

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN.

SELECT POETRY.

(From the Anglo Saxon.)

A RHYME FOR THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

BY MARTIN F. JUPPER.

World! what wonder is this,
Grandly and simply sublime—
All the Atlantic abyss
Leapt in a nothing of time!
Even the steeds of the sun
Half a day panting behind,
In the fleet race that is run—
Won by a flash of the mind.

Lo! on this sensitive link—
It is one link, not a chain—
Man to his brother can think,
Spurning the breadth of the main;
Man to his brother can speak,
Swift as the bolt from the cloud,
And where its thunders were weak,
There his least whisper is loud.

Yea: Far as Providence wills,
Now doth intelligent man
Conquer material ills,
Wrestling them down as they can;
And, by one little coil
Under the width of the waves,
Distance and time are his spoil,
Fettered as Caliban slaves!

Ariel!—right through the sea
We can fly swift as in air;
Puck!—forty minutes shall be
Sloth to the bow that we bear.
Here is earth's girdle indeed,
Just a thought, circlet of fire—
Delicate Ariel feed
Sings, as she flies on, a wire!

Courage, O servants of light!
For ye are safe to succeed;
Lo! ye are helping the right,
And shall be blest in your deed.
Lo, ye shall bind in one band,
Joining the nations as one,
Brethren of every land—
Blessing them under the sun!

This is Earth's pulse of high health,
Thrilling with vigour and heat;
Brotherhood, wisdom, and wealth,
Throbbing in every beat.
But ye must watch, in good sooth,
Lest to false fever it swerve—
Touch it with tenderest truth
As the world's exquisite nerve.

Let the first message across—
High hearted Commerce, give heed
Not to be of profit or loss,
But one electric indeed—
Praise to the Giver be given
For that He giveth man skill;
Praise to the Great God of Heaven,
Peace upon Earth and good will!

ONLY A DAY.

BY RICHARD HOWITT.

This day—a thing of common hours,
Of darkness faded into light;
And time glides on to closing flowers,
To dews, to silence and to night.

We mark the day beam's genial source,
A cloud comes o'er its disc anon—
We toil, we travel, we discourse,
The evening glooms, and day is gone.

Of small account in human time,
That lightly comes to disappear,
Yet in its import how sublime,
This homely unit of the year!

Expected life has been described,
The life that linger'd is no more—
One bark is launch'd upon the tide,
And one is stranded on the shore.

We lightly name the passing hour—
'Tis morn, 'tis noon, 'tis shadowy eve—
Nor feel, with its o'erwhelming power,
The mighty mass who joy or grieve.

Yet from this day, so still that moves,
So unimportant that appears,
What myriads date their pains, their loves,
Their fount of annual smiles or tears.

In such a space, which few would heed,
Day, dull that seem'd to mortal eyes,
Good unto millions was decreed,
Beneath like sullen overarching skies.

The sun went calmly on his way,
Even his march and hush'd his close,
When on our weary mortal day,
Heavens Life and Liberty arose.

Dark superstition wavered thin,
The Evil Nature felt rebuke,
All powers to death and hell akin,
Thrones, despots, to their centre shook.

Thus, in one days unobscured birth,
Good, great in it, imbues them all;
And chains of universal earth
From universal man shall fall!

*These verses, singular as it may seem, and quite a contradiction in terms, were written on Christmas-day, and at Midsummer, both seasons occurring at the same time. This is at once clear when it is said they were written in Australia.

NEVER STOP FOR STORMS.

A young preacher in a distant district made an appointment for a five o'clock lecture with a congregation to whom he occasionally preached on the Sabbath. Accompanied by a deacon of the church, he had accomplished about half the distance to the place of meeting, when a severe thunder storm arose, and obliged them to take shelter in a barn by the roadside. After the rain had abated the young minister said to his companion, "Come deacon, the storm is over, and we had better go on."

The deacon's reply was, "I think not. The storm will prevent attendance, and you will find the school-house nearly or quite empty."

"But an appointment was made, and must be kept."

"I think it will be useless."

"Well, deacon, you will do as you think best, I must fulfil the engagement."

The deacon returned home. The preacher proceeded on his way, and found a full congregation assembled to hear his lecture. Seeing so many gathered around him, and feeling that he might have lost an opportunity of benefiting some soul that was groping in darkness had he yielded to the plausible conclusion of his friend, the young man then formed the resolution never, under any circumstance, to be deterred by a storm from performing his duty.

Another test of principle yet awaited the same minister. An appointment had been made on a week-day evening, six miles distant from his place of residence. The day came, but snow fell in clouds until the afternoon. Walking was in consequence very difficult, and he had no means for riding. Still his purpose failed not. "I must go," he said. Two hours of severe toil brought him to the place of meeting. Only five or six individuals had assembled. But they were immortal beings, each having a soul worth a myriad of worlds. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," formed the subject of discourse. Worn, and almost regretting that he came, he left the house and returned to his home.

Several months after this, a young lady presented herself to the church, asking admission to membership.

"When were you awakened to a sense of your state?"

"On that stormy night, when you, sir, preached at—, from the text—'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

FOG BELL ON CAPE SPEAR.—We have heard that it is in contemplation to establish a Fog Bell on Cape Spear, a step which we are sure will generally be approved of. This will be a great aid to vessels in making St. John's, for in calm or foggy weather when a light is valueless, the Bell will do its work. When the *Khersonese* was detained off here on her last trip, we learn that she passed so close by Cape Spear that the sound of the propeller and of voices on deck were distinctly heard by the keeper of Cape Spear light House, and had there been a Bell on the Cape, she might have got into port without delay. We are therefore glad that this valuable provision is now about to be made.—*Nfldr.*

EUROPEAN NEWS.

THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY OATHS BILL.

On Friday last there was a meeting at the Stafford Club, called by the English Roman Catholics, who invited the Irish Roman Catholic members to attend. The Duke of Norfolk was called to the chair. The object of the meeting was to consider the Oaths Bill now in course of being passed through the house. Resolutions were proposed, strongly worded, as to the insulting character of the oath still required to be taken by Roman Catholics, and calling on Lord Palmerston to alter the oath now taken by that denomination. This resolution was modified eventually. Many noblemen and gentlemen addressed the meeting, and some were for opposing the bill altogether; but in the end it was determined to wait on Lord Palmerston, and to endeavour to obtain from him a pledge to alter the oath now taken by Catholics, and to have but one oath for all by the new bill.

THE NORTHERN WHALE AND SEAL FISHERY.—The Davis's Straits and Greenland whale and seal fishery, which some fifty years ago was the source of much wealth, and employed a great number of hardy seamen belonging to the Tyne, Hull, Peterhead, and Orkney and Shetland Islands, has a prospect of being revived by means of iron screw steamers. A powerful full-rigged screw steamer, belonging to the Arctic Steam Fishing Company, of London and Peterhead, has left the Tyne for Davis's Straits whale fishing. She is of immense strength, and

her hold is divided into compartments, so that the blubber of the whale can be taken on board in bulk, by which the stowage and cost of a great number of casks and tubs will be avoided. She will, of course, be enabled to drive through the ice, and penetrate into inlets and small bays much frequented by whales, hitherto unapproachable by sailing vessels. In addition to her whaling voyage, it is anticipated that she will make several voyages to the seal fishing during the season. Iron screw vessels are already employed in the Greenland seal fishing, and the *Diana*, with 13,000 seals and 1540 tons of oil, and the active, with 15,000 seals and 195 tons, have arrived in Scotland from Greenland. They also report that the *Kate* has caught 6500, the *Intrepid* 7000, and the traveller 4000 seals.

PRINCE ALFRED IN BRUSSELS.—The second son of the Queen of England and Prince Albert, His Royal Highness Alfred Ernest Albert, arrived on Tuesday, the 19th, at Brussels, from Cologne. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Brabant and the Count of Flanders, in private dress, together with the officers of their suite, were waiting at the station, with the court carriages, to receive their august cousin. A battalion of chasseurs carbiniers, with their band, in uniform; Gen. Rerten, commandant at Brussels, and his adjutants; and some superior officers of the general staff were assembled on the platform at the moment of the Princes' arrival. His Royal Highness was received by the Duke of Brabant and the Count of Flanders; also by T. W. Waller, Bart., secretary of the British Legation, Charred affairs *ad interim*, in the absence of his Excellency Lord Howard de Walden, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. When the train stopped, the princes embraced each other affectionately, and the military music played "God save the Queen."

THE ELECTION RIOTS AT WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the New York Times.)
WASHINGTON, June 1.

Our city to-day has been the scene of the most intense excitement, riot and bloodshed. A gang of organized rowdies, some 50 in number, called the "Plug Uglies," arrived here this morning from Baltimore, for the purpose of defeating the polls. They divided their forces, and part of them made a demonstration at the first precinct of the 4th ward, and another at the 2d ward polls. At the latter place their interference soon caused a row and some fifteen or twenty shots were fired.

At this time a desperate row had commenced at the 1st precinct of the 4th ward, the "Plugs" being reinforced by the "Rip-Raps" and "Chunckers" of this city.

A terrible attack was made on the anti-know nothing voters with pistols, bowie knives and stones, and they were driven from the polls.

An order was then given to "charge," and the Marines took the cannon, amid a volley of pistol shots from the Plug-Uglies.

The cannon was captured, and the Marines then marched to the City Hall.

Twenty or thirty of the Plug-Uglies escaped on the 3 P. M. train for Baltimore, and quiet was restored.

GREAT BRITAIN

The London Gazette contains an order in Council announcing the contract of marriage between the Princess Royal and Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

On Monday evening the Navy estimates amounting to £9,000,000, were carried in Parliament.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer pronounced a sensation in the House of Commons, by proposing that the Princess Royal should have a marriage portion of £40,000, and an allowance of £8000 a year. The precedents of the reign of George II. and III. were adduced as to the practice in such cases, but Mr. Roebuck regarded such precedents as absurd, and moved an amendment. Members, however, seemed impatient to vote, and, after Lord John Russell had spoke against him, declined going to division, and the motion was agreed to.

The London 'Globe' has been given to understand that Mr. Thomas Baring will be the new Lord of Admiralty.

FRANCE

PARIS, May 21.—Baron Gros, the Ambassador Extraordinary to China, and the attaches of his mission, left Paris this evening for port of embarkation.

The growing grain crops in France are magnificent and wheat and flour were declining in nearly all the French markets.

SPAIN

Advices from Madrid had been received in Paris, announcing the settlement of the dispute between Spain and Mexico on the 10th inst. After the ratification of the treaty, M. Lafragua will remain as minister of Mexico.

Another despatch says there is every probability of a pacific adjustment of differences between Spain and Mexico. M. Lafragua arrived at Madrid.

AUSTRIA

The crops in Hungary, Moravia and Bohemia are looking remarkably well, but they are less flourishing in Upper Austria.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

In the treaty concluded between Russia and Persia, the former renounces all claims to the money which Persia owes, and, in return, obtains two pieces of land, one on the Caspian, and the other in the eastern part of Persia. Both of them, for strategical reasons, are of the highest importance to Russia.

The Emperor was highly satisfied with the General who made the treaty. This cession of land, and other intrigues connected with it, may account for the proceedings against Persia.

Russian circles in Paris maintain that the Shah has not and will not ratify the treaty of peace with England, as sent to him.

THE LATE ATTACK ON A BRITISH SCHOONER AT BELLE ISLE BY A FRENCH MAN-OF-WAR.

The following despatch was posted on Friday at the Underwriters' Rooms in this town: "Cardiff, May 27. The schooner John and Edward, from Bordeaux to Liverpool, put into Belle Isle, windbound, on the 24th May. In the roads the French war schooner was at anchor, and the John and Edward, came to anchor a cables length under the stern, without giving a signal. Though one of the crew held a flag in his hand, the Maratch fired at the schooner three times, and James Williams, one of the crew of the latter, was shot dead."

The case is under investigation by the authorities.

Extract from a letter received from the wife of the captain of the British schooner, John and Edward from Bordeaux to Liverpool, dated Belle Isle, May 24th, 1857:—

"We started from Bordeaux last Monday; the wind being contrary to us, with a heavy swell, we went for shelter under a place called Luiberon Bay. The wind varied on Sunday morning to south-west. We started from there at seven o'clock. At ten o'clock the wind was north west, with a heavy swell. Went to Police Road where there was at anchor a man-of-war schooner. We sailed under her stern; the lieutenant hailed us, but we did not understand him. John, (the captain) said Liverpool—anchored within a cable's length of her—mainsail down—a shot came whistling on the deck—I gave them the flag. James Hughes was sent up to reef the belliards. John Evans stood with the flag in his hand, showing what nation we were. As the boy was coming down, the second shot came. John Evans and Little William were holding our boom, when the third shot came between the three men—that were stowing the mainsail, when poor James Williams fell down close by their feet. The inquest is not held on him till to-morrow. He fell down, he did not sigh or groan. Put the boat out in an instant and went alongside of them, and told them they had killed one of our men, they sent their doctor on board, but the poor fellow was shot dead on the spot."

FRANCE AND ENGLAND.—"La Presse" contains a remarkable article on the English alliance. Its appearance was known beforehand, and that it would be, if not written, at all events, inspired by a personage of exalted rank, whose dislike of all that is Russian is very strong. The papers began to be sold at the very moment the Grand Duke was passing. The article glorifies the political privileges of the English people. It says, we find, among the liberties we have lost the press and the tribune, humbled almost everywhere else, remain there undiminished. England is an asylum for ideas as well as for men who are proscribed by political vicissitudes. Democratic France is the ally of free England. We hail this alliance as the pledge and the security of the future. Altogether the article is remarkable, considering the present state of the press in France.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Lacerations of the flesh, bruises and fractures, occasion comparatively little pain or inconvenience when regularly lubricated or dressed with Holloway's Ointment. In the nursery it is invaluable as a cooling application for the rashes, excoriations and scabious sores to which children are liable, and mothers will find it the best preparation for alleviating the torture of a "broken breast." As a remedy for cutaneous diseases generally, as well as for ulcers, sores, boils, tumours and all scrofulous eruptions, it is incomparably superior to every other external remedy. The Pills, all through Toronto, Quebec, Montreal, and our other chief towns, have a reputation, for the cure of dyspepsia, liver complaints, and disorders of the bowels; it is in truth, co-extensive with the range of civilization.

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