

POETRY.

[From the Scotsman.]

LINES

ASCRIBED TO TANAHILL, THE POET.

WHEN love's soft flame first reached my heart,
Young Mary did attract my mind,
I tried with all my skill and art
The way to her young heart to find.

I thought that in my Mary fair,
Wore all the beauties that adorn
The fairest field of opening flowers,
That ever graced the dewy morn.

My youthful heart with love did burn,
With ardour still increased the flame,
Till youthful Mary in return,
Did either fool or feign'd the same.

How oft with this fair lovely maid,
I traced the flowery mead or grove,
Or in the deep embowering shade
I told my tender tale of love.

I thought my care was at an end,
I sang of her the live long day;
Each hour with her I loved to spend,
Or sung with birds upon the spray.

No youthful shepherd on the green,
More happy with his Mary dear
Than I with my sweet lovely queen,
A stranger to all doubt and care.

Unconstant as the winter blasts,
That sweep along the watery plain,
Far shorter doth our pleasures last,
When we are doomed to cruel pain.

My Mary soon did change her mind,
And left me for a richer swain,
May he in her such pleasure find,
As I, alas, shall never gain.

MISCELLANY

A SPIDER THIEF.—The following anecdote is from a French work:—"M. F.—, of Saint Omer, laid on the chimney piece of his chamber, one evening on going to bed, a small shirt pin of gold, whose head represented a fly. Next day M. F. would have taken his pin from the place where he had put it, but the trinket had disappeared. A servant maid, who had only been in his service a few days, was solely suspected of having carried off the pin, and sent away. But at length Mons. F.'s sister putting up some curtains, was extremely surprised to find the lost pin suspended from the ceiling in a spider's web. And thus was the disappearance of the bijou explained—a spider, deceived by the figure of the fly which the pin presented, had drawn it into his web."

An inquest was held at Sheffield last week, on the body of Mr. Adams, brewer, who drowned himself in one of his casks of beer, containing 500 gallons. Verdict—"Temporary insanity."—*Scotch Paw.*

Diodorus says, that among the ancient Egyptians, one of the conditions of the marriage contract was, "that the husband should be obedient to his wife." "I have often heard them speak," he adds, "of the Egyptian bondage, but never knew it had been carried so far as this before."

BEST WATER FOR TEA.—Rain water, when pure, is very soft, and on that account, ought to be selected for the making of all infusions, such as tea, since the solvent powers of water are great, in proportion to its freedom from earthy salts.

ADVICE TO APPRENTICES.

1. Having selected your profession, resolve not to abandon it; but by a life of industry and enterprize to adorn it. You will be much more likely to succeed in the business you have long studied, than in that of which you know but little.

2. Select the best company in your power to obtain; and let your conversation be on those things you wish to learn. Frequent conversation will elicit much instruction.

3. Obtain a friend to select for you the best books on morality, religion and the liberal arts, and particularly those which treat on your profession. It is not the reading of many books that make a man wise, but the reading of only those which can impart wisdom. Thoroughly understand what you read; take notes of all that is worth remembering, and frequently review what you have written.

4. Select for your model the greatest and purest characters; and always endeavour to imitate their virtues, and to emulate their greatness.

5. Serve God—attend his worship—and endeavour to set an example of piety, charity, and sobriety, to all around you.

6. Love your country, respect your rulers; treat with kindness your fellow-apprentices; let your great aim be usefulness to mankind.

7. Get all you can by honest industry; spend none extravagantly, and provide largely for old age.

8. In a word, think much, act circumspectly, and live usefully.—*American Paper.*

THE RAILWAY PARLIAMENT.—Parliaments in different ages have taken their descriptions from the characteristic circumstances by which they have been distinguished, and hence we have the "learned" and the "unlearned" parliaments—the "Boroughmongering," the "Reformed Parliaments,"—and adopting this principle, the present, we suppose, will be called the "Railway Parliament," as it is understood that never at any former time were there half so many projects of this kind likely to be brought under the consideration of the Legislature as during the present session.

STAIR CARPETS should always have a slip of paper put under them, at and over the edge of every step, which is the part where they first wear out, in order to lessen the friction of the carpets against the boards beneath. The strips should be, within an inch or two, as long as the carpet is wide, and about four or five inches in breadth, so as to lie a little distance upon each step. This simple plan, so easy of execution, will, we know, preserve a stair carpet half as long again as it would last without the strips of paper.

A DOG CHURNING MILK.—There has been in operation for some time past on the farm of Auchyle, parish of Port, Perthshire, occupied by Mr. Peter Ferguson, an ordinary sized staff or plunge churn making the butter from 16 or 18 cows—the propelling power of which is a collie dog. The machinery necessary for the process is exceedingly simple and cheap, and as a proof of the feasibility of the plan which must prove a considerable saving to the dairy farmers, several of Mr. Ferguson's neighbours are about to enlist into their service, the same kind of animal power. We understand a working churn, on the above principle, will shortly be procured for Drummond's Agricultural Museum.

A NUISANCE.—[From the John O'Groat Journal.] SIR, as I am particularly annoyed with a lot of idle fellows hanging about my place, be so good as to allow me, through the medium of the John O'Groat Journal, to remind them "that there is nothing so hurtful to those who have business, as the visits of those who have none," and that the wise man said,

long ago, "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house, lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee."

THE WIDOWER AND HIS DAUGHTER.—He did not send her to a boarding school to learn frivolous accomplishments, and make romantic friendships, and have her head filled with the fashions and the beaux, before any principles for the guidance of her conduct in life, or any distinct ideas of what constituted RATIONAL HAPPINESS, had been conveyed to her mind. Certain it is, however, that the love of HOME, and the habit of domestic confidence, must pervade female education, or merely being married will never make a woman fond of domestic pleasures, or capable of discharging domestic duties. It is strange that men of sense, learning, and knowledge of the world, can believe that a weak-minded, sentimental, frivolous young lady, whose whole heart is devoted to dress, amusements, and husband-hunting, will make a kind, submissive and judicious wife! Such apparently gentle girls are the most unreasonable beings in the universe—as wives, I mean.—Men will not believe, till they find by conjugal experience, that a pretty, soft-spoken, sentimental young creature, whose deepest learning is a few French phrases, and a few tunes on the piano, can exhibit passions violent as Queen Elizabeth—or be as obstinate as Madame de Stael in an argument. Before proposing to marry a young lady consider if she has qualities you would esteem in an intimate friend. If she has not never dream your love will last, though she be as beautiful as a Hourii. Beauty is a fascinating object—but who ever selected a FRIEND for his or her beauty?—*Mrs. Hale.*

FIRE IN STEAM BOATS.—There are two species of accidents to which steam-boats are liable—the one by concussion, and the other that which results from the chance of fire; and fire is, under any circumstances, a most dangerous opponent, especially if in the neighbourhood of a large boiler. However, by a simple arrangement invented by Mr. Waterhouse, we may, in a few moments, extinguish a fire on board a steamboat, by impelling steam, with any degree of force, into the room where any inflammable matter is in a state of ignition. The door of the room need not be closed. Thus, then, simply by having a pipe to communicate from the boiler into the engine-room, or any other part of the vessel, all fear of fire on board a steam-boat will be entirely removed.—*Liverpool paper.*

A STRANGE KIND OF ECONOMY.—No matter for the title of that Scottish lord whom the prince regent used to mention as such a peace-maker that he would hardly speak ill of the 'devil' behind his back. On one occasion, an absentee was mentioned to whom the prince applied a very brief and emphatic title, exclaiming, "Even Lord —, there, cannot deny that the man lives upon lies. Come, my lord, is he not a liar?" "Indeed, your royal highness," answered this lover of harmony, "I'll not go so far as to say that; but I'm free to admit that the gentleman is a great economist of truth." George IV. often quoted this phrase with much zest; originality of expression was never unappreciated by him.

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