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LITERARY AND MISCELLANEOUS SELECTIONS. NATURE'S FAREWELL. BY MRS. HEMANS.

The beautiful is yanished, and geturns not. Coleridge's Waltenstein.

A youth rade forth from childhood's home Through the crowded paths of the world to roam, And the green leaves whispered as he pass'd, "Wherefore, thou dreamer ! away so fast ?

"Know'st thou with what thou art parting here, Long would'st thou linger in doubt and fear ; Thy heart's free laughter, thy sunny hours, Thou hast left in our shades with the Spring's wild flowers.

"Under the arch, by our mingling made, Thou and thy brother have gaily play'd; Ye may meet again where ye roved of yore, But as ye have met there-oh ! never more !" On rode the youth-and the boughs among, Thus the wild birds o'er his pathway sang : . Wherefore so fast unto life away? Thou art leaving forever thy joy in our lay ! " Thou may'st come to the Summer woods again, And thy heart have no echo to greet this strain ; Afar from the foliage its love will dwell ;

well !" On rode the youth ; and the founts and streams Thus mitgled a voice with his joyous dreams : "We have been thy playmates through many a

In shadowy softness on thy breast. How can the heart on soaring wing, In fancy from its fetters spring, At once from earth and sorrow riven, Scale on thine arch the heights of Heaven ?

So softly indistinct art thou, With clouds dissolving on thy brow, Just fading from the grateful eye-The emblem of true charity, That, after yielding gifts to men, Shrinks into heavenly peace again, Ah! lovely phantom, whither fly 7 Remain to calm yon cloudy sky, To bid the heart forget to sorrow, And tell of brighter days to morrow. There can I gaze, and fancy thee All a celestial form should be,

Which thus the tempests can beguile, And soothe them with thy placid smile, Thus, should misfortune's tempest rest In chilling shadows on my breast, May Faith present her welcome form-The promised rainbow in the storm-Whisper of peace and gladness pere, In the pure fields of ambient air And bear my soul on pinions bright, To regions of eternal light.

From the Forget Me No. THE MUSICIAN OF AUGSBURG.

There lived at some former time, in the city of Augsburg, a musician whose name was Nieser. There was no kind of musical own hands, nor was there any upon which he could not perform indifferently well. He was also a composer, and although none of his compositions are now extant, tradition informs us that his reputation in that, as morrow. Gortlingen went onwards, ald as well as in the other departments of the art. not only filled the city, but extended bursts of harmony swelled upon the air, that the trial should then proceed by lot .--A change must pass o'er thee-Farewell, fare throughout the whole circle of Susbia, that, all unskilled as he was in music the The last that advanced was a stranger for return than this be obtained in any branch Other causes contribute to swell his fame: he possessed great wealth-acquired, it was sometimes whispered, not in the most cred itable way; and the only inheriter of it was a daughter, whose beauty and innocence open window whence the sound proceeded. eye that e'en Nieser whispered to his noticed with the liveliest regret, that in might well have been deemed dowry suffi cient, without the prospective charms of her father's possessions. Esther was indeed almost as celebrated for the softness of her blue eyes, and the sweetness of her smile, and her many kind actions, as old Nieser was for his wealth, and the excellence of his stringed instruments, and the paucity of his good deeds. Now, in spite of the wealth of old Nieser and the respect which it had obtained for him, and the musical celebrity which he enoved, one sore grievance pressed heavily upon him. Esther, his only child, the sole representative of a long line of musicians, could scarcely distinguish one tune from another; and it was a source of melancholy inticipation to Nieser, that he should leave behind him no heir to that talent which he held in almost equal estimation with his riches. But, as Ether grew up, he began to take consolation in thinking that, if he could not be the father, he might live to be the grandsire, of a race of musicians. No suoner, therefore, was she of a marriageable age, than he formed the singular resolution of bestowing her, with a dowcy of two hundred thousand florins, upon whomsoever should compose the best sonata, and perform the principal part in it. This determination he immediately published through out the city, appointing a day for the competition; and he was beard to affirm, with a great oath, that he would keep his promise, though the sonata should be composed by the demon, and played by the fiends own fingers. Some say this was spoken jocularly; but it would have been better for old Nieser had he never spoken it at all; it is certain, however, that he was a wicked old man and no respecter of religion. No sooner was the determination of Nie ser the musician known in Augsburg, than the whole city was in a ferment. Many who had never dared to raise their thoughts so high now unexpectedly found themselves competitors for the hand of Esther ; for, independently of Esther's charms and Nieser's florins, professional reputation was at stake; and where this was wanting, vanity supplied its place. In short there was not a musician in Augsburg who was not urged, for one motive or another, to enter the lists for the prize of beauty. Morning, noon, and night, the streets of Augsburg were filled with melodious discord. From every open window proceeded the sound of embryo so natas; nor was any other subject spoken of throughout the city than the approaching competition, and its probable issue. A mu sical fever infected all ranks; the favorite airs were caught, and repeated, and played, and sung, in every house in Augsburg; the sentinels at the gates hummed sonatas as they paced to and fro ; the shop keepers sat among their wares singing favourite movemeuts; and customers, as they entered, took up the air, forgetful of their business, and sung duets across the counter. It is even said, that the priests murmured allegrettos as they left the confessional; and that two bars of a presty movement were found upon the back of one of the bishop's homilies. But, amidst all this commotion, there was one who shared not in the general excitation. This was Franz Gortlingen, who, with little more musical talent than Esther possessed one of the best hearts and handsomest persons in Suabia. Frank loved the daughter of the musician; and she on her part, would rather at any time have heard her own name, with some endearing word prefixed to it, whispered by Frank, than

nosed between the Rhine and the Oder .- discoursing with bim, and the tones of the 'o the manufacturer, who is thus enabled Nieser's decree was therefore of sad import old man's sonota were floating in the air. to supply the demand at such enhanced to both Esther and Franz.

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tones of wondrous melody. One solitary of the sound, that some anxious mulcian was still at his task, in preparation for the

It was now the day next to that upon to be thrown open to the competitors. As the duty in question fully accomplishes its which the event was to be decided, and the hour approached, all the musicians of object, and secures the home market to the Franz had taken no step towards the ac. Augsburg were seen hurrying towards the home manufacturer, to the same extent it. complishment of his wishes ; and how was house, with rolls of paper in their hands, excludes the imported article and vields not it possible that he should ? He never com- and accompanied by others, carrying differposed a bar of music in his life; to play a ent musical instruments, while crowds were simple air on the harpsicord exhausted all collected at Nieser's gate to see the compe- tent to which it dues produce the intended, the talent he was master of. Late in the titors pass in. Gortlingen, when the hour evening Franz walked out of his lodgings. arrived, taking his roll soon found himself fore affords no equivalent to the Treasury, and descended into the street. The shops at Nieser's gate, where many who were for the burthen it imposes on the people. were all shut, and the streets entirely de- standing knew him, and pitied him, because With as little success can any equivalent serted ; but lights were still visible in some of the love he bore the nusician's daughter; be sought, in the promotion of any public of the open windows; and from these came and they whispered one to another, "What interest. It may well be admitted, that in sadly upon the ear of Gortlingen the sound does Franz Gortlingen with a roll in his certain cases, duties may by laid, with a of instruments in preparation for the event hand ; surely he means not to enter the lists view to other objects, besides the supply of which was to deprive him of Esther. Some with the musicians?" When Gottlingen the Treasury ; as fur instance, to country. times he stopped and listened, and he could pentered the hall, he found it full of the com- vail the fiscal regulations of other nations, see the faces of the musicians lighted up petitors and amateurs, friends of Nieser, injurious to ourselves; to secure a steady with pleasure at the success of their endea- who had been invited to be present. Nieser and permanent supply of munitions of ware vors, and in anticipation of their triumph. sat in his chair of judgment at the upper and articles, necessary to the common de-Gortlingen walked on and on, thil at end of the room, and Esther by his side, fence, in or to encourage the introduction length he found himself in a part of the city like a victim arrayed for sacrifice. As of materials, skill and machinery, necessary which, although he had lived in Ausburg Gortlingen made his way through the hall. to the commencement of some new branch all his life, he never recollected to have with his roll of music in his hand, a smile of industry. But none of these, or any seen before. Behind him the sound of mu passed over the faces of the musicians, who similar considerations, apply in any degree, sic had all died away, before him washeard all knew each other, and who also knew to duties on woollen and cotton goods, the low rush of the river, and mingles with that he could scarcely execute a march, hemp, iron, molasses, and other articles it there came at times upon the ear faint much less a sonata, even if he could com- affected by the tariff act of the last session ; pose one. Nieser, when he saw him, smiled nor has it been intimated, as we understood, instrument that he could not fashion with his and far distant glimmer showed that the from the same cause; but when Esther's that the justification of the measure is reign of sleep was not yet universal and eye met his, if she smiled at all, it was a placed on such grounds .- Nor can any Gortlingen conjectured, from the direction faint and sorrowful smile of recognition, and equivalent be found in the gains of the soon gave place to the teer that stole down manufacturer, who is benefitted only to the her cheek.

It was announced that the competitors try, that moderate profit which is equally

At sunset next evening Nieser's hall was price. As to revenue, it is obvious that if revenue to the Treasury." If it fails to accomplish this purpose fully, still to the exeffect, it diminishes the revenue, and thereextent of realising in this branch of indus-

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he drew nearer to the light, such gloious should advance and enrol their names and realised in all branches of industry, common to the whole country. Should a larger tones had a spell in them which moreand whom every one instinctively made way .- of manufactures, capital and labour would more awakened his curiosity as to who No one had ever seen him before, or knew immediately be turned into the same chanmight be their author. Quickly and nise- whence he came; and so forbidding was his nel, until the profits should be reduced to this lessly he went forward until he reached the countenance, so strange a leer was in his common standard. We have therefore many parts of the United States, upon which this system bears heavily, it seems to be represented and belived that the amount of burthens paid by purchasers of manufactured goods in one part of the Union, is received by the manufacturers in another, in the shape of extravagant profits, This view of the effect of the system, your memorialists believe to be erroneous. So bonestly entertained, through misconcepto render the measure odious and intolend not only be in direct violation of the constiution of the United States, which secures equal rights to every member of the community, but subversive of those principles of natural right and perfect equality in the enjoyment of all civil and social privileges, which must lie at the foundation of all free, temperate and regulated governments .---Still, although less palpably unjust, it is calculated to afford little real consolation to the taxed and burthened consumer of articles of necessity, that the sum thus levied upon the commodity in the shape of enhanced prices, affords no particular benefit to those who are encouraged by it, to engage in manufactures, but is absolutely. portion of the community to realize the same moderate profit from labour and capie tal employed in manufactures which might otherwise be realized, from all other branches of industry common to the whole country. Such we believe to be the real effect of any permanent system of protecting duties, designed to introduce and sustain a branch of manufactures, which could not ohterwise be profitably carried on ; it is a tax, without any adequate return; it forces upon the community the higher priced commodity, which has paid no duty, instead of permitting that community to supply themselves by an exchange of the products of their own industry, with the cheaper commodity, which has contributed a liberal revenue to the public treasury for he common benefit. Apart from the quesion of right and justice, the impolicy of such a system, upon mere considerations of econemy, must be strikingly obvious.

Wherefore thus leave us ?-Oh ! yel delay a "Listen but once to the sound of out mirth ; For thee 'fis a melody passing from earth ! Never again wilt thou find in its flow The peace it could once on thy heart bestow. "Thou wilt visit the scenes of thy childhood's glee, With the breath of the world on thy spirit free ; Passion and sorrow its depths will have stirr'd, And the singing of waters be vainly heard.

"Thou wilt bear in our gladsome laugh no par What should it do for a burning heart? Thou will bring to the banks of out freshet rill, Thirst which no fountain on earth may still ! Farewell !- when thou comest again to thin

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Thou wilt miss from our music its loveliest tone Mournfully true is the lale we tell-Yet on, fiery dreamer ! Farewell, farewell !"

And a something of gloom on his spirit weigh' As he caught the last sound of his native shade But he knew not, till many a bright spell broke, How deep were the oracles nature spoke !

LIFE'S HOURS. "Quale per incertam Lunam sub luce maligna Est iter in silvis ; ubi cœlum condidit umbra Jupiter et rebus non abstulit atra colorem." P. Virg. Mar. Encides. Lib. VI

Youth has its hour ;- how bright a one ! How its rich hopes delight the breast ; How pure the ray of Pleasure's sun, Which makes the guileless spirit blest ! A sweeter light is pour'd on earth, Than e'er to Manhood's year is given, Bursting the gladsome fount of mirth, With dreams, whose charm is born in Heaven!

Joy hath its hour ;-ere care hath won The pearls from Hope's enchanted cup ;-Before their festal smile is done, In cold oblivion swallowed up :--Ere yet the holy light has fled, Which streams o'er Fancy's colouring, Or Fate the darkening pall hath spread Upon her proud and spotless wing 1

Love hath its hour :- a radiant spell, To fling around the heart and brain ;-Rousing deep thought from Feeling's well To gild its warm and glad domain !--A glow, a sunset cloud, whose light Fades in the wave it flits above ; Waking the soul to memories bright-The lip to song-and this is Love!

Grief hath its hour ;- when musing back Of early buds, whose bloom is fled; Of love, that gladdened childhood's track, Which slumbers with the dreamless dead :----Of voices. on the breeze of night, Like those which young existence gave, Ere clouds had checked the golden light Which shone upon Time's pictured wave ! Peace hath its hour ;- when Nature's voice Speaks to the sad and wayward beart :--She bids the wasted breast rejoice, And its deep bitterness depart : Far hills ;- the gladness of the sky ; The green spray, where the summer bird Wakes its entrancing melody O'er the rills' babbling cadence heard :

Within, an old man sat at a harpsight, daughter, that he hoped his sonata might with a manuscript before him ; his backwas not prove the best. forned towards the window, but an antique the face and gestures of the musician.

It was a face of infinite mildness and benevolence; not such a countenance as Gortlingen remembered to have ever seen the some unknown tongue.

Gortlingen could at first scarcely contain every one else shuddered. his indignation at the supposition that this as one of Esther's suitors ; for he could not doubt that he, like the others he had seen. was preparing for the competition : but as their hands, and placed themselves beside he looked and listened, gradually his anger him, all waiting the signal to begin. Every was quelled in contemplating the strangely eye was fixed ppon the performers. The mild countenance of the musician, and his sign was given and as the three musicians attention fixed by the beauty and uncom- raised their heads to glance at the music, it at the conclusion of a brilliant passage, the faces were alike. A universal shudder crept performer perceived that he had a sharer in [through the assembly ; all was silent confo his demonstrations of pleasure; for Gortlin sion; no one spoke or whispered to his drowned the gentler exclamations of the his cloak and stole away; and soon there mild old man. Immediately the musician was none left excepting three who still conevening, master, Franz," said he; "sit not forgotten the injunction of the old man. down, and tell me how like my sonata, and Old Nieser still sat in his chair; but he, too, if you think it likely to win Nieser's daugh- had seen, as he remembered his wicked ter." There was something so benignant oath, he trembled. in the old man's expressions, and so pleasing in his address, that Gortlingen felt no as they approached what he remembered to enmity, and he sat down and listened to the he old man, when he had concluded it.

that I were able to compose such a one !"; demon laugh and shout broke loud upon Augsburg.

the calm of midnight, and were answered BOSTON MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS,

"Let the trial begin," said Nieser : " I and tarnished mirror showed to Gortlingen swear that I will bestow my daughter, who now sits by my side, with a dowry of two hundred thousand florins, upon whomsoever shall compose the best sonata, and shall perform the principal part." " And you likeness of before, but such as one night will keep your oath, said the stranger, addesire to see often again. The old man vancing in front of Nieser. "I will keep far, however, as this view of its effects is played with the most wondrous power, now my oath," said the musician of Augsburg, and then he stopped, and made alterations " though the sonata should be composed by tion or otherwise, it is no doubt calculated in his manuscript, and as he tried the offect the demon, and blaved by the fiend's own of them he showed his satisfaction by addi fingers." There was a dead silence: a dis. ble expressions, as if of thanksgiving, in | tant shout and faint laughter fell on the ear like an echo. The stranger alone smiled :

The first lot fell upon the stranger, who little old man should dare to enter the lists immediately took his place, and unrolled his sonota. Twoothers, whom no one had observed before took their instruments in mon character of the music; and at length, was perceived with horror that the three gen, in his unrestrained applause, quite neighbor; but each wrapped himself up in thrown away and annihilated, to enable a arose, and throwing open the door, "Good tinued the sonata, and Gortlingen, who had

Gortlingen stood by the performers, and be the conclusion he boldly substituted his player. "You like the sonata, then ?" said for the sonata that lay before them. A dark cowl passed over the face of the three, and "Alas !" replied Gordingen; " would a distant wail fell upon the ear like an echo Some hours after midnight the benign old "Hearken to me," said the old man ; man was seen to lead Esther and Gortlin-Nieser swore a sinful oath, that he would gen out of the hall; but the sonata still probestow his daughter upon whomsoever ceeded. Years rolled on. Esther and might compose the best sonata, ' even al- Gortlingen were wedded, and in due course though it were composed by the demon, of time died ; but the strange musicians still and played by the fiend's own fingers,' labor at their task, and old Nieser still sits These words were not spoken unheard ; in his judgment chair, beating time to the they were borne on the night winds, and sonata. When it ends-if it ever shall end whispered through the forest, and struck on -Esther will be far beyond the reach of them who sat in the dim valley; and the the wicked vow made by the musician of

But were the justice and policy of the restrictive system less questionable than they are, your memorialists would respectfully inquire, whether in the present condition of the Whited States such a system can be carried into effect, in such a manner as to attain the objects of its advocates. It is quite manifest that any course of policy, or any system of measures, however ingeniously devised and combined, which should place the great branches of the productive industry of a country so extensive, and embracing such a variety of productions, occupations and interests, upon an artificial basis, by the enactment of laws, establishing bounties, prohibitions, protecting duties or other fiscal regulations, must depend for its utility and efficacy upon the permanency and exact execution of those laws. Any legislative measure affording an artificia encouragement to the appropriation of capital and the attainment of skill in any department of industry, the speedy change of which shall render such capital and skill worthless, or greatly impaired in value, is not only useless but pernicious. Besides we think it quite apparent that no faw designed to affect and regulate prices by protecting duties, can be of any avail to that effect, without being permanently fixed and

These spread, with untold eloquence, Their glory to the observant eye, Till shadowy care is banished bence-Till the eye swims in extacy !--And by this voice, whose viewless tone Seems to the soul in mercy given, The spirit learns to trust alone, lis hopes and fears with God and Heaven. W. G. C.

TO THE RAINBOW. The evening beam that smiles the cloud away, And tints to morrow with prophetic ray. BYRON. Beautiful bow, from Heaven sent. To tell of sunshine and content. To breathe o'er earth and sky sweet peace, And bid the tears of nature cease. The loveliest bues of upper nic, With all the soothing; pure, and fair, Their tender tints delight to rest

from the lone depths of a hundred hills: but AGAINST THE TABIFF. he good heard also; and though they pitied ####By the term restrictive system, we dis not Nieser, they pitied Esther and Gordintinctly understand, the imposition of a duty, gen. Take this roll ; go to the hall of Nieupon any imported commodity, intended ser ; a stranger will compete for the prize, for use or consumption in the United States, and two others will seem to accompany him; without any view to an increase of revenue, the sonata which I have given to you is the or where such increase of revenue is resame that he will play; but mine has a vir garded as a secondary and incidental obtoe of its own; watch an opportunity, and ject, but for the declared purpose and desubstitute mine for his !" When the old sign of raising the price of such commodity man had concluded this extraordinary adto the consumer, and thereby to enable the dress, he took Gortlingen by the hand, and home manufacturer of the same commodity led him by some unknown ways to one of to procace and afford the same, at a fair the gates of the city, and there left him. and reasonable profit, when without such As Gortlingen walked homewards, graspduty, foreign commodity could be imported. ing the roll of paper, his mind was alter- charged with a moderate duty designed for nately occupied in reflections upon the the purpose of revenue only, and still pro-

strange manner in which he had become bably sold at a rate so low, as to prevent possessed of it, and in anticipation of the the home manufacturer from producing and morrow's event. There was something in selling his commodity at a profit. the expression of the old man that he could hold this to be unjust, because, if carried not mistrust, though he was unable to cominto effect according to its design, it impoprehend in what way he could be benefitted ses a heavy burthen, in the shape of enhanby the substitution of one sonata for aunth- ced prices, upon those, who may have ocer, since he was not himself to be a compe- casion to purchase and use such commodititor. With these perplexing thoughts he ty, without any adequate advantage, either reached home, and lay down and fell asleep, to the public treasury, to the promotion or steadily carried into operation for a series listened to the finest senate that ever was while all night long Eather's blue eyes were advancement of any public interest, or even of years. Obvious counteracting causes,