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## Boetry.

#### Pegging Away.

There was an all sloe naker sturdy as steel, There was an all stoe naker sturdy as steel,
Of great weath and repute in his day.
Who, if questioned his secrets of luck to reveal,
Would chirp like a bird on a spray;
'It isn't so much the vocation you're in,
Or liking for it," he would say;
'As it is forever, through thick and thin,
You would keep a pegging away."

I have found a maxim of value whose truth
Observation has proved in the main,
And which might well be vannted a watch word
by youth;
In the labor of hand and of brain,
For if genius and talent are cast.
Lito work of strongest display.
You can never be sure of achievement at last
Unless you keep pegging away.

There are shopmen who might into statesme have grown.
Politicians for handiwork made;
Some poets who better in shops had shown,
And mechanics best suited for trade;
But when once in the harness, however it fits,
Buckle down to your work night and day,
Secure of the triumph of hand and of wit
If you only keep pegging away.

There are times in all tasks when the fiend dis content,
Advises a pause or a change,
And, on field far away and i-relevant bent,
The purpose is tempted to range;
Never heed but in sound recreation restore
Such traits as are slow to obey;
And then, more persistent and staunch than before,

Keep pegging and pegging away. Have fitful endeavois for such as would cast.
Their spendthrift existence in vain,
For the secret of wealth, in the present and

past,
And of fame, and of honor, is plain;
It lies not in change, nor in sentiment nice
Nor in wayward exploit and display
But just in the shoemaker's honest advice
To keep pegging and pegging away.

#### THE JILT.

In the pleasant village of Acton, situated near the city, on the Somersetshire side of the Avon, two years since and for aught we know resides there still, an elderly gentlemen whose household affairs were superintended by a perfect paragon of a niece—a lovely and accom-plished young lady, just emerging from her teens, and graced with that most appreclated of all charms in this unromantic age, the possession of a small fortune. On her arriving at the age of twentyone she was entitled to the sum of £1,000. Need it be said that, with these attractions, numerous were were the enamored swains sighing at the feet of the fair Celia who turned a deaf ear to their solicitations, and restricted her affections to a pet kitten and a 'love of a spaniel,' till at length a stalwart knight, sturdy and bold entered the lists, and soon distanced all competitors for the hand of our beroine and her £1,000.

Matters progressed tavorably, and, after a time, the fair Celia began to consider the eyes of her knight better worth looking into and his countenace more attractive than that of her juyenile grimalkin, and even the pet, Flera was neglected. Numerous were their walks. Down in the yale where the sweet waters gliding, In murmuring streams ripple through the dark

And sundry were the ejaculations of the knight-'How beautiful!' though whether they were applied to scenery or his companion must still remain an open question. Some six months elapsed, and our scene now opens in the loveliest month of the year-warm, glowing, sunny June. It was the eve of the 1st of June, and the knight and the 'fair ladye' were taking their accustomed walk. The moonlight lay bright upon the river, and the water trembled beneath it like timid lips beneath the first kiss.

A nightingale began to sing in the valley, which had derived its name from the inimitable songster, and another answered it from an adjacent grove, It was a night in which one not only loves. but is beloyed, in which one not only longs for blessedness, but will be blessed The knight drew the 'ladye' closer to his side, and more compressed was the pressure on her delicately rounded arm as he poured his vows of affection and unalterable love into her willing ear. His advances were not discovered, tor the happy pair returned to uncle, who doubtless said, in the language of old stage comedy gentlemen, 'Take her, you dog, take her, though you don't deserve her.

the breast of the lady far deeper than that she felt for her former lover! But, alas! the flame was not mutual.

Whether Mr. Da was aware of the engagement subsisting between Miss Celia and her knight, or whether his affections were of a platonic rather than ardeat caste, is uncertain; but, nevertheless, when his leave of absence expired, he took leave of the damsel with all conceivable coolness and unconcern, and descrited the charming Cella for calicoes and counter-jumping. Poor girl! the shock to her susceptible affections was insupportable. She pined and withered, walked about the house with an absent, distracted, melancholy air, took to singing doleful ditties, commencing with 'Sweet Blighted Lily,' and, in short, was fast becoming a prey to 'a lean and yellow melancholy.'

In vain the assiduous knight, who little suspected the cause of the fair one's misery, redoubled his attentions. In vain he entreated her to put a termination to his doubts and fears, and crown planted in the faithful heart by her dear. her darling Mr. D—; and finally, when she became of age, she quietly sent a letter to the young gentleman at Manchester, avowing her predilection for him, and offering herself for his acceptance, 'for better or for worse,' as the case might be. As soon as the Manchester man received the letter he at once cut the calico trade, and came as fast as the wings of love and an express train could bring him to threw himself at the lady's feet. Fortune was favor-

The uncle and guardian of the lady were temporarily absent, and (we blush to says it) the faithless Celia and her linen draper lover were united in the indissoluble bonds of holy matrimony. Swiftly passed the hours and they awaked from their 'dream of young love. The Manchester man explained to his sorrowing lady that circumstances compelled him to return to that city, and that it would be highly inconvenient for him to take her with him just then. Wiping away her tears with his snowy cambric handkerchief (a choice sample of a recent consignment,) he besought her for a short time to keep their marriage secret; and assuring her of fidelity to their pledged vows, said he should shortly return and claim her as his bride. They parted. Mr. D -- returned to his business; the deceived knight was still constant in his visits, and thus ends the second chapter of this eventful history.

Two days only had passed since the departure of Mr. D- ---, but in that uncle was informed of his spoken of, musing on her absent hussay to present her lover (for her knight accompanied her in her walk,) he was preparing to hurl anathemas on her head on her return. The sun had sunk below the horizon, and the moon was shining on the top of the trees, when the pair bent their steps homeward.

The hour, the scene, all concurred in reminding the knight of the day when his lady love first, blushing, owned she loved him, and again he passionately eutreated her to name 'the day, the eventful day,' which should turn gloom into gladness, and make his heart leap with htlarious joy. Instead of informing him of what had taken place, she owned his passion was returned, and he accompanied her to her residence, elate with hope at the imagined prospect of his des

Time rolled on; four times had the Celis, he rushed from the house. Sleep seasons changed, but no change had was out of question, and, like Adam, taken place in the relative positions of he still lingered around his lost paradise.

per created, unwittingly, an interest in evening before, looking a perfect picture of woe begone wretchedness. Who shall fathom the heart of woman !-- her partility for him revived, she longed to console the wretched wanderer, and to his frantic entreaty she replied, in accents caught in the arms of her faithful knight, who, with many a fond, endearing ex-

> bosom, recalled her to life. What shall we do?' marmured the unhappy girl. 'Cut and run,' suggested her lover, though not, perhaps, in these very torcible words, Something indeed, he said about flying with him in a state of felicity, declaring she could not think of doing such a thing, and, flually, whispering, 'I'll never consent'-con

They fled, carrying with them the £1,000 sterling, and the disconsolate husband does not know where to find either the fugitive lovers or the winged riches.

Moreover, the claudestively contracted
alliance being displeasing to the lady's triend, will not assist her liega lord, and master in discovering her whereabouts?

People who live near the great there

oughfares, where they have access to

dailies and a halt dozen weeklies, do not fally appreciate the value of a newspaner. They come, indeed, to look upon them as necessities, and they would as their morning mail. But one must be far off in the country, remote must be far off in the country, remote from "the maddening crowd?" to realize the full luxury of a pewspaper. The farmer who receives but one paper a week does not glance over its col umus hurriedly with an air of impatience, as does your merchant or lawyer. He begins with the beginning and reads to the close, not permitting a news item or an advertisement to escape his eya. Then it has to be thumbed by every member of the family, each one looking for things in which he or she is most interested. The grown up daughter looks for the marria; e notices, and is delight ed if the editor has treated them to a love story. The son who is about to engage in farming, with an enthusiasm that will carry him far in advance of his father, reads all the crop reports and has a keen eye for hints for improved modes of culture. The younger members of the family come in for the amusing anecdotes and scraps of fun. All look forward to the day that shall bring the paper with the liveliest interest, and if by some unlucky chance it fails to come it is brief interval the train had been laid to a bitter disappointment. One can hardthe mine which was to explode under ly estimate the amount of information the feet of the unsuspecting Celia, The which a paper that is not only read but studied can carry into a family. They secret marriage, and while she was have week by week, spread before their walking 14 the valley we have before mental vision a panorama of the busy world, its fluctuations and concerns. It band, and meditating what she should is the poor man's library and furnishes as much mental food as he has time to consume and digest. No one who has observed how much those who are far away from the places where men most congregate value their weekly paper can fail to join in invoking a blessing on the inventor of this means of intellectual en-

#### The N. C. Colored Crator. HE ASTONISHES THE LONDONERS.

The sensation of the day's session was the speech of a delegate of the African Methodist Zion Church, the Rev. J. C. Price from North Carolina. He is a very black man but has a decidedly intellecs tual face. His utterance was rapid, but sire being gratified by the bestewal of her hand and fortune. Judge of his astonishment, however, when, on arriveing at the door, an out-burst of fury on the part of the uncle too soon revealed to was evidently improment, but complete.

Cause I wanted to. "Wal, why don't you let me in?"

Because I don't want to. "Because I don't want to. All right, old gal; I'll shell out for home and leave you to pay the hotel hill. I never seed the woman that could the part of the uncle too soon revealed to was evidently improment, but complete. the part of the uncle too soon revealed to him the terrible truth.

The revulsion or feeling was too great.

He was distracted; he tore his hair; and; and with a wild gaze on the transfixed Celis, he rushed from the house. Sleep to hold his team in hand, skillful driver early. as he was. The speaker was rung down in the midst of a sentence and promplly Celia and her knight. They were still Meantime our heroine had to endure the yielded, when Rev. Dr. Marshall, of the Celia and her knight. They were still affianced, but alas, for the fickleness of woman, such was not long to continue the case. A Mr. D—, who in early life had exchanged the quiet and roman to assert turned to Acton for the purpose of visans. No feels than other but fields heroine. Verily, if Gupid of the dard, he has much to answer the dard, he has much to answer the case. She had not taken many steps when to her world guardian who never proceeded to personal violence; and in the case. A Mr. D—, who in early life had exchanged the quiet and roman in the dead of night she packed up her worldly goods, not forgetting the £1,000 determined on the first blush of morn to busy, bustling scenes of Manchester, restricted as the carried her determination into effect, and 'at early dawn' left the bouse and proceeded on her road to Bristol. She had not taken many steps when to her while before he answered, when the sippi, resc, and in a happy imprompting the case. A fire in the dead of night in the dead of ni shot the dart, he has much to answer surprise, she met the disconsolate knight transaction evidently so entirely in Ab, yes, I understand; I am your for; but certain it is that the linen-dra- who had so hurriedly 'cut his stick' the promptu was greeted with applause. for; but certain it is that the linen-dra- who had so hurriedly 'cut his stick' the promptu was greeted with applause.

There is nothing in this world that ensures success so completely as does perfect independence. People who are always waiting for help may wait a long sweet. 'My own dear knight, I am tance, a little recommendation, a little atraid Uhave been a little fool. Can you iffuence, is not to be bad for asking, forgive your poor, unhappy, wretched but there is always something one can Celia? Her overburdened, heart could do for himself, Doft, whatever it is, say no more; she swooned, and was and do it with it will. One thing leads

to another.

It you are a girl, don't sit still and hope a rich man will marry you, while your old father toils for your daily lread. pression and sundry pressings to his Learn how to help yourself, and take care of yourself as much as possible. Rather be one who does things for others than one who must have things

done for you or suffer.

Two hands, two feet, sight and strength—these ought to enable you to dispense with help while you are young and healthy.

I like men who can defy adverse circumstances, and could earn a living in any quarter of the world in which they were dropped down; who can roll up their eleves and set to work at almost anything that offers, who can even sew on their own buttons and make them selves a cup of tsa when deprived of the help of womankind.

when withe girl's goes off in a baff; wlo could preside at the White House or The Newspaper in a Farm House, sorms the kitchen floor, if either unpleasant effort were necessary; who are not afraid to travel a few miles alone, and who can split kindling wood and oncork a bottle with the scissors, if noth-

fondest and triest, I think; and as for a man, never trust him in any capacity it he has not within him the true spirit of independence, without which neither attength nor sweetness may be hoped

In the battle of life there is but one way to snowed; fight it out yourself Give the helping hand when you may Take it if in some strait it as offere freely; but never ask fer it; be inde-pendent as far as man may be, if you would honor yourself, or he honored by others, or be happy.

### An Obstinate Bride.

SHE REPUSES TO ALLOW HER HUSBAND TO ENTER THE ROOM, 1 and 1 and

Little Rock Daily Arkansas.

The other night a young man from The other night a young man from northern Arkansas and a young lady from the southern part of the State, met at a hotel in this city and were married. After the estemony the young man went outstand sat is front of the hotel while the wife went up to the room assigned as the bridal chamber.

'This thing of getting married is a lifetime business,' he said, addressing a man who had just been divorced from his wife. 'Treckon you have found it

his wife. Areckon you have found it so,' he added, turning to a single man, 'Wal, I reckon I'll go up. Dinged if I don't sorter hate to go up thar, too. But I never was afeere of a man, and I don't see why I should be afeered of

He went up and rapped at the door. 'Who's there?' demanded the girl. 'It's me.'
'Who's me?'

'Don't you recognize my talk, hon-

'it's your own wide awake and living husband. Let me in.'
'Go away from that door; you shan't come in here. I ain't got acquainted with you yet.'
'Say, let me in. Them tellers down the stairs in lanching.

Say, let me in. Them fellers down stairs air laughing at me. Open the door, fur I am sleepy, and he yawned like a man waiting for a night train. "Thought you said that you were wide

'I was a while ago, but I'm powerful sleepy now. Say, ain't you going to open this door? 'No, I ain't.'

'Wby did you marry me?' "Cause I wanted to."

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