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**ORIGINAL POETRY.**

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**"MY NAME IS NOVICE."**

A speech not out of Douglas

My name is Novice in St. James's Square,  
My father lives, and my good mother too,  
Whose constant care's to take her daughters out,  
And leave her only son, myself, at home—  
But I had heard of parties, and I long'd  
To follow through the dance some high born dame.  
To lent the carriage which mamma denied,  
— scarce had I got to Lady Dumby's ball,  
She'd not yet fill'd her rooms when, with a rap,  
— a band of hot Barbarians from the East,  
— dash'd like a torrent from the Hall below,  
Shocking our high bred dames: th' Exclusives fled,  
For safety and for supper; I alone,  
With cup of tea and slice of bread and butter,  
— never'd around the enemy and mark'd  
The prettiest girl, then hasten'd to her side,  
With a low and fifty chosen smiles,  
— met advancing. Now my suit I press'd—  
— thought, I conquer, ere the music sounds,  
— With such a winning smile I pierc'd her heart,  
— and in my arms bore through the waltz the fair.

**THE LIVRE NOIR OF PARIS.**

In the bureau of the secret police, guarded  
all human eyes but those of the minister  
himself or his deputy, in whose charge it is,  
as a massive and padlocked volume, whose  
contents, if known, would thrill the blood and  
chill the cheek of even the most pampered  
viceroy of romance. What would be all the  
horses of Balaac, or Victor Hugo, or Hoffman, or  
Maturin, when compared with the narratives  
set upon these pages? What all the highly  
taught and genius have ever devised and  
planned, when placed beside the short and  
stunning annals of crime and misery, vice,  
fortune, and condemnation that this diabolical  
could lay bare?

The Livre Noir is the registry of the lives  
of criminals, from the cradle to the grave—  
the child conceived in sin, to the suicide  
in the "foies de St. Cloud," or the execution  
in the table at la Morgue. His very infancy  
is there from his first step in iniquity to  
second—from his early chastisement to his  
final punishment—from the trifling offence  
of the graver crime, all is registered; and his  
track can be traced as he went on from the  
penitentiary to the prison—from the prison to  
the gallies—from the gallies to the guillotine;  
— oppose repentance to have seized him, and  
he resolved to "sin no more"—it matron.

He deed which perhaps rashness or poverty  
tempted, is stamped indelibly upon the inex-  
orable page; and the brand upon his brow  
is no more damning evidence of his crime  
than four brief lines of a pen. Conceive, if you  
can anything more horrible than this. Fiction  
is exaggerate—imagination cannot exceed  
and yet in the city, where it is boasted cir-  
culation holds paramount sway, this still ex-  
ists. But the mischief ends not here. All are  
taught here—lives, stragglers, the sojour-  
ner for a week, the passer through for a day—  
every action, their intentions, their plans,  
— if you will, with a port erect and bosom  
proud in your personal liberty; but not  
— you give, not a whisper you breathe, but  
— and chronicled here, to be referred to  
— thought forward whenever suspicion may  
— to you. Then is the page turned to—  
— danger points to the passage, and your con-  
— follows. The peace, the fortune,  
— honour of the first houses in France are de-  
— upon the secrecy of these pages—to  
— were to spread a civil war through the

— as draw from the store of one of the cele-  
— tale writers of the day some of the ex-  
— which will convey a clearer notion of it  
— by description, however laboured:  
— Comptessa D'Abelle, in every socie-  
— in the Greek loan, and several com-  
— of insurance; has issued six hundred  
— of false money—protected  
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"Madame Antoine de Vieux Prael—goes  
every year to the waters of Barge with her  
confessor and her doctor; madame in perfect  
health; is in league with Spain; her confes-  
sor is a gen d'arme of King Ferdinand, her  
doctor a monk.

"Marquis de Audelaure—well received at  
court; spirited, clever, and a greable; sly of  
the Emperor of Russia; spared because he is  
more useful than otherwise; all his letters  
from Russia opened before they reach him.

"Ayzimeine, chief of an emigre club, who  
pass all their evenings since '92 in devising  
infernal machineries; they are twenty-eight  
in number, of whom fourteen are agents of the  
police; not worth the cost of the superin-  
tendence.

"Beigh, a foreigner, who counterfeit perfectly  
the air, look, and attitude of Napoleon; he  
affects to have made his escape from St. He-  
lena, and is now organising a conspiracy among  
the students; he derives his means from the  
police; but, being a stranger, he requires  
watching; the duty is performed by a false  
Dauphin, whom he watches in his turn; thus  
the two aspirants for the crown are mutual  
spies on each other.

"Camille, seduced at sixteen; Maquis at  
eighteen; at twenty died at the Bicetre.  
"Catherine, strangled the pretty-armed, se-  
duced at twelve; crowned the "Kosiere" at  
fifteen; died at Poisy at twenty-five, in the  
"Maison de force."

"Celeste—(the 'prunie')—sold by her mo-  
ther to an Englishman; changed afterwards  
for an Irish horse; now dame de Campagnie  
at Frescati, and a baronne.

"Carl Bae, the printer of 'Les Gueux'—  
his press concealed in arch of the Pont de Je-  
na; the papers in a pump at the Isle de Lou-  
viers; now printing a song against M. Molé,  
written by the prefect of police; wait till June,  
and then condemn him to the Bagues de Brest."

Such as "THE LIVRE NOIR" of the French  
capital. Long may it be the only city where  
such a record is found.—Dublin University Ma-  
gazine.

**FROM LATE ENGLISH PAPERS.**

*Launch of the Nile.*—This vessel was launch-  
ed from Plymouth Dock-yard on the 4th July,  
in the presence of an immense concourse of  
spectators. The Nile is a line ship of 92 guns,  
nearly all mounted on two decks, thus differ-  
ing in construction with all in our navy, except  
the Rodney, now in the Mediterranean, and  
the London, now building at Chatham. She  
is certainly a superb ship, and is constructed  
on the principle of Sir Robert Seppings; she  
was laid down in 1827; she has a round stern  
on the improved principle of T. Roberts, Esq.,  
late builder at this dock-yard, which unites all  
the advantages of the round with the hand-  
some appearance of the square stern. The fol-  
lowing are her dimensions:—

Length of the keel for tonnage	170 4	ft. in.
Length of the gun-deck, from the aft side of the rabbit to the stem to the fore side of the rabbit of the post	205 6	
Breadth extreme	53 6	
Moulded breadth	52 9	
Depth in hold	23 0	
Extreme length from figure head to taffrail	240 6 1/2	
Depth from taffrail to lower side of false keel	58 0	
Burthen in tons, 2,622	55-94	

ARMAMENT.		
	diam.	len.
	in.	cwt. ft. in.
Lower deck, 6 long guns	8	65 9 0
	26 32-pounders	56 9 6
Main deck, 4 long guns	8	65 9 0
	30 32-pounders	56 9 6
Quarter deck and forecastle,		
26 32-pounders		41 8 0
The weight of each broadside is		1,652 lbs.

The seaman of H. M. steamer Medea, who  
had his leg shot off a short time since, in the  
accidental encounter of that vessel with a  
French corvette, on the coast of Mexico, has  
been awarded a pension of £55 per annum by  
the French government.

Last week, at the Excise Court, Samuel  
Ellis, of the King's Arms, Roupel-street, Lam-  
beth, was fined £300, for adulterating his beer  
and for attempting to bribe the officers who de-  
tected him. The penalty for the adulteration  
was £100, and the further fine of £200 was  
imposed for the attempt to bribe.

Last Tuesday week, two weddings were  
celebrated together at the parish church, Silk-  
stone, when out of the nine persons who took  
part in the ceremony, five of the name of  
Marshall entered the church, and although  
each of the brides changed their names, the  
same number of the name of Marshall still re-  
mained. The parties met quite accidentally and  
no family relationship existed between them.  
The circumstance seemed greatly to perplex  
the clerk when entering their names, and also  
afforded considerable amusement to the parties  
themselves.—York Courier.

The Petersburg Gazette gives an account of  
the burning of the manufacturing town of Iwa-  
nowo: 271 wooden and 42 stone houses, 28  
wooden and 23 stone manufactories, are re-  
duced to ashes. The loss is estimated at 3,580,  
000 roubles. Iwanowo is a village belonging to  
Count Scheremetnew, and is very near to  
Ikonnikow, another village belonging to the  
same nobleman, to which the flames extended,  
and destroyed 106 houses and three manufac-  
tories.

*Purgatus he is.*—We learn that Mr. Fer-  
gus O'Connor, after he had descended from  
his bustings, and visited his admirers in the  
bazaar, and given a frank to a Gorbals' bailie,  
took his departure without clearing off "the  
necessary scores" with his committee men, or  
leaving so much as one solitary plank for his  
bill-stickers, some of whom have called at this  
office, scratching their heads and complaining  
sadly. We cannot say we are sorry at his  
treatment of his committee men, for they want-  
ed to make a job of the matter, and he has prob-  
ably served them right. But for the poor bill-  
stickers, about.—Scotch Reformer's Gazette.

*Catholic Cathedral in London.*—We un-  
derstand that subscriptions are in progress  
for the erection of a magnificent Roman Catho-  
lic Cathedral in the western part of the  
metropolis, in the Gothic style, to be decora-  
ted in the interior with the most finished  
specimens of the arts of painting and sculpture,  
to contain 10,000 persons, and to form exter-  
nally one of the noblest architectural ornaments  
of the empire. It is said that the Pope is  
to come over to consecrate the Cathedral when  
finished, and it is calculated that the edifice  
will altogether cost about £150,000.

*Religious Societies.*—The following is a  
statement of the total receipts for the past  
year of some of the leading societies for the  
extension of Christianity, whose anniversaries  
have been held within the last few weeks:  
—For promoting Christian Knowledge, £90,  
363; for propagation of the Gospel in Foreign  
Parts, £71,308; Church Missionary, £92,  
031; British and Foreign Bible Society, £105,  
255; Wesleyan Missionary, £84,818; Lon-  
don Missionary, £65,499; Baptist Missionary,  
£22,416; Hibernian Society, £11,702;  
Church Pastoral aid, £10,423.

*Theatrical.*—Maeredy is still playing at Co-  
vent Garden. A great dinner is to be given to  
him, the Duke of Sussex in the chair. Faren  
was at the Hay market. William Tell was to  
be brought out at the Italian opera. Charles  
Keen's last appearance in London, was to take  
place July 22nd. Keeley and his wife were at  
Liverpool playing in Nicholas Nickleby.  
Knowles was busy on a new play, for which  
he had received a retaining fee from Vestris.

*Presentations at the British Court.*—Gully  
the prize fighter, Daniel Webster the orator,  
and Robert Owen the free thinker, have all  
been presented at the British Court.

A new discovery in the art of lithography  
has been discovered, called the lithotypo-graphic  
process.

The total Abstinence Principle, is working  
its passage in the city of London. A short  
time since 8,080 teatotalers were marching  
through the streets of London, with appro-  
priate banners flying. In the procession were  
160 carriages filled with ladies.

A great meeting has been held in London to  
establish a "British India Society" to encour-  
age the growth and purchase of East India  
free labor cotton, in preference to that grown  
in the slave holding states of the United  
States.

Sam Spring, a well known theatrical and  
sporting character, is dead.

The ancient custom of street preaching has  
been revived in parts of England.  
*Swiss Printed Calicoes.*—But few persons  
except those immediately concerned in the  
transactions, can form any idea of the extent  
to which this business is conducted in Man-  
chester. The goods, however, are mainly, if  
not entirely, for export. By the warehousing  
act, it is well known, that any foreign pro-  
duce or manufacture may be warehoused in  
London, &c., without paying duty, if again  
reshipped. The Swiss are now thus ware-  
housing their prints. A short time ago an  
agent offered, by pattern of course, one thou-  
sand pieces to one of the Manchester export  
firms, and who took every piece offered. Great  
indeed must be the confidence in these foreign-  
ers, when such heavy transactions can be thus  
silently, satisfactorily, and efficiently conduct-  
ed without the goods even seeing the light.

*Let Glasgow flourish.*—Mr. Morris Pol-  
lock, proprietor of the Govan Silk Factory,  
Glasgow, has purchased a track of land in  
Virginia, on which he expects to raise an-  
nually \$150,000 worth of raw silk to supply  
his establishment in Scotland. The superin-  
tendence of the establishment, and several hands  
from Great Britain, are already on the ground.

The papers published full details of the  
death of Lady Flora Hastings. Her remains  
were conveyed to Scotland for interment.  
At the request of her father a post mortem ex-  
amination of her body was made, and the re-  
sult for ever puts at rest all the doubts of her  
innocence of the charge that had been prefer-  
red against her character.

Not far from two centuries ago, the Scottish  
Legislature enacted, that "a good and  
sufficient school shall be erected and main-  
tained in every parish." To those five little words, a  
good and sufficient school, introduced into an  
act of Parliament, not longer than a man's  
thumb, is Scotland indebted at this day, for  
nearly every solid glory she possesses.

*Curran and the Miller's Dog.*—Curran had  
heard somebody say, that any person throwing  
the skirts of his coat over his head, stooping  
low, holding out his arms, and creeping along  
backward, might frighten the fiercest dog and  
put him to flight. He accordingly made the  
attempt on a miller's animal in the neighbour-  
hood; but found to his sorrow that he had a dog  
to deal with who did not care which end of a  
boy went foremost so he could get a good  
bite out of it. "I pursued the instructions,"  
said Curran: "and as I had no eyes save those  
in front, I fancied that the mastiff was in full  
retreat; but I was confoundedly mistaken; for  
at the very moment I thought myself  
victorious, the enemy attacked my rear, and  
and having got a reasonable mouthful out of  
it, was fully prepared to take another before  
I was rescued."

**UNITED STATES.**

*The Yankees outdone in Tricks.*—The Mas-  
sachusetts "Striped Pig" stratagem, is excel-  
led by an invention of the lovers of liquor and  
the largest liberty in Mississippi, for defeat-  
ing the "restraining law" of that state. The  
statute prohibits the sale of "the ardent," in  
any quality less than one gallon; so the Mis-  
sissippian when thirsty, which in that warm  
country is pretty often, buys a gallon and a  
gill or pint over, according to the degree of  
thirstiness; then sells the gallon back to the  
dealer, and drinks the surplus.—Buffalo Jour-  
nal.

*Perquisite Office.*—The New York Des-  
patch relates, as a current anecdote in that  
city, that a year or two ago a country cousin  
applied to a friend in power for assistance to  
a berth in the corporation's gift. He was ac-  
cordingly set to work at one dollar and a