Poctry.

A LYRIC.

BY T. BUCHANAN READ. All eithin and eithout me Feel a melancholy thrill, And the darkness hangs abut me, Oh I how still; To my feet the river glideth. Through the shaddow, suilen, dork, On the stream the white moon rideth Like a burque. And the linden leans above me.

Till I think some things there be

In this weary world that love mo-

Gentle flowers are springing near me; Shedding sweetest breath ar and, Countless voices rise to theer me From the ground; And the lone-bird comes-I hear it In the tall and windy pine. Pour the sadness of its spirits

Into mine! There it swings and sings nove me. Till I think some things there be In this dreary world that love me-Even me.

Now the moon both floated to me, On the stream I see it sway, Swinging, bost-like, as awould woo me

And the stars bend from the szure, I could reach them where I ue. And they wisper all the pleasure Of the sky.

There they hang and smile above me, Tel I think some things there be La the very heavens that love me-Even nic.

A THRILLING STORY.

The following is an occurrence which actual-

ly took place in Vermont some for'y years ago. The facts are asmost literally related as follows :] My brother Hiram liked the business of casrying the mail better than I did; and so I went to work in a new clearing I had commenced, tout a mile and a half from home, and not quite so far from the house of my brother-in-law. I used to stay as often at one place as at the other. It was a bal arrangement, as, in case of accident, neither family would be alarmed, or go to look out for me, if I should not come home. I felt the force of this in the course of the winter, as you will see directly.

There had fallen one of our old fashioned northern New York snows, crusted ever hard enough to bear a man. I was getting on lameusly with-my clearing, getting ready to build a house in the spring. I was ambitious, and worked early and late, going without my dinner some days, when the bread and meat I had brought in my pocket was frozen so hard that I could not masticate it without taking up too much of my time. One day, it was intensely cold, with the prospect of a s'orm that might hinder my work the next day, and so I work adon as long as I could see, and af er twilight I felled a tree which, in its descent, ludged against another. I could not bear the idea of leaving the job half finished; I mounted the almost pros_ trate hody to cut a limb to let it down.

The bole of the tree forked, about forty feat up, into two equal parts, with large projecting limbs from both. It was one of these I had to cut away to bring the tree to the ground. In my haste, perhaps I was not so careful as I should have been; at any rate, the first blow eased the lodgment, so that the tree began to settle; and I was just going to jump off, when the firk split, and, as it did so, one foot dropped into the space, so that I could not extricate it for the moment? but I fest no alarm, for I knew that I could cut away the tree in a minute,' or, perhaps, draw my foot out of the boot, as the pressure was not severe. At the first blow of the axe the tree took another start, rolled over, and the split closed with all the force of its giant strength, crushing my foot till the very bones were flattened, and there I hung suspended, just able to touch the tips of my fingers in the snow, with nothing to rest upon for a moment—the air at zero, and growing colder—the nearest house a mi'e away, no friends to feel alarmed at my absence, for one would suppose me safe with the other.

My axe, in its fall, rested upon the snow-crust about ten feet off. If I could only get that, I

I thought in that keen blade my only hope of life was fixed. Just forward of me grew a slim bush, which I thought if I could obtain, I could form into a hook by twisting the limbs together, and draw the axe within my reach.

Although the bush was out of my reach, I at last succeeded in getting hold of it by means of a loop which I made by tying my suspenders together. I then drew it toward me and cut it off with my pocket-knife—one of that sort known as " Birlow knives," having a single blade abou, two and a half inche long and three-eighths of an inch wide, with equal width all its length, set In a handle of seculiar form, half its length iron and halt horn or bone. I succeeded admirably in fashioning my hook, and almost felt the handle of the axe within my grasp, so certain was I of success. From the tree that imprisoned me the ground descended rapidly for a dozen rods or more to a little creek. My axe lay upon the brow of the hill. The firet movement I made toward twisting the bop of my stick around the handle of the axe, so as to draw it within my reach, posened it from its sey rest, and away it went down the hill, crushing through the little frostpitten hushes down upon the ice of the creek, to a little fall of a few rods below, and over that into an unfrozen nool, with a gurgling sound as it feel into the water that seemed to send an try chill through every vein and artery of my whole body.

I still had my knife. True, it was a rough surgical instrument, but hope and the love of life gave me strength to climb up by my fastened teg and cut away the boot and stocking, and then with that knife I unjointed my ankle and fell to the ground-my left leg a footless, bleeding stump. The intensity of the cold saved me from bleeding to death. I tore off a part of my coat, and with my handkerchief and suspenders mnaged to bind my leg with a handful of snow, and started to crawl home. I succeeded in getting within sight of the house, and then strength ut. terly failed me.

I tried my voice in vain, but I could make no one hear. I exerted myself once more, and crawled toward the road that I knew Alram must come. It was a painful task, for besides my exhaustion from loss of blood, I was perishing with cold. Just then I heard my brother's stage-horn and the jungle of the bells coming down the hill. I strained my voice to the utmost pitch, but he did not, could not hear; but there was another friend-who did hear. Old Hunter, the noble old dog, had insisted on accompanying this trip, and brother said, "Let him go; who knows what good may come of it?" Good aid come of it, for his ear was quicker than Hiram's, and he roused up at the first cry, and as the second reached his ear he scaped out, and in a minute was at the spot where I lay upon the snow. He smelled all around, and I held up my footless leg. Just then the sleigh had got up the hill. Hunter sprang back into the path, barked loudly, and as the horses came up he jumped up, seized the reins, and would not let go till Hiram colled a halt. Hunter let go his hold on the horses, jumped back to the sleigh, caught hold of Hiram's hand pulling off the mitten, and away he ran back where was, and commenced barking foriously; but I heard nothing. The effect upon me when I knew that I was discovered by that faithful old dog, and that he never would deser, me, had caused me to faint. My brother know that Hunterwas. not at play—that something serious was the mat-! ter-and he jumped out of the sleigh and ran af-

In a little while I was safe at home: the doctor sent for, and my wound properly dressed. I eventually recovered, but was, however, a cripple! | ple for life.

A CASE SYMPATHY .- Colone' Jones and Major! South lived in Texas in 1833 and may live there yet for aught I ke ow. They were both men of property, owned large plantations, were good citizens, kind neighors, and extremely popular. They were men of tried courage, had been ennot a few with the white men more savage than

Like most men of that day and country, Jones and smith would occasionally get on a spree, and their frolics were often protracted until late in the night. Their pleasurs on such occasions was frequently dampened by the thought of their wives at home, who like Tam O'Shanter's good

dame, sat nursing wrath to keep it warm.
One night, after having kept up their frolic. might yet save myself. I did not think how I until a late hour, they returned home when was to cut myself losse from the body of that a countenance that foretold a storm, The Coloner great tree, suspended as I was, head down, and whose face had never blanched before an enemy suffering from the rush of disordered blood; but | quailed before the just indignation of his better

alf. Instand of going to hed, he took a sent nd resting his clbow on his knees with his face this hands, seemed to be completely absorbed i grief, sighing heavily, and uttering such ex-lumations as, "Poor Smith! Poor fellow."lis wife kept silent as long as possible. but, or ist, overcome by ou insity and enxisty, inquired, in sharp tone, " What's the matter with Smith. "Ah!" said the Colonel, "flis wife'is giving im fits just now !"

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