Poetry.

THE BELEAGURED CITY.

I have read, in some old marvellous tale,
Some legend strange and vague,
That a midnight host of spectres pale
Beleaguered the walls of Prague.

Beside the Moldau's rushing stream,
With the wan moon overhead,
There stood as in an awful dream,
The army of the dead.

White as the sea-fog landward bound,
The spectral camp was seen,
And with a sorrowful, deep sound,
The river floated between.

No other voice nor sound was there,
No drum, not sentry's pace;
The mist-like banners clasp the air,
As clouds with clouds embrace.

But, when the old cathedral bell
Proclaimed the morning prayer,
The white Pavilions rose and fell
On the alarmed air.

Down the broad valley fast and far
The troubled army fled;
Up rose the glorious morning star,
The ghastly host was dead.

I have read, in the marvellous hearts of man,
That strange and mystic scroll,
That an army of phantoms vast and wan
Beleagures the human soul.

Encamped beside Life's rushing stream,
In Fancy's misty light,
Gigantic shapes and shadows gleam
Portentous through the night.

Upon its midnight battle-ground
The spectral camp is seen,
And, with a sorrowful, deep sound
Flows the River of Life between.

No other voice nor sound is there,
In the army of the grave;
No other challenge breaks the air,
But the rushing of Life's wave.

And, when the solemn and deep church-bell
Entreats the soul to pray,
The midnight phantoms feel the spell,
The shadows sweep away.

Down the broad Vale of Tears afar
The spectral camp is fled;
Faith shineth as a morning star
Our ghastly fears are dead.

—*Longfellow.*

Miscellaneous.

WHAT ARE THE SOFTAS?

It is fair to compare the Turkish Softas to the student of a comlete American University, such as Ann Arbor, Yale or Harvard, or still better for those of a German University in a small town, say Heidelburg or Jena. They are the theological, legal and literary students, of the Turkish metropolis, connected with some well-endowed Mosque, for instance, that of Mehmed, Achmed or St. Sophia, and are to Turkey what "Young America" is to us. Being connected with the established law and theology, they enjoy some popularity and are usually the leaders of popular movements and upheavals in Constantinople. Some mosques have as many as five hundred Softas, and the city of Constantinople contains thousands of them. The word Softa is derived from the Persian, and means burned, because the bearers of this appellation are supposed to have a burning desire for knowledge, wisdom and holiness. The Softas, then, have no constitutional share in the Turkish Government, but by their accurate information, influence and daring, can carry a measure which it would be difficult to enact in the ordinary manner. They compelled the late Sultan, a few days ago, by personal threats, to dismiss his principal officials, the Grand Vizier and the Moofti or Spike-ul-Islam, the heads of the Administration and the Islam, and demanded that he should give up at least twenty-five millions of the hundreds he had appropriated. They are now supporting the new Vizier, Midhat Pasha, who has been mainly instrumental in deposing Abdul Aziz. Ordinarily the Softas are frantic Turks, but in the last revolution their steps have been at the same time radical, successful and wholesome. The Softas illustrate the political axiom that a despot is more dependent upon the opinions of the common people than is a constitutional king or a republican president.—*Providence Journal.*

SCIENTIFIC THIEVING.

One of the strangest stories that ever beguiled a winter's night was that of the disappearance of a stone house in London while its owners were journeying in the Holy Land. This could scarcely happen in these days of telegraph and steam. Neighbors who saw the great gate taken away, the furniture removed, and every brick and stone carried off in broad daylight, never imagined the workmen were robbers, and so did not interfere. But, that strange things happen in New York as well as in London, was demonstated beyond a doubt this spring. On that part of Fifth Avenue which faces Central Park, an expensive brown stone front house in a nearly unoccupied block was rented by a man calling himself Capt.——. It was furnished thoroughly and elegantly by some downtown upholsterers, pictures, bronzes &c., were added, great hampers of wine and provisions were bought, an ice man, a servant, a butcher, baker, a grocer were engaged, and the whole establishment ready for its occupants. And old gentleman, a neighbor, with nothing else to do, amused himself by looking at the contents of the house, and one day penetrated the kitchen, where he found plumbers taking out the range who said the Captain did not like it, and ordered a different patent. The family failed to come for a fortnight, the ice man, the butcher, and baker and grocer come for orders, but found no customers. Finally the neighboringly old gentleman told a policeman he though there was something wrong about that house, and so there was—for, on opening it, it was found entirely empty. Not only the furniture was gone, but the mantles, grates, range, furnace, every thing portable was missing. And where is the gallant Capt.——? Gone to keep a stylish boarding house at the Centennial.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

Lambs should be pushed forward by giving the ewes a little extra feed at night. A handful of mixed bran and crushed oats, daily, for each ewe, will greatly increase the milk, and help to rear hardy and large lambs. Guard against cold storms and shearing, and free the lambs from the ticks, which gather upon them, after the ewes are shorn, either by dipping or hand-picking. A boy or girl can soon clear a lamb of ticks, by killing the insects with a pair of sharp-pointed scissors. Both the ticks and their eggs should be nipped with the points of the scissors.

"TEMPERANCE" TIPPLE.—The London *Globe* says:—"It seems 'teetotalism" is a much less stern *regime* than it appears. In Durham and Northumberland the Good Templars have long extensively used a compound called "ginger cordial". This refreshing beverage having recently been sent by persons of an inquiring mind to an analytical chemist, it was discovered that "there was as much alcohol in one bottle of ginger cordial as in two of beer, and that it was almost on a level, so far as spirit is concerned, with rum and whiskey. The spirit taken from one bottle burnt for an hour and eleven minutes, and then had to be blown out. This naturally caused great sensation; and the manufacturer of the cordial having been overhauled for his conduct, he, while confessing that he puts a good deal of spirits into the drinks he vends, excused himself by alleging that "the teetotalism like it best so." The *Globe* adds:—"Perhaps inquiries of a like nature had better be made in other parts of the country. So long as their good faith is beyond doubt, the troublesome zeal of teetotallers is forgiven for the sake of their motives; but if this sort of ginger cordial is in common use, their propaganda is not an edifying spectacle. It is an hypocrisy Tartuffe himself could not have excelled."

FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS.

If we had a house with a bedroom on the first floor, we would at once abolish the use of that room as a sleeping apartment, because we are satisfied that it is a wrong custom, it being much healthier to sleep up-stairs. Many a family of which the members were suffering and weak in general, have been restored to a vigorious and healthy condition by following our advice, which was to remove their bedrooms upstairs, to have their beds, summer and winter, exposed the whole day to the fresh air from open windows (except of course when there is rain or mist) and also to have during the whole night one window partially open, even in winter, so as always to inhale the fresh, cool air from the outside, but using at the same time the precaution to have sufficient bed covering to secure warmth.—*Prof. Van der Weude.*

☞ "We had such a good Sunday, such a good sermon, such a delightful service." Very good. But a vastly important question remains: What sort of a week are you going to have? How much of the sermon are you going to preach by your life to your clerk, your servant, your children, your comrades? How much of the love of God are you going to carry in your heart into the store, the parlor, the kitchen, the office? How much is your trust to avail in the actual strife? How much will the music quicken your martial ardor on the actual battle-field? How much of the Sunday sunshine is to stream through the darkness of of the week? That is the best Sunday which gives the best week.—*Illustrated Christian Weekly.*

☞ Among the provisions of a gay Englishman was a chest which he at all times kept locked, and on which was written, "to be removed first in case of fire. When he died, his friends opened the chest, supposing of course that some valuable document or deed of property, rich jewelry or costly plate would be found in it. But what did they find? They found the toys of his little child who had gone before him. Richer were they than all the world's wealth, richer than his coronet; brighter than all his jewels that sparkled on its crest. Not his estate, not his jewels, nor his equipage nothing glorious and great in this world; but the dearest objects to him were the toys of his little child.

☞ Men armed with iron claws fight like wild beasts in Baroda, India, the King offering prizes and witnessing the brutish contests. They are first intoxicated with bhang, an infusion of hemp and opium, to inspire them with sufficient courage. Frenzied and singing, they rush at each other, striking, wrestling, and using the iron claws, until one of the other is wounded beyond further fighting. Rousselet, in his "Travels in India," describes a contest in which one gladiator showed symptoms of fright and a desire to run away, and the other turned to the king to know whether he should relent. "Strike!" the King shouted, an the head of the defeated fellow was soon torn and bleeding.

— In leveling the land at the New London Navy Yard, Connecticut, it was found necessary to dig up an old family graveyard. One of the bodies exhumed was that of a lady named Avery, who, according to the gravestone, died at the age of eighteen. The bones were found to be nearly all perfect, the jawbone and skull entirely so; and her beautiful ringlets remained as natural and perfect as though she had been buried but yesterday. The body had been lain away for ninety-two years.

☞ Col. John C. Goodgame of Athens, Texas, refused to allow his daughter to marry Jesse Packard, who was intemperate, but promised to alter his decision if at the end of a year the young man had reformed. Packard said that he would comply with the provision; but that night the Colonel was shot and killed, as he sat with a party at supper, by an assassin, who fired through a window. Packard has not been found, and it is of course supposed that he is the criminal.

☞ Good nature is the best feature in the finest face. Wit may raise admiration, judgment may command respect, and knowledge attention. Beauty may inflame the heart with love, but good nature has a more powerful effect; it adds a thousand attractions to the charms of beauty, and gives an air of beneficence to the most homely face.

How easily one can tell whether a man is glad from within, or weather it is only the play of sunbeams that chance to fall on him. Happiness is not the work of a chisel and mallet—not morticed into the soul; it is "put out" like the arm of a tree, whose green unravelled sleeve flutters with the life it shares.

☞ His teeth began to chatter ever the ice cream. He buttoned up his jacket and swallowed another mouthful. That settled it. He jumped up from the table and started to where the sun could shine on him, exclaiming, "Whoopee! Plenty dam cold grub! No cookee nuff! Freeze belly all same like ice wagon."

☞ Nathan Wilson's wife disappeared from Chazy, N. Y., and the next that he knew of her was when her corpse came home by express. She had eloped, lived a while in Canada, been poisoned, and the man with whom she had gone away had sent back her body.

☞ A Spanish proverb says, 'An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.'

The "air of importance" is one's first breath.

☞ The best education—Self Knowledge.

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RICHARD THOMPSON.
May 3rd, '76 y t4

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IT is now certain that a considerable part of the new crop of Wheat in Canada and the United States has been harvested in a damp and unsound condition, and that much of the new Flour will be soft, weak and unsatisfactory. If inferior quality will not be apparent to the buyer, for damp grain makes flour of better color than dry, in consequence of breaking up of part of the bran of dry Wheat and admixture with the Flour—the latter making strong—while damp wheat makes runny flour. The product of old wheat, or choice sound new wheat, has become of higher value than that which looks quite as well made from moist grain, and all markets report sound grain to be scarce. The Subscribers will use their experience of twenty years in the trade to procure reliable grades of Flour, preferring sound good quality, even if at a little higher cost. The following grades always in stock:

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HALL & FAIRWEATHER.
St. John, N. B., April, 1876. 13i t17

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At the Stable of G. M. Wade, Albion House, Bridgetown, from Tuesday noon, June 6th, until Wednesday, June 7th, 2 o'clock p. m., thence to Lawrencetown, where he will remain until 8 o'clock, p. m. same day, from thence to Subscriber's Stable, where he will remain until Monday morning, following week, when he will travel East, returning to Melvern Square Friday night, where he will remain until Tuesday, when he will again be in Bridgetown.

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☞ *Note what the Maine Farmer says about Knox horses.*

AMBROSE DODGE.
Wilmot, May 10th, 1876. 6i t12

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EDWIN GATES.
April 4th, 1876. n52 tf

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BY the motion of the paddles the air is pumped in at the ends, passes through the cream, and is carried off through a tube in the top of the cover. This process cleanses the cream of all unpleasant flavor, and brings the oxygen of the air in contact with the oil in the cream which hardens and turns to butter

IT is driven with cogwheels that set these paddles in rapid motion, and makes the labor so light that a child twelve years old can churn with ease.

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November 17th, 1875. tf n33

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Bridgetown, 3rd April, 1876. 13i t13

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Agricultural.

ONIONS.—If any of our readers who raise onions are troubled with maggots, let them take some cheap fine cut tobacco and steep it, and water the onions two or three times with the water. It will kill every maggot.

MILK-HOUSES.

Wood is not the best material for a milk-house; stone or brick is better. The best arrangement for keeping a regular temperature is to have the house partly below the ground and partly above. One of the best milk-houses we know of is built as follows; The lower part is four feet below ground, and is built of stone. Upon this the upper part is built of frame nine feet high. There is an attic above; and the walls and ceiling are lathed and plastered. The floor is cemented. There is one window on the north side, and a trap-door in the ceiling for ventilation. The boards outside are tightly battened, and painted white. This is cool in the summer and in cold weather in the winter it is warmed by a stove. The temperature of the milk-house should be kept as near 60 deg. as possible the year round.

WOUNDS ON HORSES.

Whenever an injury is inflicted or a wound made on a horse it should be attended to at once, or with as little delay as possible. If any dirt is in the wound it should be well cleaned with a soft sponge and luke-warm water. Then with a proper needle (a curved surgeon's needle should be used) and stout silk twist, pass as many stitches through the edges of the wound as will draw them and hold them together. These stitches should not be made as in sewing cloth, but the thread is to be passed through the skin at points directly opposite to each other. The two ends of the thread should be tied into a secure knot after drawing the edges of the wound closely together. If the edges are ragged, some care must be exercised to bring the corresponding parts into their proper place. If swelling takes place, apply cold water until it is reduced, and avoid all irritating or spirituous applications unless they become necessary. Nature will generally perform the cure if assisted to make a proper start.

ADVANTAGES OF HOEING.

The many persons who use the hoe suppose that the chief benefit derived from it is to kill the weeds. That certainly is an important work and one greatly neglected. Weeds are not only in the way of cultivating the crops which we plant, but they rob them of much of the nutriment which they need. Hoeing, then, is an essential service in respect to destroying the weeds. There are other advantages however, which are commonly overlooked. Let us see: The loosening of the soil in the operation of hoeing is beneficial to the plants, as much as the destruction of the weeds, or more so. Moisture abounds in the atmosphere during the hottest months, and is absorbed and retained most abundantly by a soil which is in the most friable state. Then, again, pulverizing soil enables it better to retain the moisture absorbed. The soil, in order to be healthy and active, must breathe. A light, porous soil admits the air, and thus it is invigorated by the atmosphere. The sun's rays heat a hard soil much more quickly than a loose one, and the hotter the soil is, so much greater will be the evaporation from it. So that the hard soil is deprived of its moisture much sooner than one of a loose texture. The soil that has been kept loose near the surface by the action of the hoe will receive and hold the rain water which falls, while a hard soil will allow most of it to run off into the valleys and streams as it falls.—*Ex.*

DOMESTIC ITEMS.

Wax flowers, if left out in the drizzling rain, will be thoroughly cleansed in a short time.

RESTORING INK.—Faded writing in ink can be restored by brushing over with a solution of sulphide of ammonium.

CHEESE PIE.—Four eggs, two cupfuls of sugar, one cupful sweet cream, two-thirds cupful butter, one spoonful flour. Nutmeg to taste.

BREAKFAST PUFFS.—One half pint milk, one pint flour, two eggs, a table-spoonful butter, or two of cream, and a teaspoonful salt. Bake in hot-roll pans.

TO CURE TONGUE.—Four quarts salt, two quarts molasses, six ounces saltpetre, three gallons water. Boil and skim the ingredients, and when cold pour over the tongues.

CORN STARCH CAKE.—One and a half cupfuls sugar, and a half cupful butter, one half cupful corn starch, one half cupful sweet milk, yolk of six eggs. Flavor with nutmeg.

Five cents worth of calomel put on a plate with syrup, where the ants trouble you, will make them disappear; cayenne pepper is said to be a cure for ants as well as mice or other vermin.

Camphorated Oil is highly recommended as a furniture polish. This is simply sweet oil, in which gum camphor is dissolved. The camphor serves the additional purpose of driving away moths.

REMOVING TAN.—Tan can be removed from the face by dissolving magnesia in soft water—beat it to a thick mass, spread on the face and let it remain a minute or two. Then wash off with Castile soapsuds and rinse with soft water.

TO WASH CALICOES.—In washing calicoes in which the colors are not fast, be careful not to boil them, but wash in the usual way with soap, and rinse in hard water. For dark colored goods, add a little salt to the water; for light, a little vinegar.

MOTHS.—This is the period when moths begin to fly, and those who have not packed away winter garments and furs should loose no time in doing so. Beat the articles thoroughly, and expose them to bright sunlight and air for several hours. Seal away in tight paper cases, or put them away in close trunks, with plenty of gum camphor, pepper, tobacco, chips of Russia leather, or cedar dust.

UNRIPE FRUIT.—Mothers cannot watch their children too closely during this season, to prevent them eating unripe fruit. The process of digestion is very rapid with children, and they almost incessantly crave food, especially fruits and sweets. Even ripe fruit must not be indulged in too freely. Many people are of the opinion that if children like a thing, it must be good for them. This is a mistake.

Jokers' Corner.

Men of decision—judges.

A bosom friend—A flat-iron.

Always in liquor—An oyster.

To keep from stuttering—don't take.

Lively catsup—on the top of the wood shed.

A wedding trip—falling over the bride's train.

What nation produces the most marriages—Fascination.

We take great liberty with those from whom we expect nothing.

A gentleman kant hide hiz true karakter any more than a loafer kan.

The best and worst thing you can say of a marriage is that it is a tie.

Do all the good you can in the world, and make as little noise about it as possible.

GENTILITY.—Eating meat with a silver fork when the butcher's bill has not been paid.

Which is the easiest profession? Divinity, because it is easier to preach than to practice.

Charles Mathews, when asked if he had ever seen Cork, replied: "No; but I've seen many drawings of it."

A young Philadelphian, threatened with a breach of promise suit, says: "Sue away. Contracts made on Sunday ain't legal."

There is no doubt that Blaine is the coming man. The question is, shall we wait for him.

Munroe has a man who combines shoe making and barbering, but his name is not Solon Shingle, singularly enough.

A St. Louis grocer has even adulerated his orthography. He announces "Bestt and Chepest Butr."

"I wonder what makes my eyes so weak," said a fop to a lady. "Perhaps they are in a weak place," she kindly suggested.

A young doctor to a lady patient: "You must take exercise for your health." "All right, said she, "I'll jump at the first offer."

There is a man in Sussex with hair so red, that when he goes before day he is taken by surprise, and the cocks begin to crow.

We don't know exactly what "the height of ambition" is, but we have many fussy little specimens of it not much more than five feet high.

A woman who was purchasing some cups and saucers was asked what color she would have. "Why I aint particular," she said: "color that won't show dirt."

"What does Good Friday mean?" asked one school boy of another. "You had better go home and read your "Robinson Crusoe," was the withering reply.

When two women in a family are trying to tell the same thing at the same time, it is an auspices opportunity for the men folks to vanish.

Lug all the mud you can into the house. The regular spring cleaning will take place in spite of all care and precaution you may use, and it's better to have something to clean.

"Mary," said a mother to her little girl, "if I was a little girl like you I should pick up all those chips." "Well, mamma," answered Mary, "ain't you glad you are not a little girl?"

A Yankee advertising for a wife, says, "It would be well if the lady were possessed of a competency sufficient to secure her against exclusive grief, in case of accident occurring to her companion.

There is nothing half so sad in life as the spectacle of an auctioner attempting to sell fifteen thousand dollars' worth of goods to an audience whose aggregating and tangible assets foot up thirty cents.

An Irish paper publishes the following: "A deaf man named Taff was run down and killed by a passenger train on Wednesday morning. He was injured in a similar way about a year ago.

An elderly dandy, who was more noted for running into debt than for paying his tradesmon, made an exception in favor of his wigmaker that he might be enabled to say he wore his own hair.

Publican: "Your dog's very fat, sir; pray what do you feed him on?" Traveller: "Well, he has no regular meals, but whenever I take a glass of ale I give him a biscuit, you know.

EPITAPHS.—The following belongs to "Green Erin," and may be seen on a tombstone in a town near Dublin:

"Here lies the body of John Mound—
Lost at sea and never found."

A lady gave recently the following opinion of a nice young man according to her own thinking. "Oh, I think he'd make an excellent stranger—one that you'd never become acquainted with, you know.

A Chicago clergyman thinks it looks decidedly suspicious for a member of his congregation to send him a mess of fish on Monday morning, especially when he recollects that member was not at church the day before.

The chief difference between the nice little Sunday-school boy and the the nice little Cannibal Island boy would seem to be that the former keeps a cent for the missionary plate and the latter a plate for the missionary sent.

A mountain of superior white chalk has been discovered in Idaho, and now, if a never-failing spring is in close proximity, an enterprising man might start a diary there without investing in a single cow.

"NOTIS."

A very wealthy farmer of Scott county, Iowa, has this "notis" posted up in his field; "If any man's or woman's cows or oxen gits in these yer oats, his or her tail will have to be cut off, as the case may be. I am a Christian man, and pay my taxes, but dam a man who lets his critters run loose, say i."

We often hate for one little reason, when there are a thousand why we should love.

Some people cannot drive to happiness with four horses, and others can reach the goal on foot.—*Thackeray.*

Ambition often puts men to doing the meanest offices; as climbing is performed in the same posture as creeping.

The very instant you perceive yourself in a passion, shut your mouth; this is one of the best precepts outside of inspiration.

The grandest and strongest nature are ever the calmest. A fiery restlessness is the symbol of frailties not yet outgrown. The repose of power is its richest phase and its clearest testimony.