The blind boy's beer at play, mother,
And merry games we had;
We led him on our way, mother,
And every step was glad.
But when we found a starry flower,
And prized its varied hue,
A tear came trembling down his cheek,
Just like a drop of dew.

We took him to the mill, mother, Where fulling waters made. A rainbow o'er the rill, mother, As golden sun rays played; But when we should at the scene And hailed the clear blue-sky. e stood quite still upon the bank, And breathed a long, long sigh.

"Ah me!" he said, while tears re As fast as summer showers, "It is because I cannot see The sunshine and the flowers."

Oh! that poor sightless boy, mother, Has taught me I am blest, For I can look with joy, mother, On all I love the best. when I see the dancing stream, And daises red and white, I kneel upon the meadow sod, And thank my God for sight.

MY MOTHER'S VOICE.

BY. N. P. WILLIS,

My Mother's voice! how often creep Its cadence on my lengly hours!
Like healing on the wings of sleep,
Or dew on the unconscious flowers

I might forget her melting prayer,
While pleasure's pulses madly fly,
But in the still, unbroken air,
Her gentle tones come stealing by, And years of sin and manhood floe, And leave me at my mother's knee.

The book of Nature and its print, Of beauty on the whispering sea, Give still to me some lineament Of what I have been taught to be.

My heart is harder, and perhaps My manliness has drunk up tears, And there's a mildew on the lapse Of a few miserable years, But Nature's book is even yet With all my Mother's lessons writ.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Are the Planets Inhabited?

Thus is a question which may call forth a great deal of controversy and speculation, but it can neither be affirmed or denied with anything like proof, The Scientific American has a very sensible article upon the subject, the closing part of which is in these words: "Herschel has suggested that the sun may be inhabited, and that between its luminous atmosphere and its surface, there may be interposed a screen of clouds, whereby its inhabitants may no more suffer from intense heat than those who live in our tropical regions. This may be so, as we all know how much the heat of the sun's rays, in the hottest days of summer, are modified by an interposing cloud, or "a swift passing We also know that on the extensive table lands of high mountains in the tropics, the glazier and ice field reign as supreme as in the arctic regions, and all this although they are nearer the sun than the adjacent burning plains. The depth of the atmosphere, and its pressure upon the surface of the earth, affects its temperature as much as its relative distance from the sun, and thus it is that many simple questions, must enter into the calculation, to determine by reasoning, the complex question of the probability of the stars being inhabited .-We believe that neither the sun nor the moon is inhabited. The moon has been found to be destitute of any atmosphere, consequently no living thing can dwell there; at least, none possessing the same functions necessary to life as the oxygen-breathing creatures of the earth. As the sun has not an atmosphere like ours, we also conclude that there are no inhabitants there. These two orbs appear to perform-according to scienceno other duties than those described in the first chapter of Genesis, "let the sun and the moon be in the firmament to divide the day and the night, to be for times and seasons, days and years, and to give light upon the

Improve Your own Stock.

Occasionally we meet those who lament that they can do nothing towards obtaining an improved breed of animals because they cannot afford to avail themselves of imported or superior animals to begin with. To such we would hint that all the improved breeds commanding high prices must have sprung originally from common stock. Some particular male or female must have been selected for some special good quality, and this good quality would be inherited more or less by the progeny of that particular animal. This must have been the starting point of the most celebrated breeds of domesticated animals. Certain animals having some especial superiority, must have been selected for breeding; and his quality being sought after and aim ed at from generation to generation, and ed at from generation to generation, and every auxiliary which good judgement could suggest in feeding or management, being brought to assist in the development of the quality or qualities desired, at length a breed of animals celebrated for some particular point of excellence was obtained.

Now if in this way all our distinguished breeds have been produced in the past and in foreign countries, the secret is at the ser-vice of those who think they cannot afford to get a good animal or the use of one to com-mence breeding from. But this may be on-ly an apology for indifference or for a very questionable economy. It will take generations, perhaps, to improve at home up to a point that one may start from by the expendi-ture of a few dollars.—Country Gentleman.

tossed up carelessly in the presence of the young man (!) a little child, and upon mak-ing a feint as though intending to let the child fall, the youth in "breeches aforesaid" uttered—woman-liko—a small scream. This test was considered the experimentum crucis, and the landlord proceeded to charge the ber illess boy with usurping one of the most sacred privileges appertaining to maculinity. Alas, for human frailty, the confession after a little evasion, was indeed made that she was a young lady, who, residing in Philadelphia, and falling desperately in love with a young gentleman to whom her parents were opposed, she had resorted to this method to clude observation, and had agreed to meet her lover at this place, and together proceed to the Springs. She wept bitterly at her folly, and was no doubt taught a very severe lesson.— She returned to her parents in Philadelphia. the next morning. But the end is not yet. On the same evening, a young gentleman arrived from Philadelphia in the cars, and also stopped at the American, and shortly after inquired if Mr. Frank Pearson was there. This, of course, was the lover whom she had been awaiting, and who, for some unexplained reason, "turned up" a little too late for his plans. He was informed that Mr. Pearson had started that morning for Bedford! Thither he bent his steps by the "first coach" the following morning, in blissful expectation, no doubt, of meeting his young friend, Mr. Frank with his oponent, ran him through with his

Irish Ingenuity.

'Pat,' said his employer, in a tone which implied reproof, 'Pat I am sorry you should disgrace yourself by getting drunk? Sure somebody has been, chateing you.

was niver drunk in my life."

'But I saw you myself, last Saturday.' 'Saw me drunk !' said Pat, in great appaent astonishment. 'Certainly.'

But your honor, are you sure it wasn't Handy O'Mulligan that you mistook for

'How should I mistake you, when he wice as large as you, and in height-Shure, I'm just as tall as he is, your hon-

r, barrin' six inches or such a trifle.' But I'm sure it was you.' 'What made you think I was drunk your

onor ? Because I saw you staggering about un-

ble to stand.' Stand! I could stand well enough, your

ionor, only you see I was dancing like for the sake of exercise, it was." Then you didn't have exercise enough in

Was that for exercise, or did you think to his morning mail, this veteran news-vender improve the looks of your clothes in that met him at the foot of the flight of steps way ?'
Niver a bit, but then you see I'm not the

boy to be ashamed of the mother that bore me, and sure isn't the earth my mother !and doesn't the Bible say that we must return to the earth that we came from, sir? And sure there is'nt any harm in going according to the Bible, is there, your honor?' 'I am afraid you were not thinking of that

when you were drinking the whisky that brought you to such a state. Besides, if the editor, and I was in the firm of Carrington when you were drinking the whisky that very respectable to pitch into her as you did. I might discharge you from my employment, but do you think, if I keep you, that you can keep away from whisky, and Billy McGlinninekin's shop?"

Sure sir, I can do it the easiest in world. You must know, your honor, that I didn't go there for the sake of the whisky, at all, but only to encourage Billy and to help him along, poor fellow, for he's got a wife and ten children to support out of his shop, sir, and that's the only reason I went there.

Pat's employer rewarded his ingenuity by retaining him in his employment, but warned him to beware of the second mischance.

The Beginning of Mormonism.

The following, which we copy from the Albany Journal, will be read with peculiar sterest at the present time:

"Twenty-eight years ago, Joe Smith, the founder of this sect, and Harris, his first convert, applied to the senior editor of the Journal, then residing in Rochester, to print his "Book of Mormon," then just transcribed from the "Golden Bible," which Joe had found in the cleft of a rock to which he had

well fought battle-field, with shouts of victory ringing in his ear; but in his palace hall, by the assassin's blade. In his own fair capitol of Lima, the City of Kings, the gem of the Pacific, which had sprung up under his auspices, with incredible rapidity, for Pisarro seemed to impart his vast energy to all about him, a score of conspirators, assembled at the house of Amalgro's son, plotted his death. It was on a Sunday in June, 1541, at the hour of dinner, that they burst into his apartment with cries of "Death to the tyrant." A number of visitors were with him, A number of visitors were with him but they were imperfectly armed, and deserted him, escaping by the windows, and his half brother Martinez de Alcontora, two pages, and as many cavaliers, were all who stood forward in defence of their chief.— They soon fell overpowered by numbers and covered with wounds. But Pizarro was not the man to meekly meet his death. Alone, without armor, his cloak around one arm, his good sword in his right hand, with a vig-or and intrepidity surprising at his advanced age, the old hero kept his cowardly assail-

ants at bay.
"What, ho!" he cried, "traitors! have you come to kill me in my own house?" And, as he spoke, two of his engmies fell beneath his blows. Rada, the cheif of the conspirators, impatient of the delay, called out:
"Why are we so long about it? Down
with the tyrant!" and taking one of his companions in his arms, he thrust him against Pearson, at the Springs! We hope he had sword. And, at that moment, he received a a happy time of it! We trust this will be wound in the throat and reeling, he sunk on the last of an affair that might be a source the floor, when the swords of Rada and seveof untold misery to all concerned, and that ral others were plunged into his body. "Jethis fertunate interposition of accident will su!" exclaimed the dying man; and, tracing give the lady wisdom, and open her eyes to a cross with his bloody finger on the floor, the rascality of her lover.—Blairsville, (Pa.) he bent down his head to kiss it, when a stroke, more friendly than the rest, put an end to his existence.

Ups and Downs.

The sojourners of our city hotels are familiar with the modest tone in which the words "New York Herald," "Tribune," "Times," "Baltimore Sun," "Intelligencer," "Union," &c, fall upon their ears from a respectable elderly gentleman in the news paper line. At break of day you may find him at the rail road depot, with his bundle of these "maps of busy life," at breakfast time he is at the hotel ready to exchange his commodities for the ready cash; and a gain as midnight draws near, you will still find him pursuing the even tenor of his way. pressing his sales. We have observed him for many years going regularly through this routine. Many wonder if he sleeps. If "eternal vigilence is the price of liberty," he is entitled to the largest that may be had.—

A curiosity is often manifested to know his history. Some say that he has by dint of such untiring industry and perseverence laid up something handsome for a "rainy

Then you didn't have exercise enough in sawing wood all day. But if that was the case, why was it that you fell into the gutter?

One morning last week, as the Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio, was passing from the breakfast room at the "National" with near the office. His eye caught the title "Cincinnati Gazette" to a paper in Mr. C's hand, and with a peculiar expression he re

"Ah, the old Cincinnati Gazette!" Mr. Campbell halted, observing, have it not in your package?"

"No; but I took it once." Mr. Campbell. "When?"

earth is your mother, as you call it, it isn't & Wells, wholesale merchants, Main-street, Cincinnati !"

Mr. Campbell-"I recollect the firm, for was then a printer's devil in the Gazette of-fice, and faithfully through wintry storms carried the paper to you. We are living monuments of the 'ups and downs' of life!"

Here a strange expression passed over the countenance of Wells, and Mr. C. fearing that he might awaken unpleasant reminisen-ces in connection with his change of fortune, left, with a "God give you success; your enrgy deserves it!

How illustrative of the changes of fickle fortune! The carrier boy of the news of that day to the wholesale merchant is now, member of the American Congress, and the wholesale merchant now carries the newspa-pers to him.—National Intelligencer,

THE MERRY LAUGH,—"Do not laugh so loud," said an elderly lady to us, many years ago, "it isn't proper." Well, perhaps it isn't in the drawing room; but some times we do like to hear a glad laugh ring

out on the passing breeze.

It exerts a good influence over us, for it found in the cleft of a rock to which he had been guided by a vision.

We attempted to read the first chapter, but it seemed such unintelligible jargon that it was thrown aside. Joe was a tavern idler in the village of Palmyra. Harris, who of fered to pay for the printing was a favored and the printing was a

that which just now floats through our room in gushes of sweetest music. "Man may smile and be a villian;" but it is in vain for him to attempt an imitation of a gleeful laugh. We hear the hollow chuckle of the miser over his gains; the manical, the malicious, the triumphant laugh, but all these contrast bitterly with that which breaks from the fountains of joy.

The manuscript was then taken to another printing office across the street, from whence, in due time, the original "Mormon Bible" made its advent.

"Tall tree from little acorns grow."

But who would have anticipated from such a bald, shallow, senseless imposition, such world-wide consequences? To remember and contrast Joe Smith, with his loafer look, pretending to read from a miraculous slate.

main strength of our party lies in the upper end of the county—'specily a mong the inhabitants of the Swamp, as up to the Swampers with five gallons of the real hardware, tremendous stuff, knock a horse down, the last Waterem had on hand. About four hours back came Sam, horse in perspiration, himself in fright, and every thing indicating an untoward state of affairs."

"What's the matter Sam" said I

"What's the matter, Sam?" said I, "Matter?" said he, "matter enough you have outraged the feelings of the irtuous Swampers, they swear that any man who expects to go to the Senate for three years and can't afford ten gallons of whiskey is too mean for the post, they won't vote for him."

"Matters looked sadly enough. On-ly one store-keeper within a few days ide, and he a whig. Of course he wouldn't sell any liquor to me so near election."

"What did you do." "Called a council of war immediatey, Lawyer Ross and several more.-Ross proposed a letter of apology to the disaffected. Rejected, wouldn't do without the whiskey. Cale Alright was the fellow to help us out, always full of expedients. He proposed to water the liquor up to the right quanti-

ty. We did so, but on trying it found it much too weak for our friends.— Such wouldn't go down with them.— Cale asked if we had any other spirits; handed him about a gallon of gin; in it went; tasted it; not strong enough.
Found a quart of rum, poured it in.—
Sam tried it: "too weak," said he.—
We are at our wit's end. "Red pepper,", said Cale. It was brought; in per,", said Cale. It was brought; in "Capwent a pound; he stired it up. "Capital," said he. We tried it and nearly blistered our throats; it would have killed rats. Sam took it up the next day, explaining that it was owing to the scarcity of liquor in the neighborhood that a fresh supply of the best "Ole Mongohale" had been obtained, and invited a trial of its merits. They

seems, was his ruling passion.

It was so, rejoined ke, for whenever was invited to a party I always de-

pended on him to adorn my head.

You must have been much obliged to the young man, replied the lady, for it is more than the whole college cor-poration have been able to do.

A MERCHANT examining a hogshead of hardware, on comparing it with the invoice, found it all right, except a ham-mar less than the invoice. "Oh! don't be troubled, honey," said the Irish porter, "sure the nagur took it out to open the hogshead with."

A very small man, but a smart one withal, was walking in company with five friends who were uncommonlylarge and stout.

"How do you feel my little man," said one of the large men, "walking in company with five such big fellows as ourselves?

"Feel!" said the small man, "why as a five cent piece feels among five cop-

The following emphatic declaration of the celebrated Irish orator, Sir Boyl Roche, has a true national flavor:-"If the question is put to me, Mr. Speaker, Pll answer boldly in the affirmative

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"Yes," says Sam, "there are divers

Is dull weather effects you, marry a warm hearted girl, and make a sun-shine for yourself. Bachelors will find htis far superior to either billards or Burgundy.

An exchange says:—"The politican should be not only a great but a good man." It is a great pity the fact was not sooner disclosed.

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