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## POETRY.

From the Journal of Commerce.  
**THE FARMER.**  
Does the Farmer dig the dirt?  
Aye, aye;  
Does he wear a coarse shirt?  
Aye, aye;  
And if his cheek is brown  
With the kisses of the sun,  
Is he less a gentleman?  
Nay, nay;  
Does the farmer plow and sow?  
Aye, aye;  
Does he wield the spade and hoe?  
Aye, aye;  
And if his hand is hard,  
And his feet roughly shod,  
Shall we give him less regard?  
Nay, nay;  
Does the farmer work for all?  
Aye, aye;  
Labors he for great and small?  
Aye, aye;  
If from the farmer's store  
Comes the bread for rich and poor,  
Should we honor him the more?  
Yes, yea;  
Give the farmer then his due;  
Aye, aye;  
Though he serves, he's master too,  
Aye, aye;  
And may Heaven its blessings shed  
Down upon the farmer's head,  
'Till we cease our cry for bread,  
Aye, aye.

## MISCELLANY.

**A CURE FOR EPILEPSY.**  
We do not know in what paper the following originally appeared, but the N. Y. Post translates it from the *Courier des Etats Unis*, which was evidently copied from some other journal without credit:

"Some years ago a person was crossing one of the public squares in the city of Oporto, when a woman near by where he was passing was suddenly attacked with epilepsy. Immediately someone one in the crowd cried out, 'Cover her face with a black handkerchief!' Another witness of the accident untied his black cravat and threw it over the face of the sufferer, whose convulsions all at once ceased as if by magic. The restoration was so perfect that in a few minutes she was able to set up alone, thanked those who had relieved her, and walk away without assistance.

"The eye witness who related to us the above was some time afterwards director of a House of Industry in Oporto. Last year, one of the pupils in this establishment named Vidal, nineteen years of age, and subject to this disease, had a severe attack of it almost under the eyes of his teacher. In one of the intervals of his suffering he suddenly recollected the cure that had been wrought by the black cravat. It is merely an isolated case, said he to the physician of the establishment; I have no great faith in the remedy, but it is so simple that we can at least try it. A black cravat was thereupon thrown over young Vidal's head, whose spasm immediately ceased, his system regaining its normal state of repose as if by enchantment.

"Twenty times in succession young Vidal was cured of similar attacks almost instantaneously, and his parents took care to have a black handkerchief of some description always at hand. The patient was not cured but at all events he was relieved, not only of pain, but from all the dire results that usually attend the progress of this strange disease.

"The cravat used in the above instance was a silk one. Is it the silk that produces the result? Is it the color, or is it both these cause acting together? It is an easy subject for experiment, and one that ought not to be neglected.

## CALIFORNIA.

Operations are going on at San Diego, at Salida, and at Los Angeles to discover coal. Specimens have been obtained, it is said, at the three places of excellent quality. Companies are working at the two places first named, who profess the opinion that their investment of capital will turn out lucrative.

It is stated that the days of California extravagance are becoming slowly but surely veiled in the past. In no one branch of commercial industry has there been so great a diminution in charges as in the restaurant, and where one was once necessitated to spend dollars for a meal, many articles can now be had as cheap as in the Atlantic States. It is plainly evident that California has not yet reached her acme of usefulness.

## "STILL THEY COME"

We learn that Rawley Galloway, Esq., a distinguished Whig of Rockingham County, in this State, and an Elector for Taylor and Fillmore in 1848, has taken position with the Democratic party, and will support Bragg for Governor, and the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President. Mr. Galloway is a highly intelligent gentleman, and possessed of no small influence in that section of the State.—*Standard*

In the recent Panama massacre, one man showed a remarkable power of endurance, and was generally lucky all around. He was first shot in the thigh, which caused him to fall to the ground, over his valise, which contained some \$2,800. He afterwards received some thirty wounds by stabbing and gun shots, and laid insensible for hours. He finally was again restored to consciousness, but his many wounds dressed, and was doing remarkably well, while his valise was untouched by the natives.

## A PRIVATE ROOM OR THE EFFECTS OF PUNCH DRINKING.

One particular dark, damp, drizzly and disagreeable day, in the latter part of November, a tall, gaunt, queer looking customer, dressed in a blue coat with yellow buttons, with "yellow" striped pantaloons, and calf-skin terminations, sat "solitary and alone" in a little room situated in a certain little tavern, in—street, Philadelphia.

Before him was a little round table, on whose margin top was "not a little" pitcher of smoking punch, "schreechen hot," and a wife glass. The solitary individual was "York" nothing else, dear child—and that was his second pitcher full—nigh his second empty. One minute after, and you couldn't—fact you see—have squeezed a drop out of either pitcher of glass, by a forty-two pounder hydraulic press.

York rang the bell. The waiter popped his head in the door.  
"Ring, sa?"  
"If course I did. Is it clearing off?"  
"No ex—damp, sa—fog so thick, sa, you could ladle it out 'th a spoon, sa—Have anything, sa?"  
"More punch, and strong."

"Yes, sa—immediately, sa."  
"The waiter withdrew, and in a few seconds returned with a third pitcher of punch, and York was beginning to feel glorious, when, on raising up his eyes, he saw his own figure in a pier glass, directly opposite. He rubbed his eyes again.  
"By thunder!" said he "here's some fellow sitting right before me; I'll swear there's impudence for you! I swear this is a private room, sir, for my sole accommodation."

He waited a minute, expecting an answer, but his reflection only stared at him and held its peace.

"I was saying, sir, that this is my private room—mine, sir! cried York, fetching his voice an octave higher than it was before. No answer was made, and he rung the bell furiously. The waiter made his appearance again.

"Ring, sa?"  
"Yes, I did ring. Didn't I ask for a private room?"  
"Yes, sa, this is a private room, sa."

"Is it? Why there's a fellow sitting right opposite me now, on the other side of the table. Rot his impudence."

"Table, sa—fellow, sa?"  
"Yes, there is. Well, just never mind. Bring on some more punch and a couple of glasses."

In a very short time the fourth pitcher, with two glasses, made its appearance. York filled one of the glasses, and then shoved it over the table.

"Will you drink?" said he, addressing the figure in the glass.  
"Oh, you won't eh? Well, I—I will."

And so he did.  
"Better drink, old fellow," continued he "Your liquor is getting cold, and you look as if you was fond of the thing."

No answer being returned, York finished the pitcher, and rang the bell again. In popped the waiter.

"Ring, sa?"  
"To be sure I did. Didn't you hear the bell?"  
"I did."

"Didn't I order a p-private room?"  
"Yes, sa, this is a private room, sa."

A pretty private this is, with a fellow sitting right opposite that won't take a glass of punch when it's offered him, and a red nosed man at that. Oh, well, never mind, bring more punch and a tumbler.

I'll try him again."

Presently pitcher number five with glasses to match, was borne in with due state. "Better try some, old boy," said York, coaxingly, to his double. The reflex merely looked good natured but said nothing.

"Well," continued York, with a sigh, "if this isn't the most infamous. Never mind, I'll drink the punch."

And so he did, every bit off. About five minutes sufficed to end the pitcher—York rang the bell superfluously. The waiter came again.

"Ring, sa?"  
"Why certain. Why shouldn't I?—Where's the man—who keeps—place?"  
"Boss, sa? I'll see 'in, sa."

Shortly after, mine host, a quiet looking little man, with a mottled, calico pattern face and a shining bald head, made his appearance.

"W-w-what's to pay?" demanded York, rising and assuming an air of dignity.

"Five punches—five levies, sir."

"There's the money, sir," said York, forking over the coin. "And now I want to know why, when I call for a private room, you should put me in with a s-somebody else?"

"There's nobody here but you and I, sir."

"Nobody! Do you s-s-spose I can't see? Do you think I'm drunk? There, look there! I see 'em, by jingo!"

"Well sir, I must confess, I can't see but us two."

"You can't, eh?" And York dragged the landlord to the table. "Look there," continued he, pointing to the glass. "There's the rascals now. One of 'em enough like you to be your brother, and the other is the most Lord forsaken, meanest looking white man I ever saw."

**SENTENCE OF A MURDERER.**  
An affecting scene took place in the Superior Court of Perquimans county, N. C., last week, upon passing the sentence of death on Riddick Sewell. The prisoner was brought into court in a very feeble state, having suffered dreadfully from cold when in jail last winter.

After going through with some necessary preliminaries, his Honor addressed the prisoner and asked if he had any thing to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon him. Amid the breathless silence of a large and eager assemblage, Sewell arose and addressed the court with perfect composure for perhaps half an hour. He stoutly asserted his ignorance of every thing connected with the murder—

knew nothing of it until he was arrested—if he committed the deed, he was crazy and knew nothing about it—earnestly besought the Judge to take off his right arm, pluck out his right eye, send him out of the country, but spare his life—told his Honor that if he would look over his books, he would find precedents for this, and cited two cases as authority—referred to the hard swearing of the witnesses against him, and charged those who captured him with having robbed him, &c. His speech was very disconnected, but indicated a tenacious hope of life which nothing could banish.

The unfortunate man was then sentenced to be hung on the 15th inst.

## THE "SPIRITS" DISAPPOINTED.

The steamer Ericson arrived at New York in safety, lately from Liverpool. Mrs. Porter, a "spiritual medium" of New York, prophesied that the vessel would be harned to the water's edge before the 20th of April. She should have waited until she was almost certain of the facts, as did her brethren and sisters, who guided by a scientific hypothesis in a New York paper, predicted the fate of the Pacific after she had been out nearly three months.

Boston Advertiser.

## AN AUSTRALIAN LEGISLATOR.

Mr. Daniel Cameron, who was elected representative for the digging district of Woolshed, Australia, had the compliment paid to him by his supporters of having the horse he rode on at the time of the contest shod with shoes of solid gold. He was also presented with a sum of £1,500.

## PROSPECTUS

**OF THE RAIL ROAD TIMES.**  
AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL.  
Devoted to News, Internal Improvement, Education, Agriculture, Manufacture & Commerce.

WE know that the interests of the People of our State demand such a paper, and believing that one free from political bias and quarrels of the day, devoted to such topics, will be the kind they desire, we confidently enter upon this enterprise, to devote to this subject a portion of our space. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools.

**INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.**—To this subject we expect to devote as much space as a full interest in the various popular schools. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools.

**EDUCATION.**—It is a source of regret to all interested in the Education of our State, that so much devoted to party politics, &c., that this great cause has been too much neglected. We propose, therefore, to devote to this subject a portion of our space. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools. We will foster and carefully note the advancement of Education, not only in our higher schools, but in the various popular schools.

**AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURE AND COMMERCE.**—At this stage of our history, we are commencing the attention of all our good State citizens to these subjects. Therefore, the Markets will be reported with care, and all items, calculated to throw light on either of these inseparable branches of industry, will be carefully gleaned and inserted every week.

It is unnecessary to say more if we had time, but the "whistle of the locomotive" on the East and West, and the "clank of the hammer" on the South, will be reported with care, and all items, calculated to throw light on either of these inseparable branches of industry, will be carefully gleaned and inserted every week.

**TERMS.**—The Times will be printed weekly in Greensborough, N. C., on new material, and contain as much reading matter as any paper in the State, for \$2 per annum in advance.

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Nov. 5. 100-6t

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THE above Company has been incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and the directors of the following Officers:

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Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer,  
Purvis Bousie, Attorney,  
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J. H. Harnett, General Agent.

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Dr. Wm. W. Harnett, Medical Examiner, and Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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Malaga Wine,  
Old Scuppernon Wine,  
Old Tom Gin—extra,  
Wool's Schiedam Schnapps,  
Cherry Brandy,  
Old French Brandy,  
Apple do.  
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Rye do.  
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Perrier & Co's do.  
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