

## POETRY.

## THE HEART'S WRECK.

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The lulling winds may still the sea  
All beautiful in its repose;  
And with a soft tranquillity  
The rippling water ebbs and flows.

But when the tempests wildly blow,  
Its bosom heaves with many a wreck  
Which till that moment, slop'd below.  
Nor dimm'd its surface with a speck.

So I can talk, and laugh, at leisure  
All that the happiest souls could be;  
Lulled for a moment by some dream,  
Soft as the sunset on the sea.

But when a word, a tone, reminds  
My bosom of its perished love,  
Oh! fearful are the stormy winds  
Which dash the heart's wild wrecks above!

One after one they rise again,  
And o'er dark memory's ocean steal,  
Floating along, through years of pain  
Such as the heart struck only feel!

## MISCELLANY.

**LORD MANSFIELD AND HIS COACHMAN.**—The following is an anecdote of the late Lord Mansfield, which his Lordship himself told from the Bench:

He had turned off his coachman for certain acts of peculation, not uncommon in this class of persons. The fellow begged his Lordship to give him a character.

'What kind of a character can I give you?' says his Lordship.

'Oh, my Lord, any character your Lordship pleases to give me, I shall most thankfully receive.'

His Lordship accordingly sat down and wrote us follows.

'The bearer, John ———, has served me in the capacity of coachman. He is an able driver and a very sober man. I discharged him because he cheated me.'

John thanked his Lordship and went off. A few mornings afterwards when his Lordship was going through his lobby to step into his coach for Westminster Hall, a man in a handsome livery, made him a low bow. To his surprise he recognized his late coachman.

'Why John,' says his Lordship, you seem to have got an excellent place; how could you manage this with the character I gave you?'

'Oh, my Lord,' says John, 'it was an exceedingly good character, my new master on reading it, said he observed your Lordship recommended me as an able driver and steady man. These are just the qualities I want in a coachman; I observe his Lordship adds, that he discharged you, because you cheated him. Hark you, sirrah, I am a Yorkshireman, and I'll defy you to cheat me.'

**HALF PRICE.**—A witty Hibernian just arrived in London, and wandering about, perceived a blanket at a shop door, with this inscription on it. "This superior blanket for half price."—Pat walked in, and demanded the price, "just five shillings, sir," replied the shopkeeper.—"By my sowle, and that's chape enough!"—And so folding the blanket up, and putting it under his arm, he laid down 2s. 6d. and walked off; the shopkeeper intercepted him, and demanded the other 2s. 6d. "Didn't you say you spalpeen, that the price of the blanket was 5s.? And, sure hav't I given you half of it? And by the same token, I won't give up my bargain? A scuffle ensued,

and Pat was taken to Bow-street; but when there he pleaded his cause so ably, that the Magistrate dismissed the complaint, and advised the shopkeeper never again to ticket his goods at "half-price."

The following is related as a dialogue between a drunkard and his wife; it is in perfect accordance with the unreasonableness of drunkards in general:

'I say Molly, what have you got for dinner?' 'I told you, this morning, we had nothing in the house.' 'O, well let me take the baby, and you pick up something.' 'So you told me this morning, but there's nothing to pick up.' 'O, pick up some bread and potatoes, Molly; pick up something.' 'But Mr Lindsey, there's nothing in the house.' 'No meal, nor bread, nor butter, nor potatoes, nor a mouthful of any thing that can be eaten.' 'Well, well, Molly, I say pick up a little some thing or other, and let us have a dinner, for I am in a hurry.'

**HER MAJESTY'S BREECHES.**—An English paper mentions that a lad was recently sentenced to Bridewell, for stealing a pair of breeches, worn by a soldier, which breeches in the commitment, were declared to be the property of Her Majesty Queen Victoria I—or in other words, her Majesty's breeches! The young Queen must have a large, and rather curiously assorted wardrobe.

An instance has been related of a field of wheat being sown in a Swiss valley, and then buried beneath an avalanche for the space of five and twenty years. The snow having melted at the expiration of that time, the vegetation of the wheat, which had thus been interrupted, then went on, and it produced a harvest.

A schoolboy being asked by his teacher how he should slog, replied, "If you please, sir, I should like to have it upon the Italian system of penmanship, the heavy strokes upward, and the down ones light."

**DEFINITIONS.**—*Getting up in the world*—putting on a pair of high-heeled boots.

*Renouncing the world and its vanities*—going into State Prison.

*Beauties of Literature*—a score of blue stockings discussing the merits of a new novel.

*Preparation for death*—sending for the doctor.

*Thrilling adventure*—to tumble into a horse pond in the month of February.

*Darkness visible*—a naked African negro standing on rock.

*Honesty*—cheating none but those who are too ignorant to find it out.

*Wearing the breeches*—a wife supporting her drunken husband, and paying his debts for him.

*Loving your neighbour as yourself*—stealing half the money out of his purse, and thus making your advantages and chances equal.—*N. Y. American.*

Want of success sours us; but a little sunshine smiles away the vapours.

**IDLENESS.**—There is a Spanish proverb which says—"The devil tempts all men but the idle man, and the idle man tempts the devil."

A new daily paper has just been commenced at Pittsburg, called the "Steamboat." "Go ahead and don't burst your boiler!"

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