

Francisico papers are all full of interesting extracts from it. The history of the poet's carly career is fully as strange and even as romantic as could have been anticipated, and the fair lectuer will no doubt make her undertaking pay.

Mrs. Miller commenced her lecture by saying that she did not come before her audience as a wronged or deserted wife ; she did not come to complain.

She then touches upon his early boybood, of his childish admiration for a Mexican bandit named Joaquin Murietts, which caused him to call himself Joaquin, and tells of her own girlhood days, of Cape Blanco, the gloomy place where she lived, and the circumstance which led to her first meeting with Miller.

HER FIRST ACQUAINTANCE WITH MILLER

"Living, then, in this doleful place and isolated from the companionship of young women--there was not another young girl within three miles of Cape Blanco-I became gushingly sensational., To brighten the romance of the ideal world which I had formed, I chanced to find a copy of Lord Byron's poetry in one of the miner's cabins, and through the wintry weather I pored over the book. I read all the beautiful and naughty things ever written by the great bard. About this time I wrote the fatal lines which drew Joaquin Miller to my side. A schooner was wrecked off Cape Arago, and I deemed that a fit subject for my patheic verse. Oregon editors were not then the critical literary men that they are now, and the lines were printed. Jonquin, or Cincinnatus Mil ler was then running an express at Salmon river, in opposition to Wells, Fargo & Co. Looking over the columns of the village paper, his dreamy poetic eye settled upon these lines .-He sat down and wrote me a letter. His handwriting was not as good then as it is now, and I have never been able to whally decipher it. I answered it to the best of my ability, not being able to make out exactly what it was."

DETERMINED TO BE & SECOND BYRON,

married her. After his return with and the name of Joaquin Miller caught

is this book? It is a copy of Web. ster's Unabridged Dictionary. The n bet is searching for euphonious words. We look at the books on the table. Here is a rhyming dictionary, late numbers of British and American reviews, Harper's, Leslie's, Brick Pomeroy's Democrat, etc. Upon the shelves are the British poet's in bound volumes arranged in rows; then the American poets and authors, Victor Hugo's works, the Waverly novels, some Latin authors, ancient and modern histor and biography. There are Rollin Ros-

seau, Voltaire, Bulwer, and many oth Soon after this Joaquin published his book of poems, "Joaquin et, al,"

was elated by its success, and prepared to go to London, but to his wife's disappointment, ordered her back to her mother's at Cape Blanco.

When Mr. Miller went to London Mrs. Miller returned to her old home to find the settlement broken down and ruined. She was there, as he said in a parting letter, "Irft high and dry, as it were, with no money and a little bab; in your arms,"

She became very ill, and continued sick after going to Portland for a change of scene. While she was sick Joaquin obtained a divorce from her. The lee turer said, ironically; "This divorce was obtained in Lane county. I was not present, and knew little about the management of it. It was a part of the programme. He had already prepared Myrrh, and the divorce was essential to give force to the poem. Besides he wanted his entire freedom. did everything as was desired. He then wrote to me : "You had better marry some good fellow and settle down.' The 'good fellow' has not yet made his appearance."

THE FAME OF JOAQUIN.

The circumstances under which the fame of Joaquin Miller drifted to her were such that she did not feel that estacy that she might otherwise have folt. She was without money or experience, partially ill, with the cares of a young babe upon her. In this condition, in December, 1870, she

down to my works without the cage. an I your messenger shall bring back the amount.' The matter was thus pleasantly st tled, and the company adjou ned in undis arbed harmo y to their p riposses and coffee.

SPEAKING of the causes of defeat in the Presidential elec ior, the 'New York World' says, most un'ortunately, '.be xplanation is too easy. The wings of the Democratic party were clipped by the estou iding frauds and corru, tion of the Tammany Ring. Had it not been for the shameful exposures which cost us the State election last year, we hould easily have succeeded in this Presidenti.l contes'. The Tommany frauds were the source of all our woes. New York was the chief citadel of the Democratic party, and it is creditable to the moral sontiment of the country that the hideque revelations of last year brought the Democratic party in o disrepute. Hed it not been for the weakening prostrat ing effect of those revelations, the Demacracy, with all the cmens in i's favor, would have disdamed to go out side of its own organization for a candidate. It is not Mr Greeley's nomination at Baltimore, but the previous demoralization which rendered such a n mination postible, that has cost us this election.

The country, in this election, has not condemed our principles, but only the corruption with which the party was tainted in the locality where it, was strongest, and which it failed to remove till too late a period and then only by Republican co-operation. The Tammany taint will receda into the past; but the principles of the Democra tic party which were rapidly gaowing in public favor until that great blight fell upon our prospects, will outlive this contest an go on 'trom conquering to conquer' in every future el. ction.' 'Truth, crushe to earth, shall rise again; The eternal years of God are hers,

But erro, wounded writhes in pain, And diea a mid her w rshipers A BIRD STORY. - A pret'y incident in

related of a canary bird by a correspondent. The door or the bird's cage was occasionally left open, that h : might enjoy the freedom of the room One day he happened to alight upon the pantel-shelt, whereupon was i mirror. Here was a new discovery of the most profound in erost. He gazed

out again.

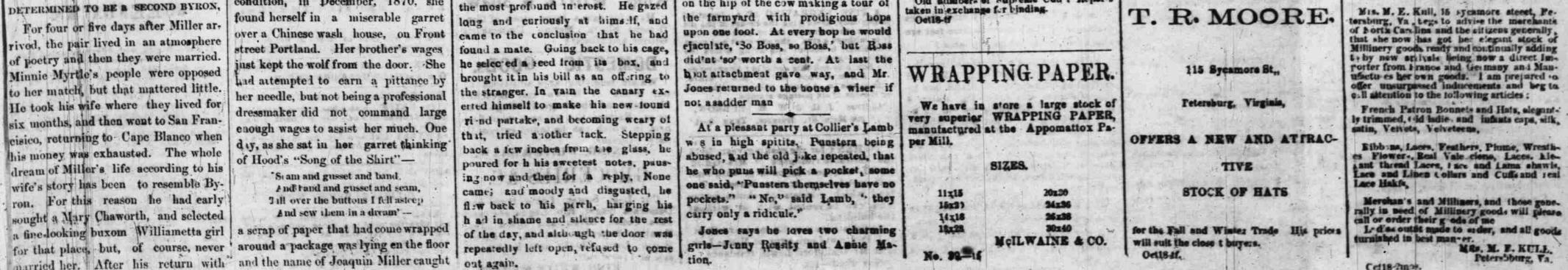
gaps, out of their ovn crops. And worse than all, I have known the bittest quarre's, running into years of malicious hatred, result from a broken rail er stake.

We see this slip-shod way of doirg farm wo.k everywhere in all departmints. Tools, plows, wagons, &c., leit out to take the weather. Things gene rally left out take care of themselves. In caring for crops we see wastage enough every year to keep a great many people-corn, hay, straw, grain wasting for the want of a little, just a it le, labor put in at the right time aid place.

Then take the absolu'e laziness of many who pretend to farm. It's sur prising that they live at all. They think that they, the farmers, are the only class of men that have t work. They talk and think of professional men, and merchants and so on, as people who do not work. I have had men say to me, "Oh you don't know what work is !-You sit and read and write all day, and walk around for exercise ; that isn't work." I say I have tried both the farmer's and the professional man's life, and the machanic's, too, and know that as a rule in the western country the farmers are the lightest worked class of men we have. If we professional men should lie around as much as s'ip-shod farmers do we should starve to death. Less labor will procure a living on a farm than in any of the pr fessions that I know anything about .-SPIRIT (F KANSAS,

The story is told of Mr. Jones who, one evening in fly time, having been provokingly lashed in the face, tied the tail of the cow he was milking very securely to his boot-strap. Every thing went on smoothly for a time, and Mr. Jones congratu ated himself on the stratagem. Presently, however, the cow took a notion to lash a fly that was bitting her. Mr. Jones chuckled some when he felt the pull at his boots s rap; but his chuckling was soon cut short for 'Bossie' finding she could not touch her tormentor, suddenly started, and, as Mr Jones was not prepated for such a demonstration, he was upset and the contents of the pail distributed over his person. The cow stopped for a moment, but in that time our hero had gained his feet; an instant after be was seen with his hand on the hip of the cow making a tour of

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