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POETRY.

ALEXANDER'S EPITAPH.
WRITTEN BY HIMSELF.
Here in this little case,
The brightest nook of this most grassy vale,
All amid lilies pale
That turn
Their heads into my little vault and mourn,
Stranger, I have made my grave.
I am not forgot;
A small hoarse stream murmur, nose by my pillow,

And o'er me a green willow
Doth weep,
Still questioning the air, "Why doth she sleep,
The girl, in this cold spot?"
Even the very winds
Come to my cave and sigh; they often bring
Rose leaves upon their wing
To strew
O'er my earth, and leaves of violet blue;
In sooth, leaves of all kinds.
Fresh is my mossy bed:
The frequent pity of the rock falls here,
A sweet, cold, silent tear.
I've heard,
Sometime, a wild and melancholy bird
Warble at my grave head.

Miscellaneous.

An Incident in the Harbor of Havana.
A friend, who has recently returned from Europe by the way of Havana, has noted down for us some of the little events of his journey. We transcribe one incident, which occurred coming out of the port of Havana:

We were just returning from a European tour, and the recollections of the filth and wretchedness of poor old Ireland—the striking contrast between the haughty aristocracy of England and their working and laboring classes—the excitement, violence and uncertainty that pervade France, Germany and Italy, swarming with troops, ready at the word of command to slaughter their countrymen—all these came fresh to our minds at the prospect of realizing the pleasure of a home blessed with peace and plenty, and where all are alike free.

The Bright Boy.
Master.—Well my boy you slipped up didn't you.
Boy.—No, I slipped down.
Master.—Well stand up by the stove and dry yourself.
Boy.—How can I stand, unless I stand up.
Master.—Take your seat you blockhead.
Boy.—I can't take my seat it's nailed down.
Master.—You can set down can't you?—(giving him a wipe over the head.)
Boy.—(going to his seat, No I'm not a hen I won't made to set.
Master.—Now sit up there and attend to your books.
Boy.—Sit up? I should like to see a fellow sit up.
Master.—Hold your tongue.
Boy runs out his tongue and grabs it with his fingers.—Master calls out "first class" to read, and the scene closes.

WIT, HUMOR, &c.

DUTCH TEMPERANCE.
An old Dutchman, who had recently joined the temperance society, was taken sick and sent for a doctor to prescribe for him; who ordered him to take an ounce of brandy per day. The old chap overhauled his arithmetic, and found in the table of Apothecaries' weight, "eight drams make one ounce."
"Mine—" says the Dutchman, "dat is the temperance for me. I didn't get but six drams before and now I gets eight."
The consequence was that his complaint went off, and took him with it.

A SMART DEVIL.—"Oh just look out o' de window, Mr. Editor, and see those string of men and boys with poles on their shoulders. What do you suppose they are after?"
"They are after fish in the pond, I presume."
"No sir. They are all one after the other."
"Begone, you ink faced wretch!"
"Yes, sir-ee!"

A FINGER ACQUAINTANCE.—"Georgianna, do you know that young fellow in the opposite house?"
"No ma, I never spoke to him in my life; he's merely a finger acquaintance—that's all."
"A what!—a finger acquaintance! Why, what sort of an acquaintance is that?"
"Oh, we only talk to each other across the street with our fingers—nothing more."
A DRUNKARD'S SOLILOQUY.—"It would be a comfortable thing if I knowed just where I was bound for. Up street's got mixed with down street, and there's no such thing as cross street at all. The moon's cross-eyed, and keeps winkin' and blinkin' as if she had her eyes full of Mack-ay. Now, what an I to do? If I stand still, there's a very pleasant change of going to sleep standing. If I goes to stir, hang me if I know which way I am travelin'!"

NEW DEFINITION OF WORK.—A Milliner in New-York professes to employ artists (assistants) who are required "to amuse themselves with needle-work," between the periods of refreshment, consisting of breakfast, dinner and supper!

A Rich Bill of Lading.

In the first vessel from our port, bound for the gold region, California, a young adventurer, with a small available stock, that selected about the most valuable gold, and in our view of human possibility, conceived, and not only sold, but realized a stupendous profit on the freight he was bartered for passage, for himself, and what do you think these five barrels contain? No, these of a philosopher, men would not imagine. We will give the bill of lading in full. It is a masterpiece of the art of lading, and Rum! Rum! Rum! is the object of the lading.

Sheep.
The season is near at hand when particular care should be taken with sheep. January and February are the months they drop their young, and they should be provided in all inclement weather, with houses or good shelters, and well salted and fed with oats, hay or fodder. These are useful and profitable animals if attended to, and increase as fast as a little expense, as any other stock that can be raised. Grass or clover fields are great helps for sheep, as well as for almost all other stock. Farmers, attend to your sheep.—*Highland Messenger.*

Respect for Art.
A nobleman having called on Holbein while he was engaged in drawing a figure from life, was told that he could not see him but must call another day. Foolishly taking this answer as an affront, he very rudely rushed up stairs to the painter's studio. Hearing a noise Holbein opened his door; feeling enraged at his lordship's assumption and intrusion he pushed him back.

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A Modern Glossary.
Angel.—The name of a woman, commonly a very bad one.
Author.—A laughing stock. It means likewise a poor fellow, and in general, an object of mingled pity and contempt.
Beauty.—A qualification which is so often thought to make amends for the absence of feeling, judgment, taste, &c.
Brute.—A word implying plain dealing and sincerity.
Captain.—Colonel.—Any stick of wood with a head to it, and a piece of black ribbon upon that head.
Critic.—A sort of dog in the manger, who has no talent himself, and will not admit of any body else has.
Dress.—The principal accomplishment of a modern lady or gentleman.
Dullness.—A word applied by all writers to the wit and humor of others.
Fool.—A complex idea, compounded of poverty, honesty, piety, and simplicity.—*Peoples Ven.*

Division of Labor.—A certain preacher who was holding forth to a somewhat wearied congregation, lifted up his eyes to the gallery, and beheld his son pelting the people with chestnuts. Domine was about to administer a sharp and stringent reprimand for his flagrant act of impiety and disrespect, but the youth interrupting him bawled out, at the top of his voice, "You mind your preaching daddy, and I'll keep them awake!" The scene that ensued may be safely left to the imagination.

Cure for Corns.—It is said that the bark of a willow tree, burnt to ashes, mixed with strong vinegar, and applied to the parts, will remove all warts, corns, and other excrescences on any part of the body and limbs.

For Sore Throat.—Take a glass of sweet oil, and half as much of the spirit of turpentine. Mix them, and rub the throat with them, wearing flannel at the same time.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15.
SENATE.
Mr. Woodfin, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill to require the offices of Registers and Clerks and Masters to be kept at the Court House of their respective Counties.

Mr. Woodfin, from the same committee, asked that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of a memorial in favor of Free Suffrage, which was granted, and the memorial laid upon the table.

Mr. Gilmer moved to send a message to the House proposing to go forthwith into an election of United States Senator.

Mr. Rogers then moved the following amendment, and called for the yeas and noes.
And each member of the assembly should vote, in the election of said Senator, according to the will of the people as expressed in his election on the 3d of August last.

On motion, the Senate then adjourned.
HOUSE OF COMMONS.
The question then recurred on striking out, which was decided in the negative, yeas 22, noes 23.

On motion, the Senate then adjourned.
SENATE.
MONDAY, Dec. 18.
The Chair laid before the Senate a deposition from the County of Orange, in relation to the contested election.

Mr. Gilmer, from the Committee to whom so much of the Governor's message as relates to a Day of Thanksgiving, reported a resolution providing for the adjournment of the Houses, sine die on the 6th of January next; which passed as follows:—Yeas 31; Noes 15. So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Joyner introduced a resolution instructing the committee to whom was referred the Governor's message relating to a Railroad from Raleigh to Charlotte, to inquire into the expediency of commencing said work at Weldon. Adopted.
Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, moved that a message be sent to the House of Commons, proposing to go into the election of a United States Senator.

On motion the Senate adjourned.
HOUSE OF COMMONS.
Mr. White, of Lincoln, presented a memorial praying for certain alterations in the militia laws.
Mr. Erwin presented a petition, accompanied by a bill, authorizing the erection of a Toll-Bridge in Burke County.
Mr. Wilkins introduced a memorial, accompanied by a bill to locate the County Seat of Polk County.

The Senate then voted as follows: For Wm. H. Battle 24; for John W. Ellis 25; one member (Mr. Shepard), being absent.
Mr. Thomas, of Davidson, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Education to inquire into the expediency of changing the existing law, which gives the escheated property of North Carolina to the University so that all such property may hereafter pass to the Common School Fund; and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned to Monday.
HOUSE OF COMMONS.
Mr. Stanley informed the House of the arrival of the member elected from the County of Yancey, that he was present and ready to present his credentials.

Mr. Calvin Edney then went forward to the Clerk's desk, and the Speaker administered the usual oath of office.
A message was received from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, proposing to vote for Judge at 1 o'clock.

The Speaker announced the arrival of the hour for going into the election of Senator.
Mr. Waser, from the Committee to superintend the election of Senator, reported that 169 votes were cast, of which number Badger received 82, Clingman 14, Swain 3, Wm. B. Shepard 17, J. B. Shepard 17, W. N. Edwards 4, McKay 10, Dobbin 2, Leak 9, Fisher 4, 5 for others.

Mr. Mebane, from the Committee on Finance, introduced a bill to provide for the payment of the debt of the State to the Bank of the State, and other debts due on account of Endorsements by the State for the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad.

The Speaker announced the arrival of the hour for taking up the joint order—the election of Superior Court Judge. The House then proceeded to vote, Messrs. Battle and Ellis being in nomination.
Mr. Headen reported Battle 82, Ellis 85. Mr. Ellis was declared duly elected.

Mr. White of Lincoln introduced a bill to extend the limits of Lincoln.
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