

Poetry

THE WATER MILL.

Hasten to the water mill all the livelong day,
Hear the creaking of the mill wears the hours
away;
Languidly, the water glides useless on the still,
Never coming back again to the water mill.
And a proverb haunts my mind as the spell is
cast,
The mill will never grind with the water that
is passed."

Take the lesson to yourself, loving heart and
true,
Golden years are passing by—youth is passing
too—
Try to make the most of life, lose no honest
day;
All that you can call your own lies in this—
to-day.
Power, intellect and strength may not, cannot
last,
The mill will never grind with the water that has
passed.

Oh! the wasted hours of life that have flitted
by;
Oh! the good we might have done—lost without
a sigh.
Love, that we might once have saved with but a
single word.
Thoughts conceived but never penned—perishing
unheard.
Take the lesson to your heart; take, Oh! hold
it fast,
The mill will never grind with the water that
has passed.

Miscellaneous.

Working teams should be well fed, well
cleaned and have plenty of bedding.

St. Thomas is to have a new Opera House,
for which \$80,000 have been subscribed.

Muskrat farming is a rural industry in
Iowa. A good pond or marsh well stocked
is said to yield a profitable return after two
years, the trapping being done in winter.

An East Berlin (Conn.) cat recently swal-
lowed a \$5 gold piece which her master had
dropped, and the village butcher offers \$2.50
for her.

A pedestrian man with a wooden leg, re-
siding at Portland, Me., offers to walk any
other pedestrian man with a wooden leg five
or ten miles for the championship and a
round sum.

A tavern keeper of Orangeville was recent-
ly ordered to pay \$105 and costs, the value
of a traveller's baggage lost in the house. He
had neglected to keep the notice required by
statute posted on his doors.

A Fairfield (Me.) woman, aged 40, is the
mother of seventeen children. Inside of a
year she gave birth to two at different times,
married off two and lost three by death.
One of the two married sons lost his wife
and was remarried within the same year.

"I killed ninety-nine pigeons at one shot
this morning," said an old fowler. "Why
didn't you make it a hundred while you
were about it?" said his friend. "Do you
suppose I would tell a lie for one pigeon?"
was the reply.

"Boys," said the man holding an inverted
match in one hand and a dark cigar in the
other, "never acquire the pernicious habit of
smoking. I am a slave to it now, and yet I
hate it. I never see a cigar that I do not
want to burn it up." And then, with extreme
satisfaction, he burned up the one he held in
his hand.

The Bedouins never allow a horse at the
moment of its birth to fall upon the ground.
They receive it in their arms, and cherish it
for several hours, occupying themselves in
washing and stretching its tender limbs, and
caressing it as they would a baby. After
thus they place it upon the ground and watch
its feeble steps with particular attention,
prognosticating from that time the excellen-
cies or defects of their future companion.

A few days ago Mr. Archie McInnes, of
Morris, caught a fine speckled trout in his
well. His pump had become frozen, in con-
sequence of which he had to raise the plat-
form and draw the water out with a bucket
which upon one occasion he found a live

The outbreak of hydrophobia among the
royal pack of staghounds has now entirely
disappeared from the kennel, and the hounds,
which have been under veterinary treatment,
are being got into condition. Hunting will
be resumed, weather permitting, early in the
new year. The hunting deer are being cor-
nered in the deer pens.

The fashions in dogs in France vary, and
it is rather surprising to see how quickly the
demand for any special breed is met by a
lavish supply. A few years ago it was said
that the race of pugs was dying out; but
some great ladies took to cultivating pugs,
and lo! all the markets swarmed with black-
nosed little fellows. Yellow, wiry English
terriers are now the rage in Paris, and
Italian greyhounds have become so scarce
that a fancier could not furnish a well-
matched pair—cream or mouse color—for
less than 600 francs.

Edwin Forrest and Charlotte Cushman for
years greatly admired one another. Each
declared that the other was the greatest dra-
matic artist living. During the war they
both agreed to play in "Macbeth" for the
benefit of a sanitary fund. They had never
been on the stage together before. The per-
formance was a great success. Both appear-
ed at their best. But from that time they
were sworn enemies, and each expressed the
utmost contempt for the professional quali-
ties of the other. Forrest used to say that
Cushman "was not a woman at all" and
Cushman declared that Forrest was a
"butcher."

ENGLISH TURF INTELLIGENCE.

THE BEST HORSES IN ENGLAND NOMINATED
AGAINST THE AMERICAN STABLE.

The English Racing Calendar of the 9th
contains the nominations made for the Ep-
som spring meeting to be run April 22 and
23 and for the meeting at Ascot to be run
June 10th to 18th. The list shows that Mr.
Pierre Lorillard intends to keep his stable
busy. For the Epsom meeting Parole is in
the City and Laburban, a mile and a quarter,
Great Metropolitan, two miles and a quar-
ter, and the Prince of Wales Stakes, one
mile, all three being handicaps. The Duke
of Magenta is also in the Great Metropolitan.
For the Epsom meeting Parole is in for the
Epsom Gold Cup, about a mile and a half,
over the Derby course, for which he will re-
ceive an allowance of 10 pounds as an Am-
erican bred horse which will make his weight
188 pounds. For the Ascot meeting Duke of
Magenta is in the Gold Cup, two miles and a
half, at 122 pounds, and in the Alexandra
Plate, about three miles, at 119 pounds, he
receiving an allowance of 7 pounds as an
American. As was generally expected the
English and French owners have nominated
a fine class of horses for both the cup and
plate, Count Lagrange being represented by
Vernon, who won both events last year,
while he has also Insulaire and Inval. Lord
Falmouth has nominated Silvio, the winner
of the Derby and St. Leger in 1877, and
Jannette, the winner of the Oaks and St.
Leger in 1878. Mr. Crawford has nominat-
ed Sefton, he winner of the Derby in 1878;
for the cup. Prince Soltykoff has nominated
Thurio, the winner of the Grand Prix, for
both events, whilst among the other nomi-
nations are such good horses as Pageant,
Belphoebe, Master Kildare, Lord Olive and
Glengarry. For the New Stakes at Ascot
(five furlongs 186 yards straight) for two-
year-olds, Mr. Lorillard has nominated Pap-
oose and Oberokee, and for the Rous Me-
morial of 1880, he has put in Uncaa. The
'cherry and black' may be seen, however,
previous to the above dates, as Parole is in
the Newmarket Handicap, a mile and a half,
on April 16.

KILLIGREW, THE JESTER.

The jester Killigrew frequently had access
to Charles II., when admission was denied to
the first peers of the realm. Charles, who
hated business as much as he loved pleasure,
often disappointed the Council, either by not
attending or withdrawing before the business
was concluded. One day the Council sat a
considerable time in expectation of his
Majesty, when the Duke of Lauderdale, so
conspicuous for his haughty demeanor, quit-
ted the room in a great passion. On his way
he met Killigrew, to whom he expressed
himself more freely than courtiers toward

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