to my Mather, whose harp has long hung on the willow, these lines are affectionately dedicated.

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I.

One talismanic touch, once more
Itapt in poetic pleasures,
Let Fancy set, as oft before,
Her thoughts to music's measures;
Ere yet her inspiration sped,
Thy harp, untuned to numbers,
Its chords long mute, its spirit fled,
What theme can break its slumbers?

Hath Time, triumphant in has pow'r.
With reckless tootsteps trod
Within sweet gempe's fairest bow'r
And scattered blight abroad—
Left crushed and wiltered in their bloom,
Imagination's flowers,
Or o'er thy dial cast a gloom,
That once marked sunniest hours?

Hath Care turned trailing clouds adrift,
To dim thy Heaven of mind?
And thus obscure the gracious gift
Of Poesy there enshrined?
Hath age—Prometheus-like—the fire
Of Genius stolen away
From thoughts, that glowed along thy lyre,
And kindled many a lay?

Oh! wave thy magic wand again,
And strike the o'erflowing heart.
That bursts of song, may in full strain,
From deeps includious start.
Tan from the duties of the sphere,
That pinions talent down,
And, mounting on Faith's wings, in air,
Win bright Apollo's crown.

Twould draw from every Muse's eye
A sad and pitying tear.
That in thy mind, entomb'd, should lie,
As on a funeral bier,
Rich fancies, that but roused to birth,
The harmonious soul would wake
To minstrelsy, not heard on earth,
But such as soraphs make.

Hath nature curtained from thy sight
Hor roseate beauties now?
Or dost thou snatch no fond delight
From twining round thy brow
The amaranthine wreath, that opes
Its radiant leaves to view—
Type of the gentle poet's hopes,
When blossoming anew?
M. M. C.
COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 4, 1865.

#### The Story of a Robin.

A correspondent of the London Athenceum writes:

Some years since, a robin frequented my garden in the neighborhood of Portsmouth. While at work alone or with my children, he would follow me about to obtain insects and other things from the newly disturbed earth. I was very regular in going out after breakfast, when the weather permitted. The little creature became aware of this, and I generally found him perched on a buckthorn tree that grew just outside the door, waiting for me. At soon as I appeared, he would begin At soon as I appeared, he would begin fluttering his wings and showing other signs of pleasure. He would then move with me from place to place until I began to work, when he would settle down very near me, searching the search of the search settle down very near me, searching the ground, as it was turned over, for food. We continued on these terms of intimacy during the summor. In the antumn, he disappeared, but re-turned again on the approach of win-ter. His proceedings during this sea-son were often very amusing. At one time, another robin came about the parlor winder, which seemed greatly parlor window, which seemed greatly to excite our little friend, and they had many pitched battles. Previous to these onsets, they would advance along an asparagus bed in front of the window, in parallel lines, and when rumbs were thrown out, the conflict would commence. Whilst they were fighting, the sparrows generally made off with the pieces. This war only terminated with the disappearance of the introder. the intruder.

But our robin's troubles were not at can end. He was now beset by numerous sparrows, whose courage increased as the progress of winter diminished their means of subsistence. With some of these he had most desperate conflicts, and this state of things did not cease until the coming on of spring enabled the former to find food elsewhere. The robin also disappeared after a time, but soon returned with a mate and reared a brood somewhere about the premises. Dur-ing the following winter the same wars were waged as before, with similar Our friend mated again the succeeding spring, and appeared to have gained confidence from the manner in which he had lived amongst us. The nest was built this year on a little shelf in an out-building at bottom of the garden. Here they reared their young, the hen during the period of incubation remaining on the nest even when some of the family were close to it; but it was out of the reach of the children. I shall not readily forget our friend's joy when the young ones made their appear-

One morning, on going into the garden, as usual, my attention was attracted by his uncommon agitation and proceedings. He would come about with great earnestness of manner, and then fly towards the nest, spatch.

and repeated this until it occurred to me that he meant something. On following him he appeared to express great delight, flying backwards and forwards until we arrived at the nest. The female was absent, and he seemed to enjoy the pleasure of introducing me to his family, hopping about with the greatest glee. We found after-wards that the hen did not approve of any of us approaching her young, as she invariably gave a note of alarm when any of us went near them. Circumstances arising that caused our removal, terminated my acquaintance with the rehin

THE SIEVES OF SOCIETY-You would not pour precious wine into a sieve; yet that were as wise as to make a confidant of one of those "leaky vessels" of society that, like water carts, seem to have been made for the express purpose of letting out what they take in. There is this difference, however, between the perforated puncheon and the leaky brain—the former lays the dust, and the latter is pretty sure to rise one. Beware of oozyheaded people between whose ears and mouth there is no partition. Before you make a bosom friend of any man, be sure that he is secret-tight. The mischief that the non-retentives do is infinite. In war there after the contraction of the contract infinite. In war they often mar the best-laid schemes, and render futile the most profound strategy. In social life they sometimes set whole communities by the ears, frequently break up families and are the break up families, and are the cause of innumerable misfortunes, miscries, and crimes. In business they spoil many a promising speculation, and involve hundreds in bankruptcy and ruin. Therefore be very careful to whom you intrust information of vital importance to your own interests or those you hold dear. Every man has a natural inclination to communicate what he knows, and if he does not do so, it is because his reason and judgment are strong enough to control this inherent propensity. When you find a friend who can exercise absolute power over the communicative instinct —if we may so term it—wear him in your heart, 'yea, in your heart of hearts.' If you have no such friend, keep your own counsel.

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WILLIAM H. PERRY.

4 Private Secretary.

Greenville, S. C., August 28, 1865.

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Executive Dep't of S. C.,

AUGUST 28, 1865.

In order to facilitate the business of the State Convention about to assemble—on the 13th of September—it is ordered that the Attorney-General and Solicitors of the State, re-appointed under the Provisional Government of South Carolina, do attend the sitting of the said Convention in Columbia, to prepare such business as may be desired by the members, as directed by the Convention.

Frovisional Governor of South Carolina, Sept 5 AUGUST 28, 1865.

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# PROCLAMATION

BY THE PROVISIONAL COVER-NOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA.



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Now, therefore, I. EENAMIN FRANTS, PERMY, PE

M. R. T. A. TOBIN, who was for a length of time connected with the old firm of Hotchkiss, Fenner & Bennett, has an interest in the present firm, and will derote his attention principally to the State of South Carolina. His address will be Clinton, Laurens District.

By the Provisional Governor of the State of South Caroling.

# A PROCLAMATION!

WHEREAS His Excellency Precident Johnson has issued his preciamation, 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 loval to the United States, for the purpose of altering 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 loval 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 protection by the United States against invasion, insurrection and domestic viol. Sec.

Now, thorefore, in obedience to the proclamation of his Paccinency Andrew Johnson. Pressient of the United States, I, BENJAMAN F. PERRY, Provisional Government in South Carolina, for the purpose of organizing a Provisional Government in South Carolina, reforming the State Constitution and restoring eivil 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 freason,) shall, on taking the oath of allegiance prosecuted is the Irosident's Amnesty Proclamation of the 20th day of May, 1855, resume the duties of their offices and continue to discharge them under the Provisional Government, and 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 and hereby equipment of Stee, in the city of Washington, D. C.

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that the Managers of

Every loyal citizen who has taken the

Every loyal citizen who has taken the Annesty oath and not within the excepted classes in the President's Proclamation, will be entitled to wite, provided he was a legal voter under the Constitution as is stood prior to the secession of South Carelina. 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, 1855, for the purpose of altering and amending the present Constitution of South Carolina, for remodelling and making a new one, which will conform to the great clanges which have taken place in the Siate, and be more in accordance with Republican principles and equality of representation.

And I do further proclaim and make

By the Provisional Governor: William H. Perny, Private Secretary, July 26