

Poetry.

THE DOG OF ST. BERNARD.

Fast falls the snow on St. Bernard's high mountain

Storing its wealth in the gullies below;
Hiding the streamlet, and sealing the fountain,
And making the valley a wild waste of snow.
Nature is silent—the winds are all sleeping;
Ceaseless and stillly the snow-flakes fall;
Mute the monks of St. Bernard are keeping
Their vigils around the blaze in the hall.
Crash!—'tis an avalanche! Silence no longer
Communes with night, and the winds cry aloud,

The wrath of the tempest grows stronger and stronger,
Wrapping St. Bernard around with a shroud.

Holy St. Bernard! succor the dying,
Where but this instant the avalanche fell;
Mother and child in the deep snow are lying,
Making their grave in the cold mountain dell.
No! there is one who is eagerly tearing
The hillock of snow from the child's freezing breast;

And now he in triumph is rapidly bearing
Away to the convent a perishing guest.
Robb'd of her child, as it quits her embraces,
Life comes to the mother, its value has fled,
Of her first, of her only born, gone are all traces,
Save on the snow-wreath that pillow'd its head.

See! the bereft one with wild terror scream,
Flies o'er the mountain—away and away;
Frenzied itself has no hope of redeeming
Her child, to the wolf or the eagle a prey.
She reaches the convent—she faints at the portals—

She is borne to the hall, and to life is restored;

She sank at the gates the most hopeless of mortals;

And sought, but in dying, the child she adored.

She opens her eyes—on her babe!—on her treasure,

Once more on her mother her darling has smiled,

She weeps, but such tears have their fountain in pleasure,

The dog of the mountain has rescued her child.

Miscellaneous.

A Montreal merchant advertises for tenders for the supply of twenty black bears.

O. A. Gilman, Paris, Ky., has shipped to Boston during the season 82,000 turkeys.

At Elmira, N. Y., fishermen are having great success fishing through the ice with grasshoppers caught last summer and preserved by dipping in gum arabic.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, of McKillop, delivered at the Commercial Hotel, Seaford, a few weeks ago, a load of hay which weighed three tons, seven hundred and twenty pounds. This hay was taken out of the barn and was unpressed.

A horrible accident occurred near Clayton, N. Y., recently. Joseph Collins, while sailing in an ice boat, at the rate of a mile a minute, lost control of the rudder, and struck the dock with such force as to completely split his body.

A curious candle need in Alaska is a fish eight inches long, almost transparent and very fat, the fat being pure white and very sweet. The Indians dry this fish, then light it at the tail, and it burns with a clear, sparkling flame, which the wind will not extinguish.

In Pulaski County, Kentucky, last week, a farm of fifteen acres, 'with all the live stock thereon, consisting of one sow and five pigs, one quilt, two sisters of meal and a small quantity of meat,' were sold for \$30 cash, and the deed, containing the foregoing recital, put on record.

A young cow, 21 months old, belonging to Mr. James Pickard, Blanchard, gave birth last week to a calf which is quite a curiosity. It (or they) has two distinct bodies, being only attached at the hips; two heads, six legs and two tails.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foster, of Walsingham, Ont., celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day on the 6th ult. Mr. Foster was one of the earliest settlers of Norfolk, and is one of the veterans of 1812.

A Minneapolis boy was sent by his teacher, a woman, to the superintendent to be whipped. The lad suspected the contents of the note and hired a boy he met on the street to deliver it, giving him ten cents. The superintendent didn't discover till after the chastigation was over that the boy he had flogged had not seen the inside of a school-house for a month.

A commercial drummer from Pittsburgh, Pa., while somewhat under the influence of liquor the other night, drove upon a trestle bridge of the railroad, sixty feet long and about the same distance from the ground, but the horses so carefully stepped along in the darkness from sleeper to sleeper, that, though the drummer thought the road rather uneven, the team arrived safely on the other side about five minutes before the night express came tearing along.

There is many a true word spoken in a joke. At the time Jenny Lind was singing in America, the London Punch began an article on the subject by saying: "It appears that songs and pieces of music are now sent from Boston to New York by electric telegraph." No doubt Punch thought this very funny, but time has changed the so-called joke into a prophecy.

Old John Berry, who used to live up Lake Champlain, liked to tell a big story. One evening, sitting in the village store, he said he once drove a horse seventy-two miles in one day on the ice, when the ice was so thin that the water spurted up through the holes out through it by the horse's corks. One of the bystanders remarked that seventy-two miles was a pretty good drive for one day. "Yes," said Uncle John, "but it was a long day in June."

Some French fishermen near Cape Adge, France, lately had a dogfish entangled in their net, which, after dragging their boat about during the night, at the rate of twelve miles an hour, was finally captured and brought to land. It measured over sixteen feet in length, and weighed 2,600 pounds. Its enormous stomach contained the head, feet and several other portions of a mule, as well as two half-digested tunnyfish.

The extraordinary statement is made that Fedor Vassilef, a peasant of Moscow, had, in 1872, at the age of 75, eighty-seven children by two wives. His first wife bore him quadruplets four times, triplets three times, and twins sixteen times. His second wife, on eight occasions, presented him with eighteen children. Eighty-three of Vassilef's family were alive in 1872. These facts, it is said, can be easily verified by records in Moscow, where the Vassilefs are well known.

THE HORSE TO HIS MASTER.

Although heaven has given very great powers to men to use the brute creation, it dislikes the abuse of our patient and irrational servants. We are told by an esteemed friend that the publication in our columns of the following petition, supposed to be addressed by a horse to his master, will do some good in calling attention to the needs of horses and their too frequent abuse by their owners:

Going up hill, whip me not.
Going down hill, hurry me not.
On level road, spare me not.
Loose in stable, forget me not.
Of hay and corn, rob me not.
Of clean water, stint me not.
Of soft dry bed, deprive me not.
Tired or hot, wash me not.
If sick or cold, chill me not.
With sponge and brush, neglect me not.
With bits and reins, O jerk me not.
And when you are angry, STRIKE ME NOT.

ON SMOKING.

A hater of tobacco asked an old negro woman, the fumes of whose pipe was annoying to him, if she thought she was a Christian.

"Yes, brudder, I 'spects I is."
"Do you believe in the Bible?"
"Yes, brudder."



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