Poetry.

MODERN ILLS.

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VARIETY.

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A Conversation Business Transaction.—Two old Indian engineers in Berwick-upon-Tweed were proverbially steady and upright, and they had carried on their transactions with their neighbors and each other for years, on the plan of ready pay in cash or barter. But at last hard times came, and they were obliged to resort long to keeping accounts. One day they met for settlement, and after very hard labor and arguing, it was apparent that Hans owed Yawkub twenty dollars.

"Vell, Yawkub, how much we settle him now? I forgot no mouish."

"Yes, vaw; never mind dat, we can settle him all; notish: well, den, you writes de notish."

"Dat isn't right," said Yawkub, "You owes me de money; you writes de notish, I sign him; dat is de way."

So Hans set about it, and produced the following:—

"I Westmorland County Jowish Yawkub twenty dollars for Service up when no monish to pay him (Signed) YAWKUB."

Then rose an unforeseen difficulty—which of them ought to keep the note. It was finally decided that Hans ought to keep it, for how else would he know how much to pay Yawkub. In due time, when Hans, the debtor, got the money, he paid up, and this raised another puzzling question, and ended in the conclusion that Yawkub must take the notice in his keeping, so that he would know that Hans had paid the money.

Dreadful Mourners.—The following curious relic of a pious Indian, at Yarmouth, is related in Barbe's Historical Collection of Massachusetts:—

"Walking alone in the woods, he was attacked by a number of black snakes, who, according to their custom, commenced winding themselves around his legs, body, and arms, until they had completely enclosed him. One of them at length reached his right ear, and was entering, when by the means to produce strangulation, and consign him to an untimely death. They, in fact, had been teaching their custom, and was sufficiently capable of the game which the wily adversary was playing. He therefore opened his mouth with great self-possession, and poison as the serpent, he seized the black blood within his jaws, he very well bit it off, and spit it out. The rest of the snakes, seeing the loading blood, and beholding their dear, courage specially untwined their folds, and betook themselves to flight."

An Amicus Bravery.—Mr. Hutchinson, who visited the west coast of Africa in the Niger steamer expedition, we hope unwittingly, to make a little daughter ashamed of her own appearance. With the king, two of his daughters came off, who had their teeth stained with the red juice of some species of tobacco leaf, which gave them a very decrepit appearance. On my leading one of them to contemplate herself in the mirror of the saloon, she at first was puzzled, when she had never seen a looking-glass before. I touched her shoulder, and made signs to her to open her mouth and gaze again, which she did; and the moment she saw the red teeth revealed, she jumped back with a scream of horror, and fled from the cabin in terror."

A sweet young lady of the tender and sympathetic age of 14, on returning from Church the other day, threw herself languidly upon a sofa and exclaimed:—"Really, mama, I must decline attending church with you in future, unless you can obtain a different pew from that we occupy at present." "Why so?" asked the astonished parent. "Because," replied the incipient coquette, "there is a person in the adjoining pew who stares at me like a pest; and I do assure you, my dear mama, that I never gave him the slightest encouragement."

It is related of Thos. P. Marshall, that a Judge having once fined him thirty dollars for contempt of court, he rose and asked the Judge to lend him the money, as he hadn't it, and there was no friend present to whom he could so well apply as to his Honor. This was a stumper. The Judge looked at Tom, and then at the clerk, and finally said:—"Clerk, remit Mr. Marshall's fine. The State is better able to lose thirty dollars, than I am."

A judge and a joking lounger were conversing about the doctrine of transmigration of the souls of men into animals.

"Now," said the judge, "Suppose you and I were turned into a horse and ass, which would you prefer to be?"

"I guess, to be sure," replied the lounger.

"Why?" asked the judge.

"Because," was the reply, "I have heard of an ass being a judge, but a horse never."

Setting up Right.—"I stand," said a western stump orator, "with the broad platform of the principles of Cass, and raised he manly arm as I looked you in the eye, and said, I stand on nothing of the kind!" Intelligent little shoemaker in the crowd:—"You stand on a pair of boots that you never paid me for, and I want the money."

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