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POETRY.

BILL AND FOR.

OLICER WENDELL HOLMES.

Come dear old come sde you and I

Will steal an hour from days gone by

The shighar days when life was new,

And all was bright with morning dew-

When you were Bill an r. was Joe

Proud as a cockerel's rainbow tail,

And mine as brief appendix wear:

As Tum O'Shanter's Lackless mare;

To-day, old friend, remember still

And grand you look in people's eyes,

How are you, Ball How are you, Joe?

You've won the judge's crmined robe,

You've taught your name to half the globe;

You've sung mankind a deathless strain,

You've made the dead past live again,

The chafing young folks stare and say,

See these old buffers, bent and gray-

Mad, poor old boys! that's what it means,

And shake there heads; they little know

The throbbing hearts of Bill and Joe.

How Bill forgets his hour of pride,

How Joe, in spite of time's disguise,

Finds the old schoolmate in his eyes-

Ah, pensive schollar, what is fame?

A fitful toungue of gleaming flame,

A few swift years, and who can show

Which dust was Bill and which was Joe?

Holds out his bruised and aching hand,

While gaping thousands come and go-

How vain it seems, this empty show!

"Tis poor old Joe's "God bless you Bill!

And shall we breathe in happier spheres

The names that pleased our mortal ears,

In some sweetful of harp and song

Just whispering of the world below

No matter; while our home is here

No sounding name is half so dear;

For earth born spirits none too long,

Where this was Bill and that was Joe?

When fades at length our lingering day,

Read on the hearts that love us still, Hic jacet Joe! Hie jacet Bill.

Who cares what pompus tombstones say?

AN UNCOMMON DEFAULTER.

The Downfall and Adventures of

The following account of the adven-

[From the New York Sun, Oct. 12.1

one of the most superb residences in all

San Francisco. It is nearly new, and

built of wood, like most of houses here,

nificent insfinish. it strikes one as being:

the residence of a gentleman of unlim-

monogram, formed of the letters.

for a month past.

" J. M."

"J. M." stands for John Miller, late

tions, running through a series of years,

At Sutter and Jones streets stands

dirusted Servant,

made public:

Those calm stern eyes that men and fill

While Joe sits smilling at his side:

As Joe looks fondly up to Fill.

A giddy whiriwind's fickle gust,

That lifts a pinch of morjal dust,

The w. ary idol takes his stand,

Till at once his pulses thrill-

They talk like fellows in their teens!

The world may call you what it will,

But you and I are Joe and Bill.

You've won the great world's envice prize

That I am Joe and you are Bill.

In big brave letters fair to see-

Your first, old tell aw! off they go!

With HO , and L L D.

Your name un'y fluin in giltedtrail,

The lasty days of long ago,

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New Drug Store.

DR. J. S. MURPHY

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Company Shops,

where anything kept in a well ordered Drug Store may be found.

The physicians of the county and the public generally, are invited to patronize this new enterprise. An experienced druggist—a reguenterprise. An experienced druggist—a regular graduate in pharmacy, is in charge, so that physicians and the public may rest assured that all presciptions and orders will be correctly and carefully filled.

Prices as reasonable as can be afforded.

feb 16-2m

Pumps! Pumps!!

THOMAS S. ROBERTSON, Company Shops, N. C.,

s manufacturing and selling the best and

CHEAPEST PUMPS

ever offered to the people of this State. These pumps are as durable as wooden pumps can be made. They are easy as my one wanting water could wish. They are sold as cheap as any one who proposes to buy could ask. Pinos delivered anywhere on short notice. Each pump warranted. The manufacturer refers to every pump of his in use. Not one has ever failed.

C. ROBERTSON,

Grave Stones

MONUMENTS.

GREENSBORO N. C.

burled him from his pedestal, was chosen Superintendent of its Sunday school. He had worked his way from a clerk of the Contract and Finance Company to the office of Secretary, at a salary of garded, in a business point of view, as

combination. Besides his \$19,000 income, he was known to be rich, and to have married. a lady in Sacramento who had likewise a large fortune. Hence his laxurious home and the evidence of wealth around him excited no other comment on the part of his neighbors than that Miller's

lines were cast in pleasant places.

and others who form the Central Pacfic

A SUDDEN CRASH, One day there came a little voice into Leland Stanford's private office which spoke a word or two into his ear. Be fore the evening of the next day Mr. Stanford knew that John Miller's name was not John Miller but A. B. Woodruff, that he had a wife living in Lynchburg, Va., and that his wealth had every dollar of it, been stolen from the Contract and Finance Company.

Such a revelation created a flutter in the Central Pacific office, but the secret was well guarded. Stanford and Crocker at once went to work to investigate the actual extent of the defalcation -They noped to do this without arousing Miller's suspicion, but failed. One day he came to Mr. Stanford and said quietly that he was not feeling well and he believed he'd run up to the McCloud river and catch some trout.

Repairing to his mansion he packed a small valise and asked his wife to make ready to accompany him as far as Sacramento. The next morning both went to Sacramento.

Meanwhile an examination of Miller's accounts was begun, and the first thing the expert struck was a false entry of \$10,000. Then Stanford knew that the fishing trip was a blind. The telegraph was set to work to capture the fugitive. Every train on every road under Contral Pacific control was boarded, but for a long time Miller could not be found. -Accident, however, brought him in contact with a baggage master at Marysville who knew him, and pointed him out to the conductor. His arrest quickly followed. He took matters very coolly, saving he guessed there must be some mistake. He was taken to San Francissco and confronted with Stanford and Crocker. Atter a brief interview, he asked to see his wife. An offitures of J. Miller, alias Woodruff, cer was detailed to escort him to his house. Arriving there, Miller asked would seem to coroborate the old sav_ ing that truth is stranger than fixtion. permission to retire for a moment. From the Martinsville Courier welearn When he returned he whispered a that this adventurer is a native of word to his heart-broken wife, and she Lynchburg, where he now has respect- quietly went out of the room. In a chatting with the coolness of Mephisto, taken this means to ascertain the cause. able connections; that he was at one moment she returned, and to Miller's pheles, was hatching a plan to get wife Some ingenious device to place a mirtime employed by the firm of Rucker & great dismay exhibited and gave to the No 2, out of the car without wife No 1's. ror rt a height where animal life could Redd, of that city, that he married a officer a package containing \$13,000 in seeing her. Wife No 2, wanted to stop not be sustained was the result. It is respectable lady there, and by her had greenbacks, over \$75,000 in United at Sacramento and go to San Francisico to be hoped that this discovery may several children; and that he left there States bonds, and a lot of valuable pa- by a later train. He mentally resolved lead to others in regard to our interestsome years ago, under a charge of em- pers belonging to the company which that wife No 1, and her party should ing satilite. bezzlement, leaving his family, and he had taken from his person and told not go to San Francisco at all if he could nothing was heard or known of him his wife to secure. After this evidence prevent it. So he at once told her that until the discovery of his swindling that Mrs. Miller refused to be a party in he had some important business in Saccommained in the following story was his crime, Miller sunk in his chair and ramento, and must stop over there that meekly asked to be taken back to the

railroad office. HEAVY DEFALCATION. The Clue once struck, the expert at ed a deep mine of rascality. The origibut is imposing in architecture and mag | nal \$10,000 defalcation grew in an hour \$250,00, and the affair became the senited means and refinement. Everything sation of the hour. Finally Miller conabout it is near. The furniture is rich fessed all and set about making restituand elegant, but quiet in design and tion. He turned over hundreds of thoucolor; the library is filled with well se- sands of dollars, but still the daily relected bocks, and the pictures are works ports of the experts called for more. Fiof art. The only effort at display that mally the new house went, and block af. | to her friends, saying he would call relic of the past age, and great curiosity. seems to have been made is observable ter block ofcity real estate, improved in a carriage block which stands on the and unimproved, was made over to the curb in front of the grand do rway. railway company. When the expert had This block is of white marble, and bears finally finished his work it was found in glaring gilt a tastefully arranged that the extent of Miller's peculations exceeded \$1,900,000 in the space of five years. The amount of property offered in restitution exceeding one million and Secretary of the Contract and Finance a half, but as most of it was real estate Company, whose remarkable detalea- in rapidly improving localities, the company accepted it in full reimbursement have been the talk of the Pacific coast for their loss. They also, so far as was in their power, granted immunity to the In many respects Miller is one of the defaulter, this being done to prevent most remarkable criminals on record, the possibility of exposing the affairs of and certainly one of the most audacious the Contract and Finance Company in scamps ever fostered by the Pacific court—an event likely to prove disascoast. Scraps of history have from time trous to more than one reputation on this

to time been published, but nothing like coast. a complete narrative of his villiany has THE ROMANCE OF MILLERS CAREER yet appeared. He had lived here from Thus far the history of this defaulter eight to ten years, highly respected and differs but little from that of other gencourted by the best society. He was try of the same ilk. Eut in other gentlemanly in his manners and in bus- crimes—bigamy, and that of living tor iness a perfect giant. He was a pillar years under a bogus identity-Miller's made in Australia."

n one of our leading churches, and a case surpasses that of any other in cool few weeks before the crash came which audacity and boldness of design.

Simultaneously with the discovery of his peculation came that of the fact that their return from Yosemite, and immehis name was not John Miller but A. R. diately before wife No. 1 returned to Woodcuff, and that he formerly lived in the East, she insisted upon staying a Lyuchburg, Va., where he had a wife few days in San Francisco. Miller was \$10,000 a year, in gold, and was re- and one or two children. His family very anxious to hasten her departure. were in ignorance that he was living in but still he had to give and take ber to the peer of Stanford, Hopkins, Crocker | San Francisco as John Miller, but be- | San Francisco. They put up at the Lick lieved that as A. R. Woodruff, he was House. Fortunately wife No. 1 did not tor every Australian steamer brought then a le terfull of love and affection and a fifty pound note. By means of bought her \$1,500 worth of goods subthis deception without difficulty.

> HIS TWO WIVES. One day he and his wife No. 2 were

returning from Lake Tahoc. They had a compartment in the palace car troin Summit. The station there is in the snow sheds, and therefore the interior of the car was somewhat dark. The train ran down the mountain for an hour or so and preschily left the snow heds behind and amerged into light. Miller left the compartment to get his wife a glass of water. As he passed through the car he saw in a section wile No. 1 with father and sister on their way to San Francisco on a pleasure trip. The recognition was mutal. Wife No. I nearly fainted with delight. Quick as a flash, Miller formed his determination what to do. I wo circum stances favored him. - Wife No. 2 was had been discovered, shining from the in her stateroom reading a book and out of sight .. Nobody in the car knew him, and this fortified him .- He kissed wife No. 1 with great ardor and shook hands with the old gentleman. Then he went to wife No. 2 and soon made an excuse for another brief absence. Then he went back and sat down by wife No. 1 and a happy reunion was enacted. He said he had arrived from Australia only a few days before. That he had some business with some Californa wool men which had detained him for a few days; that he was then going home to surprise and delight his wife and make her happy for the remainder of her days. He had not writtenher because he wanted to surprise her .- He had got rich in Australia, but still he had to return as soon as possible. Her coming to California was a most fotunate circumstance, for now he could see her withou going East. They could be happy for a week or ten days, and then he could sail on the same steamer he camet on instead of waiting for the next which left a month later. Wife No. 1 demurred at this, but renders it uninhabitable. It is supposed Miller knowing that he could not keep up the deception for a month, insisted

that he should sail in ten days. EVADING WIFE NO .2.

night. Of course she and her party must stop too. Wife No 1. consented. Wife No 2. was managed just as skilfolly .-The train makes a scop of twenty minwork on Miller's books rapidly unearth outes at Sacramento. She was asked to keep her seat in the compartment until he could get a carriage to take her to \$100,000. The next day it swelled to to a friend's house. When the train stopped Miller hastened wife No 1. and party on: of the rear end of the manded its restoration. The matter is car, shoved them hastily into the carriage, and told the driver to take them to the hotel. Then he got wife No 2. out, put her in a carriage, and sent her for her at train time. - This gave him a breathing spell, which he employed in perfecting his plans to evade detec- temple.—Biblical Racorder. tio 1. Thes were subsequently carried out and so well was everything managed item is currents. A man in Bolton has that wife No 2. never suspected any- discovered a new remedy for bald thing and wife No 1. never dreamed that her husband was anybody but A. tried the remedy for two years, and hand of grim death seemed already upon R. Woodroof, and that his Australian whereas he was bale, his head is now story was not true.

Miller's house was just finished when this occurred, and the next two weeks growth of hair, but strengthens the Congress. His lithe like frame shook were to be occupied by wife No,2. in brain. He says to any and all who are nervously, and appeared as if falling getting the house furnished. He teld troubled with the lack of hair or weak her that he would relieve her of his presence by going off for a week to the Yosemite. To wife No. 1 he said that before going back to Australia he wanted to go to the Yosemite, and as they would doubtless like the trip, he would take them. They all went, and on the trip or soon after, Miller made wife No 1 a present of \$60,000 in United States bonds-"a part of the fortune he had

But the presence of wife No. 1 was still fraught with more danger. On

ANOTHER NARROW ESCAPE

a prosperous wool-grower in Australia, like San Francisco, so to Miller's great relief she cut her stay short. Before going he took her to a dry goods store and a friend in Australia, Miller kept up sequently the bill was sent to Miller's this deception without difficulty. 2, to whom it was a cause of great alarm. But Miller quieted her by saying that he had only ordered the goods for the wife ot a friend of his in Portland, Oregon,

> And so Miller struggled to maintain his position. His fall was a terrible blow to the pride of stanford, Huntington, Hopkins, and the rest of the Central Pacific ring,

and the bill was made out in his name

by mistake.

A MIBROR IN THE MOON. A most remarkable discovery is reported from the astronomical observatory established by the Russian Government, several years ago, at Pamlateska, the highest point with one exception, on the Himalayan range. For several months a peculiar bright spot extreme edge of the moon's disk, at a point where no mountains break the continuity of its perimeter. The light suddenly disappeared and remained in visible for nearly twelve months. It has lately reappeared in greater brilliancy than ever, and the immense power of the telescope attached to the above observatory, so well known in the scientific world, has developed the fact that the light proceeds from some huge burnished substance acting as a mirror, which must be at least one hundred feet in diameter. The most astonishing thing in the matter is the almost complete proof that this is actually a mirror of artificial construction, and the the theory of the savans at Pamlateska is, that it is erected for observations of a scientific character, principally to observe the phases of the earth's surface. L is well known that the immerse height of that portion of the moon which is turned toward the earth, not only through the well known laws of graviation, keeps that portion of her surface presented toward us, but also that the side turned from us may have an atmosphere suitable for animal life. and that intelligent beings observing the halo of light shed around its horizon As the train sped along Miller, while by reflections from the carta may have

"WASHINGTON CHAIR."-When we lived in Fdenton, N. C., there was in the posesion of the Masonic Lodge is splended chair, said to be the one used by Gen. Washington when Master of the Lodge in Alexadria, Va. The tradition is that this chair was sent to Edenton, N. C., for safe keeping, at the beginning of the revolution of 1776. It is known to have been in the posessioh af the Edenton Lodge since 1778, and the Lodge of Virginia has twice denow being investigated and should the tradition prove true this chair will become a valuable addition to our centennial furniture. It is of isself a valuable We hope the masons of N. C., may establish its high claim to a place in our

REMEDY FOR BALD-HEADNESS .- This heads. It is to go bareheaded. He has heat of the sun not only promotes the fiery eloquence as is seldom heard in brains try it-it costs nothing and saves the expense of a hat.

The line of conduct chosen by a boy during the five years from fifteen to twenty will, in almost every instance, determine his character for life. As he is then careful or careless, prudent or imprudent, industrious or indoleut, and Matteson was expelled. It was one truthful or dissimulating, intelligent or ignorent, temperate or dissolute, so will triumphs ever achieved and will be to he be in after years and it needs no prophet to cast his horoscope or calcuate his chances.

ALROXATEDREENS

Stephens and Raudolph .- Dying for Twenty Years- & Congressional Rem fabreence-A Victory Over Grow.

A dispatch from Georgia premature-

y announcing that this venerable, errat-

[N. J. Mercury.]

ic genius was suddenly attacked by dangerous disease, and was in a critical condition, furnished our correspondent an opportunity to relate, from experience, some interesting remainiscences of a remarkable man. Aleck Stephens has been, like Randolph of Roanoke, dying for nearly thirty years, and yet continued through all this time, and in spite of his moribund condition, to take an important and prominent part in all the grave public events that agitated the country. It is now more than twenty years since I fist saw htm on the floor of the "House of Representatives at Washington. His physical weaknesswas so marked that everybody spoke about it, and all doubted his ability to live through the session, which ended March 4, 1857. But the hackmen and undertakers in the city knew him better. They all said that Stephens was an impostor in the matter of health, that for ten years previous he had pretended to be dying raising the hopes of the undertakers and cab drivers for lucrative employment at a congressional funeral, but had always cheated them out of it by ever seeming to be dying and yet never dying. He has thus lived on ever since, passed through the fierce con test over slavery, secession and the war and managedso well that, although Vice-President of the Confederacy and author of the celebrated manifesto that 'slavery was the corner stone of the new Confederation of American States," he yet, of all Confederates, attained the most popularity at the North, and was the first or them admitted to a seat in Congress after the war, and treated with the highest regard by Republican members though not acting with their party. But all thes; things are recent history, and well known, and hence they need not be repeated here. But one of his conflicts in the House in ante war times, and in which a member from the State of New York was personally concerned, is worth telling. Orsamus B. Matteson represented the

Utica listrict, and served on the Com. mittee on Pensions. A Mr. Tripplett, a pension agent at Washington, had compiled a volume of the laws and reulations concerning pensions, and of decisions of Courts relating thereto, and this book he was anxious to sell to the Government. Congressman Matteson exerted himself strenuously in favor of Tripplett's work, and he carried through Congress an appropriation for its purchase, at a fixed price per volume. It leaked out subsequently that this price was a trifle higher than the retail price at which the book sold at the sto that the excess went to Mr. Matteson as compensation for his labors, Charges were preferred on these facts, and a committee appointed to investigate them. Aleck Stephens was the Chairman of that Committee, and Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, one of

the members.

The committee made two reports, one by Stephens, to expel Matteson for corruption, the other by Grow, to censure him only for careless conduct in allowing himself to be found out: This occurring in 1857. Grow was a new convert to Republicanism, having changed over from a Democrat only in a previous Congress on the Kansas-Nebraska troubles, and he determined to win his spurs as one of the leaders of the new party in conducting the defense of Matteson, also a Republican. The contest in the House rested solely upon Stephens and Grow, and they were well matched. They are both, when under excitement, exceedingly passionate, the voice of each shrill and piercing their oratory aggressive and even violent, but Aleck had the best of it, as he fought on the side of honesty against bribery. Never did the most robust and powerful man shine brighter in debate than Stephens on that occasion, though the him. The denunciation of the turpitude covered with hair. He claims that the of Matteson's crime was a burst of such asunder, as he turned his brilliantly beaming eye upon Matteson and pointed his lank, bony finger in crushing scorn at the accused. The Republicans had a majority, and Banks was Speaker, yet all the efforts of Grow were vain Stephens carried the House with him triumphs ever achieved, and will be long

remembered by those who were p

at the time.