

Poetry.

SHE LOVED THE BIRDS.

BY NATHAN P. URNER.

"Do you love the birds?" I asked my love,
 "Ah, Yes!" her liquid eye
 Beamed brighter as I leaned above
 To list the soft reply:
 "I love them all, my very soul
 At times they do delight!"
 I thought glad was I should extol
 What charmed my ear and sight.
 "Sweet is their song," I said, "at morn,
 And sweet it is at noon,
 And, when on evening breezes borne
 It tells a honey moon,
 I happily know which like I best,
 The bobolink or dove,
 I like the jay, or wren, or rudd-breast,
 Which most delights thee, love?"

She paused a space in charming doubt,
 And then all passion pale,
 Though pouting lips, came rippling out
 Her answer strange: "The quail."
 "The quail ne'er sings," I mused in words,
 "Though oft he whistles free."
 "It, still, where lovest best the birds—
 On meadow lawn or tree?"

Again suspense o'creast the brow
 That were a sculptor's best
 Ere she replied, in accents low,
 "I love them best on toast."
 Then as she marked my soul's recoil,
 "Forgive me, sweet," she cried:
 "I see that thou prefer'st a broil,
 So be it—or stewed or fried."

"Whichever way thou lov'st them I
 Shall learn to love them too.
 The darling birds! all sorts that fly
 Our palates soft shall woo.
 Nor snipe nor quail our board shall lack,
 Nor reed-bird of the South,
 Nor woodcock, squab, nor canvas-back
 That melts within the mouth."

"Oh! I but will lead a royal life—"
 "Forbear! forbear! I cried.
 "Thou ne'er was meant for poet's wife,
 But more a butcher's bride.
 Adieu! adieu! A pretty stew
 Th' oddity make of love, I see.
 Choose other fields and pastures new,
 But ne'er a bard like me."

Miscellaneous.

The lion is the king of beasts, but the cow is the boss.

The world is bigger than you think it is and you are smaller than you think you are. These are two awful facts.

Mrs. Barr of Lebanon, Mo., recently gave birth to four babies, at one fell swoop.

They have grass thirty feet high in Texas. The only way they can cut it down is to fire cyclones at it out of a cannon.

"I am ill," suggested one. "Yes," he answered, sadly, taking a dark object out of the dram, "time flies were gone."

Greenland has no cats. "How full of wisdom," exclaims the Chicago Times, "are the ways of Providence! Imagine cats in a country where the nights are six months long!"

A Nevada hunter recently killed a deer, the heart of which was found to contain a stone arrow-head, which it must have carried for years, as the flesh had grown calcified about it.

A man in T. Stewart bought a few acres at auction, and opening his way to success in a dingy little shop, in Broadway, near the site of his wholesale establishment.

Frank Drew in his early life was a cattle-driver at the magnificent rate of twenty-five cents a day, and he has now driven himself into an estate valued at from \$25,000,000, to \$30,000,000.

George Law, forty-five years ago, was a common day laborer on the docks, and at present counts his fortune as something like \$1,000,000.

THE WONDERFUL DOG OF COBOES.

Mr. Mason, Cotwell & Page have in connection with their rolling mill at Coboes a large stable for their large stock of horses. Two watchmen guard this stable day and night and care for the horses. Beside the watchmen a large dog, a cross between the St. Bernard and Newfoundland species, is kept on the premises. The animal realizes that he is assistant guardian of the premises and faithfully does his duties. At night, if anything amiss happens to the horses for anything else, he straightway starts for the watchman, and taking his trousers in his teeth will not loosen his hold till he has led him to the spot. Formerly, when any of the horses slipped their halteres and attempted to wander about the stable, he would drive them back into their stall and mount guard over them until the watchman arrived in his rounds and secured them. This practice was kept up until in an unlucky night some time ago, when he attempted to drive a vicious mule into his stall, from which he had escaped, when the animal let fly with both hind feet, one of which took effect on the poor dog's head, knocking out a number of teeth and cutting his face badly. Since that time the knowing dog has not attempted to drive back any of his equine charge that may become loose but straightway goes for the watchman on guard. At one time some loose straw and hay lying in the rear of and against the barn by some means caught fire. When discovered the faithful dog was at his post, and standing in fire and smoke was scratching away with all his might, removing the burning mass from the building and barking lustily for aid. Although the dog was burned somewhat, the building, mainly through his efforts was saved. The gentlemen owning this animal prize him highly and would not exchange his services as watchman for any biped in creation.

REMARKABLE PHENOMENA.

A correspondent of the Round Ean News writes. A rather unusual scene was witnessed a few days ago, on the 4th concession, Harwich. On the day referred to, about 4 p. m., a real shower of fish took place—some of them quite large ones—and the people in that section, for two or three hours afterwards, might be seen gathering them up and heard expressing their surprise as to where they came from. On learning the particulars about the shower I repaired to a neighboring house, a short distance from the scene of this singular occurrence, where I was invited to partake of a meal of the said fish. I must confess that I enjoyed the meal, and I do not remember of ever tasting a better or more nutritious fish in my life. Since this strange affair has happened, the all absorbing question on the 4th is, "From whence came these fish?"

TROTTING IN IRELAND.

A trotting match, which brought a large number of the sporting fraternity and others together, came off on Tuesday morning, on the Armagh and Portadown road, from Stonebridge to the Rectory, between Mr. Wm. Russell's (Monaghan) black gelding The Nibbler, and Mr. Archibald Ledlie's (Belfast) chestnut gelding. Mr. Russell drove himself, and carried Mr. James Murphy, V. S., Armagh, as judge; and Mr. Ledlie's horse was driven by a Belfast man, and Mr. Middleton as judge. The distance was two Irish miles, which Nibbler got over in 7 min. 9 secs. He took the lead at the start, and kept it all through, winning by one hundred yards. The stakes were £25 a side.

Horse Notes.

A CHALLENGE.—J. P. Tucker, Esq., of Bangor, Me., will match his horse, Billy Platter, against any horse in Maine, to trot mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness, over the Bangor Trotting Park, for \$500 a side. A forfeit of \$100 has been put up. This is a chance for Maine trotters to try for a big piece of pie.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.—This horse has so far recovered from his lameness as to be deemed fit to start in the champion race at Fleetwood, set down for Thursday, the third day of the Brothers' Meeting. Accordingly, he was

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