

POETRY.

ON WAKING FROM A DREAMLESS SLEEP.

I waked; the sun was in the sky, The face of heaven was fair, The silence all about me lay Of morning in the air.

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

By J. Finimore Cooper. AUTHOR OF "THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS," "THE PATHFINDER," "HOMECWARD BOUND," ETC.

The edifice was composed of a basement of squared logs, perforated here and there with small gratings, through which a few wistful faces were gazing at the crowd without.

When the judges were seated, the lawyers had taken possession of the table, and the noise of moving feet had ceased in the area, the proclamations were made in the usual form, the jurors were sworn, the charge was given, and the court proceeded to hear the business before them.

"I did; but the warrant was in my hand," proceeded Mr. Lippert, with your examination.

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he raised his tall body to the utmost, and drew a long sigh. All eyes were turned to the prisoner, whose voice was vainly expected to break the stillness of the room.

"You have heard the presentation that the grand jury has made, Nathaniel Bumpo," said the judge; "what do you plead to the charge?"

"I may say not guilty, with a clean conscience," returned Natty; "for there's no guilt in doing what's right; and I'd rather die on the spot than had him put foot in the last at that moment."

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removing his cap, stroked down the remnants of his gray and sandy locks, with an air of mortification mingled with submission.

"Mr. District Attorney," said Judge Temple, affecting to busy himself with his minutes, "proceed with the second indictment."

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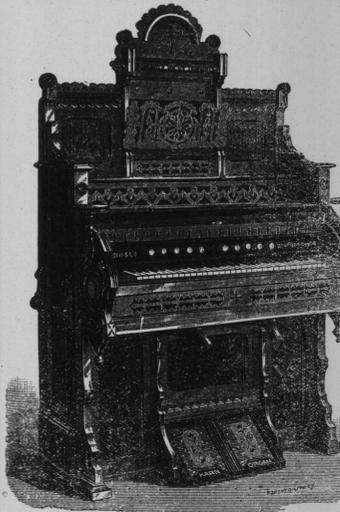
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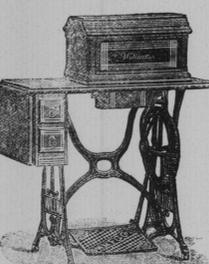
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