A Poet's Fate.

Underneath the oaken table with its legs of ebon hue, In between the gaudy slippers of the editor

All without was cold and dreary, storm-clouds ingered in the sky.

As a rosy-cheeked young maiden mounted up the stairs so high.

Bound to bave her poem printed or find out the reason why.

"I was raised," she said, " near Lacon, and a poem here I sent, Full many a weary month ago, entitled 'Cecil Brent,'
It was of a lovely heiress, tail and stately, proud and cold,
With a wealth of wavy tresses like a stream of molten gold.

Mamma said 'twas just too sweet for any earthly bit of use,
And that I could make a lot of money writing. If I'd choose.
So I sent it to your office on the eighteenth day of May,
Telling you to please remit a check for fifty in part pay."

Biandly smiled the man who edits as the basket out he kicked.

Saying: "Plunge your arm in there, my lass, and freely take your pick;
With the ordinary poets I am mild, for pity's sake.

sake,
But for adamantine nerve and cheek you
fairly take the cake." Down the long and lonely stairway went the maiden's little feet,
While the briny tears welled up into her little eyes so sweet.
In his room the brawny editor a fresh cigal did light, Nor wist he of the saddened heart his words had made to ache that night.

HUMOROUS.

"Bridget, this dust upon the furniture is intolerable. What shall I do ?" Do as I do, marm. Pay no attention to it." "How do you define 'black as your hat?" said a schoolmaster to one of his pupils. "Darkness that may be felt," replied the youthful wit.

There was only one Irishman in the recent Socialistic parade in Chicago, and he was thrown from his horse. Even the dumb animal could'nt stand his nonsense. Rebecca-"Yes; a man who is contin-

ually sticking his nose into other people's business can be said to possess a roamin' nose."—Yonkers Statesman.

Rev. Dr. Hall said that every blade of grass was a sermon. The next day he was amusing himself by clipping his lawn, when a parishioner said: "that's right, doctor, cut your sermons short." The average age of a hog is only fifteen years. This always consoles us when we see a man spreading himself out over four seats in a railway car.

Boatswain of an ocean steamer to seaman who seems to be hunting for something: "Well, what are you looking for ?"
"For a pail? "What do you want of a pail?" "I want to wash my face. "Open your mouth, and you won't have any face to wash."

"Write carefully," says De Quincey,
"You can never tell how much good your
work may accomplish." No truer words
were ever spoken. A man brought around were ever spoken. A man brought around a perfectly lovely poem about the sun-kissed leaves of September yesterday, just as the office boy had built a fire in the grate and was looking for something to light it with.

Some very wicked man says that he has invented a new telepraph system. He proposes to place a line of women fifty steps apart, and then commit the news to the first one as a very profound secret. The inventor has every confidence that his invention will supplant the present slow and tedious system

Soon after the death of the poet Words-Soon after the death of the poet works, worth, a man met a farmer of the neighborhood, and said to him: "You have had a great loss." "What loss?" "Why, you have lost the great poet." "Oh ay," said the farmer, "he is dead; but I hev no doubt his wife will carry on the business, and make it as profitable as it ever was." and make it as profitable as it ever was."

One day last week, as a Griswold street lawyer had just finished tacking up a sign of "Shut this door" where he thought it would do the most good, an oldish man, having a sour expression on his face, came up stairs. The instant he saw the sign he said:

"All bosh, sir—all bosh. I never pay any attention to such signs."
"But other people do," replied the law-

yer.
"Let 'em do so, then. I am just eccentric enough to leave your door open when I go out."

And so he did. He walked once or twice around the room, made a few in-quiries and left the door wide open as he walked out. When he had reached the street a boy overtook him and asked him to return to the room on important business. He climbed back up stairs, and the lawyer asked him:

"Did you leave your gold-headed cane "No, sir; here it is," replied the caller,

"No, sir; here it is," replied the caller, as he held it up.
"Ah? so it is. I was just eccentric enough to think that this stove poker was your gold headed cane. All right—no harm done—good-by!"
When the stranger went down stairs he left the prints of his heels on every step.—
Free Press.

Weather Wisdom.

"Gem'len," said the president, "I find dat de inhabitants of dis kentry am payin' altogether too much 'tenshun to dis wedder queshun. Dar's a groan o' dispair when it's hot, an' a growl o' displeashur when it's cold. If it rains somebody raises a row, an' if it's dry somebody else has a bone to pick wid de powersabove. Ebery red-headed, one-hoss white man—ebery broken-down old two-cent darkey, has got de ideah in his head dat de Lawd am boun' to send him 'long jist de sort o' wedder he wants, no matter 'bout de rest of de ken-try. De old man Rubottom, libin' up dar try. De old man kubocton, non-updar-by my cabin, has got about fifteen cents worf o' garden truck back of his house, an' when it's hot or cold, or wet or dry, he am so agitated dat he forgits dat any odder soul in dis kentry has sot out an onion or planted a 'tater. Mo' dan fifty y'ars ago I come to de conclusion dat I mus' put up wid sich wedder as de Lawd gib me, no matter whedder it brought on chilbrains or rheumatics, an' it was a great burden of my mind. I take it jist as it comes, keepin' de old umbrella in good repair, an' I doan know nuffin' 'bout almanacks an' I doan' want to."—Lime Kiln Club Proceedings, Detroit Free Press.

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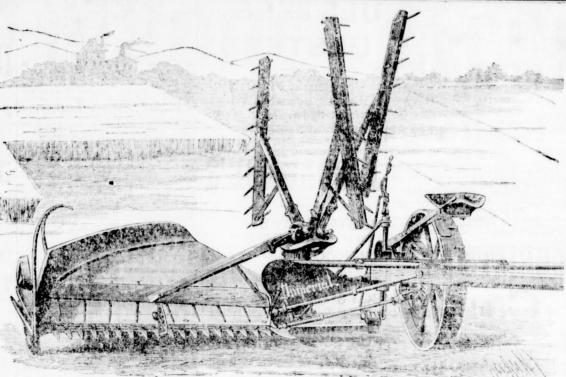
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