

Poetry.

Saratoga Cor. N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.
SARATOGA IN DARKNESS.

EAST AND WEST.

Blithely he stepped along the way;
The sea breeze swept across his breast;
His face was turned toward the west,
Where glowed the farewell of the day.

The purple rocks, like gems of earth,
Rose from the wet sand, fresh and bright;
The wavelets shone with sapphire light;
The reef was musical with mirth;

His step was quick, his heart was free,
His cheek blushed in the colored cloud;
And, drunk with joy, he sang aloud
A challenge to his destiny.

"Come well, come ill, I care not—I
Either my strong right hand can meet;
Come well, come ill, for both I greet—
The good will live—the evil die."

"My heart is light, my arm is strong
I care not what the fates may give;
Let child and coward fear to live,
And tremble at the charge of wrong."

So sang he. And the sun was gone,
The pile of color faded fast,
The night breeze rose and whistled past,
The stars came slowly—one by one.

His heart beat low—he turned him back;
Dark loomed the rugged rocks before,
And all along the sad gray shore
Roared loud the breakers, stern and black.

No more he sang, but sadly thought
Of life and death, and sickness pale—
How the stoutest arm may fail,
The truest heart may sometimes doubt.

Yes fate—some part is in thy hand!
The tide is turned, up rolls the wave;
We build our pride upon the sand.

"The strength will go, the weakness come;
The years with doubtful issue wait;
We know not what may be our fate;
We know not where may be our home."

Miscellaneous Items.

When you hear a man say life is but
a dream, stand on his corns. Life is real.

When a man retires from business,
and lives on the interest of his money,
he may be considered as resting on his ovens.

Poor Biddy Brown, to hasten things
Pours oil upon the coal,
The neighbors meet at night and pray,—
"Haven mercy on your soul."

The Southern ladies at White Sulphur
Springs rise about ten o'clock, breakfast at eleven, play croquet until luncheon, sleep until dinner, and dance until midnight.

Speaking of an elopement, to which
the parties were a man and his step-mother, a cotemporary calls it "new
in crime." We should say it was a
"new in departure."

A fellow was told that three yards of
cloth, by being wet, would shrink a
quarter of a yard. "Well, then," he
inquired, "if you should wet a quarter
of a yard, would there be any left?"

"Where do you hail from?" queried
Yankee of a traveler. "Where do
you rain from?" "Don't rain at all,"
said the astonished Jonathan. "Neither
do I hail; so, mind your own busi-
ness."

A Philadelphia journal relates how a
lady in Indiana applied for a divorce
on the ground that her husband was a
"confounded fool," and the judge said
that if the plea were allowed, every
man who married would be liable to
the same imputation.

The Macon Citizen tells a rich story
of a scene in a justice's court, in East
Macon. On the trial of a couple of ju-
venile who were charged with some
trivial offense, the witnesses were sol-
emnly sworn on a copy of the Patent
Office reports, and the culprits were
sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars
and furnish a keg of beer to the court.

During a fine starlight evening lately,
a three-year-old philosoper, after a silent
and apparently profound scrutiny of
the heavens, asked his mother, ab-
ruptly, where the stars came from. Ma-
mum replied: "I don't know, Wil-
lie; I don't know where the stars came
from." "Well, you bet I do. The
moon laid 'em."

Some ingenious Yankee has invented
a process by which maple sugar can be
made out of common New Orleans mol-
lasses, flavoring it by steaming maple
wood. A contemporary says: "The
next thing we are looking for from that
land of prolific ideas is a process whereby
they will make honey from cod
liver oil, flavoring it with beeswax."

"I once dreamed," said Pat, "that I
called upon the Pope, and he axed me
wud I drink. I tould him I didn't care
if I tuk a drop of punch. 'Could or
hot?' axed the Pope. 'Hot, yet river-
ence,' said I; and he stepped down in
the kitchen for sonic bilin' water, and
before he got back, I woke I stinkin' me that I didn't
take it."

Frenchem seem to have been made
desperate by their defeat. A resident
of the town of Tournus, Paul Grafien,
shot dead a baillif and gendarme, who
had gone to his house to effect a seizure.
The National Guard having been called
out, besieged him in his dwelling,
after having wounded several of the
soldiers, he blew out his own brains
rather than surrender.

Fish have great tenacity of life. It
is believed that the carp has attained
the age of one hundred and fifty years,
and the pike a still greater age. A
pike was caught in a lake in South
Germany in 1797, on which was found
a ring bearing this inscription: "I am
the fish which was first of all put into
this lake by the hands of the Governor
of the Universe, Frederick IL, the 5th
of October, 1230." It weighed three
hundred and fifty pounds, and was
nineteen feet long.

A poor widow and her little child
were sitting together in great want,
both feeling the pinch of hunger, and
the child looked up into the mother's
face, and said: "Mother, God won't
starve us, will He?" "No, my child,"
said the mother; "I do not think He
will." "But, mother," said the child,
"if He does, we will still praise Him
as long as we live; won't we be mother?"
May those who are gray-headed be able
to say what the child said, and to carry
it out.

A few weeks ago a baby was taken
into church to be baptized, and his
little brother was present during that
rite. On the following Sunday, when
the baby was undergoing his ablations
and dressing, the little brother asked
mamma if she intended to carry Willie
to be christened. "Why, no," replied
his mother, "don't you know my son,
that people are not baptized twice?"

"What?" returned the young reasoner;
with the utmost astonishment in his
earnest face, "not if it don't take the first
time?"

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From the Louisville, Ky., Commercial,
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THE RAIDS ON THE KU KLUX.

*The "Going out" of the Gas the Other
Night—Sufferings of a Correspondent.*

Ku Klux Operations in Ohio County—
Arrest of the Escaped Estill Ku Klux—
Clay County Braves—Business Brisk
for the Marshals—David Prentiss, the
Negro Who Killed Joe Curry, Under
Arrest—Illicit Distillers, Etc.

It was ten o'clock. The stage drove
up from the depot. Almost every lady
expected her husband on the train.
Many young ladies expected their
sweethearts. Neither the stage, the
driver, nor the horses were visible.
From force of habit the travelers felt
their way to the reception room. I got
mixed up with the crowd. Twenty-
five married ladies, seven old maids,
and four young ladies commenced greet-
ing the passengers in the darkness.
"My dear William! why did you stay
so long?" exclaimed a sweet young
wife, and then she threw her arms
around my neck—our lips met. I wasn't
going to be a darned fool! Far different.
Now, a dear, sweet, liquid-eyed brunette
threw her arms tightly around me.
"O, Eugene, why did you not write
sooner?" she sobbed, and then she
smiled twenty-two times. It was delicious.
I made me think of my first wife and
my college days at Yale. A ponderous
matron now approached—dress décolleté,
hair à la pompadour. She took me in
her arm and whispered, "O, Charles, did
you bring my beautiful dog—did you?"

"Madame, my name is not Charles,
and I hate dogs. I'd kill every dog
which I saw, but I'll faint at my feet.
A sweet, golden-haired blonde now
took my hand. She pressed it gently,
saying: "Dear Albert, I know it is
you, and I am so glad to see you!"

You won't dance with Lizzie Mose,
now, will you? Now, do promise me?"
I said I wouldn't. Then she held her
close to mine. It was hot with
love's young hope and pure, sweet
affection. We were very happy. None
but a wicked man would have brought
sadness to this sweet, pure young heart—

—full of confidence, warm with virgin
affection, and beautiful with splendid
girlishness. "Do you still love me, Al-
bert?" she whispered. "Undoubtedly,"

I remarked. "How much, darling?"
she said. "O, I am too happy!" she
murmured as she twisted and held my
hand. This sort of thing went on, for
seventeen minutes, when C. L. and I
and I appeared in the distance with a
tallow candle. I quietly withdrew and
mingled unnoticed in the crowd. As
the candle appeared, twenty-seven
young gentlemen were seen shaking
hands with as many young ladies in
the different corners. I have seldom
seen such and affecting scene. It was
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of two ladies. The hair of the ladies
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