

Poetry.

ROOM, BOYS, ROOM.

There was an old hunter camped down by the
rill,
Who fished in this water and shot on that hill.
The forest for him had no danger nor gloom,
For all that he wanted was plenty of room!
Says he "The world's wide, there is room for
us all
Room enough in the greenwood if not in the
hall;
Room, boys, room by the light of the moon,
For why shouldn't every every man enjoy his
own room?"

He wove his own nets, and his shanty was
spread
With the skins he had dressed and stretched out
overhead;
Fresh branches of hemlock made fragrant the
door
For his bed, as he sung, when the daylight was
over,
"The world's wide enough," &c.

That spring now half choked by the dust of the
road,
Under boughs of old maples once limitedly
flowed;
By the rock we see it bubbles, his kettle was
hung,
While their sap often filled while the hunter
he sung,
"The world's wide enough," &c.

And still eung the hunter—when one gloomy
day
He saw in the forest what saddened his lay—
A heavy wheeled wagon its black rut had made
Where fair grew the greenward in broad forest
glade—
"The world's wide enough," &c.

He whistled his dog, and says he, "We can't
stay,
I must shoulder my rifle, up traps and away;"
Next day mid those maples the settler's ax rung,
While slowly the hunter trudged off as he sung,
"The world's wide enough," &c.

Miscellaneous.

The idea of nailing a shoe on the hind foot
of a mule for luck is absurd.

A coloured man named Cline, who was
over 100 years old, died at Belleville on Fri-
day last.

Mr. R. L. Thompson, of Stayner, killed an
immense black bear near the village
a few days ago. A single, clever shot did the
deed.

Experience has taught the thrifty tavern-
keeper that he must either keep good liquors
and a back entrance, or lose the paying part
of the temperance trade.

A bantam hen belonging to John Logan,
near Mount-Holly, some time ago, discovered
a sitting partridge in a field, and driving its
hen from her nest, took possession of the
egg herself. She now proudly cares for fif-
teen young partridges.

On result of the interest taken in ride
matches in the last few years is that the
principal ocean steamers have established
races on their decks, and instead of playing
snuff-board and pitch, passengers now
amuse themselves by firing at targets.

A remarkable fact is stated in regard to
two brothers (not twins) in Lansing, Mich.,
who weigh at the present time exactly 210
pounds each. For years past there has not
been the difference of a half pound in their
weight.

A hen belonging to Mr. G. Dixon, of Port
Havre, recently hatched out a brood of chick-
ens and among the number was one with
three legs. It is now about three weeks
old, and is as lively as any of its compan-
ions.

The Howard family, of Paris, Ky., in
height and height: Father, 6 feet 4 and 200
pounds; his six sons, 6 feet 3 to 6 feet 11,
and average weight 219 pounds; the mother,
Current, 6 feet and 3 inches height 245
pounds; and her three daughters from 6 feet
to 6 feet 3 inches, and weight 150 to
160 pounds.

Look of your thirty Yankee? Why here's
a Texas youth who rode a forty-
four mile town the other day.

"Far be it from us to doubt the word of a
brother editor, says the La Crosse Sun.
"We believe them all to be truthful men;
but when the Durand Times says that the
water is so low at the mouth of the Chip-
pewa river that catfish have to employ mud
turtles to tow them over the bar, we feel as
though the editor must be away, and some
local minister filling his place."

A boy of five years was "playing railroad"
with his sister of two and a half years. Draw-
ing her upon a foot-stool, he imagined him-
self both the engine and conductor. After
imitating the puffing noise of the steam, he
stopped and called out "New York," and in
a moment "Philadelphia," and then "Pat-
erson." His knowledge of towns was now
exhausted, and at the next place he cried
"Heaven." His little sister said eagerly,
"Top! I des I'll dit out here."

FAST RAILROADING.—An exciting race took
place between a Canada Southern train and
one on the Air Line, a few days since. The
trains were side by side, at the eastern ex-
tremity of the lines, the tracks run parallel
for 8 or 10 miles at a distance of a hundred
yards apart. For a time they were neck and
neck, during which time the passengers were
intensely excited and actually shouted and
yelled like horse jockeys. After a time the
smoother track and better fuel of the C. S.
prevailed. The fastest time made was a
mile in 57 seconds.

Among the curiosities of the Peabody Mu-
seum, at New Haven, is the skeleton of the
famous Arabian mare Esnea, imported along
with Said. When Mr. John W. Garrett,
President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-
road, purchased her, he had to outbid Louis
Napoleon. The Arab keeper, to whom she
was accustomed in Syria, accompanied her
to this country. She died a few months ago
of lung fever, when 27 years old; her off-
spring are numbered at thirty nine or forty.
The specimen illustrates the highest devel-
opment of the horse, showing even in the skele-
ton the noble quality that was bred in the
bone.

ANCIENT ATHLETICISM.

In Macmillan's Magazine, Professor Ma-
haffy gives an account of Greek athletics,
which might be read with pleasure by a fight-
ing publican. At least, most men of that
kind would be rather interested to know that
the Greeks, with their wonderful forms and
their devotion to the arena, missed the secret
of training, as they missed to a great degree
the secret of medicine. They fancied, being
a Southern people, with the habit of feeding
temperately, that they could train best on
huge meals of meat:—"The discovery of
Dionysus was adopted by Greek athletes ever
after, and we hear of their compulsory meals
of large quantities of meat, and their con-
sequent sleepiness and sluggishness in ordi-
nary life in such a way as to make us believe
that the Greeks had missed the real secret of
training, and actually thought that the more
strong nutriment a man could absorb the
stronger he would become. The quantity
eaten by athletes is universally spoken of as
far exceeding the quantity eaten by ordinary
men, not considering its heavier quality."
It follows, of course, that Greek athletes did
not perform very wonderful feats, as feats are
considered in modern times. It is probable
that their running was very bad, for they
made the course only 125 yards long, and
were accustomed to cover that distance with
their arms going like the sails of a windmill,
and shouting as they ran—two actions which
a modern trainer would pronounce fatal to
speed. Their wrestling was rather fighting,
for it was allowable in the wrestler to break
his opponent's fingers, and one man made a
practice of it; while their jumping was prob-
ably "standing jumping," and they carried
dumb bells in their hands. The most ex-
traordinary stories are related of these jumps,
but they are probably exaggerations, and
one, the celebrated jump of Phayllus of
Kroton, certainly is. He is said to have
jumped fifty feet on level ground, double the
longest leap ever recorded of a horse, and
absolutely impossible. The boxing was real-
ly fighting with knuckle-dusters, or with
weights carried in the hand, and it seems
certain that the blows were given downward
or round from the shoulder, as little boys
give them, for "a boxer was not known as a
man with his nose broken, but as a man
with his ears crushed." The violent prob-
ability is that "a boxer would have
thrashed any Greek boxer in five minutes."

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