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Poetry.

"LITTLE JIM?

The cottage was a thatched one, the outside old and meart,

Yet everything within that cot was wondr neat and clean:

The night was dark and stormy, the wind was howling wild A patient mother watched beside the death-bed

of her child-A little wernout greature—his once bright eye

grown din It was the colliers wife and child-they called him 'Little Jim.

And ah! to see the briny tears fast hurrying down her cheek. As she offered up a prayer in thought—she

afraid to speak. Lest she might 'waken one she loved far better than her life,

For she had all a mother's heart, had that poo collier's wife, With hands uplifted, see! she kneels beside the sufferer's bed,

And prays that He will spare her boy and take herself instead. She gets an answer from the child—soft fall

Mother, the angels do so smile and becker 'Little Jim,

have no pain, dear mother now, but oh! I so drymoisten poor Jim's lips again, and mother don't you cry." With gentle, trembling haste she held a tea

He smiled to thank her as he took three tiny sips-

Tell father when he comes home from said good night to him; And mother, now I'll go to sleep." Alas poo

She saw that he was dying—that the child loved so dear Had uttered the last words that she might ever

The cottage door is opened, the colliers step heard—:
The father and the mother meet, but neithe

speak a word-He felt that all was over—he knew his child was deau; He took the candle in his hand and walked

toward the bed; His quivering lips gave token of the grief he'd fain conceal

And see! his wife has joined-the strickened With hearts bowed down with sadness, they humbly ask of Him,

In heaven once more to meet again their own poor 'Little Jim.'

THE PEDDLERS STORY.

A cold winter's night, several years ince, found a stage load of passengers gathered together around a warm fire of a tavern bar-room in a New England village. Shortly after we arrived, a peddler drove up and ordered that his horse should be stabled for the night.

After we had eaten supper. we repaired to the bar-room, where the conversation flowed freely. Several anecdotes had been related, and finally the peddler was asked to give us a story, as men of his profession were generally full of adventures and anecdotes. He was a short thick-set man' somewhere acout 40 years Dover, New Hampshire.

"Well, gentlemen," he commenced, knocking the ashes from his pipe, and putting it in his pocket, "suppose I tell you about the last thing of any consequence that happened to me? You see I am now right from the West, and on my way home for winter quarters. It was during the early part of last spring, one pleasant evening, that I pulled up at the door of a small village tavern in Hancock county, Indiana. I said it was pleasant-I meant warm. I went in and called for supper and had my horse taken care of. After I had eaten I sat down in the bar room. It began to rain about 8 o'clock, and it was very dark out doors. Now I wanted to be in Jackson the next morning, for I expected a load of goods there for me which I intended to dispose of on my way home.

"The moon would rise about midnight and I knew if it did not rain I could get along through the mud very well after that. So I asked the landlord if he would see that my horse was fed about midnight, as I wished to be off about 2. He expressed some surprise at this, and asked me why I did not stop for breakfast. I told him that I had sold my last load out, and that a new lot of goods was waiting for me at Jackson, and I wanted to be there before the express agent left

in the morning. "There were a number of persons sitting round while I told this, but I took little notice of them; only one arrested my attention. I had seen that week notices tor the detection of a notorious robber. The bills gave a description of his person, and the man before me answered very well to it. He was a tall, well-formed man, rather slight in frame, and had the appearance of a gentleman, save that his tage bore those hard cruel marks

disposition.

"When I went to my chamber I asked the landlord who that man was, describing the individual. He had come that day. The host asked me why I wished to know, and I simply told him that the man's countenance was familiar. and 1 merely wished to know if I ever was acquanted with him.

"I was resolved not to let the landlord in the secret, but to give intormation to the sheriff, and perhaps he might reach the iun betore the villian left, for I had no doubts with regard to his identi-

"I had an alarm watch, and having set t to give the alarm at 1 o'clock, I went to sleep. I was aroused at the proper time, and immediately arose and dressed myself. When I reached the yard I found the clouds all passed away, and the moon was shining brightly. The hostler was easily aroused, and by 2 o'clock I was on the road. The mud was deep, and my horse, could not travel very fast. How ever, on we went, and in the course of half an hour I was clear of the yillage. At a short distance ahead lay a large tract of forest, mostly of great pine. The road lay directly through the wood, and, as near as I can remember, the distance was twelve miles. Yet the moon was in the East and the road ran nearly West,

so I thought I should get light enough. "I had entered the wood and gone about half a mile when my wagon wheels settled with a jump and a jerk into a deep hole. I attered an exclamation of astonshment, but that was not all. I heard antoher exclamation from some source. What could it be? Hooked quietly around but could see nothing, yet I knew the sound that I heard was very close to me. As the hind wheels came up I felt something besides the jerk from the hole. I heard something tumble from one side to the other of my wagon, and I could also feel the jar occasioned by the movement. It was simply a man in my cart! I knew this on the instant. Of course I felt puzzled. At first I imagined that somebody had taken this method of obtaining a ride. My next idea was that somebody had got in to sleep there; but this passed away as soon as it came, for no man would have broken my cart for that purpose. And that thought, genglemen, opened my eyes. Whoever was there had broken in. My next thought was of the suspicious individual I had seen at that tavern. He heard me say that my load was all sold out, and of course he supposed I had money with me. . In this he was right, for I had over two thous and dollars, I thought be meant to leave the cart when he supposed I bad reached a safe place, and then creep over and shoot me or knock me down. All this

passed through my mind by the time 1 had got a rod from the hole.

"In a few moments my horse was knee deep in the mud, and I knew I could slip of age, and gave evidence of great physi-cal strength. He gave his name as Lem-uel Vinney, and said his home was in whipstock, carefully slipped down in the mud, and as the cart passed on I went behind and examined the hasp. The door of the cart lets down and is fastened by a hasp, which slips over the stuple and is then secured by a padlock. The padlock was gone, and the hasp was secured in its own place by a bit of pine, so that a slight force from within mak it. My wheel wrench stood in a er pocket on the side of the cart and I quickly took it cut and slipped it

into the staple, the iron handle just slids ing down.
"Now I had him. My cart was almost new, made of a stont frame of white oak, and made on purpose for hard use. did not believe any ordinary mortal could break out. I got on to my cart as any ordinary mortal noiselessly as I got off, and then urged my horse on, still keeping my pistol handy. I knew I should come to a hard road, and so I allowed my horse to pick

his own way through the mud. "About ten minutes after this I heard motion in the cart, followed by a grinding noise, as though some heavy force was being applied to the door. I said nothing, but the idea struck me that the villain might judget where I sat, and shoot up through the top of the cart at me; so I sat down on the foot board.

"Of course I knew my unexpected passenger was a villain, for he must have

been awake ever since I started, and nothing in the world but absolute villiany would have caused him to remain quiet so long, and then start up in this particular place. The thumping and pushing grew louder, and pretty soon I heard a human voice.

"Let me out of this," he yelled pretty lond.

·I lifted my head to make him think was in my usual place, and then asked him what he was doing there.

'Let me out and I will telll you,' he eplied. 'Tell me what you are there for.' 'I got here to sleep on the rags,' he

'How did you get in?' I asked. Let me out or I'll shoot you through

he head.'

'Just at that moment my horse's feet strong enough to hold his own tongue.

'Describe.'

Describe.'

which an observing man cannot mistake struck the hard road, and I knew that for anything but the index of a villianous the rest of the coate to Jackson would be good going, the distance of twelve miles. I slipped back on the foot-board [and took the whip. In fifteen minutes wa cleared the wood and away we went at afternoon and Intended to leave the next a leen jump. The chap inside kept velling to get out.

Finally he stopped, and in a few moments came the report of a pistolone-two-three-tour, one right after the other. I heard the balls whiz over my head, If I had been on my seat, one of these balls if not two would have | got me. I popped up my head again, and gave a yell and then I said:

'O God save me!-I'm a dead man!' 'Then I made a shuffling as though I was falling off, and finally settled down on the foot-board agan. I now nrged up the old mare by giving her an occasional poke with my whip stock, and

she peeled faster than ever. 'The man called out to me twice more pretty soon after this, and as he got no reply he made some tremendous efforts to break the door open, and as this failed him he made several attempts on the top. But I had no fear of his doing anything there, for the top of the failed, the scamp commenced to holler perfectly quiet, holding the reins firmly, and kept poking the beast with the stock We were not an hour going that dozen miles-not a bit of it. I hadn't much fear-perhaps I might tell the truth, and say I had none, for I had a good pisto! and, more than that, my passenger was safe; yet I was glad when I came to the old flour-barrel factory that stands at

stage horses, 'Well, old fellow,' said I as I got down and went to the back of the wagon, 'fou have had a good ride baven't you?

'Who are you?' he cried. and he swore as he asked the question. 'I am the man you tried to shoot,' was

the reply. 'Where am I? Let me out.' 'Look here; we've come to a safe stopping place, and, mind you, my pis-

tol is ready for you the moment you show yourself. Now lie quiet. By this time the two hostlers had come to see what was the matter, and explained the case. After this I got one of them to ran and rout the sheriff, and tell him what I believed I'd got for him him. The first streaks of daylight were So I drew my pistol. for the cart. He told the chap inside who he was, and if he made the least resistance he'd be a dead man. I then slipped the wrench out and as I let the door down the fellow made a spring. 1 caught him by the ankle and he came down on his face, and the moment I saw

> 'After breakfast the sheriff came down to the tavern and told me that I had caught the very bird. and if I would remaine untill the next morning I should have my two hundred dollars which had

the chap I recognized him. He was

marched to the lock up, and I told the

sheriff that I should remain in town all

been offered. I tound my goods all sate, paid the express agent for bringing them from Indianapolis, and then went to work to stow them away in my cart. The bullet holes were found in the top of the vehicle just as I expected. They were in a line about five inches apart, and had I been where I usully sit two of them must have hit me somewhere about the small of the back and passed upward, for they were sent with heavy charges of powder, and his pistols were heavy

'I afterward found a letter in the postoffice at Portsmouth for me, from the slicriff of Hancock county, informing me that the fellow who had tried to kill and rob me was in prison for

"A Blessing" is the name of a rum seller on Sixth avenue, New York.

Mrs. Lockwood, the lady lawyer of washington, called by other lawyers forty Greenback newspapers.—Wash. Judge Lockwood, has a practice worth \$5,000 a year.

THE CONFEDERATES ARCHIVE

Washington Letter to Baltimore Sun.

The Secretary of War will ask of Congress an appropriation for the publicaords. The Secretary of War in July last appointed as the editor and compiler of these records Gen. Marcus Wright of Tennessee. The Secretary considered that it would be best to appoint a Confederate officer for this work, not only because exception could not be taken to the work as being in an unfriendly or partial hand, but because many docu-ments and other memoranda would be furnished which would not be otherwise available. General Wright, since enterms on his duties, has performed a great deal of labor. He has already com pleted, so far as may be, a connected his-tory of the official Confederate operations for the first year of the war. He has had placed at his disposal all the papers of the Southern Historical Society, also the order and the telegraph books of most of the leading Confederate chieftains, Mr. Jefferson Davis has also submitted for the use of General Wright such official papers in his possession as belonged to the executive office of the Confederate States. General Wright hus written to Mr. Judah P. Benjamin at two centuries. That we may always cart is framed with dovetails, and each London, asking him to furnish any documents which he may have as the Conbolts. I had made it so I could carry federate Secretary of State. It is deloads there. By and by, after all else signed to make this publication of the Confederate records as complete as those 'whoa' to the horse, and kept it up until of the United States operations, if the became hourse. All this time I kept material can be obtained, and it is thought there will be no difficulty this. An exceedingly valuable contri-bution to history will thus be obtained. In connection with this subject it will be of public interest to state that the loss of the son of the son of Mr. Davis by yellow fever, and the illness of both Mr. and Mrs. Davis, have caused some delay in the preparation of the personal memoirs of the President of the Souththe end of Jackson and in ten minutes ern Confederacy. It is thought the work more hauled up in front of the tavern will be put to press some time in the where I found a couple of men in the barn engaged in cleaning down some taken in these forthcoming memoirs that arrangements are in progress to print a London edition simultaneously with the New York edition, and it is probable that a French edition will also be printed. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are now at their home, at Beauvois, Mississippi.

BISMARK AS A CHRISTIAN,

On his religious belief he draws aside the veil by most men jealously gnard.

I cannot conceive how a man can live without a belief in a revelation, in a God who orders all things for the best, in a Supreme Judge from whom there is no appeal, and in a future life. If I were not a Christian I should not remain at my post for a single hour. If I did not rely on God Almighty, I should not rely on God Almighty not rely on God Almigh Chancellor's office. Why should I go on working indefatigably, incurring trouble and annoyance, unless convinced that God has ordained me to fulfill these duties? If I were not persuaded that this German nation of ours, in the devinely appointed order of things, is destroyed to be something great and good.

"The work have been friends, and their salutations were cordial and singere. This over, Mr. White turned to a gentleman near by and said:

"This is my triend, Mr. Moore; he was always a Whig and I was a Democrat, but for all that we have been the best of friends."

"Yes," said. Mr. Moore as he entered the Yarborough House fo call on an acquaintance. The two had long been friends, and their salutations were cordial and singere. This over, Mr. White turned to a gentleman near by and said:

"This is my triend, Mr. Moore; he was always a Whig and I was a Democrat, but for all that we have been the best of friends." Chancellor's office. Why should I go vinely appointed order of things, is destined to be something great and good, I should throw up the diplomatic profession this very moment. Orders and titles have to me no attraction. The firmness I have shown in combating all manuer of absudities for ten years

They never met again, though Mr. White the longer I live the more I am convinced that you were right and I was wrong."

Another warm grasp of the hands ensued, and deep emotion was seen in every lineament of their honest and aged faces. They never met again, though Mr. White the perfect type of a ferrid past is solely derived from faith. Take still survives, the perfect type of a fervid, frank and genial Irishman, as he is.—

The Observer. triotism. But for my strict and literal belief in the truths of Christianity, but

The cold, chilling winds of Decen

prefer a rural life to any other. Rob

me of the faith that unites me to God,

and I retarn to Varzin to devote myself

industriously to the production of rye

Ypsilanti, Mich., is one of the few There is many a man strong enough to the immortal American towns that can't

A QUEER RELIC.-Maj. W. H. Bag ley showed us yester lay a very interest ing relic belonging to the Worth family. It is a photograph of a leaf taken from an old family Bible. In a queer old 17th century hand writing the name Tho. Worth, Then this evidence of ownership comes.

"Tho. Worth is the owner of this books in the 1681." Nativity of Tho. Worth, Anno Domini, 1649. Left England ye 21st day of ye 2nd month, 1682, landed in Pennsylvania in ye begining of ye 6th month of ye same

John Worth was born the 9th day of the 6th month in the year 1686. Thomas Worth was born 4th day of

ye 1st month in ye year 1688. Sarah Worth was born on ye 28th day of ye 7th month, 1691.

Tho. Worth, is my name. And with my pen I wrote the same.

This is a queer old document and is worth preserving. The names John Worth and Thomas Worth we bave amongst us now and have had for nearly Lave them is a wish that the State will respond to. . The name and honor of the Worths are a credit to our State. - The Observer. A Configuration

FEDERAL AND STATE COLLISION.

[Special to the New York Herald 4th.] [Special to the New York Herald 4th.]

Washington, Dec. 3.—A singular case of collision between Federal and State authorities is likely to be reported to the present Congress, being now under investigation by the Governor of Virginia, in order that the facts may be presented to the President. Some time ago two negroes were indicted and tried in Patrick county, Va., for a scrions crime. One was sentenced to eighteen years in State prison, the other for a shorter period. They appealed to the Federal Circuit Court, with the plea that on mentical before the State Court, they asked for a mixed fury, composed partly of colored and partly of white men, and that this had been refused, and on the ground that the jury had been regularly drawn, and the law recognized no difference of race. Judge Rives, of the United States Circuit Court, entertained their appeal and set the u both free and they are now at large. When all these facts in the case are collected by the Attorney General of Virginia, the Governor will present the case to the President, in order to have the question determined properly whether it is in the power of a Federal Judge thus to interrupt the course of justice, and conviced criminials at liberty upon his own motion, and the case may be broght before Congress for its action. Washington, Dec. 3 .- A singular case

A REMINISCENCE.-A triend relates to

inst coming up, and in half an, hour it not put my trust in princes. I have would be broad daylight. I told him the affair in a few words and then made genteel and distinguished without the Senate, visited Raleigh and accidentally

Everybody is willing to say his prayers for my acceptance of the miraculous ground-work of religion, you would not have lived to see the sort of Chancellor I am. Find me a successor as firm a prayed and said, "O Lord, I haven't asted anything of you for a five and said, "O Lord, I haven't believer as myself and I will resign at once. But I live in a generation of pagans, I have no desire to make prosepowder, and his pistols were heavy ones.

On the next morning the sheriff called upon me and paid me two hundered dollars in gold, for he had made himself sure that he had got the right it is a remnant of religious belief unconstant of the sheriff are dollars in gold, for he had made himself sure that he had got the right it is a remnant of religious belief unconstant of the sheriff are the had got the right in the sheriff are the had got the right in the sheriff are the sheriff and the sheriff are the sh sciously clinging to our people from the the morning, because any bright boy days of their sires. For my own part, I can take care of himself in the days

> An actor was once announced for a benefit at the Queen's theatre, Dublin Some evenings previous he essayed Richard III., and after repeating the lines, "Richard is himself again," he deliberatel advanced to the footlights and liberatel advanced to the lootings and added, "and allow me to remark, that any man who would strike a woman, except in the way of kindness, is unworthy the name of an Irishman. My benefits takes place Friday evening, when I will be happy to see an all." It took immensely, and he had a rousing b nefit.