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Poetry.

LAROR,

Toil swings the axe, and the forests how; The seeds break out in radiant bloom: Rich ha vests smile behind the blow; And cities cluster round the loom. Where towering domes and tapering spires Adorn the vale and crown the hill. Stout labor lights his beacon fires, And plumes with smoke the forge and

The monarch oak, the woodland's price, Whose trunk is scamed with lightning

scars, Toil launches on the restless tide, And there unfolds the flag of stars; The engine with his lungs of flames, With ribs of brass and joints of steel. With sobbing valve and whirling wheel.

Tis labor works the magic press, And turns the crank in hives of toil, And beckons angels down to bless Industrious hands on sea or soil. Her sun-browned toil with shinning spade. Links lake to lake with silver ties, Stuck thick with palaces of trade,

And temples towering to the tkies.

MY AUNT PENELOPP.

We had been married not quite two years, Jerome and I; and I think we had contrived to be about as happy as married couples generally are.

Jerome wasn't rich, but he had a good salary in his uncle's shipping office, and I had learned the lesson of economy, and contrived to get a long nicely with one girl. To be sure, Aunt Penelope helped us; but after all, Aunt Penelope, though she was a good soul, and meant wall, wes more in the way than otherwise.

We had gone to housekeeping on a second floor in Camden. It was a very nice place, although Aunt Penelope declared from the first that a second floor wasn't genteel.

'It's more genteel than running in debt for a whole house that you can't afford,' said Jerome; and so I didn't care, although some of my school friends who had married rising young lawyers and dectors, left off visiting me. And you may be sure I didn't miss them much after baby came,like a little blue eyed sunbeam, to fill my heart and hands with those delicious cares that are so sweet to a mother's

Aunt Penelope was always think ing of plans.

'My friend, Mrs. Outerbridge.owns the sweetest country place up the river,' said Aunt Penelope to me one day in a confidential and patronizing

'My friend, Mrs. Outerbridge, is going to France, and has requested me most politely to reside at Outerbridge cottage during her absence, and look after things a little. And when I mentioned that I was devoted to my niece and her baby, she was kind enough to say that it would make no difference if you came there. too-for five months, from the first of May until the first of October. And what a splendid thing it would be for the baby to have, five months in the country.

My eyes glittered at the prospect. The first tooth had already begun to gleam like a pearl in its rosy gum, and I dreaded the hot sultry air of summer for little Bertio's sake.

'Yes,' said I, doubtfully, 'but Je-

'It's only twenty-five minutes by train,' said Aunt Penelope. 'He can come down every evening.'

The more Aunt Penelope and I discussed this subject, the more feasible and delightful it appeared to us. We could revel in the country milk, velvet mown lawns, and fresh butter. Baby's perambulator could roll over graveled walks; Jerome count hear nightengales sing of a summer twilight, and watch the moon reflecting in the stream; and Aunt Penelope and I could be for the once fine ladies at the head of a great establishment, for all the Outerbridge servants were to remain on until the return of their mistress. Veritably it seemed a delightful ideal.

When Jerome came home I could hardly wait to give him the first cup of tea before I unfolded the story of Outerbridge Cottage on the Hudson. Aunt Penelope, sitting graciously by teeling like the fairy godmother who had done it all with one whisk of her enchanted wand.

'Well?' quoth I, restlessly, when I had finished the recital. 'Well,' said Jerome, who hy this

time had the baby on his lap and was tickling his plump ribs.

'Of course we'll go!' 'Of course we won't,' said this impractible husband of mine.

'Jerome!' 'Amy!'

'But why not?'

'In the first place because I've no idea of your turning housekeeper for any old woman who wants to enjoy herse!f in France, and foist off her household cares on somebody else. In the second place I like to make my own arrangements, instead of having them made for me.'

At this Aunt Penelope bridled a little and tossed her head.

I looked with eyes full of tears at my husband.

'Jerome,' cried I, 'now you are unreasonable. It would be such a fine thing for baby.

well enough,' retorted Jerome. 'I Let Aunt Penelope accept the posi- primroses. Away we rolled in a com tion it she pleases. I am able to furnish a home for my own wife.'

'A home! Yes,' oried I indignantly.

'You have contrived to exist in it what seemed to me the most hearts a lilar-tree, by the gate, was just less indifference.

I began to cry. Aunt Penelope rose up with a great rustling of black silk and lilac satin cap ribs site spring beauty.

'I shall certainly accept my friend s'ie, with dignity. Ot course, Amy, that, because it is your home.' you will do as you please. And I am going up stairs now to pack up. Mrs. Outerbridge is anxious for me to come as soon as possible. And, cf course, Amy, you will remember that I shall always be glad to receive you and your family as my guests, at Outerbridge Cottage.

I looked imploringly at Jerome. 'May we go, dear? I am so hearts lungry for apple-blossoms, and gree i grass, and butter-cups!' pleaded 1. 'Of course, if you wish it.'

'And will you come too?' But Jerome shook his head.

'My evenings for the present. must be spent in town,' said he. 'I have some extra work to do for Uncle Joseph, which won't bear postponing If you go Amy, you must go alone.'

Annt Pen was loud in her denuncition of husbands in general, and of mine in particular, when I came up to her room.

'I could have told you h ow it would be before you were married to him,' said Aunt Pen, shaking her head; but.---'

'You shall not talk so, Aunt Pen,' flashed I. 'I dare say Jerome is right;

only-only--' And then I vindicated my cause right royally by bursting into a new

flood of tears. Aunt Penelope went away the next day, and lonesome enough it seemed. It was a blowy April morning, with the blue sky, dappled with clouds. Oh, how sick I was of the flat pavements and brick walls and all the items that go to make up a city! Baby was more fretful than usual, and I easily persuaded myself that he was pining.

·Oh Jerome!' cried I passionately, when at last my husband came home with a tired look, and a roll of papers under his arm; 'have we always got to live so?"

'Live how, my darling?'

·Cooped up like rats in a trap, away from all the beautiful sights and sounds of the world! shit up In a mere lodging house! Can't we live in a house that has at least a little flower berder in its rear?'

'I hope we can afford to some time, my dear,' said Jerome gravely. And then he drew out his inkstand

The April days beamed on, bright skies, soft winds, and kaleidos scopic glimpses of sun showers: and I became almost heart-sick for the

'If Jerome cared for me like he u sed to care,' I told myself, with feverish impatience. 'he would make an effort a yhow to find a home where I could be happier than in this human hive, where a few pot-plants in the window are all to remind me of the green world outside.

Stung by these reflections, and still further incited by a letter from Aunt Penelope, full of discriptions of lambs, daises and little streamlets I one day packed up my valise. 'Hallo!' said Jerome when he cam

home, 'where are you going?' 'To Aunt Penelope for a weeks visit I need it and so does Bertie.'

'And leave me?'

I looked keenly at Jerome. He too, was paler and thiner than his usual wont, Nights of work and days of counting-house toil were beginning to tell on him.

'No no!' I cried throwing my arms dearest. Not if I never see the country again.

'That's my own brave little girl!' said Jerome, stroking back my hair with a loving touch. 'Wait a week deary, and I'll take you myself for

a little trip.'

So I waited. The day-week came, to my infinite delight. I dressed baby in a long 'I don't see but that baby is doing white freek with blue ribbon sash and shoulder knots, and put on my do not approve of your plans, Amy. dainty little spring has trimmed with fortable open carriage Jerome, Bertie and I-until we came to the prettiest bird's nest of a cottage in the world, in a flat, without as much of a back just a little distance out of the town yard as one could bleach a table cloth where vines garlanded the porch, and a little lawn extended down to a crystal-clear brook. Tulips and for two years,' said Jerome, with daffodils made the borders gay, and bursting into bloom.

'I should like a home like this,' said Lgazing abstractedly out at its exquis

'Should you?' said Jercme laughing, as he drew up the horses in Mrs. Outerbridge's kind offer,' said front of the gate. 'I'm glad to hear 'My-home!'

> 'Yes, little patient, homesick wife, haven't forgotton your likings and longings all the time. Your home!' But-is it paid for?'

'Yes every shilling. Uncle Joseph has helped me, and that night work was well paid. A good garden, Amy and a nice place to keep towls! So you like it ch!'

My face answered bim.

We moved out the following week, and kept our May day among me flowers and birds. And little Bertie grows like a weed in the sweet scents and greening grass, and Aunt Penelope has taken back all she said about Jerome, and has all sorts of trouble with the Outerbridge servants; and I am the happiest little wife in all the world.

"СИВВК."

[From the Louisville Commercial.]

Cheek! Why, that's no name for t. He was an itinerant vender of amp-burners, this one, and he generally gained his end wherever he was permitted to enter a house. Yesterday, while traveling about the city, he wandered into a house in the southern part of town, where sorrow evidently reigned. The lamp man, finding the door open, walked right in, and there found a poor woman in meals; drink cold water rather than tears, with a friend or two trying to console her for the loss of her husband, who lay dead in the same

"Can I sell you my new patent lamp-burner, ma'am?" said the

"No, sir," replied the woman, beween her sobs, "I don't wish anything of the kind."

"Please let me explain its beauties. ma'am," said he, "and I'm sure you'll take one. You see this"____

" But I don't want it, sir." she said. "I wish you would. Don't you see my poor dear husband lying here? Leave ma with my sorrow."

"Oh! yes'm, and I sympathize deeply with you ma'am. Excuse me-I can't keep back these tears. Oh! opened his roll of figures and went | ma'am, If you only knew what a great consolation these patent lampburners of mine are on such occasions as these you would not be without one a single minute. Why, ma'am, put one of these in his hand and it would light him through all the darkness he has to pass through with out any trouble; and when you come to die, he could hold the lamp for swallows. you when you go to ascend the golden stairs."

And that precious scoundrel kept on in that strain until he had sold half-a-dozen to every female in the room. Cheek! Oh! no.

The happiness of your life depends

HANGED FOR DUELING.

I know but one instance, says a correspondent, of a man having been hung for killing another in a duel. In 1830 two young feliows living at Belleville, St. Clair County, Ill., around him; 'I won't leave you had a personal quarrel. It seemed to be impossible to reconcile them, and their friends determined to get up some sham duel between them, hoping that the ridiculous issue of the affair would bring them to their senses. One of them, Alphonso Stewart challenged the other, William Bennett, to meet him with rifles. Bennett accepted the challenge, and the parties met new the village. It is said that Stewart was in the secret, and that Bennett was not, but believed it to be a reality. In any event, after the guns had been handed to the principals, and they turned to take their positions, Bennett who claimed that he suspected some sort of trickery, rolled a ballet into his gun. The seconds, hardly able to keep their faces straight, concluded the arrangements, and at last gave the word. The rifles exploded almost simultaneously, Bennett of course, remaining untouched. Stewart fell to the gound mortally wounded, and expired shortly afterwards in great agony. Bennett was at once arrested and put upon trial, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. His friends made the most strenuous efforts to have him

partoned, Failing in this, they tried to have the sentence commuted. But the Governor remained firm against all entreaty. On the day appointed for his execution Bennett was hanged in the presence of an enormous crowd. This was the first of Illinois. The hanging of Bennett put a stigma upon the practice, and it has been looked upon with abhorrence ever since.

Favors .- If you want to be happy never ask a favor. Give as many as you can, and if any are freely offered. it is not necessary to bee too proud to take them; but never ask for or stand waiting for any. Who ever asked a favor at the right time? To be refused is a wonful stab to one's pride. It is even worse to have a favor granted hesitatingly. We suppose that out of a hundred who petition for the least thing—if it be even an hour of time— ninety nine wish, with burning cheeks and aching hearts, that they had not done so. Don't favors of your near-est friends. Do everything for yourself, until you drop, and then if anyone picks you up, let it be because of his fies choice, not from any groan you utter. But while you can stand. be a soldier. Eat your own crust, rather than feast on another's dainty feast on another's wine. The world is full of people asking favors, and people tired of granting them. Love er tenderness should never be put aside, when its full hands are stretched towards you; but so few love, so few are tender, that a favor asked is apt to be a cruel millstone around your neck, even if you gain the thing you want by the asking. As you cast your bread on the water, and it returns, so will the favor you ask, if unwillingly granted, come back you when you least expect or desire. Fayors conceded on solicitation are never repaid. They are more costly in the end than an overdue usurer's

In England a horseshoe has been adopted made of three thicknesses of cowhide compressed into a steel mold and then subjected to a chemical preparation. It is claimed to last onger, and weighs only one-fourth as much as the common iron shoe; will never cause the hoof to slit, nor have the least injurious influence on the foot. It requires no calks; even on asphalt the hose never slips.

The winter of 1829-30 surpassed the present one in mildness. Farmers plowed every month in the season, and no snow fell until Feb. 2. It was followed, however, by a cold, back-ward spring, with a snow storm in May which killed the returning

"What's the difference," asked the teacher in arithmatic, between one yard and two yards?" "A fence," said Tommy Beales. Then Tommy sat on the ruler fourteen times.

Brigham Young's twenty-five widows and forty-five children are dissatisfied with the distribution of npon the quality of your thoughts; dissatisfied with the distribution of therefore guard accordingly and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable the discussion on hell into the

Gleanings.

The man who smokes five cent cigars and puts ten cents in the con-tribution box died long ago,

Women are not born politicians, and they can pack a trunk better than they could a convention.

Capt. Borton isbout to swim from Toledo to Lisbon, a distance of 700 miles; then he will try to cross the Straight of Gibralta.

The new salary list made by the Mississippi Legislature gives the Governor \$4,000 a year, and the Secretary of State \$2,000.

The reason the "oldest inhabitant" doesn't remember such a remarkable winter as the present, is now explains ed. He died last spring. - Norristown

The man who has written anything for the editor and didn't "scratch it off in a hurry," will please call at this office and hear of something to his advantage. - Oil City Derrick.

Mrs. Phillips of Hopkins Ky., went out to shoot her husband from whom she had parted, and who was throwing stones at her house. By a mistaken aim she killed her brother.

The Sherriff of Knoxville, Tenn., summons white juries and black juries, but never mixed juries. The colored people of the city insist that the law commands the latter.

Since the war, citizens of Georgia have sent out of the State \$1,252,000 for the education of their children. This fact is used as an argument in favor of the establishment of a college of the highest class within the State.

Clara Louis Kellogg said to a St. Louis Globe reporter: "You may say, if you please, that there never will be any truth in any roported engagement of Miss Kellogg to marry anybody. I am ia love with myself, and I do not think I shall ever get married."

them all. She now furnishes a case where a man eloped with a whole family except the old man, who had a lame back, and couldn't get to the depot in time."

"I want five cents' worth of starch," said a little girl to a grocer's clerk. The clerk asked: "What do you want five cents' worth of starch for?" "Why, for five cents, of course," she answered, and the clerk concluded to attend to his own busis

Half the fools in the United States think they can beat the doctors at curing the sick; two thirds of them are sure they can beat the minister know they can beat all creation

running a newspaper. UNDERHAND DEALINGS .- There are many people who pride themselves upon their morality and high sense of honor, who scout with horror the idea that they could condescend to tell a lie, or commit a dishonorable action, but who are yet skirmishing all along the line of upright dealings, without coming fairly and squarely

up to it. A man was taking aim at a hawk that was perched on a tree near his chicken-coop, when his little daughter exclaimed. "Don't take aim, pa; let it go off by accident!" "Why so?" asked the father. "Cause overy gun that goes off by accident always hits

Paris is to have an extensive underground railway system, with four principal lines, all meeting below the garden of the Paris Royal, where in immense depot will be erected. Twenty-one millions dollars are to be furnished for the work by the general Government, the department of the Seine, and the city of Paris.

THINK FOR YOURSELF .- Never be too opinionated to accept good advice, by whorsoever offered. Yet you must think for yourself. It is well to listen to the expressed thoughts of others, and it is an agreeable pastime to give expression to your ewn thoughts; but when alone weigh what you have said.

A few days ago a lawyer of San Antonio filed a petition in the Dis-trict Court, in which the plaintiff is an old Mexican woman. The District Clerk, as is usual, wanted security for costs. Said the lawyer: curity for costs. Said the lawyer:

"She is not required to give a cost bond. She is a pauper, and will make an affidavit to that effect." "Why, she uses to own real estate, "observed the clerk. "I know she has got nothing now," retorted the lawyer. "Have you collected your fee in advance?" "You bet I did." "It's all right, then. I am satisfied the all right, then. I am satisfied she pauper, row," sighed the clerk.