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A HORALITY. BY AUSTIN OBSON.

It runs (so saith my chron cler)

Across a smoky city—

A Babel filled with whirt and stir,

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Dark, inuring looks the hillside near.

Dark yawning looks the valley—

Bath dark of the clear,

and this—is "Cupid's Alley."

And, from an arbour green herein,
Set somewhere to ward the middle
An ancient fiddler, gray and thin,
Sorspes on an ancient fiddle;
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Alert he seems, but aged enow
To punt the Styrian gailer;
With wisp of forelock on his brow
He plays-in 'Cupid's Alley.' All day he plays—a single tune!—
But by the oddess chances,
Guice, or Brawl, or Rigadoon,
If Jord may walk a pas de Cour
To Jenny's pas de Chalet:—
You need not e'en have danced before
To dance—in "Cupid's Alley!" And here, for ages yet untold,
Long, long before my ditty,
Came rich and poor, and young and old,
And still to-day they come, they go,
And still to-day they come, they go,
And just as fancies tally,
They foot it quick, they foot it slow,
All day—in "Cupid's Alley !"

All day—in "Culputs assay.

Strange dance! Tis free to Rank and Rags
Here no distinction matters,
Here Riches shakes its money-bags
Church, Arm, Nov., Eyrsic, Law .—
Maid, Mistress, Master, Valet;
Long locks, gray hairs, bald-heads, and a',—
They bob—in "Cupid's Alley." Strange pairs! To laughing, fresh Fifteen Here capers Prudence thrifty; And sometimes one to one will dance.

And think of one behind her:

Yet look all ways to find her:

Some seek a partner with a sigh.

Some win him with a sally;

And some they know not how nor why.—

Strange fast !—of "Cupit's Alley."

And some will dance an age or so
Who came for half a minute;
And some, who like the game, will go
Before they well begin it;
Who (somehow) always rall;
Strange cures are wrought (mine author saith
Strange cures !—in "Cupid's Alley." It may be one will dance to-day, And dance no more to-morrow; And dance no more to-morrow; It may be one will steal a way And nurse a life-long serrow; # What then I The rest advance, evade, Unite, disport, and dally, Reset, coquet, and gallopade, Not less—in "Cupid's Alley."

For till that city's factories vast And shuddering beams shall cr And till that Fiddler lean at last From off his seat shall tumble: Till then (the Civic records say) This quaint, fantastic ballet Of Go and Stay, of Yes and Nay, Must last—in "Cupid's Alley."

TWO TRAGEDIES IN REAL LIFE,

(From Tinsley's Magazine.)

The Hotel S. formerly occupied an imposing space on the English Quay in St. Petersburg, and was the sumptaous abode of General S., a distinguished officer high in favour with the reigning emperor Paul I. The general had served in the Turkish, Polish, and Swedish wars, and been rewarded with estates in several provinces in Russia. He had now retired on his laurels, and having been long a widower with an only daughter as the heir to his great wealth, his one object was to provide her with a husband of suitable rank, who was likely to continue the good reputation which her father had always borne among his countrymen.

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Natalie S. had been allowed to express her opinion much more freely than was unually permitted to young ladies in Ransin, at to the various suitors whom the general commended to her notice. None had pleased her hitherto, and as her father was not accustomed to be disobeyed by any one except his daughter, he began to lose patience, and to threaten her with a temporary sojourn in a convent runless she looked favourably on the attentions of a certain Count V., who was very rich, and held an office at the court.

Natalie would induce her fa their discharge from the arm Vera her freedom, which coul her to marry a free man. N everything, and was obliged-ing to attend the court wit image of young Achille ha every step. The complimes her ears were disregarded, with the two young grand-di of whom was esteemed the m of his time. She received from the empress, but was of his time. She received from the empress, but everything. Returned from the window acrodarkly shrouded in the night. In the distance figures dragging a third Vera was freed by he general, perhaps, wonder filial devotion to himsel mial devotion to hift denly become so mai from him these favou more kindly disposed descended to accept t upon her, though he that she never put to band had, however, b leech, constantly asi spent the whole day Natalie disposed of on to enable him to drink Day after day the: wretched girl that a yto to speak to her; and et

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The revolution of 1793 had lately compeliated all the Frunch aristocracy to fly from their own country; and as the conservative policy of the cars was congenial to these who had supported the ancient rejoine in France, they came in great numbers to St. Petersburg, and made themselves rastly at home in the drawing-rooms of that frivolous city. In fact, the Russians were beginning to be very tired of them. They thought that one sovereign was quite emough to be maintained by one poor take; and how there was also Louis XVIII. living in Courland on a pension from the case of £25,000 s year, and the Prince de Conde installed in a palsoe in St. Petersburg. Where he was supplied with a royal guard, and treated in all respects like a king. The late casarian had expended two millious upon the French emigrants, and her son seemed to place no limit to his prodigality on their behalf. Then it was not plessant if a Russian officer duties other than the province of the French emigrants, and her son seemed to place no limit to his prodigality on their behalf. Then it was not plessant if a Russian officer's duties other sufferings and hazardons escapes into only too-sympathising cass. The Russians quite wished to ally themselves with their common enemy—the French Republio—in order to get trid of them. General S. was of this opinion, and could not speak with any tolerance of the French Republio—in order to get trid of them. General S. was of this opinion, and could not speak with any tolerance of the French Republic—in grants, and her son escapes into only too-sympathising cass. The Russians to the country districts in Russian flores the country districts in Russian. They country districts in Russian the same than the about the country districts in Russian. They country districts in Russian the same than the country districts in Russian. They country the country districts in Russian the same than t

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It, however, happened one evening that young Natalie went to a ball, chaperoned by an elderly but indiscreet relative; and her father was to join them in the course of the might to take her home. What was his displeasure when, on entering the room, he saw his only child, the pride of his heart, in the embraces—for it looked just like it—of a young French émigré, who was whiring her along in the dance then just introduced from Poland, and looked very shygh at by all careful denema, but which now meets with common approval under the name of the valse!

He could hardly conceal his indignation, but took the earliest opportunity to convey her away. Natalie wept, and entreated for giveness. The young man had been introduced to her by a mutual acquaintance; he belonged to the highest French holiesse, and from owninglarge estates and agrand castie, now possessed literally nothing he could call his own, except the clothes he wors, His father and elder brother had died on the guillotine—martyrs in the cause of royalty, But his poverty, though it excited her interest, did not commend him the more to the general, who saw that he had made a much deeper impression on Nataliis than he at all approved. He peremptorily forbade her ever to see him again, and sents than he at all approved. He peremptorily forbade her ever to see him again, and sents than he at all approved. He peremptorily forbade her ever to see him again, and sents than he at all approved her peremptorily forbade her ever to see him again, and sents than he at all approved. He peremptorily forbade her ever to see him again, and sents the prevalent of the first than he at all approved himself the provide of the control of the first than he at all approved himself the following the control of the control of the control of th

attement, he said. "I have bribed Iran (the portee) to give me acry notice of the did gentleman's return, and to keep him of the did gentleman's return, and which to Natalie, living alone with a stern military father, and too well educated to seek companions and the charm of novelly. Perhaps and too well educated to seek companions and the charm of novelly. Perhaps and clear, when he hade her favewell, with assurance that he should come again; and clear, when he hade her favewell, with assurance that he should come again; and clear, when he hade her favewell, with assurance that he should come again; and the charm of novelly. Perhaps and be did not refuse a splendid jewel which she did not refuse a special personal to the the state of the she was to see the same of the she was to be presented to the she present had only just a state of the the parade as young he had hadly tall the has looked through eighty mindly institute the was to be presented to the she was to be presented to the she present had only institute the was to be presented to the she present had only institute the was to be presented to the she present had only institute the she was to be presented to the she present had only institute the she was to be presented to the she present had only institute the she was to be presented to the she present had only institute the she was to be presented to the she