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### Poetry.

### The Railway.

The silent glen, the sunless stream, To wandering boyhood dear, And treasured still in many a dream, They are no longer here : A huge red mound of earth is thrown Across the glen so wild and lone, The stream so cold and clear; And lightning speed and thundering so Pass hourly o'er the unsightly mound.

Nor this alone; for many a mile Along that iron way, No verdant banks or hedge rows smile In summer's glory gay; Though chasms that yawn as though the earth Were rent in some strange mountain-birth. Whose depths exclude the day, We're borne along at headlong pace, To win from Time the wearying race !

The wayside inn, with homelike air, No lopger tempts a guest To taste its unpretending fare. Or seek its welcome rest. The panting team, the merry horn, The cool fresh road at early morn, The coachman's ready jest ; All, all to distant dream-land gone While shrieking trains are hurrying on.

Yet greet me them with thankful hearts, And eyes that own no tear, 'Tis nothing new, the space which parts The distant from the dear : The wing that to her cherished nest Bears home the bird's exulting breast Has found its rival here. With speed like hers we too can taste, The bliss of meeting hearts to taste.

### Miscellaneous.

### The Dawn of Science in England.

wire to introduce it to the councils of cabi- our attention. wire to introduce it to the councils of cach our attention. nats, nor mighty feats of steam to write it great in the ledgers of commerce. Famil-of Oxford, on returning from continental beam, and ten feet draught. The aggre-beam, and ten feet draught. The aggre-ten money value, much more than \$300,spirits from quiet studies; and there hung responded with the scientific men of the fulness. first coming of King Charles II., in St. Society.

or traveller brought hither their prized budgets of curiosities; and bither came the nagets of curiosities; and hitner came inc na-turalist from the country, or learned foreign-their laments on the decay of earth's glory, his mouth as with a bridle. er, to see those rare experiments, or hear as the verdure of spring and summer give dissertations whose fame had reached the continent. Amongst the members of the society were many of the choicest of Eng. drapery, the silently dropping leaves and land's sons-men whose memories are still the trees partially stripped and bare, no had in grateful remembrance. One of its figures seem so appropriate as those which nad in grateriul remembrance. One of its recorded the image of death. We love the in Dover's Life of Frederick the Great, that ble R. Boyle, who early becoming possessed spring, and feel a peculiar exhilaration at when the King of Prusaia had determined of a princely fortune, delighted to spend it, as well as the sedulons hours of a long life, in its fresh group station as it shoots forth in the service of science. And the well in its fresh green array; and we love too nect the new building with the old by a known John Evelyn was a kindred spirit. the summer, with its mature beauties and pleasure ground. A mill occupied a part of in the service of science. And the well in its tresh green array; and we love too becute new building with the old by a pleasure ground. A mill occupied a part of real white Cottons. Strived Shirtings, the summer, with its mature beauties and the ground which he wished to include the automa and Winter DRESS, SHAWLS, MAN the summer and white the summer and white the summer and th ciety, and exerted his great influence in drape the autumnal months in mourning, in his new garden. He offered to buy it, rie whole dealy the second his great influence in drape the autumnal months in mourning, and to pay for it considerably more than high places on its behalf. So enthusiastic as if they were the harbingers of sorrow. was he, that at one time he wished to call No not the autumn has other than mourn-it, and declared he would never leave the for the purchaser. A control of the purchaser.

professional life. The adventurous sailor

in the lyre of Cowley in its favor, thinking, "the Royal Society as great a project as ing association. The amateur, if not the mill, which had descended to him from his any antiquity hath yet celebrated," and re- artist, will discover a world of beauty it its forefathers. The King himself, in one of any antiquity hath yet celebrated," and re-gretting its small appreciation, "by reason variegated foliage, and as the golden and his walks, conversed with the miller upon LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIET)

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ies amounting to fifty-one. Bishops Wil-kins and Denham, Sir R. Brouncker, and others, also formed worthy compers. But others, also formed worthy comperers. But be undisturbed by rustling leaves, and by into the ocean through the St. Lawrence, At its birth in England, science was in the Society owed most to its working savans, the rushing through a thousand channels of which is navigable from Lake Erie down no such repute as now. Two hundred the men who gave their lives to the pursuit its circulating sap. It seeks in this quiet ward, to all vessels not exceeding one hunyears ago there was no wonder-working of knowledge; they, therefore next demand and noiseless way to recuperate its strength dred and thirty feet keel, twenty-six feet and gird on its power for the further feats beam, and ten feet draught. The aggre-

ar converse was not then of the new inven- travel became the first secretary of the in- conscious of successful achievements, it 500,000, employing eighty odd thousand iar converse was not then of the new inven-tion, the late brilliant scientific article, or the novel geological discovery; but it was sterner talk, of kings' rights versus human rights, the cabals of factions or the scandals of the court. The sore political and social distractions of the time withdrew the nobler spirits from quiet studies; and there hung

round the popular mind long-set mists of continent, often to the extent of seventy let-ignorance and superstition. Trials for ters weekly; but not without danger; for with extent of a totalwitch-craft were not uncommon. Fourteen to a government no way appreciating sci- quisite pleasure have these plants and flow- ly different material than wood, more parmen and women perished through this de- ence, this great letter writing seemed sus- ers furnished us in the past months! They ticularly for passengers and transportation lusion in 1649, in a little village near Ber- picious, nay, somewhat treasonous. A war- withdraw now for a season, but it is with Dr. LaMothe, has recently patented an iron same time, no less than eighty persons in dangerous designs and practices; so for in all seasons and under all changes, and being designed to seat 60 passengers, and Suffolk ; though Hutchison records that but three months our secretary was kept close learn from you to fill our task of cheerful resting on two four-wheeled trucks. The two witches were executed in England after prisoner in the Tower. On regaining his duty, and at each stage to see to it that our body of the car will consist of strong iron the Royal Society published their " Trans- liberty, he continued with enthusiasm his fruits are matured; not only to grow and bands, twelve or fifteen inches apart, run-This popular creduility, also, official services; benefitting the society in thrive ourselves, but by every graceful art ning lengthwise and crosswise, and secured exhibited itself in other less serious moods. particular by originating at a great risk and to convey pleasure and happiness to others; by rivets at their intersections. This will One Arise Evans, who had a fungous nose, expense, the celebrated "Philosophical and above all, that sweet comforting lesson, constitute the frame work, which will be said it was revealed to him that the king's Transactions." Flamsteed, Halley, and that when the autumnal and wintry months covered by sheet iron on the flooring, and hand would cure him; accordingly, at the Papin, were likewise worthy servants of the of life come over us, we may feel conscious iron panels with glass windows on the side. that we have fulfilled our mission, borne Ventilators will be liberally supplied at the

James's Park, he kissed the king's hand, Another, as distinguished for his science our appropriate fruits, and although to the top. There is to be no wood work whatand rubbed his nose with it, which disture as for his peculiarities and irrascibility, was outward eye the prospect around may be ever about the cars; but to counteract the bed the applicant. At this time, too, mul- Dr. Robert Hook, experimenter to the So- somewhat drear, yet there is, after a short radiation of heat, and obviate danger from titudes hied to Ireland to be healed of their ciety. His quarrel with Newton is well repose, to be a revivification, a renewal of accidents, the inside will be lived throughdiseases by the magic touch of Greatrix the stroker. Amongst the rest, Flamsteed the astronomer was sent by his father, when only a youth of nineteen to be reliaved of at to bade continuing his studies all of a voltage all networks and sentences. The

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astronomer was sent by his father, when three, and four in the morning, and seldom-only a youth of nineteen, to be relieved of er to bed—continuing his studies all night, and taking a short nap in the day. Even even the learning of the time was confined on his death-bed the Royal Society occu- Progress of Steam-ship Building within the narrow limits of the school phil- pied all his thoughts, and he also expressed osophy; and the persecutions of Coperni- an intention of bequeathing it his large forcus and Galileo showed the intolerant spir- tune. Halley, at the same time, gave an great intellectual message of Bacon-that " Fluxionem Methodue." reasonings, however ingenious, not based

Such were the men who united, by the spittings-was a death-blow. Little sym- study of physical nature. It required cour- probable that shortly screw mail steamers duced the very deepest and most powerful pathy had they then for the Baconian inves- age and magnanimity thus to meet, at a time will again run to Brazil. Before long, bass. tigation into physical nature. In his soli- when experimenting and specimen collect- there will be 150 English mail steam tary laboratory he might muse on the truth ing was not understood, and therefore scout- packets, the tonnage of which will amount hardly looks so old as he is-38; appears he had wrested from nature's arcans, as ed at. But despite all sneers and contempt, containing a mine wherewith to enrich this little band diligently and assiduously mankind in after ages; but he had to be pursued their search after truth, content in than a million and a half of money. content to be jeered at by his compeers as its discovery with all true philosophers. an idle triffer, and more than suspected by Their field of inquiry embraced everything working speed of steam-packets? When Lancer's cap, is expressive of mildness and

tural, in opposition to supernatural know- ten miles an hour was all that was anticipaworld Yet amidst all this intellectual darkness, ledge. Now they were occupied with the ted; yet a sustained speed of sixty miles at other times a greater appearance of imthere were men to light the candle which weekly dissection; again with the weekly and a working one of forty miles an hour was to irradiate England with the light of experiment now a discourse on astronomy have been attained. Steamers, of course, science. The Royal College of Physicians, or magnetism; and now the description of can never compete with railways in speed, established in 1518, did much towards this; some trade or manufacturing process. because the resistance of the atmosphere and from the period just mentioned there Whatever natural phenomenon promised and wheel friction is much less than that were many solitary votaries of natural new truths was carefully investigated; and of water; but the speed of steam-vessels has knowledge. Though several scientific so- though thus sometimes they were engaged been gradually increasing. In the early cieties flourished on the continent in the with trifles that may excite a smile, their government mail steam packet contracts 9 interval, the first of such meetings in Eng- industry was rewarded with sublime dis- miles an hour was the stipulated speed. It land was the weekly assemblage, in 1645, coveries, at which the world will always was afterwards increased to 10 miles, and of a small club in a room above an apothe-cary's in the Strand. Its members discus-lated the falling of rain like corn at Nor-The working and paying speed is usually sed such physicial novelties as Harvey's wich, which turned out to be only corn 5 or 6 miles an hour less than the experidiscoveries of the circulation of blood, and dropped by starlings. Another meeting the researches of Toriceli and Pascal on was told of the curing, by the power of sym-the composition of our atmosphere; hoping pathy of an English mariner at Venice, who in such expatiations to find a temporary re- had bled three days without intermission; ent from the same steamer deeply laden spite from the troubles of that warlike time. and a select committee, including several crossing the Bay of Biscay or the Atlantic This club was so small, that a year after bishops and members of Parliament, sat Ocean. The Persia, however, on her reits members congregated in Oxford under the title of the Invisible College; though into a poor student, who had offered him. York to Liverpool, must have averaged 13 the suff the second secon the stuff they were made of is shown from self for a guinea. It was to this band, miles an hour for 216 successive hours .-the description of them by the Hon. Robert however, that man's first mas ery over migh- This may be considered then as the stand-Royle :-- "The best one is, that the corner ty steam was communicated; for before ard at present of a sustained profitable speed themslavery exhibited his engine to raise wa- for ocean steam-ships. Take the fastest stones of the Invisible are men of so capacious and searching spirits, that the school ier by the force of fire. It was to them also steamer now afloat, and she would if unlaphilosophy is but the lowest region of their that Newton presented the "Principia." In den, and in smooth water, without any wind, knowledge; persons who endeavor to put their solitude these philosophers feit that tide, or current to overcome, run at the narrow-mindedness out of countenance by they were serving their country as well as rate of upwards of 18 miles an hour. Now, the practice of so extensive a charity that it in the senate or the field; nay, that with when it is considered what is the resistance reaches unto everything called wan, and their physical inquiries there was connected which water must offer to a ship, and that nothing less than so extensive good will a higher and holier interest. Let one of the speed of a brisk wind is only 15 miles them express the general sentiment. Flam- an hour, the triumphs already achieved in content .it." But these were not times when even so steed writes to Newton : "I wonder that ship-building are indeed something marvel.

small a band might continuously pursue sci- hints should drop from your pen as if you lous. entific studies ; so after awhile they disperlooked on my business as trifling. You sed again to meet in the Gresham College, thought it not so, surely, when you resided at London; thence after meeting in it for a Cambridge. Its property is not altered. The year, they were turned out, that it might be works of the Eternal Providence, I hope, made a barrack for soldiers. Here, how- will be a little better understood, through ever, the meetings were again resumed in your labours and mine, than they were for-1660, and the society constituted which merly. Think me not proud of this expres at first of the finest white color, was changwas incorporated by Charles II., in 1662, sion. I look upon pride as the worst of ed into his present jet black for the crime sins; humility as the greatest virtue. This of tale-bearing : a crime that could not pass as " his Royal Society to improve the knowledge of natural things, and all useful arts, makes me excuse small faults in all man- with impunity in this family of the inferior manufactures, mechanic practices, engynes, kind, bear great iujuries without resent- animals. A poet has given us the table as ment, and resolve to maintain real friend- follows :--all the recognition which this little band reship with all ingenions men."

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