A gentleman of Newton-Stewart, says a Galloway paper, had a choice collection of birds, some of them of rare breeds, many of them prize-takers, and all of them more or less valuable. He tended them with great less valuable. He tended them with great care, was exceedingly fond of his pets, and talked about them in the most enthusiastic manner. Some one having, however, lately reproached him with "worshipping his birda" and having told him that it was a sin to place with a high settinate on anything below the such a high estimate on anything below the heavens, serious thoughts were aroused in the bird-fancier's breast, and, influenced by a zeal for his soul's welfare, he resolved to get rid of this temptation to creature worship by destroying them en masse. He therefore arranged where Rogisters will be kept for that purposewith the owner of a pony cart to come early in the morning with his cart and carry the birds and their cages to the bridge, over which they were to be thrown, cages and all, into the river. In vain did the man entrusted with POST the performance of this painful mission remonstrate, offering to sell the birds for their owner's benefit. The bird-fancier was determined, and accordingly on Monday morning in last week the cartlead of temptation was discharged into the river. Some of the cages, which were of value, have since been re-covered; the birds were drowned. The case of one or two of them who had young ones and eggs has excited much sympathy, and a general opinion appears to prevail that no great loss to the community would have oc-curred had the owner instead of the birds been pitched into the river.

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Up in Vermont (says the Hearth and Home), there lived a reprobate family named Ransom. Once, however, they were induced to attend a meeting during a revival. They came late, and had hardly taken their seats when the preacher gave out the hymn, "Return, ye ransom sinners, home." "All right," said the old man, getting up in a rage and clapping on his hat. "Come along, ole woman and gals, we'll go home fast enough, and everybody in this church knows we didn't want to

Mr. Livingstone, an Indiana convict, having a desire to regain his liberty, fastened himself into a box and was carried out of jail Unluckily, however, the box was laid on the ground head downward, and the convict's feet, instead of his head, pointed toward the zenith. Being unable to extricate himself, he began to howl for assistance, and was soon escorted to his former apartment,

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