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## POETRY. E----

Sooner or Later.

Overmy slumbers from head to feet : Sooner or later the winds shall rave In the long grass above my grave.

I shall not heed them where I lie. Nothing their sounds shall signify, Nothing the hondstone's fret of ra Nothing to me the dark day's pain.

Sooner or later the sun shall shine With tender warmth on that mound of mine Scoper or later in summer air, Clever and violet blessom there.

I shall not feel, in that deep laid rest, The sheeted light fall over my breast, Nor ever note in those hidden hours The wind-blown breath of tossing flowers.

Sooner or later the stainless snows Sooner or leter shall slant and shift, And beap my bed with dazzling drift.

Chill though the frozen pall shall seem. It's touch no colder can make the dream That recks not the sweet and sacred dread Shrouding the city of the dead.

Sooner or later the bee shall come And fill the noon with its golden hum; Somer or later, on half-poised wing, .

Ring and chirron and whistle with glee; Nothing his music shall seem to me; None of these beautiful things shall know How soundly their lover sleeps below.

Sooner or later, far out in the night, The stars above me shall wing their flight. Somer or later by darkling daws Catch the white spark in the silver ooze.

Nover a ray shall part the gloom That wraps me round in the kindly tomb; Peace shall be perfect for lip and brow Somer or later-O! why not now !

## VARIOUS.

[FOR THE ORANGEBURG NEWS.] Holliday Pleasures in the Country.

Do the ladies and gentlemen of the town ever witness country enjoyments-the rude and simple pleasures of the masses? They do not, and to them is this dedicated. If the enjoyment of the "Lower Ten" is not so recherche is it less satisfactory to them than glittering ball-rooms with their accomplishmeets, are to the "Upper." Their cup is filled to the brim, nor should the exclusive. the one who eips nectar, find fault with homespun who smacks his lips over flagons of small beer; heaven forefend. A quilting is a sort of a preface or introductory chapter to a frolic at night. Frolic! who would have guessed frolie? not Old Bay, as he dropped in at the house of a friend after ; day's labor, weary and worn, at seeing a quilt with a few rosy young damsels working away with the nimble needle, for dear life, as demure as sleepy passy cats. Nor even when one or two of the boys dropped in about sundown, like stray stars coming out before daylight is gone. The said stars dressed and pomatumed to the extent of their financial abilities, look ing extremely uneasy and sheepish in stiff homespun and rigid colar. But presently more arrive, singly, in couples or in little groups of both sexes. Now O. B. surells a rat, he reads frolie on every face.

Lively go the needles, and lively chatter the tongues of rustic belles as ever and anon the owners are pestered by bashful homespun for the evening evolves the starlike sparkles of his marriage bell.

Old Boy is in the way, he entreuches himolf on a table behind a pile of shawls and don't see into such things of course. Among the girls there is some demure talk of going home, but some half dozen hats belonging to the prettiest are thrown up to the ceiling on the overhanging quilt-and how can they leave without their hats, mama? Finally they conclude to stay a few minutes. For a certain period O. B. is oblivious, but is at last awak-

Dancing feet

Far ahead of all fiddling (for a fiddle can't

Oh how I love my Susy gal,

I dearly love my sue, But the road's too long and the horse too poor To court my Su-oo-sie gal.

Oh I love my Susie gal, Oh how I love my Sue, But the road's too long and the horse too poor,

Good bye my Susie ga-a-ll.

Hereupon one of the asteroids takes upon nimself the role of the poor knocked-kneed horse, and anties over and around until some compassionate file meets him half-way, when an infinitessimal amount of Masousic courting is performed, and Susie gal and pardner back out and give place to the next couple. This roes on until each and every Susie has been

sound(ly) smacked and danced out of breath. As it may be supposed, O. B. was very interested about this time, and resolved to snooze with one eye and both ears open.

The name of the poet who was delivered of the next jig, O. B. never could ascertain.

Jay bird sittin' on a hick'ry limb, a hick'ry limb Jay bird sittin' on a hickory limb, hio, hio, hio, picked up a rock and hit 'im on the shin, hit 'im on the shin.

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The broken leg jig is evidently the name for it, as only a company of broken shinn'd jay trils could keep time to it. There was, howexecution in favor of several pairs of says: homespun breeches that could toe and heel to anything, except perhaps, "old hundred."

The next refrain took O. B. back to the time when he was a ten year old, that the larger girls kissed to tantalize the "grown ups." Every body has heard-

There's a flower in the garden for you young man

It seems there are variations

There's a possum in the garden for you young maid, There's a possum in the garden to kiss, be not afraid. There's, &c.

O. B. was kissed when he was little-when he was big-some. Is it disagreeable now he is old boy? I am afraid not, would he like to sweep his appreciative lips over that peachy cheek of sixteen? perhaps! well, he might cajole, palaver, negotiate, or flank, (military) and arrive at such a consumation. But would it be a pleasure to sixteen-not a bit, so (). B. will refrain from mixing old wine in new bot-

Gentle reader, is there anything astonishing in emigration, when a maiden holding to the arm of a true lovyer and keeping step to a march Westward, is sang to in this wise

Where coffee grows on white oak trees, And rivers run with brandy, Where the rocks are overlaid with gold. And the girls are sweeter than candy.

Nice country to live in.

Furthermore hear the answer to the following plaintive interrogatory from a smitten inquiren, and imagine all hands, or feet, patting

(Insinuating.) Oh where are you going my darling,

Oh where are you going I say ; Oh where are you going my darling, This long summer's day.

I'm a going to my tiddleum, my tiddleum, my tid-

I'm a going to my tiddleum this long summer's day And as all parties kept at tu tiddleum, deponent went to sleep, and seeth not what took place next, or after; as the end was a blank to his tired senses. OLD BOY.

## Double-Headed Colored Girls.

The New Orleans Picayune thus describes a wonderful natural curiosity, to be seen in that

We paid a visit on Friday to that most wonderful of Nature's freaks, the double-headed colored girl, or perhaps it would be more correct to say, the two girls in one. For convenience, we shall speak of them in the plural. 40,000 members, and has expended over rustic wit, and everything goes merry as a They are entirely distinct, as far as mind is \$500,000 in aid of the sick and for the sup- urges Congress to complete the work in that concerned, laughing and chatting with each port of the widow and orphan.

other, and being apparently upon the most intimate terms, and one may have a headache or and goes off into a snooze. Meanwhile the a cold without the other being affected, but quilt goes up to the ceiling, it is merely an ex- any fever, or other serious disease affects both cuse, and a sort of blind to the old folks. They equally. Their bodies are separate from the small of the back up; each having a perfectly formed bust and head, two arms, &c., and each has two legs, but there is only one trunk Both are remarkably intelligent, reading and writing with ease, while their manners are refined. In quite a lengthy conversation, they did not make a single grammatical error, and their language was unusually select. Upon questioning them as to their education, they replied that they had been carefully taught by their former mistress, Mrs. Smith, in Columbus, North Carolina, in which village they were born. They are now fifteen years old, and more than ordinary bright for girls of their age, having had the advantage of foreign travel. They both sing very sweetly, one having a soprano, and the other a contralto voice, and we have rarely heard two voices that blended so perfect in a duet. Among their other accomplishments is that of dancing, and the manner in which they manage to execute a waltz is truly wonderful. When standing at ease the left foot of one and the right foot of the other do not lie flat upon the floor, but rest upon the toes. In walking, however, they step with all their feet and walk with perfect case with the them separately, one applies the distinctive appellation, she on the left being called Millie, and she on the right Chrissie : though Chrissie, in addressing her other half, call her "Sister." There is a striking resemblance between their faces, and conformation of their heads is much the same-Chrissie being perhaps a shade brighter than her sister, and rather more talkative. Before seeing these strange girls we had fancied that we would experience a teeling of repulsion, but the first glance at their bright, cheerful faces dispelled that idea

> TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT MONROE, WISCON-SIN-A GIBL KILLS HER SEDUCER .- A dispatch dated Midison, Wisconsin, January 15, 1112

Intelligence has just been received here of a tragedy in Monroe, Green county, of which the following are the particulars obtained from entirely reliable authority : Patrick Crotty, an Irishman, somewhat noted for his exploits among the fair sex, seduced a young serving woman named Angeline Shroyer, some two years since, and a long suit followed about the maintenance of the child. The girl's father proposed on her behalf, to settle the matter for an indemnity of \$300 and the costs of the suit. Crotty had come to the Monroe House where angeline was working, to make payment and taking a receipt in full. Here a dispute occurred. Crotty claiming that the amount should be only \$300 in all. Crotty was quite boisterous in his language, frequently going out to stimulate himself with liquor. The girl also slipping out, procured a pistol, and on his approaching her with insulting language, and some say, with violent gestures, she fired, the ball entering the abdomen and passing entirely through him. lodging near the skin at the back. He uttered an exclamation, hastened to his sleigh, and attempted to drive home. but soon sunk down and died. Crotty had troversy has been more fierce since that time

A TALE OF LOVE .- One quiet night in leafy June, when the bees and birds were all at 28 (the quotations of yesterday) isn't so in tune, two lovers walked beneath the moon. The night was fair-so was the maid; they walked and talked beneath the shade, with none to harm or make afraid,-her name was Sue and his name was Jim, and she was fat and he was slim; he took to her and she to him. Says Jim to Sue-"By all the snakes that squirm among the brush and brakes, I like you better'n buckwheat cakes." Says Sue to Jim chiefly from cotton, come almost in a body; -"Since you've begun it, and been and come and done it, I like you next to a new bonnet. Says Jim to Sue-"My heart you've busted : but I have always gals mistrusted." Says Sue to Jim-"I will be true; if you love me as I love you no knife can cut our love in two." Says Jim to Suc-"Through thick and thin for your true loveyer count me in ; I'll court no other gal agin.'

Jim leaned to Sue, Sue leaned to him; his nose just touched her jockey brim, four lips went-went-ahem! ahem! and then-and then-and then-and then! Oh! gals, beware of men in June, when crickets are in tune, lest your names gets in the papers

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this State, holds its annual session in Charleston on the 20th instant. During the last year this order has received. in the United States, an accession of over

The Naperville Tragedy.

We have chronicled the fact of the killing f a man named James A. Laird at Naperville DuPage county, Illinois, by Chauncey Bailey, with whose wife the deceased had been criminally intimate. A coroner's inquest has since been held upon the remains, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts.

From the testimony given at the inquest in appears that Mr. Chauncey Bailey, the injured husband, resided in the western suburbs of Naperville; that some three months ago one James A. Laird a young and not a bad-looking man, and formerly a resident of the village, returned from the somewhat fast town of Cheyenne where he had held the position of sheriff of the county in which Cheyenne is located, as also the position of deputy United States marshal of the district. During the three months since his return, an improper intimacy grew up between the ex-sheriff and the wife of Mr. Bailey-an intimacy which years. although ferfectly evident to the community at large, was not known to Mr. Bailey until quite recently. At last a friend of the injured husband told him of the disgraceful rumors. Mr. Bailey very properly commenced to investigate as to the facts in the case. So. accordingly, he immediately started off to Elgin, that is, to speak more accurately, he other two. In speaking of them as one, they told his wife that he so intended. This deare called Mille-Chrissie, but in addressing parture for Elgin, Mrs. Bailey was informed, would take place Wednesday morning But this part of the programme was not carried out. During the day the ex-sheriff received a note written in a feminine hand conveying the information that Mr. Bailey had left town for that day. Accordingly Mr. Laird proceeded to the house of the woman about 9 o'clock in the evening. A gentle tap at the deor, and Mrs. Bailey admitted him. Soon after the entrance of Laird, Bailey appeared on the ground-gazing at the guilty pair through a hole which he had cut out in the

> wife and Lard at the time were sitting to-gether of a lounge in the sitting-room, but soon we not an adjoining bedroom. Waitfew minutes, Builey burst in the his wife and her paramour flagrante delicto. Laird attempted to escape, but the outraged husband drew a revolver, and before the libertine reached the door shot him in the breast immediately over the heart. Five shots were fired in all, only one of which took effect Laird succeeded in reaching the open air, ran a few rods, and fell a corpse. Bailey immediate y gave himself up, but the authorities did not incarcerate him, allowing him to sleep

where he desired to in the village. The cause of the above tragedy, or one of its causes (Mrs. Bailey), is a tolerably handsome woman, about twenty-eight years of age. She commenced her career of free-love by eloping with a Universalist clergyman. This first departure from virtuous womanhood was, however, hushed up, the erring woman apparently becoming a repentant .- Chicago Republican, January 15.

COMMERCIAL. - Trade has has been lively during the pussent week, says the Wilmington Star, especially "on the wharf." Turpentine and Cotton have been on a grand rampage creating more than usual excitement among married only a few weeks since, and the con- dealers. Even the croakers have been forced to gratify us with some of their horrid grins, and reluctantly admit that all is not yet lost. Spirits Turpentine at 50 cents and Cotton bad after all; and we hope to see a general improvement in business at an early day.

We have heard much recently concerning the prosperity of the Cotton States. May we not hope that the "tidal wave" of rejuvenation has reached the Turpentine State?

We doubt not we are as well off as friends further South. Their receipts, being while the productions of North Carolina, being more varied, keep trade near the standard of uniformity, and supply our people with greenbacks, though in smaller quantities, throughout the entire year.

In summer, when Savannah and Mobile are without trade enough to keep a third of their business population occupied. Wilmington is doing her heaviest business in nava! stores. No city af the South offers greater induce-

ments to capitalists than Wilmington. We hope they will give us a call before they decide where they think they can make the most

night at the emancipation celebration in Washington, said that the colored man had not yet got out of the woods, and that he must have the right of suffrage extended to him in New York and Ohio, for he was as much entitled to vote there as he was in this District, or any of the Southern States. He

Some Sunnier Days.

Day by day the South gains a better tone. The people are growing more hopeful, and correspondingly strong.

Through all these States; so lately furrowed with cannon balls and sowed with dragons'

and blooming, the beautiful flowers of peace. Our material interests are advancing. With pride and gratitude we make the record. Southern produce is going to market in undullars are coming from the North and from Europe in payment therefor. Here and there the crops may have proved a failure, but a close examination seems to show that the failures are exceptional, not the rule, and that throughout all the broad South the larger number of tilled acres have given grateful yields. There has been more heart in the "harvest-home" home songs than for several

There is even now a greater abundance of money in the South than has been for many a long year. We have been gaining wealth, and what is better, the stern experience of latter years has taught us to be economical, prudent, thrifty. The great business centres of the North have been saying, in view of proposed enterprises here, "There is no money in the South. On the 28th ult., one New York bank alone forwarded one and a half millions of dollars to the South. That bank is only one of many now called-on to pour into

The glad evidences are that a portion of this wealth will be used, not in dissipation, but in building up the waste places of the South. We have as we have said, grown more thrifty. In this general comparative prosperity the

city of Charleston and the entire State of South Caroline are, we trust, making a true advance. The improvement may, to some, seem slow, but it is none the less sure. window-curtain the previous evening. His

With more money-making, come other and great improvements. In Government matters we are becoming more stable, and in the matter of general education we are certainly reaching a higher plane.

We have it is true, some drawbacks, some difficulties. Clouds drift up now and then But all the South is fast finding the sources of true wealth. Every true patriot should be glad thereat, for added good to the South means an added good to the nation.

A HERMAPHRODITE.-In Vienna, Catheiting herself at the present time to the physi- iew seconds on his hind legs, looking lutent cians and naturalists of the Austrian capital. A journalist who saw her, writes to the Vienna Press : "I pitied the poor creature. Although in good health, and of robust, even beautifully shaped form she sat before me in deep distress and wept. And she has wept already a great deal in her joyless life. She loved a man for twelve years; he loved her too, and even proposed to her to go with him to America, where nobody would know of her misfortune; he would live with her there and be happy with her. But she refused to accept his generous offer, saying she would not make him unhappy. Then she loved, dreadful to say, for seven months-a young girl. Both of them were greatly attached to each other, until the young girl finally turned from her and married. "from this time forward." says the poor hermaphrodite, "I could no longer look at the girl; I hated her." The most conflicting feelings always surge in her breast and torment her heart. She feels love for both sexes, and does not belong to either. "What shall I do here on earth?" she exclaimed; what am I? In my life an object of scientific experiment, and after my death, an anatomical curiosity !"

PROPORTIONS OF THE HUMAN BODY .-The proportion of the human figure are strictly mathematical. The whole figure is six times the length of the foot. Whether the form be slender or plump, the rule holds good; any deviation from it is a departure from the highest beauty in proportion. The Greeks made all their statures according to this rule. The face, from the highest point of the fore head, where the hair begins, to the chia, is one teuth of the whole stature; the hand, from the wrist to the middle fingers is the same From the top of the chest to the highest point in the forchead is a seventh, if the length of the face, from the roots of the hair to the Gen. Ho ard, in an address on Friday chin be divided into three equal parts, the first division determines the place where the eyebrows meet, and the second the place of nostrils. The heigth, from the feet to the top of the head is the same as the extremity of the fingers when the arms are extended.

> A young man at Berlin lately lost 29 pounds of flesh and won a wager by keeping awake for a whole week.

A WONDERFUL VOLCANO.-The London News says: "It is not merely that Mount Etna has again broken forth lute cruption, but that the new outburst is characterized by violence and intensity indicative of the wide extent of the region of disturbance beneath the crater, For nine hours on the night of teeth there are springing up, and even budding December 8-9, the mountain was vomiting flames and lava to a prodigious height. Stones and burning matter were projected from the crater, and so high did some of these projectiles reach that the sand and smaller stones told quantities, and millions and millions of fell over Ari Reale and even over Messing or to a distance of upwards of forty miles from the cone. . The lava is now flowing in every direction from the crater, and devastating the surrounding country. After the second great outburst, the eruption became somewhat less active; but that the mountain is far from being likely soon to sink to rest, is evidenced by the fact that deafening denomations still continue to be heard. If any further evidence were wanting of the magnificence of the scale on which Etna is now erupting, it would be found in the fact that the news we have received comes from Valetta, which is upwards of one hundred and twenty miles from Etna. We are told that growds assembled at Valetta, to witness the grand spectacle afforded by the burning mountain."

> SHARP TRANSACTION IN A HORSE TRADE. -Quite recently a business man who could talk horse very learnedly, and thought he was pretty well informed on the subject of horseflesh, swapped a small white for a cream-colored horse by paying such "boot" as he thought gave him "a real bargain." shortly afterwards he meta man with a beautiful glossy, coal-black horse, who was willing to swap for the cream for an amount of boot named. Our business man accepted the offer very readily, paid the required boot, and took possession of the coal black. Very soon, however, the coal-black began to grow rusty in spite of great care in the way of currying and washing, the rusty tint increased in rustiness, when upon making 'a scientific examination," the glossy coalblack was found to have been simply another manifestation of the remarkable progress of the country is making in the fine art hair-dyeing, and especially horse hair dyeing. Our business man's new coal-black horse turned out to be his original white one, which he had swapped for the cream color .- Providence

A REMARKABLE ESCAPE.-As Mr. Syl. vester Scribner, of Saliebury, N. H., was on his way home with his horse and team, on the rine Hohanann, a native of Bavaria, is exhib- 31st ultimo, he observed a dog standing every toward the forest, and uttering occasionally She is neither a man nor woman, a lusus na- low cry. The behavior of the animal was so ture a case of hermaphrodisia vera lateralis. singular that Mr. Scribner stopped his team, and upon listening heard a faint sound, but whether animal or human he could not tell, Proceeding in the direction of the sound-to the manifest delight of his dog, who ran on before him, ever and anon looking to see if his master was following. Mr. Scribner soon discovered one of his nearest neighbors (Mr. Robert I. Batchelder) crushed under a large ash tree which he had been felling. Mr. Batchelder's thigh was broken, and he was otherwise so much injured that it is believed he could not live another hour had not succor arrived; and for this he was directly indebted to his neighbor's sagacious dog. Mr. Scribner rescued the injured man from his perilous situation, took him home, and he is now recovering .- N. Y. Times.

> EAR ACHE .- So painful is this malady, that we are sure every one will be glad to read a recipe, said to be infalible in its cure. We copy from an exchange the simple remedy:-Take a bit of cotton batting, put upon it a pinch of black pepper, gather it up and tie, and dip into sweet oil, and insert in the car. Put a flannel bandage over the head to keep it warm. It will give immediate relief."

> The New York Tribune says: "Reports come from New Orleans that the Thugs who have broken up one constitutional convention and prevented one Presidential election in that city, are now threatening to murder the Union members of the Legislature, if that body shall have the audacity to attempt holding its regular session. Let us tell these rioters and murderers an open secret: On the 5th day of March next, Philip H. Sheridan will resume command in New Orleans. The fact may be of service to them."

> A noted Chinese bandit and blackmailer, Linsian-man, has been captured in Shanghae. He will be punished by being put into a box of such shape that he can noither he down, sit, nor stand; his head and hands will protrude, and he will be left exposed to sun, wind and rain, until he dies of exhaustion or starea-

The word "hats" occurs but once in the bible. See Daniel 3d chapter, 21st verse,