

## Poetry.

## JACK IN THE SADDLE.

A KINGDOM FOR A HORSE, etc.

On a sailor and I've pitched and tossed upon  
the troubled ocean  
For several years, and visited the shores of  
many a land;  
And wind may blow, and storm may rage, I care  
not for the motion,  
But how to ride on pony back I cannot under-  
stand.

Not long ago I thought I'd try, and having found  
a stable,  
"I want a horse," said I, addressing one who  
chewed a straw,  
And why all hostler men do that, to find out I'm  
not able.  
"Here's one," says he, "a pretty thing that  
hasn't got a flaw."

How to get upon his back at first I was quite  
puzzled,  
For we keep going round and round and  
throwing out his feet,  
But soon I seized the leather thong with which  
he had been muzzled  
And sprang aloft and off he flew full gallop  
down the street.

"Look out," cried all the people, "here's a  
sailor on a filly,"  
"Stop," shouted that hostler man, "Your stir-  
rups are too long;"  
But I could neither stay nor speak, but went on  
willy nilly,  
Like some good ship without a helm when  
tide and wind are strong.

I rushed into the market and upset a woman's  
stall of  
And scattered all the butter, fruit and fowl  
about the place.  
I clung hard to the horse's mane or I'd have had  
a fall there,  
But as it was the noise did but increase my  
charger's pace.

I next dashed through a herd of swine, young  
piglings and old grunters,  
And drove into a crockery shop a pair of blun-  
dering sows.  
Then having gained the country I beheld some  
hounds and hunters,  
And hoped that they would pass in time to  
clear my pony's bows.

Alas! he heard the "View hallo" and turned  
the chase to follow,  
Fast bolting on the starboard tack, and clear-  
ing hedge and ditch,  
As swift as wind through meadow, shady copse  
and ferny hollow,  
While every moment from his back I feared  
that I should pitch.

My hat was flying far behind, my stirrups idly  
swinging,  
Like drowning man on floating wreck I held  
on by his mane,  
The hounds did merrily give mouth, the hunts-  
man's horn was ringing,  
And every step my gallant steed upon the  
pack did gain.

"Come back, you sailor chap, come back," I  
heard a farmer calling,  
"Be's you a-going to trample down the hounds  
beneath your feet?"  
"Twas all in vain, they might have spared their  
shouting and their bawling,  
I could not stay my fiery steed, I could not  
check the heat.

For all this time with all my might the bridle  
I'd been sawing,  
But 'twixt his teeth he'd got the bit and didn't  
care a fig,  
I'd coax him and I'd yelled at him, he didn't  
mind my jawing,  
But seemed to think it a great joke to lead  
me such a jig.

At last he tried a flying leap across a ditch, but  
stumbling,  
He reached land with his foremost feet, while  
I slid off his back,  
And wallowing in the nasty mire I had good  
cause for grumbling,  
And do declare I'd had enough to satisfy,  
yours,  
JACK.

## Miscellaneous.

BILLIARDS.—Champion Sexton recovered  
his diamond badge and other effects which  
were thought to be stolen. The valise con-

## Horse Notes.

**FLYING LOCUST SCRATCHED.**—The Flying  
Locust, 4 years, by Melbourne Jr., dam by Vin-  
cente Nolte, the property of Daniel Swigert,  
Esq., of Kentucky, is scratched from all of his  
engagements, having recently broken down in  
his training.

**CONTOLEZ.** the bay horse which recently  
trotted ten miles over the Bay District track at  
San Francisco in 27:27, is described as stand-  
ing sixteen hands. The greatest variation in  
any of his miles was 7½ seconds. The record  
runs: 2:47, 2:40, 2:45½, 2:46½, 2:45½, 2:42½,  
2:45, 2:41½, 2:41½, 2:44. The performance is the  
best on record. John Stewart, the well-known  
long-distance trotter, made a good race for Con-  
toller. He was in the lead at the ninth mile and  
his time was 23:43½. Were Contoller 15½ in-  
stead of 16 hands, he would stand more pound-  
ing than he is likely to do.

**A LARGE HORSE.**—Ex-Sheriff Walter, of But-  
ler, Pa., is the owner of one of the largest and  
most powerful horses in that section of the  
State. He is named Pleasant Laddie, and was  
imported from Clydesdale, Scotland, about  
eighteen months ago. At the Royal Show,  
Battersea, London, England, he took the first  
premium. He has a bright, clear eye, is a dan-  
dle gray in color, and weighs 2,228 lbs.  
The fore leg in its largest part is 34in. in cir-  
cumference, and 14in. around in its smallest  
part. The weight of his shoes are 5 lbs. each,  
and they measure 7in. in width. His forelock  
reaches to the end of his nose; mane, 38in. in  
length, and very heavy. It takes a strap 8ft.  
2in. long to girth him, while a collar 36in. deep  
encloses his neck.

## DEATH OF BEATRICE.

A note from J. McKonkey, Mr. A. Belmont's  
manager at the Nursery Stud, Long Island, tells  
of the unexpected death, on Monday, 8th inst.,  
of the thoroughbred mare Beatrice, by Stock-  
well, &c. On the Sunday previous to her death,  
the mare appeared to be troubled with restlessness,  
accompanied with some fever, and later in  
the day the symptoms indicated inflammation  
of the bowels. Every effort was resorted to that  
medical skill could devise to relieve the mare's  
suffering, but without avail. In the space of  
twenty-four hours the disease had assumed a  
fatal form, and the animal succumbed to its  
speedy ravages. Beatrice made her appearance  
on the turf as a two-year-old in 1873; was en-  
gaged in two contests, both of which she won  
cleverly, thus foreshadowing, it was thought, a  
brilliant turf career. She made her debut in  
the Hopeful Stakes, at Monmouth Park, half-  
trifle; winning in 52 seconds, over a field of  
eleven promising two-year-olds. Her second  
victory was in the Thespian Stakes, three-  
quarters of a mile, at same meeting, when she  
beat Dublin, Regardless, Visigoth, Aaron Pen-  
nington and Vandalite, in 1:17½. As a three-  
year-old, although she ran twice—in the With-  
ers, at Jerome, and the Alabama, at Saratoga, in  
neither of which did she secure a place—she did  
not appear in good form. Going amies in her  
later training, Mr. Belmont concluded to with-  
draw her from the turf. In 1876 Beatrice was  
bred to imported Ill-Used, and in 1877 produced  
the chf Beats. She was then bred to the same  
horse, and on January 25 of the present year  
produced another chestnut filly, both of which  
are promising, fine-looking youngsters.

## A MODERN ROMULUS.

We have in Hart county, Kentucky, a  
man by the name of William Bowman, who  
was thrown away in the Appalachian Moun-  
tains, North Carolina, when an infant, and  
was found by an old bear and adopted as a  
cub. At the age of about ten years he  
was captured, tied hand and foot, and then  
his captors found that he could not talk, nor  
could he be persuaded to take any food but  
milk, which he sucked from a bottle, show-  
ing that he had lived solely by the nursing  
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