscriber takes pleasure in recommending his late partner, Mr. F. W. Wing, to the support of the former patrons of the late firm of Killian & Wing, and of the public generally. ELI KILLIAN.
July 22 †4*

BOLLMANN BROTHERS,

DIRECT IMPORTERS

AND
WHOLESALE DEALERS

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FOREIGN BRANDIES, WINES,
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AND J. A. J. NOLET'S IMPERIAL

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100 PIPES Imperial EAGLE GIN.
1,000 boxes AROMATIC SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS.
500 boxes BITTERS, (Magentropfen.)
100 Mills Cigars, of all grades.
Quarter and eighth casks Cognac Brandy
" " " Rochelle "
" " " Port and Sherry
Wines.
Scotch Ales and London Brown Stout
Porter
July 20 wfs

THE UNDERSIGNED

RESPECTFULLY notify their friends and customers that they have REOPENED their store at their old stand, No. 88 East Bay, corner of Vendue Range, Charleston, S. C., where they will constantly keep on hand and for sale, at LOWEST MARKET PRICES, a general assortment of GROCERIES, imported and domestic ALES, WINES, LIQUORS and SEGARS, of well known brands.
BOLLMANN BROTHERS.
July 20 wfs

BOLLMANN BROTHERS

HAVE now on hand and are in weekly receipt of all grades REFINED SUGARS, bags of COFFEE, boxes Soap, Starch, &c. Also, all grades of Hyson and Young Hyson Teas, and every other article connected with a wholesale grocery.

Our senior partner is residing at the North for the present, and attending in person to all our purchases, which are for cash only. We assure our friends and customers that we can and will do as well by them as any other house in this city.

Cotton and all Country Produce will be purchased at highest market prices, or taken in exchange for groceries.
Charleston, S. C., July 20. wfs

By the Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina.

A PROCLAMATION!

WHEREAS His Excellency President Johnson has issued his proclamation, appointing me (Benjamin F. Perry) Provisional Governor in and for the State of South Carolina, with power to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for convening a Convention of the State, composed of delegates to be chosen by that portion of the people of said State who are loyal to the United States, for the purpose of amending or amending the Constitution thereof; and with authority to exercise within the limits of the State all the powers necessary and proper to enable such loyal people to restore said State to its constitutional relations to the Federal Government, and to present such a Republican form of State Government as will entitle the State to the guarantee of the United States therefor, and its people to protec-

tion by the United States against invasion, insurrection and domestic violence:

Now, therefore, in obedience to the proclamation of his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, I, BENJAMIN F. PERRY, Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina, for the purpose of organizing a Provisional Government in South Carolina, reforming the State Constitution and restoring civil authority in said State, under the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that all civil officers in South Carolina, who were in office when the Civil Government of the State was suspended, in May last, (except those arrested or under prosecution for treason,) shall, on taking the oath of allegiance prescribed in the President's Amnesty Proclamation of the 29th day of May, 1865, resume the duties of their offices and continue to discharge them under the Provisional Government till further appointments are made.

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that it is the duty of all loyal citizens of the State of South Carolina to promptly go forward and take the oath of allegiance to the United States, before some magistrate or military officer of the Federal Government, who may be qualified for administering oaths; and such are hereby authorized to give certified copies thereof to the persons respectively by whom they were made. And such magistrates or officers are hereby required to transmit the originals of such oaths, as early a day as may be convenient, to the Department of State, in the city of Washington, D. C.

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that the Managers of Elections throughout the State of South Carolina will hold an election for members of a State Convention, at their respective precincts, on the FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER NEXT, according to the laws of South Carolina in force before the secession of the State; and that each Election District in the State shall elect as many members of the Convention as the said District has members of the House of Representatives—the basis of representation being population and taxation. This will give one hundred and twenty-four members to the Convention—a number sufficiently large to represent every portion of the State most fully.

Every loyal citizen who has taken the Amnesty oath and not within the excepted classes in the President's Proclamation, will be entitled to vote, provided he was a legal voter under the Constitution as it stood prior to the secession of South Carolina. And all who are within the excepted classes must take the oath and apply for a pardon, in order to entitle them to vote or become members of the Convention.

The members of the Convention thus elected on the first Monday in September next, are hereby required to convene in the city of Columbia, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of September, 1865, for the purpose of altering and amending the present Constitution of South Carolina, or remodelling and making a new one, which will conform to the great changes which have taken place in the State, and be more in accordance with Republican principles and equality of representation.

And I do further proclaim and make known, that the Constitution and all laws of force in South Carolina prior to the secession of the State, are hereby made of force under the Provisional Government, except wherein they may conflict with the provisions of this proclamation. And the Judges and Chancellors of the State are hereby required to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties which appertain to their respective offices, and especially in criminal cases. It will be expected of the Federal military authorities now in South Carolina, to lend their authority to the civil officers of the Provisional Government, for the purpose of enforcing the laws and preserving the peace and good order of the State.

And I do further command and enjoin all good and lawful citizens of the State to unite in enforcing the laws and bringing to justice all disorderly persons, all plunderers, robbers and marauders, all vagrants and idle persons who are wandering about without employment or any visible means of supporting themselves.

It is also expected that all former owners of freed persons will be kind to them, and not turn off the children or aged to perish; and the freed men and women are earnestly enjoined to make contracts, just and fair, for remaining with their former owner.

In order to facilitate as much as possible the application for pardons under the excepted sections of the President's Amnesty Proclamation, it is stated for information that all applications must be by petition, stating the exception, and accompanied with the oath prescribed. This petition must be first approved by the Provisional Governor, and then forwarded to the President. The headquarters of the Provisional Governor will be at Greenville, where all communications to him must be addressed.

The newspapers of this State will publish this proclamation till the election for members of the Convention.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Done at the [L. S.] town of Greenville, this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1865, and of the independence of the United States the ninetieth.

B. F. PERRY.
By the Provisional Governor:
WILLIAM H. PERRY, Private Secretary.
July 25