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WHILE THE WINDS BLEW SOUTH.

A SEA-SIDE IDYL.

The air was filled with laughter,
The waves allured the sun,
Soft music's strains with rapture
The jaded senses strung;
And the cavalier was handsome,
His ladye young and fair,
The place, the sands of Bournemouth,
Far from the haunts of care.
And yet beneath his sun-kissed brow,
The cavalier looked—anyhow,
While the winds blew South—
Due South.

"Oh! Clarence!" cried the maiden,
"Why droops my darling's mouth,
All nature smiles around us,
And the winds blow from the South;
Dost think I do not love thee,
My owniest, ownest, own?"
The cavalier embraced her,
But his sigh echoed a moan.
His restless eyes glanc'd wild around,
And mirror'd all the pleasure ground,
While the winds blew South—
Due South.

And lo! as up and down the beach,
And all around he glanced,
He sudden paled. "Oh! Clarence, dear,
Thou'rt ill," she cried askance.
Why star'st thou so, thy fingers clench,
Why rolls my darling's eye?
Speak! Clarence, speak! I thee intreat,
Or wilt thine owney die?"

"Oh, lovely one," he groaned aloud,
"I see my tailor in yon crowd."
And the winds blew South—
Due South.

"In vain I try to flee him,
And vain would I forget.

That little bill I owe him,
But my pretty precious pet—
It haunts me like a nightmare.
And with horror fills my dreams,
Until madness hovers round me,
As I scarce restrain my screams.
Oh! darling, tho' to ask I'm loath!
Yet, oh! I must,—one ten pound note.
And the winds blew South—
Due South.

"S-I-R!" One word was all she uttered, One look was all she gave, As she burst from out his being, While his hopes sank in the grave That his indiscretion fashioned—
That his hopelessness designed,
And no more upon the esplanade,
He wooes the soft South wind.
In London, he the ledger tots,
And looks out o'er the chimney pots,
While the winds blow South—
Due South.

J. P. THORNTON, in Minister's Gazette.

THE MANCHESTER CANAL,

HE Manchester Ship Canal Co. is now sending out circular letters announcing that the canal will be opened early next year, in time to carry a portion of this year's crop, and holding out to shippers the prospect of a saving of at least 6s. per ton on cotton shipped to Manchester direct. The letters state that ship-owners are prepared to send their steamers to Manchester without extra freight, and many of them have stated that they would do so. A reporter from this paper saw several cotton-shippers and ship-owners yesterday in relation to this matter, and not one of them was taking the Manchester Canal into his calculations. Some of them were very doubtful about the completion of the canal next year, and others were equally skeptical about a saving of expense if it should open. Mr. Swanson Gnason said: "The people of Liverpool laugh at the Manchester Canal enterprise. In the first place, the canal is a venture that has cost already more than was expected, and when it will be completed is purely a matter of conjecture. The Manchester people forget that when they have built docks, warehouses, etc., etc., they will have to charge as much as the city of Liverpool for dock and town charges. I don't see myself how a ship can go through the great number of locks without an additional expense to the shipper. The only thing that the canal has done for Manchester is the lowering of railroad rates." —Commercial Bulletin.

A PIECE OF HISTORY.

THIBAUDEAU BROS. & CO. is the name of the firm now controlling a dry goods house founded in 1809. The firm name was then Robertson & Co.; and changed afterwards to Robertson, Masson & Co., and then to Robertson, Masson, Larocque & Co. In 1832 it became Robertson, Masson, Strong & Co., then Robertson, Bruyere & Co. In 1845 it became Masson, Bruyere, Thomas & Co. In 1849 this was changed to Thomas, Thibaudeau & Co. Another change in 1869 made it Thibaudeau, Genereux & Co. Finally in 1879, the house received its present name of Thibaudeau Bros. & Co. The old names were well known, respected and honored in their day, but not more so than the name "Thibaudeau" was a few years ago when represented by Hon. Rosaire Thibaudeau and Hon. Isidore Thibaudeau, and is at the present time.

The partners in the Montreal house at present are A. A. Thibaudeau, sole heir and representative of the late Hon. Isidore Thibaudeau and Rodolph Audette. The Quebec house has two extra partners, Roger Larue and George Larue. They do a business of a million and a half a year.

The Chicago Dry Goods Bulletin has been added to the list of Exchanges received at this office. Its August issue was an extremely creditable one in point of appearance and also of matter.