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POETRY,

A SACKED MELODY It you bright stars which gem the night

Where kindred spirits re-unite, And have this blighted orb afar; Mix soul to soul, to cleave the sky

Would seem the brightest world of bliss, If wandering through each radiant one, Ah! then those stars in mockery shine, More hateful as they shine forever.

Tis heaven that whispers—dry your tears, The pure in heart shall meet again.

A CONTRAST.

Dr. Dick says, contrasting the unenlightened mind with the enlightened one," He grows up the slaughter. He views the canopy of heaven as merely a cerling to our earthly habitation, and the stars as only so many luminous studs or tapers to diversity its aspect and afford a glimme ing light to the benighted traveller. He sets himself against every innovation, whether religious, political, mechanical, even agricultural; determined to abide by the good old customs" of his forefathers, how ever absurd. Were it dependent on him the moral world would stand still, as the material world was supposed to do in former times. He is a prey to all these foolish notions and vain alarms engendered by ignorance and superstition; and while he thus gorges his mind, he spurns at the discoveries of science as impositions on the credulity of markind, and contrary to reason and common

diated with the light of science, has views. whole of the leading events in the chain of Divine dispensation from the beginning of the world to the period in which he lives. By the peculiar fact. From it we learn how can survey all the tribes of mankind scattered over the various climates of the earth. In his rural walks he can penetrate into the hidden processes going on in the roots, trunks, and heaves of plants, and become familiar with the mysteries of vegetation. In every trib the mysteries of vegetation. In every trib the mysteries of a haddock he sees a piece of beautiful to shame the professors of a better faith. In diagnation. "I shall take care to change that the very next stand to the policy of the policy to the naked eye nothing but a speck of mold-tiess appears he beholds a forest of mush-soms with long stalks, and with leaves, and rightest colors In an animal so small as to ryes, legs, joints, bristles, and other parts, as nicely formed and adjusted, and endowed with as much vivacity, agility, and intelligence as in the large animals. In a drop of stagnant water he sees thousands of living beings, of different shapes and sizes, swimming like fishes in the ocean." In short everywherement things vishle and townships as in the hir—he sees wonders, contemplates the mir-neles resulting from God's presence. He

THE REVIVAL OF MOHAMMEDAN-

The history of Islamsm is a marvel from beginning to end. Far away on the shores of the Red Sea, a person of no particular note, slowly rises into power, till his armies are irresutible, and hmmelf viewed and honoured with the reverence due to a divuity. How his influence was gained; at what point the enthusiast blended with the knave; how much of success was due to the talent of Mohammed, and how much to the ignorance of his followers, it is not easy to say; but the fact termains, that ere long his disciples threatened to overrun all Europe; that they still plant has easy to say; but the fact termains, that ere long his disciples threatened to overrun all Europe; that they still plant has easy to say; but the fact in the ready to die for his doctrine, or to sloughter all who dare to oppose it. To style the prophet of Macca an impostor is a very easy matter; to speak of oriental secanity is no less easy; to indicate the absorbing power of human credulity is within any man's reach; but it still remains a stupendous fact, but it still remains a stupendous fact, but it still remains a stupendous fact, but it still remains a stupendous fact which must ever it stosiab mackand, that a system such as that which he inaugurated should have made such progress at the first, and short do powerful nation in the world to tremble.

Our readers will recall the outbreaking of the Russian war. They will remember all geletar golden and hove do the outbreaking of the Russian war. They will remember all geletar golden and above of the outbreaking of the Russian war. They will remember all geletar golden and hove of the outbreaking of the Russian war. They will remember all geletar golden and above of the outbreaking of the Russian war. They will remember and the five the proper and the two disadvantages as I do to the reverted to overday and not particularly density of glances suffice to convince me of Who's of glances was all the late and the two leaves the first, and the two leaves the suffice of the sufficient of the sufficient

so eagerly listened to could explain so appalling an irruption. And soon, as troop after troop, and regiment after regiment broke every oath, and defied every feeling of humanity, we dimly saw, but scarcely credited the fact, that the spirit of the old Arabian burned in the heart of Bengal, and all but swept from us on an access of bleed an empire.

Ediaburgh address in it, but my hat has not. The one is of little use without the other; cause instead of scratching, you simply tapped it, as a man taps his fob to be assured—there you are doing it now—of the safety of his watch."

Here was an original! Here was a grand exception to five-fifths of the human race where the safety of his watch."

"What a fool I am," I exclaimed, testily. "Nay," said he, "it would be more civil who to the safety of his watch."

manity, we dimly saw, but scarcely credited the fact, that the spirit of the old Arabian burned in the heart of Bengal, and all but swept from us on an ocean of blood an empire which an ocean of blood bad won; and all but undid in the agony of a day what a century had hardly achieved. No man, after the Indian Mutiny of 1858, will venture to affirm that the furry which made Europe quake five centuries ago, has lost the power of making it shudder still.

The Mahommedan world was stirred to its depths. The wandering Dervi e and the learned Mullah alike thought that the hour of vengeance was at hand; nor do we doubt that the slaughter of the Giaour sent a holy

once more in the name of the Prophet, caused everywhere slumbering fires to break forth, "Ah, I do," responded my company the last of which is scarcely now extinguished. We pass to Jeddah. There, we find no peculiar hatred of British rule; we find only an abhorrence of the Frank; and in a sudden outburst of the old spirit, hospitality is forthe last of which is scarcely now extinguished. We pass to Jeddah. There, we find no outburst of the old spirit, hospitality is for-gotten, international rights are defied, the ance, suddenly, "there is no occasion for us

put to shame the professors of a better faith. We derive, however, one lesson more—that the Prophet of Mecca can never again rule the world; that his power is broken; that though for a time the Crescent may glitter in many a land, it cannot advance, and is doomed at length to yield before a holier symbol. There has, indeed, been a momentary revival; but the very blood which this has spilt indicates the inevitable fate of a system which is need the assassin and murdered for auxiliaries to the nevitable fate of a system which is need the assassin and murdered for auxiliaries to the nevitable fate of a system which is need the assassin and murdered for auxiliaries to the nevitable fate of a system which is not been altogether unsuccessful in my vocation." needs the assassin and murdered for auxiliaries tion."

AN HOUR WITH A PICKPOCKET.

admires, and with soul prostrate in presence of the great worker, in deep silence he adores. It is highly important to those and by rail, where each carriage or compartment holds two persons, and who can not read or holds two persons, and who can not read or

Our readers will recall the outbreaking of the Russans war. They will remember all that was said of the decadence of "the sick man." They will also remember how different persons viewed the aid rendered by Caristian nations to the Tark. It cannot be forgotten that some judged the allies to be doing a great sin, while a far larger number all the downfall of a gigantic superstition. The time which has since elapsed has a carreign medically medically on the graves of our gallant sodiers green, a live has not sufficed to restore the rains of steep graves of our gallant sodiers green, a live has not sufficed to restore the rains of steep graves of our gallant sodiers green, a live has not sufficed to restore the rains of seel, and may also also green as a superstition. The time which has since elapsed has a carreign medically as the graves of our gallant sodiers green, a live has not sufficed to restore the rains of seel, and may the graves of our gallant sodiers green, a live has not sufficed to restore the rains of seel, and more than the moment took of the Indian Mutiny, that event stagetted and horrified all Englishmen. It was not staged out the sufficed to restore the rains of seel; and my companion, I felt sure, was not to have a some such thing. His profession, whatever view men at the moment took of the Indian Mutiny, that event stagetted and horrified all Englishmen. It was not such thing. His profession, whatever view men at the moment took of the Indian Mutiny, that event stagetted and horrified all Englishmen. It was not to take a summer holiday among the trout takes a summer holiday Our readers will recall the outbreaking of other occupant; a young man of an alto-

and which gives honour to such if they survive, and promises them Paradise if they die. Let Christendom only do its duty and wait. Truth has nothing to lose by deferred triumph, and nothing to dread from prolonged opposition.—Globe.

I was started for an instant by the man's seriousness, and instant by the man's ariousness, and ariousness, and ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, ariousness, arious

" Ah," he said, smiling, and at once com "Ah," he said, smiling, and at once comprehending my glance, "these are nothing.—
They are merely my whited walls, my outside respectabilities, my ostentatious charities, my prayers before my business proceedings. We have our little hypocrisies, like the commercial world. See here," he rose up a his full height and the two lemon colored aristocratic hands fell on the floor with a thud. "Here are my noticed distinct "he continued medicines another the floor with a thud."

"I do compliment you," I replied, with candor. "I think you an exceedingly clever fellow."

"Well," said he, "it is not for me to speak about that; I know a thing or two, doubtless, that may be out of my respectable beat, and I dare say I could put you up to the time of day in several matters."

"Put me up to it!" I cried, with enthus-

vengeance was at hand; nor do we doubt that the slaughter of the Giaour sert a holy thrill through the heart of every true son of Islam, even in the remotest corner of the earth whither the news were borne. True, the might of Britain grappled with the ferocity of Hindostan. True, the Cross faced the Crescent at a hundred points, defended by hands which, though few and feeble, were ever worthy. Still, the odour of blood, shed once more in the name of the Prophet, caused everywhere slumbeans. The same of the Prophet, caused the crescy where slumbeans for the language either."

The swag! Did any body who travels first-class ever hear such an expression? I was a good deal piqued, also, at the tone of an our which he spoke; and I replied, by hands which, though few and feeble, were ever worthy. Still, the odour of blood, shed once more in the name of the Prophet, caused everywhere slumbeans.

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"I am not a doctor!" I roared, out of all it pandnit pandpatience; and I wish all the thieves in Enghoence of a master in some art who is ignorently interrogated as to his knowledge of its first principles, pulled up his false collar with his real hands, and thus delivered himself:

omnibus passengers, being referred to the strange gentleman in the corner with the Roman nose, who turned out to be the Duke of Wellington.

spirit be threw into the descriptions! What

for instance," and he laughed good-humoredly.

It has been alleged that the actual French
it would be almost an impossibility.

metre does not fulfill the boast of that cosmu-

Where was I? Why was I lying on the floor of the carriage instead of sitting on the corner seat? Why was my neckcloth unfastened, and where were the bank notes which it had contained? These questions, in company with many others, presented themselves to my mind as the train glided into Carlisle station. Above all, where was my agreeable companion? I knew by the unerring Bradshaw that the train stopped nowhere between Preston and—Yes, but it did, though, just for one minute, at the junction of the Windermere line, to drop passengers, although not to take them up,

"Guard! guard!"

"Yes, Sir; Carlisle, Sir. A quarter of an exists why the error should not be corrected by the common consent and cooperation of all the nations which should agree to base their system of mensuration upon the idea of a single unit divided from the size of the globe itself. In the next place, the two alleged errors serve practically, to a very great extent, to annuhilate each other, as one of the errors of calculation operates to exaggerate the length of the standard metre, the common consent and cooperation of all the nations which should agree to base their system of mensuration upon the idea of a single unit divided from the size of the globe itself. In the next place, the two alleged errors serve practically, to a very great extent, to annuhilate each other, as one of the errors of calculation operates to exaggerate the length of the standard metre, the common consent and cooperation of all the nations which should agree to base their system of mensuration upon the idea of a single unit divided from the size of the globe itself. In the next place, the two alleged errors serve practically, to a very great extent, to annuhilate each other, as one of the errors of calculation operates to exaggerate the length of the standard metre, the common consent and cooperation of the globe itself. In the next place, the two alleged errors serve practically, to a very great extent, to annuhilate each other, as one of the errors of calculation opera

WEIGHTS AND 'MEASURES.

Whatever may be thought of many other projects of reform and improvement broached in the early days of the French Savolution, the scheme suggested by the French savans for a universal system of weights, measures and money, stands on strong and peculiar grounds of its own. It is true that the particular are strong of the scheme suggested by the French savans for a universal system of weights, measures and money, stands on strong and peculiar grounds of its own. It is true that the norticular are so fittings as they are have undertaken to denounce and ridicule the idea of any such universal standard, which they have represented as no less Utopian than the idea of a universal standard, which they have represented as no less Utopian than the idea of a universal language—a thing in their view as a great cauldron of boiling water without the inventor. The chronicles of that day inform us that there is a coverting and that there is a certain degree of the moral picturesque in local distinctions and peculiarities of weighing and measuring, as well as of speaking, and that to give up those peculiarities of weighing and measuring, as well as of speaking, and that to give up those peculiarities of weighing and measuring, as well as of speaking, and that to give up those peculiarities of weighing and measuring, as well as of speaking, and that to give up those peculiarities of weighing and measuring, as well as of speaking, and that to give up those peculiarities, there is one circumstance which seems to afford an excellent reason for not including weights, measures and money, in the case of the court took the engine of the court of the cou Whatever may be thought of many other as would have shamed a parliamentary blue book, and beguiled the way for hours with conversation, or rather monologue of the most exciting kind. Lord Byron states that one of the pleasantest persons he ever met in his life was a pickpocket, and I hasten to endorse his lordship's opinion with my own. I felt all that satisfaction in listening to my nefarious acquaintance which belongs to an intercourse with an enemy during a temporary truce; the delight which a school-boy feels in playing at cricket with his pedagogue; or the pleasure which is experienced when a bisbop

Great improvements and wide changes of this sort cannot be expected to make a very rapid advance. Yet this beautiful system has not only maintained itself in France, where so many other revolutionary innova-tions have been abandoned, but some fifteen tions have been abandoned, but some fifteen other nations, of greater or less commercial importance, some in Europe and others in America, have been induced, one after the other, to adopt it.

The late Universal Exhibition of Industry at Paris led to the forming of an international association for the adoption of a universal system of weights and measures, divided into several branches, one for each of the principal and international and in

other intrusive persons interrupting him in the pursuit of his vocation he had at various The English Committee have taken hold of times experienced! Left alone with his man he had rarely indeed been unsuccessful.—Once, however, with a gymnastic gentleman —a barlequin, in plans clothes, returning home from the theatre—who had thrown a summer—

The English Committee have taken hold of the matter with great zeal. They have prepared and published a very elaborate and exhaustive report, drawn up by one of their members, Mr. James Yates; on the question to the first unit of length? This sault clean over his head; and once with a stout party from a city dinner, who had no neck—positively none—to afford the operator a chance, and who bit my poor friend's arm in such a manner that it was useless for weeks actually in use in a considerable part of the world, reducing to that extent the difficulties afterward.

"And you did these feats of yourself and without any assistance?" I inequired, with some incredulity.

"Quite alone, Sir," replied he, "but in all cases the garrotees were several inches shorter than myself; with a man of your size, for increase, and he have been dead humanedly. "it would be almost an impossibility.

I laughed very heartily at this notion, too.
Would he be so good as to show me, just to give me an example how the thing was ing based upon the measure of an arc of the meridian between Dunkirk and Barcelona, it involves two distinct errors of calculation, neck, like this." said be, suiting the action to the word, but with the greatest delicacy of touch. "You are sure I am not inconstant and are more advanced state of astronomical knowledge, which deprives the standard metre preserved at Paris of the chamber of t racter of actually representing the ten million-eth part of the distance from the equator to "I then close the forearm tightly. Stoop a little lower, please; thank you, and compass the windpipe with...."

Can part of the distance from the equator to the pole, To this objection Mr. Yates makes two answers. In the first place, if the Paris standard metre is incorrect, no reason exists why the error should not be corrected

ton shing details. The celebrated Marquis of Worcester was then on a visit to madame in Paris, and with her visited a mad-

the ocean, and in short there was nothing that he did not claim could be done by the power of steam. Cardinal Richelieu was uppermost then, and though he was most sagacious and enlightened as worldly wisdom goes, yet he turned his back on the inventor The man followed him from place to place and the Cardinal getting tired of his pertinacity, sent him to the madhouse. The man even wrote a book on the subject of his thoughts, entitled Moveing powers. The Marquis of Worcester was much inter-

after the idea had been floating for 200 years in ingenous minds, the steam engine, that scarcely manimate Titan, that living burning mechanism was brought to perfection by James Watt. Thenceforth the engines of labor, marshalled by the power which Watt brought forward, were to make bloodless blessings of mankind. All hail to thee, mute indefatigable agent of strength, working in deep mines, moving along the pathways of trade, toiling in the service of man! No fatigue can palsy thy herculean arm! No trampled hosts writhe under thy feet! No widowed hearts bleed at thy beneficent victories.

county of Caithness. It is stated that he was a native of Loth, in the county of Sutherland, a native of Loth, in the county of Sutherland, where his father officiated as Episcopal clergyman. Having adopted Presbyterian views, the son became a licentiate of the Church of Scotland, and on the 5th September, 1734, was orderned minister of Reay. He was possessed of great bodily strength as well as possessed of great bodily strength as well as sound, he was not a little indebted to the former quality for his success as a moral and religious reformer. At the time of his induction the parish of Reay might be said to be in a state of semi-barbarism. The notives were in general grossly ignorant, disorderly and intractable, and in his intercourse with them Mr. Pope had frequent occasion to avail himself of his physical powers. Mr. Carruthers, in his excellent memoir of Pope, the poet, having occasion to allude to the minister of Reay, says:—"He used to drive his graceless parishioners to church with a days at games out of doors. Another of his reforming expedients was making all the rough characters of his parish elders of his church, so that, invested with ecclesiastical dignity and responsibility, they might be ashamed of victous practises." There was one resolute was one resolute
to the heart of the continent and the marts of the Atlantic coast.

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THE INVENTION OF THE STEAM Pope, "that is a very good beginning shall conclude the service of the evening shall conclude the service of the evening self with a few words of exhortation.

on the 2nd March, 1782, after an incumbency of 48 years.

THE PACIFIC. AN AMERICAN VIEW.

(From the Chroago Press.)

route to the Pacific, via St. Paul to Pugel have made a discovery which shall enrich the kingdom that adopts it., The question was asked by one of the visitors, what is it that this man has discovered. The answer of the visitor, with a mocking laugh was, "Oh; its not much; its something about the power of steam." And so the lady laughed that a man should go mad about so frivilous a thing as that.

This man it seems, came from Normandy to bring before the king his discovery of the bring before the king his discovery of the server as one which at no distant day is to be an important avenue of travel and traffic. The excitement in relation to the Frazer River gold mines has brought the public interest upon the subject, excited by a discussion of the Hudson's Bay Company's claims to a head, and elicited many facts going to show the importance and feasibility of the route in question. We make small account of the gold discoveries on Frazer River, as one which at no distant day is to be an important avenue of travel and traffic. The excitement in relation to the Frazer River gold mines has brought to pany's claims to a head, and elicited many facts going to show the importance and feasibility of the route in question. We make small account of the gold discoveries on Frazer River, as one which at no distant day is to be an important avenue of travel and traffic. The excitement in relation to the Frazer River, as one which at no distant day is to be an important avenue of travel and traffic.

France in 1641, as Spain in 1543, proved As showing the progress of improvement in her inability to take up and wield this mortal the Red River Valley, we may again mention thunderbolt.

The problem was reserved for the Anglo-Saxon race to grapple with and conquer, and thereafter the mechanical skill of England was turned to this invention with various success, till in the middle of the last century after the idea had been floating for 200 years of the River Valley, we may again mention the fact that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several the raders from Pembina last year were several readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the readers from Pembina last year were several that among the purchases of the teams and exclusively wooden carts of the Pembina trains. When these changes shall Yankee industry and enterprise will here rule in the Red River Valley, and that a very important trade resulting therefrom will centre at St. Paul.

This valley, as already shown, is on the direct route to Puget Sound, and opens by easy access into that of the Saskatchewan, continuing on in the same direction-both together embracing some 400,000 square miles of territory of rich soil, well adapted to settlement. The climate also is much milder than in the same latitude on the eastern coast, than in the same latitude on the eastern coast, the isothemal lines curving northwestward at so decided an angle that the temperature at Puget Sound is as mild in winter as at Philadelphia. Proceeding onward from the Saskatchewan Valley there is some rough country before reaching the Pacific, but its most rugged portions furnish no parallel to the mountainous passes of the Rocky Mountains on the more southern routes to the Pacific, and wood and water are generally abundant to say nothing of a profusion of game.

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We make reference to the advantages which the country presents for settlement for the greater portion of the distance between Minnesota and the Pacific, for the obvious eason that without settlements the route could never become important as an avenue of travel and traffic. A few hundred or a few thousand gold-hunting adventurers may indeed pass over it while the Frazer River excitement lasts, but that will do little toward benefiting any portion of the country. The desideral um now is, to advance a line of sets. uch further northwestward as possible, as

terprise. The Northwestern route, therefore is that over which a railroad is first to be is that over which a railroad is first to be built, and at a glance at the geography of the country and the experience of travelers is sufficient to show that it must immediately connect with the Minnesota system. Our British and Canadian friends talk of carrying a road straight through the Hudson's Bay Co.'s possessions, so as to connect immidiately with the Grand Trunk Railway, thus