The Poet:s Calinng.-The true poet, to seize on the fuil advantages and to reap the full reward of his glorious vocation, must work in the better spirit of his time. It is
not enough that he not enough that he can gracefully dally with
the flowers and the breezes by the wayside that he can feel and make felt the waysies of nature, and weave into his lays the beans of sun, and moon and stars lays the beams of ine poet must and will recornize in all their bequty, and appropriate them as costly their beauty, and appropriate them as cositly ma-
terial in buildiny the house of his fame will fashion them into a rainbow the He span the weeping vale of earth, that shall radiant with the hues of heaven, cuen whe it
rean radiant with the hues of heaven, even when
darkest with storms. Jut this $i$, darkest with storms. But this is not enough. of God; and it is in man, and his destines and struggles, that the poet must find his noblest theme. The true vocation of the poet unquestionally is to animate the of hunan race in their progress from learherism to ed by Providence to aress. He is appointertion, and to console inde to generous ex ertion, and to console in distress. There is nothing so full of the elements of poetry as the fortunes, and aspirations, and achieve-
ments of the vast human family ments of the vast human family. Its endeavors to escape from the sensual into the in-
tellectual life; its errors ins tellectual life; its errors, its failures, its sorrows, and its crimes, all are prolific of poetic and dramatic matter of the most intense interest. To guide and encourage humanity in uss arduous but ever onward career; to assist it to tread down despotism and oppresssion; to give effect to the tears and groans in the suftering; to trumpet abroad wrong in all its shapes; to whisper into the fainting soul the glorious hopes of a still higher exist ence-these are and have ever been the god he been of the true poet, and therefore has he been styled a prophet and a priest. Halef of the Prorit.-A nobleman, resident at a chateau near Pisa, was about to celebrate his marriage-feast. All the elements were propitious except the ocean, which had been so boisterous as to deny the very necessary appendage of fish. On the very morning of the feast, however, a poor fisherman made his appearance with a large turbot. Joy pervaded the castle, and the fisherman was ushered with his prize into the saloon, where the nobleman, in the presence of his visitors, requested him to put what price he thought proper on the fish, and it should be instantly paid him. ' One hundred lashes,' said the fisherman, 'on my bare back is the price of my fish, and I will not bate one strand of whipeord on the bargain.' The nobleman and his guests were not a little astonished; but our chapman was resolute, and remonstrance was in vain. At length the nobleman exclaimed, 'Well, well, the fellow is a humorist, and the fish we must have; but lay on lightly, and let the price be paid in our ministered, 'Hold, hold l' exclaimed the fisherman, 'I have a partner in this business, and it is fitting that he should receive his share.' 'What! are there two such madeaps in the world ?' exclaimed the suobleman; 'name him, and he shall' be nofor instantly.' 'You need not go very far for him,' said the fisherman; ' 'you very far find him at your gate, in the shape of your own porter, who would not let me in until I pro-
mised that he should have te ever I received for my turbot,' ' $O \mathrm{~h}$, what said the nobleman 'brine him 'Oh, oh!' he shall receive his stipulated moiety with; the strictest justice.' This ceremony with finished he discharged the ceremony being rewarded the fisherman.-Monthly Visitor
The Staff of Eliverwood.-A Visitor. wandered with his son over a field, hund a deep stream flowed between them. The and a boy then wished to cross over to his father, but he could not, for the stream was very wide. He straightway cut a branch from water, supported himself end of it in the leaped with all his strength boldy upon it, and it was the branch of an elder. But, behold! the boy hovered over the elder-tree; and, as broke in twain over the stream, the staff the water, and the waves foll headlong into over him. A herdsman at a dind dashed this. and ran thither, and at a distance saw But the boy bew, and uttered a loud cry. and swam laughung the water from his lipps herdsman spoke to to the shore. Then the 'You seem to have instructed your son in many things, hat one instructed your son in to search herere have you not taurht him opens his heart to confidence? before he opens his heart to confidence? Had he
viewed the soft pith of the elder-wood, he would not have pith of the elder-wood, he to the deceitful bark.' 'Friend,' replied the huntsman, 'I have sharpened his eye and exercised his strength. I can leave him, therefore, to experience. Time nay teach him to distrust, but even in eye is clear he will remain upright, for his by use.'-Krum powers are strengthened by use.'-Krummacher.

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