

POETRY.

LULLABY.

Backwards and forwards I rock thee, my father, Elizabeth. While the winds and the clouds round us sweep: Fire-light brightens thy cheek with its smiling...

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

By J. Finlayson Cooper. AUTHOR OF "THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS," "THE PATRIARCH," "HOMEROUND BOUND," ETC.

By this time Richard was master of the true state of the case, and, turning to the steward, he said, reproachfully: "Benjamin, how came you in the stocks? I always thought you were mild and docile as a lamb..."

logic that contained more feeling than reason; "I know Natty to be innocent, and thinking so I must think all wrong who oppose him." "His judge among the number! thy father, Elizabeth?" "Nay, nay, nay; do not put such questions to me; give me my commission, father, and let me proceed to execute it."

them again, "my good friend, Leather-Stocking! I have come on a message of gratitude. Had you submitted to the search, worthy old man, the death of the deer would have been a trifle, and all would have been well." "Submit to the search!" interrupted Natty, raising his face from resting on his knees, without rising from the corner where he had seated himself; "d'ye think gal, I would let such a varmint into my hut? No, no—I would have opened the door to your own sweet conscience."

only a kick, and the outside piece is off and then—" "Off! ay, off!" cried Benjamin, rising from his stool; "well, here's off. Ay! ay! you catch 'em, and I'll hold on to them said leather-hide." "I fear this lad will trouble me much," said Natty; "twill be a hard pull for the mountain, should they take the scent soon, and he is not in a state of mind to run."

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