

ROBBER.

MUSIC IN A ROOM OF SICKNESS.

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BRING music! stir the brooding air
With an ethereal breath!
Bring sounds, my struggling soul to bear
Up from the couch of death!

Oh no! not such! that lingering spell
Would bind me back to life,
When my wean'd heart hath said farewell
And passed the gates of strife.

Let not a sigh of human love
Blend with the song its tone!
Let no disturbing echo move
One that must die alone.

But pour a solemn breathing strain,
Fill'd with the soul of prayer:
Let a life's conflict, fear, and pain,
And trembling hope, be there!

Deeper, yet deeper, in my thought
Lies more prevailing sound:
A harmony intensely fraught
With pleading more profound;

A passion unto music given—
A sweet yet piercing cry:
A breaking heart's appeal to heaven,—
A bright faith's victory.

Deeper! Oh! may no richer power
Be in those notes enshrined?
Can all which crowds on earth's last hour,
No fuller language find?

Away! and hush the feeble song
And let the chord be still'd!
Far in another land, ere long,
My dream shall be fulfilled.

In vain my soul its life would pour
On the faint music here,
The voices of the spirit shore
Even now are in mine ear.

MISCELLANY.

FACTS IN PHYSICS.—Gold heaters, by hammering, reduce gold leaves so thin, that 222,000 must be laid on each other to produce the thickness of an inch,—they are so thin, that if formed into a book 1500 would occupy the space of a single leaf of common paper.

A grain of blue vitrol, or carmine, will tinge a gallon of water, so that in every drop, the color may be perceived; and a grain of musk will scent a room for twenty years.

A stone which on land requires the strength of two men to lift it, may be lifted in water by one man.

A ship draws less water by one thirty-fifth in the heavy salt water, than in that of a river, and a man may support himself more easily in the sea than in the river.

An immense weight may be raised a short distance, by first tightening a dry rope between it and a support, and then wetting the rope. The moisture imbibed into the rope, by capillary attraction causes it to become shorter.

A rod of iron which when cold will pass through a certain opening, when heated expands, and becomes too thick to pass. Thus the tire or rim of a coach wheel when heated goes on loosely, and when cooled it binds the wheel most tightly.

One pint of water converted into steam fills a space of nearly 2000 pints, and will raise the piston of a steam engine with a force of many thousand pounds. It may afterwards be condensed, and re-appear as a pint of cold water.

A cubic inch of lead is forty times heavier than the same bulk of water.

Sound travels in water, about four times quicker, and in solids from ten to twenty times quicker than in air.

QUEER ILLUSTRATION.—An individual informs us that he remembers, having seen an old English edition of the Bible, containing an illustration of the Scripture passage, "first pull out the beam out of thine own eye," &c., in which a man was represented in an erect posture, holding a large piece of timber before his eye, about five times larger than himself, which he had just pulled out. One cannot but smile at such a design though connected with sacred subjects. Wonder if the ingenuity of such an artist would be taxed if he undertook to represent a camel going through the eye of a needle.

A GOOD CUSTOMER.—"What do you wish to get in your bottle?" said a grocer to a little boy, as he entered the store. "Mother wants to get a cent's worth of your best yeast." "Which bottle will you have it in?" "I'll have it in both; and you will please to put a cork in 'em. Can't you send it home? 'cause I'm going another way." "Well, where's your cent?" "Mother says you must charge it!"

VEGETABLE COUNTEenance.—The barrister, Curran, describes under this title, a man who had carrot-y hair, a turn-up nose, and a reddish face. The description would have been more complete, had the individual been blessed with a sage look.

THE WORLD.—A great inn, kept in perpetual bustle by arrivals and departures: by the going away of those who have just paid their bills (the debt of nature) and the coming of those who will soon have a similar account to settle.

SETTING OUT IN LIFE.—The anxiety of accumulating something for their children, if not enough for their entire support, at least enough to set them well afloat in the world, is very common among parents. This is injudicious, and arises from parental weakness. Educate your children well, and you have done enough for them; teach them to depend on their own strength—and this can only be done by putting them upon their own resources—in no other way can they acquire strength. In truth, setting a young man afloat on the wealth accumulated by his father, is like tying bladders under the arms of a swimmer, or rather one that cannot swim; ten chances to one he will lose his bladders and his sole dependence, and then where is he? Teach him while young to swim a little with his own strength, and then he will be prepared to enter the stream of life; and take care of himself without any extraneous helps. Under such circumstances, he will be likely to buffet the waves with more success.

NATIONAL TASTES RESPECTING ANIMAL FOOD.—Every thing that moves on earth, air, or sea, is devoured by man. In some valleys of the Alps, the rearing of snails is carried on as a trade, and in the month of September, they are sent down the Danube to Vienna and Hungary, where they are sold as an article of luxurious food. In South America, nothing in the shape of life comes wrong to them: they eat serpents, lizards, and ounces; and Humboldt has seen children drag enormous centipedes out of their holes, and craunch them up. At Emiraldi, their delicate morceau is a roasted monkey, Puppies, on the Missouri, and Mississippi, are choice food. Horse-flesh, in Arabia; elephants' flesh, in India; cannels' flesh, in Egypt. The Pariahs of Hindoostan contend for putrid carrion with dogs, vultures, and kites. The Chinese devour cats, dogs,

rats, and serpents; bears' paws, birds' nests, and sea-shy, are dainty bits. The inhabitants of Cochin China, prefer rotten eggs to fresh. The Tonquinese, and inhabitants of Madagascar, prefer locusts to the finest fish. In Australia, a good fat gull would be preferred to every thing else; and in the West Indies, a large caterpillar found on the palm is esteemed a luxury; while the edible nests of the Java swallow are so rich a dainty, that the ingredients of the dish will cost £15. The quantity of frogs seen in the markets of the Continent is immense. At Terracina, the host asks his guests whether he prefers the eel of the hedge or that of the river. The Astronomer De la Lande was remarkably fond of spiders. Great Britain even transcends her continental neighbours. The "braxy" of Scotland is putrid mutton, the sheep having died of rot: game or venison is seldom relished until it is "high," or, in honest language, till it is a mass of putrefaction, disengaging in abundance one of the most septic poisons the chemist knows of; in numerous cases it is a mass of life and motion, the offspring of putridity. Pigs are still whipped to death; lobsters are boiled alive; coods are crimped; eels are skinned, writhing in agony; hares are hunted to death, and white veal is the greatest luxury.

IN-DOOR PLANTS.—Persons who are fond of odoriferous plants and flowers, should never permit them to be placed in their bed-chambers, as many of them are so powerful as to overcome the senses entirely. Even plants that are not in flower, and have no smell, yet injure the air, during the night, and in the absence of the sun, by impregnating it with nitrogen and carbonic acid gas; although in the daylight they rather improve the atmosphere by yielding oxygen gas.

MODERN DEFINITIONS.

Applause.—To all but players something unsubstantial as the smell of a dinner, or the sound of a shilling.

Bagpipe.—The forerunner of some modern journal—being filled with puffs; a barbarous instrument men are positively rewarded by some for stull playing upon.

Balcony.—A place for flower-pots to stand upon—romantic damsels to lean over—and lovers to climb up to.

Ball.—A thing that can turn round men and women's heads, by making them kick their heels.

Bamboozle.—To address compliments to a jury, a plain woman, or a rich fool.

Beard.—A trophy boys long for every hour from twelve to sixteen, and men curse every morning from twenty to fifty.

Bending.—The "first position" in the march of promotion.

Cat.—An animal old maids love, because it gives out sparks when it is rubbed.

Deserts.—What fortune does to merit; seldom what she gives.

Dun.—A more accurate time-keeper than ever Halley made.

Envy.—The oxidation of the soul; but it is only the meaner mines and old metals that rust.

Face.—Not only the title page of a man—but often, too, the table of contents.

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