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A SONG OF THE OAK. BY HENRY F. CHORLEY, ESQ. | From the London Atheneum.] 'A song of the oak the brave old oak, Who hath ruled in this land so long: Here's health and renown, to his broad gree And his fifty arms so strong!

There is tear in his frown, when the sun goes down.

And the fire in the west fades out: And he showeth his might, in the wild mid night,

When storms through his branches shout! Then sing of the oak the brave old oak. Who hath rul'd in this land so long -And still flourish he, a hale green tree, When a hundred years are gone!

He saw the rare times, when the Christmas

Were a pleasant sound to hear, And the squire's wide hall and the cottage small Were full of right merry cheer; And all the day, to the rebeck gay, They froli k'. with lovesome swains; They are gone!-they are dead!-in the church

yard laid-But the tree-he still remains!

'Then sing of the oak, of the brave old oak, Who hath ruled in this land so long: And still flourish he, a hale green tree. When a hundred years are gone!'

-000-(From the Baltimore Gazette.)

The noblest national tyric is generally conceded to be Drake's " American Flag"-Here is a lyric by Holmes without its faults and equalling its beauties. -It was written at the time when same Clathle no position to break up the brave old Frigate Constitution was started, and is worthy of its subject; the last stanz i especially, has a force and power which we have never seen excelled.

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down! Long has it waved on high, A I many an eye has danced to see That banner in the sky; B-neath it rung the battle shout,

And burst the connon's roar-The meteor of the ocean air Shall sweep the clouds no more!

Her deck, once red with heroes' blood, Where knelt the vanquished foe, When winds were hurrying o'er the flood. And wakes were white below, No more shall feel the victor,s tread, Or bow the conquered knee-The harpies of the shore shall pluck

O better that her shattered bulk Should sink beneath the wave; Her thunders shook the mighty deep, And there should be her grave: Nail to the mast her holy flag, Set every thread-bare sail, And give her to the god of storms-The lightning and the gale!

The eagle of the sea!

PLATINUM - As a Coin.

To the Congress of the United States.

heretofore.

by the amount of metallic money may be ma- out touching any other feature therein. terially increased, it will surely enlist the supcapital or increasing the amount of metallic their good fortune heretofore to enjoy. money. How can the amount of metallic money be increased! By the introduction of platinum into the currency.

As this precious metal is very little known, except to Chemists and a few classes of artisans, a short history of its discovery, and such of its chemical and physical habitudes as refrom its resemblance to silver It was first young allies in order

brought to the notice of the public by Don Ulloa, one of the party who went to Peru to determine the figure of the Earth, who ascerout the Uralian mountains in Siberia, and oth- " of this phrase." er parts of Russia, and in various other loleable, ductile and laminable; possesses con- of the speculators of the year 1896. ture expressly to fill up this hiatus, and sup- "all right, title and equality of redemption of tion party.

mists, as essential to fit a metal for coin. that a die could possibly impart." The Rus- the borrower shall be at liberty, within a year the smoke. sians have already availed themselves of this if he chooses, on payment of ten per cent., to metal for coinage in large quantities; and it is repossess himself of the property. Now what, fair to presume, that they prefer it to either of we ask, has become of the mortgage? What at Mr. Kendall for his letter to the Philadelthe other precious metals; for, while they are of the contract? converting platinum into money, the Castles of Let us treat ourselves to another instance. wicked trick of sending to England every dol-St. Peter and St. Paul are filled with gold and By our wise laws no private person is allowed lar of the specie which could be forced from

Federal Constitution may possibly be cited as number of incorporated companies have been an argument against the use of this metal as allowed to do so on certain conditions; and he display to see American merchants pay their debts. rom making any thing but gold and silver a were authorized to form? Why, that the pro- The same men said nothing about Mr. Biddle tender in payment of debts." It is evident, mises to pay what they should issue should be suspending specie payments at the time that however, that this clause was adopted in re- kept; that when specie was demanded it should he arrogantly boasted he was abundantly able ference solely to the precious metals then in be paid, and knowing how long, expensive and to go on, or of his re-issuing, daily, at his coun tion into our monetary system Art. 1st sec. ed over to the hands of receivers. 8. p. 5. provides that Congress shall have power to "coin money and regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coins," So that there is not the same limitation upon the power of Congress as upon the State Governments with regard to making money, coined of other metals, a legal tender in payment of debts due to or from the General Government. Perfect free lom is left to that body to coin any metal having all the essentials of money, and make it a legal tender. Again: Congress has power keep your contracts—do what you have un- produce down to a ruinous ebb, and he will Mexico.—Losing Texas and gaining Taxes. "to regulate the value of foreign coins." Platinum is already a foreign coin, and in course of trade will no doubt find its way amongst us (in fact I have already seen some of it, and a more beautiful coin I never beheld,) and it is the duty of Congress "to regulate its value." And surely it would be wise, when it is evident that a metal will circulate as coin amongst us, to coin it ourselves, thereby regulating its denomination and securing its profits to ourselves, as well as creating a new article of commerce (platinum bullion) to ourselves, instead of yielding it all to others. Would the 10th section of article 1st, prohibiting the States from making any thing but/gold and silver a The desire is universal throughout our legal tend r," have the slightest effect in imcountry, to increase the amount of metallic pairing the value of platiaum as a coin, when

The Quadruple Aut nce. -It is not a little remarkable, that among the parties to the quadru le alliance there should be no less than three female sovereigns, neither of whom much exceeds the mature age of eighteenlate to its use as a coin, may not be improper. namely, the Queens of England, Spain and Platina, as it was called previous to the late reformation in chemical nomenclature, is a dimery, the Gutche is unprecedented in the annals of diplomacy. Verily the King of the big

ily received the bills of the Banks, when, afword, and forthwith beg to be exonerated from the necessity of preserving their faith. And to go on unchecked in full careeer .- Eve.

From the Mobile Register.

money, as well for convenience in effecting it is provided by act of Congress that it will be manœuvre, for political purposes. They are was that of his time also; they both wrote for exchanges, as for the purpose of securing the received in payment of all dues to the Federal changing front on the currency question, with the world; they walked the way they found the com nunity against those evils resulting from Government? No one who considers for a a facility of movement which nothing but long world walking; they made no attempt to form the banking system; arising in a great degree, moment the twenty orthirty millions of import experience in the art of political wheeling new schools, and yet they are founders in the from the great disproportion between the spear annually paid by our merchants, and the 10, could have taught. They are now affecting truest sense of the word. They both loved cie and bank notes current amongst us. A 15 or 20 millions yearly received for public to be 'Lard money' men,—to be opposed to home subjects and delighted in working up the small fraction seem disposed to dispense with lands, can apprehend any such consequence. paper currency and small notes, and the only ordinary occurrences of life or history, in a the banking system altogether, but the great So that for platinum coin to receive and enjoy true supporters of the 'metallic basis.' They spirit and shape at once natural and national. majority regarding such a measure as an Uto- full confidence and credit, there would not be borrow democratic arguments for the occas- It was the fault of Shakespeare's age to overpian scheme that cannot be realized, are in fa- the slightest occasion to change the clause of ion, proclaim lustily that they are the friends rate rank and high descent, and to regard all vor of continuing the banking system, but orthe Constitution above referred to. Should of the specie currency, in moderation, and as "base, common, and popular" beneath the and leaden balls, because his popularity is in ganized upon a broader specie basis than subsequent experience, however, demonstrate that they never warred against any thing but condition of a gentlemen. It was the glory any such necessity, it might readily be done in an exclusive metallic currency. After four of Scott's day to honor man as God made him; If, then, any mode can be devised, where- the mode prescribed by that instrument, with- years of abuse against the advocate of a cur- to think with Burns, "A man's a man for a' rency of coin,-after four years of violent that," and to look with respect and affection ered, and Lyons starved. These remarks are submitted, therefore, resistance to every measure for abolishing on the humble children of the cottage. To port of all: for, it is apparent that banks can- with an humble hope, that the wisdom of Con- small notes, restraining bank issues,—the gold this difference we owe the pie-coated feel and tators and their imitators—White-boys withnot be dispensed with unless a sufficient quantity of specie be substituted both for consumptive circulation and mercentile an tive circulation and mercantile negociations; and it is equally clear, that the specie basis of the banking system cannot be strengthened by which it was attempted to restore the constitutional currency; —after exhaustindeed by which it was attempted to restore the constitutional currency; —after exhaustindeed by which it was attempted to restore the constitutional currency; —after exhausting the end by which it was attempted to restore the constitutional currency; —after exhausting the poet; and the presence of the Dinmonts and the constitutional currency; —after exhausting the English language for terms of ridicule the banking system cannot be strengthened business of our country on a more solid, sewithout diminishing the amount of banking currency; —after exhaustthe constitutional currency; —after exhausting the English language for terms of ridicule the banking system cannot be strengthened business of our country on a more solid, seupon the 'constitutional currency; and the Ochiltrees, in the novels of the banking of the banking system cannot be strengthened business of our country on a more solid, seupon the 'specie humbug,' they are suddenly smitthe 'constitutional currency; —after exhausting the Constitutional currency; —after exhaustthe 'constitutional currency; —after exhaustthe 'constitutional currency; —after exhausting the English language for terms of ridicule
the banking system cannot be strengthened business of our country on a more solid, sethe 'constitutional currency; —after exhaustthe 'constitutional curren they have all the while only been opposing an would say more then we feel; yet it is not the taste of its founder, is said not to be a toyal

hemselves. a conservative horror of extravagant doctrines country companions.

THE OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTS. they have been attacking with such bitterness, over both. That monster of wit, Falstaff, is The Federal Constitution says-Section 10. holds no part of the Loco-foco ultraism, which evidently killed by his maker out of pure Art 1. "No state shall pass any law mpair- they manufacture into such an object of ter- wantonness, and not because he was exhausted, tained the existence of such a metal in 1735. "ing the obligation of contracts." "The tra- ror. No public annunciation or authentic ex- for some of his latest sallies are the best; and But the honor of its discovery is more gener- "dition is," says Mr. Hunter, arguedo in position of principle from the President, or we know that the author had to bridle and resally awarded to Mr. Wood, Assay master of Sturges vs. Crowninshield 4 Wheat. p. 151 any of his cabinet, has ever given counten- train himself, both in Ochiltree and Dalgetty, Jamaica, though his observations were not "that Mr. Justice Wilson, who was a nember ance to the idea, that an exclusive metallic lest their humors should, overwhelm their compublished until 1749 '50. It is found in South "of the Convention, and a Scottish awyer, currency was ever in their contemplation .- panion characters. Their handling, too, is in the America, in St. Domingo, in Spain, through- "and learned in the civil law, was theauthor Mr. BENTON, often quoted as the ultra bullion- easiest and happiest manner imaginable; nor is ists in this country, never proposed dispensing their sense of propriety less visible than their Poor old justice Wilson-He little houghs with bank notes, redeemable in specie, above ease; all is in its right place; nothing is out of calities Platinum is the heaviest body known of the manner in which his clause would be the sum of \$100, -and he goes beyond the views keeping, and the unity of their performances is its density being about 21, while gold is 19, treated in after times. He doubtless lattered of most of his political friends. In fact, the doc- wonderful, since they seem not to have studied and silver only 10. When pure, it is so soft himself that he had done something owards trines of the Loco focos, the radical anti-bank it. But a man who follows nature will selas to be impressible with the finger nail, but compelling his country men through ill suc- men, are held by but a small party in several of dom break rules, for rules come from nature : a small portion of allow renders it sufficiently ceeding generations to keep the faith of pro- the cities, particularly in New York, -and they a truth acknowledged by Walpole, when he hard for the purpose of coinage. Its colour mises inviolate, Deluded old gentlemin! he have, in general of late years, been counted said, Gil Morris observed all the rules of is a beautiful silvery white. It is very mal- did not foresee the impudence, and the cunning by the Whigs among the opponents of the Horace, but is such a way as showed that the present administration.

siderable elasticity, and is susceptible of a very Let us take two illustrious examples of last They have had their own candidates, and his rules .- Detroit Spec. high polish. It resists exposure to the weath- winter's Albany work. Every body knows whenever the election was over, the Whig arer even better than silver or gold, and indeed what a mortgage is. One person having no- ithmeticians always figured the Loco-foco votes its unalterability is not surpassed by any sub- ney loans it to another who wants it, at a le as against the Van Buren party. The Whigs merly of Charleston, S. C. died at Barnwell stance whatever. Its low equivalent number, gal rate, for a given time, say two years, on have several times coalesced with them, -and on the the 11th inst. The occasion of his 98, (gold being 200) and the utter impossibili- pledge of real security or mortgage. But it is certain that the success, in part, of the death is thus related in the Charleston Couty of successfully counterfeiting it, peculiarly says the lender, I can't stay out of my money opposition ticket for Congress and the Le- rier. He had been appointed to deliver the recommend it for coinage. Its peculiar pro- after the two years are up. Agreed, says the gislature, in New York city, arose from a coa Fourth of July oration, in the neighboring perties give it an intrinsic value from its use borrower, you shall be at liberty at the end of lition between the Whigs and the Loco-focos town of Aikin. At day-light, on the 3d inst., in the arts: so that its value is inherent that time, if I don't repay you, to foreclost —these parties adopting each others tickets. he entered his sulkey with the intent to start and independent of any act of Govern- or to sell the property for what it will fetcl Undoubtedly on principles of general politiment authorising its use for coinage. In its and reimbuse yourself, and my right to it shal cal doctrine, and constitutional construction, when his horse dashed off, and after running value it is intermediate between gold and sil- be terminated; or in legal language, says: "And the Loco-focos have a nearer affinity to the about 130 yards, brought the sulkey in conver, being about one-third as valuable as gold "if default shall be made in the payment of Democratic party than to the Whigs, -but, on tact with a tree. The shook threw Mr. Carand five times as much so as silver. It would "the said sum of money, that then and thence the subject of 'exclusive' radical hostility to roll out upon one of the wheels, and his beform a most suitable material for coins of the " forth it shall be lawful for the lender. &c the existence of banks and the credit system came entangled in the spokes; and the horse different denominations, from one to five dol- "to enter into and upon the mortgaged pre they act for themselves, independently of and continuing to run, Mr. C. was whirled round lars; and seems to have been designed by na- " mises, and sell and dispose of the same, and hostile to the nominations of the administra- six or eight times, his head striking each time

ply this acknowledged deficiency in our cur- "the borrower therein, at public action."- The peculiar notions of this fragment of a

The Biddle men are extremely indignan

phia committee, in which he alludes to the to issue promissory notes for the purposes of our banks or bought from individuals, under The 10th section of the 1st article of the circulation; but by a series of special acts, a pretence of its being necessary in order to use, and without reference to, and no doubt in ineffectual was the remedy of suit, they were ter, Bills of the old Bank, whose charter has this new enterprise, will ere his departure, entire ignorance of, the existence of any other only authorized to issue their promises upon by law expired, in payment of checks and dismetal equally or better adapted is all respects condition, that if they were not kept, counted paper belonging to his new Bank. for coin. But it is not proposed to disregard their business should be at once arrest. This they said, was and is perfectly right. this clause of the Constitution in the introduc- ed, their doors closed, and their property pass- Mr. Biddle, by this means, has flooded the country with paper which he disclaims, when Relying upon this contract, the people read- payment is asked, having any thing to do with, and has received for it Bills of local banks ter having issued some score of millions more and pecie. Hence the recent dividend and than they can redeem, the officers of these in- surplus of which he so much boasts. If Amestitutions hold a secret meeting and very de- rican merchants are bound in duty and honor cent. per cent. General Shaving-universal liberately declare it inexpedient to keep their to pay specie, Mr. Biddle should surely set Barbarism-Lynch Law-literal distressthem the example, for it was his borrowing and great scarcity of V.'s, X.'s, L.'s, and C.'shis manœuvres which got the balance against No trust but distrust. Great cuttings up what say the legislature? What say the re- us. He has managed, in connexion with the 'cause cotting's down. Every bank like the presentatives of the people? Do they reply Bank of England, to get the price of American Mammoth-the specie's extinct. dertaken to do. If you cannot fulfil your in a short time get it up again. He has now Rows riz. Revolution once a month. Two pledges it is no one's fault but your own, and turned Cotton speculator and is sending cargo Presidents and a thousand Vices. General we at least will not share in the ignominy of after cargo of the article, (purchased here on his row, General discentent, General Bustathe transaction?" Not they! No such quixo- own terms,) to the very country where he says mente. tic honesty reigns in our legislative halls-the all others must send specie. And yet no per-Bank and the House of Assembly, the cashier son, (not even the principal members of the and the legislator are too well identified for American government) must say ought against any romance of this kind; and the petition for him or his diabolical measures. If they do, relief is scarce presented when it is acceded to; he has but to "cry havoc and let slip the dogs the only efficient part of the remedy struck out of war." The hounds will be out in full and these bankrupt institutions are allowed to chace, and he must be a fortunate man who isters, and several Dons done to a dungeon for can escape being hunted down and destroyed. New York Times.

> Scott and Shakespeare .- The taste of Scott The Whigs are practising another political was that of his time, the taste of Shakspeare ten with the discovery, or affect to be, that to account for this difference that Scott had THE PAVILION AT BRIGHTON .- This celemoney men -as good as most of the Democrats less true that our national dramatist has failed palace, or as such, descends to the crown, but to give a faithful picture of English life, as it was the private property of George the IV. They made the giants first, and then they was in his day; he was more of a courtier, we and was occupied by his late Majesty on killed them. They find it expedient to fear, than Scott., and though a striker of deer condition of paying the annuities and other cover their sudden conversion by preten- himself, he had no love for 'Hob, Dick, and incumbrances with which it stands charged, to ding that they have been acting under Hick, with clubs and clouted shoon,' with his pay off which, it is now said, that the buildings

bers or influence. The administration which character, and in the full command they hold profitable purposes.

writer had never heard of either Horace or

Shocking Casualty-Edward Carroll, foragainst the ground, which was very hard. In this situation he was kept until his leg was rency. It will be found admirably to fulfil all Now such an old dotard as Justice Wilson party, are paraded by the Whigs as dangerous snapped off, and the spokes of the wheel the conditions laid down by political econo- would say that this was a contract binding and growing heresies of the whole Democra- breaking at the same time, he became disenand obligatory in all its parts, and that no all tic party, and when driven by the current of tangled from the sulkey. It was so early in That it is well calculated to subserve the teration could be made in any of its terms public sentiment to yield assent to the real the morning that few of the villagers were purposes of coin, is also the opinion of some without a deliberate violation of the Constitution, they up; but the noise soon brought many to the of the ablest Chemists of Europe and Ameri- tution But what say the Legislators of New cover their own retrogade movement, the a- spot to sympathise with and aid the sufferer. ca. Dr. Silliman says, "it would be excellent York? A majority of them having borrowed bandonment of their own favorite dogmas and Mr. C. was then in possession of his senses, for coin." Mr. Parks says, "it would be very money on real security which they cannot pay, their sudden change of political position, with and continued so for several hours afterward. suitable for the fabrication of coins and metals, or being under the influence of persons in the the skill of adroit tacticians, who keep up a His leg was immediately set, and everything especially as it is not injured by acids, and same predicament, they very deliberately en- furious fire where there is no enemy, to con- was done, which skilful medical assistance, would admit of the most delicate impressions act that the lender shall not foreclose, and that ceal their own wheelings and turnings under and numerous friendly attentions, could devise. All was, however, in vain. The severe contusion of his head brought on a fever of the brain, and after lingering in the state of insensibility for seven days, he breathed his last at one o'clock on Sunday, afternoon

> Pearl Fishing-A company has been formed in this city, for the purpose of fishing pearls and other treasures from the bottom of the can remain submerged for a long time, and make himself master of the watery element. A beautiful brig, we understand, is about to be fitted up to proceed to South America, in a short time, on this promising business. And we believe that Capt. Taylor, the director of give the citizens of New York, an opportunity of witnessing the importance of the apparatus he is about to use, by taking a walk on the bottom of the river, from the Battery. New York Express.

COSMOGONICAL SQINTING.

AMERICA. - Money not to be smelt under

Poland.-past. Wo-land-present. Noland-future.

Spain .- Within an ace of losing her queen by a knave-the king no trump. Civil war, Seville oranges, servile courtiers, save-all min-

ENGLAND .- Nothing moving but stagnation. War with the Church-Radicals running Steeple Chases. Dolorous signs from brother Jonathan, and sinedollarous remittances.

Russia .- Rasher and rasher. Czar wants to spar, but is not such a calf as to take the Bull by the horns. Can't tell whether an autocrat ought to crow or to cry.

France.-Louis Philippe doing badlydaily expects a bullet-in. All Paris going gunning at le monarque metallique. Vaults groaning with gold, table set with silvercoach plaited with platina, and covered with copper to keep off steel knives, iron muzzles, a state of pewter-ifaction. Royalty rolling in riches, and manufacturers in misery. Another revolution hourly expected. Puppies pamp-

IRELAND .- Taxes, tithes, and 'taters. Agi-

and the ground it sold; and if sold the proba--which are, in fact, entertained by a very | Shakspeare and Scott resemble each other bility is, that the Pavilion itself will be pulled minutive of plata (silver) and was so named French will have enough to do, to keep his small class of men, neither powerful by num-