THE POET AND THE NATION.

There is a touching phrase in the cost laureste's last letter to the condon Times which ought to cause some twinges of conscience in an unappreciative public-"Some of us have from time to time sought to rouse the slumbering spirit of the nation by verse." I must admit myself that I have not the faintest recollection of any appeal that Alfred has made to my slumbering spirit, and I can only conclude, with shame, that my slumber was so deep that I did not even hear his modest pipe calling me to the war dance. This confession applies, so far as I am concerned, to all the bards who, if we are to believe the laureate, have been playing the same tune. The way he puts it suggests that the slumbering public is to blame for not having woke up and faced the music. But it is just possible that the fault may be with the music or the musicians. One remembers many patriotic poets, from Tyrtaeus to Rouget de Lisle, who have had no reason to complain that when they piped the audience did not dance.— London Truth.

Mexico In London.

"Modern Mexico" announces that Mexican national exhibition on a larger scale of importance than any previous event of the kind is now purposed to be held at the Crystal palace, London, from May to October of next year. The directors of the Crystal palace have extended an invitation to President Diaz to authorize and encourage such an exhibition in the hope of strengthening the entente cordiale between the two countries and of largely increasing the commercial, financial and other relationships that have begun to ripen. The invitation was presented by John W. Ryckman, special commissioner, on behalf of the Crystal palace, through the British minister, Mr. Tower, and is now being considered. It offers practically the whole available floor space of the immense structure to Mexico and to assume the entire expense after the exhibits are installed. It will be distinctively a Mexican exhibition, no other country being allowed to take part.

Noiseless Clocks.

"How the times change!" says a writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung. "In the days of our fathers no description of a homelike, cozy room was complete without a reference to the ticking clock. It was this gentle sound which emphasized the quiet of the place. People had no machine. And now to meet the re- very cutting things about you. quirements of the nervous people a factory at Schramburg is making a dinner at the Union league in New noiseless clock." In an article on York. Mr. Fish when the soup a chamois leather. the same subject another paper came on began to cast sneering disagreeable and unendurable some opposite us, and finally he whisperof the noises which were once music ed to me: to us, and soon we will find a way to silence the birds and to muffle the can tell it by his accent.' sound of the rustling leaves."

Game of Trades.

Each player must choose a trade and go through the motions of working at it. For instance, if he is s tailor he must pretend to sew or soup."—Spokane Review. iron; if a blacksmith to hammer a bar of iron or shoe a horse. One is the king, and he, too, chooses a trade. Every one works away as hard as he can until the king suddenly gives up his trade and takes up that of some one else. Then all must stop except the one whose business the king has taken, and he must start with the king's work. The two go on till the king chooses to go back to his own trade, when all begin working again. Any one who fails to stop or to begin again at the right time must pay a forfeit.

His Majesty's Knee.

A Norwegian journal tells the following story about the crown prince of Norway. Too much attention from those about him made little Prince Olaf somewhat headstrong and, like most children, inclined to be a little tyrannical toward his playfellows. The other day he became angry with another little boy who had placed himself on a certain chair. "You mustn't sit there!" he cried. "It's my father's place." King Haakon happened to be present and took the offending boy on his own knee by way of consolation. Prince Olaf was angrier than ever. "You mustn't sit there either," he insisted. "It's my mother's place."-Dundee Advertiser.

Said It First.

"Any woman can marry any man she wants," says Gertrude Atherton in her new book. Probably this is as true now as it was when Thackeray first said it, though he put it stronger by saying that she could do it even when handicapped with s hump .- New York Sun.,

THE UNTAMED NEW YORKER.

A German newspaper with a large circulation publishes at regular in-tervals little articles "from Amerstood," the correspondent says, is quite safe. "that despite the high civilization carriages and automobiles in front found excellent. where jewelry is a badge of superi- until required. ority."

The Pepper Cure For Hiccoughs.

A new and immediate remedy for hiccoughs was discovered at the Hahnemann hospital recently by Dr. Peters, by whom George Mc-Clellan, aged thirty years, of 908 Quarry street, was cured of hiccoughs which began two days before by a pinch of pepper.

McClellan had tried all kinds of remedies before coming to the hospital, but without avail. Two hospure water and pour into the cider pitals were visited, but the treatment he received was apparently as little good as the drugs he had taken at home. He became weaker and weaker and could not eat or sleep.

It was in this condition that he appeared at the Hahnemann hos-

"Here is something that you never tried," said Dr. Peters. He gave the man a pinch of pepper. The man was hiccoughing violently at the time, but managed to inhale the stimulant. Tears came from his lently. He sneezed again, and when prepared by putting fresh mint he was through sneezing the hic- leaves into a wide mouthed bottle

The Montreal Gurgle.

"Stuyvesant Fish," said a Pittsnerves in those days. Today the burg banker, "is a very finicky perthought of a machine ticking off son. To get along with him you the seconds and striking the hours must be mighty particular about is a source of worry and distress. etiquette. You must shave twice a Time is going, but they do not wish day, dress for dinner-all that sort to be reminded of it continually. of thing. If you don't come up to No clock is better than the ticking his standard, he is apt to say some

"I once sat beside Mr. Fish at a

"'That man is from Montreal. I "By his accent? said I. But.

Mr. Fish, the man hasn't spoken.' "Mr. Fish's lip curled in a scornful smile.

"I had reference,' he said, 'to the accent with which he eats his

A Long Distance Telegram.

Sir Robert Ball, the famous astronomer, in talking about the distance of the stars once said that a telegram sent at the usual speed of telegrams over the wire would take most distant star that the telescope enables us to see. But the camera has revealed stars that the telescope has not, and some of them are so distant that if a telegram had been sent to them in the year 1—that is the door. to say, 1907 years ago-it would only now be reaching its destination. Only by some such illustration as this can we form any conception of how far away the fixed stars are.-Chicago News.

Riddles and Answers.

Why is a horse like the letter O? Because G(ee) makes it "Go." What two letters do boys delight

in? T(w)o T's. On which side of the pitcher is

the handle? The outside. Why is a proud girl like a music

book? She is full of airs. Why is the letter F like a fish hook? Because it makes eel feel .-Philadelphia Ledger.

Newspaper Slips.

Recent journalistic slips are funny. Seventy per cent of the Hungarian population are forced to live in one room, according to the Mail. A roomy room! In its obituary of Lord Brampton the Lincolnshire Echo says there is hardly a race horse in the kingdom on which his well known figure has not been seen !-- London Opinion.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Value of Fuller's Earth as a Class

One of the most valuable cleans ica" which are probably read with ers for delicate fabrics is fuller's much interest abroad, where it is earth, and yet comparatively few not generally known that they are women use it or know about it. Its misleading. One of them, published cheapness and the ease with which a few weeks ago, tells about safe de- it is applied and removed should posit vaults. "It should be under- commend it to all, and then, too, it

For cleaning white and the delias seen here in science, art, com- cate pastel tints as well as other merce and philanthropy there is still colors it may be applied with a vela certain wildness about the people vet covered brush or pad or a piece which makes the rich man fear the of old and soft Turkish toweling. plunderer. It is on that account Whichever is used, it should be dipthan one can find these safe deposit ped in the earth and the material vaults in all parts of New York rubbed, taking care to rub with thecity, and there people take their val- nap of the goods in the case of uables when they do not require broadcloth and satin or other fab-them for public show. In the opera ric having a decided nap. For broadseason one may see long lines of cloth a stiff fine flesh brush will be he did not go the whole distance im-

of the strong box places early in Straw hats intended for use anthe evening, when the women call other season or to serve as stop gaps for their jewels, and again after the between the laying aside of one's opera, the theaters and the balls winter hats and the new spring creare over, when they return them to ations should be brushed with fullthe burglar proof boxes. Diamonds, er's earth and a fine, rather stiff amethysts and sapphires made of scrub brush. If one have any skill glass are also deposited in these at applying trimmings, these should places and taken out when others also be removed and cleansed and can see the operation by women who put away with the hat in a dustcourt recognition in the circles proof paper bag or a trunk or box

> Oftentimes the lace and velvet or ribbon used on one hat serves to trim another. Such trimmings should be removed as soon as the hat is done with, carefully cleaned and laid aside.

Turning Cider Into Vinegar.

This is my way of turning old cider into vinegar, writes a correspondent of the Housekeeper: If there is any honey left on the plate pure water and pour into the cider barrel, or pieces of comb honey may be crushed and used. It will not be many weeks before you will have an excellent quality of vinegar even if the cider is two or three years old. This practice has been followed in my family for years and always with the best results.

Mint Vinegar.

It is always desirable to have fresh mint sauce to serve with roast lamb, but when this cannot be obtained it is a good thing to have a eyes as he did, and he sneezed vio- substitute on hand. This can be coughs were gone. — Philadelphia and pouring pure cider vinegar over Inquirer. Fill the bottle with the vinegar, cork tightly and allow it to stand for two weeks. After that strain the liquid into a clean bottle and seal until ready for use.

Papier Mache Trays.

Papier mache trays should never be allowed to remain wet from tea, water or milk spilled on them. Wash them with a sponge, not too wet, and cold water. While still damp sprinkle a little flour over, then rub with a soft flannel and polish with

says, "The antinoise craze has made glances at a stout, red faced chap ly removed from papier mache trays White heat marks may be partialby rubbing with a flannel dipped in sweet oil and afterward lightly in spirits of wine.

Cleansing Brushes.

To clean hairbrushes put onehalf teaspoonful of pulverized borax in a saucer or deep plate. Pour on a sufficient amount of hot water to wet the bristles of the brush. Let cool and put in the brush, taking care not to wet the outside of the back. When clean shake well and let lie in the sun until dry. This method will leave the bristles stiff.

For the Rug by the Door.

To keep a rug in place in front of seventy-eight years to reach the a door sew a brass ring on each upper corner of the rug. Put a brass headed tack close to the edge of the floor, hook the brass rings over the tacks and the rug will not slip or turn up when opening or closing

Inexpensive Furniture Pelish.

Equal parts of turpentine, boiled linseed oil and common household vinegar make an inexpensive and excellent furniture polish. The vinegar and oil combine to make an emulsion which eradicates smoke

Ivory Handled Knives.

Knives which have ivory handles which have become darkened should have the handles rubbed with half a lemon which has been dipped in salt. After treating them thus wash in warm water.

For a Troublesome Felon.

Take common rock salt, dry in an oven, then pound it fine and mix with spirits of turpentine in equal parts. Put it in a rag and wrap it around the part affected. As it gets dry put on more.

To Restore Colors. When the color is taken from dresses by lemon, pieplant or tomato juice sponge the spot with aque ammonia, then wash in warm soap

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Story of an Irish Coal Miner Who Fell

That very prominent pessimist James J. Hill, the Schopenhauer of the need of "a strong, calm hand to guide us" and making incidentally the movement a card player makes when he holds a straight flush, consoles Wall street with the assurance that he does not see how stocks can go much lower. His opinion was the occasion the other day for a variety of comment in speculative cir-

James R. Keene said it reminded him of the Irish coal miner who fell down the shaft. Pat had a curious experience. The shaft was a new one about seventy-five feet deep, and when the Irishman tumbled in mediately. He lodged about a third of the way down, and his fellow workmen struggled to save him, Pat directing the operations. Just as they thought they had succeeded he crashed down another twenty-five feet, when an obstruction caught him, and the rescue campaign was begun anew and with greater difficulty. When they were a second time on the point of success, to the dismay of the rescuing party, Pat went headlong into the lower deep. Now all was silent-no sound from the unfortunate Hibernian.

Leaning far over the edge of the shaft, the foreman shouted through a trumpet: "Pat! I say, Patrick!" From the darkness and mystery of the underworld came the solitary word, "Hurroo!"

"Are you much hurted, Pat?" "I am not, begorra!"

"Where are ye, Pat?" "Phat's that ye're sayin'?" "Where are ye, Pat? Where the divil are ye?"

"Where am I? Where am I? Glory be to God, I'm on the bottom at lasht!"-New York Commercial.

After the Wedding.



Our house, dear Anna, is certainly very cozy, but rather small. If your mother should want to come and stay with us, therefore-er-

-You will have to sleep out somewhere.

On the Anxious Bench.

"You seem very nervous and restless this morning," said the senior partner.

"Yes," replied Markley, the junior partner. "You see, I asked Borroughs to drop in today and pay me what he owes me."

you're afraid he "And come, eh?"

"I'm afraid he will come and borrow more."-Catholic Standard and said bitterly that after her thor-Times.

A Treasure Ship.

Silas Stubble-I see that ev'ry time thet new ship sails—the Lucy Tanner I think's her name-she carries 7,500 tons uv coal. Hank Harkins-By ginger! It's

a durn good thing there ain't no piruts a-rovin' the seas these days!

A Good Guess.

them into the next world, do you suppose?

Crimsonbeak - Why, it would burn in their pockets. - Yonkers

Reciprocity. "Every father thinks he has the

finest baby in the world." "Yes," answered the cynic, "and once in awhile, but not nearly so often, a baby grows up to think it has one of the finest fathers in the world."-Houston Post,

not make some provision for his Weekly. family in the way of insurance?" "Rates too high. You see, he was a guide in Maine for amateur hunt-

A Cook's Idea.

ers."-Baltimore American.

be awfully extravagant.

Wife-Why do you think so? Husband-She seems to think we at this nickel? He did neither, but, have victuals to burn. - Detroit on the contrary, he seemed to re-Tribune.

Paradoxical.

The Drummer - The price of writing paper has gone up. thought it was stationery .- Chica- a starter."- New York Sun. go News.

WATCH YOUR TONGUE

If Furred and Coated, it is Warning of Trouble to Come.

When it is the morning after the night American finance, after remarking before, you do not have to look at your tongue to know that the stonach is upset, the head is aching with a dull rhythm, and that all the world looks black and

> It may have been lobster Newburgh, Welsh rarebit or some other tasty dish that looked much better at night than the morning after. There is no need to look at the tongue thermometer then for symptoms of trouble. You naturally go to your box of Mi o-na stomach tablets, and with one of the little relievers bring

> joy and gladness to the physical system. The real time to watch the tongue is all of the time. If it is coated with a white fur, or possibly with dark trimmings, even though the stomach does not tell you by the acute pains of indigection that it needs help, yet the coating shows that you are getting into a bad way and that there is need of Mi-o-na.

Mi-o-na is so positive, so sure, so reliable in its curative action upon the stomach that Graham & Wells, the local agents, give an absolute guarantee with every 50-cent box they sell to refund the money unless the remedy gives absolute and complete satisfaction.

Why

Should your baby suffer? When he is fretful and restless, don't experiment on him and use any old thing your neighbor recommends. Buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge, greatest known worm medicine and cure for all children's diseases. It is mild in its action, builds up the system, makes thin puny babies fat. Mrs. J. C. Smith, Tampa, Fla., writes: "My baby was thin and sickly, could not retain its food and cried all night. used one bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and in a few days baby was laughing happy and well." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Carrie Nation

Certainly smashed a hole in the parooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Hore. hound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary d'seases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years," Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Of living is to have good health. Use Herbine and you will have bushels of joy. You need not be blue, fretful and nave that bad taste in your mouth. Try a bottle of Herbine, a positive core for all liver complaints. E. Harrell, Austin, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for year, and find it a fine regulator. I gladly recommend it as a fine medicine for Dyspepsia." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

rneir Brand of Language.

"When George Ade wintered in Egypt," said a Baltimorean, "it amused him a good deal to see the serious way in which his fellow tourists took their smattering of the Arabic tongue. They had picked up all this flimsy knowledge in a week or two's reading, but they acted as though it was the precious fruit of a lifetime's study. At Assouan a young woman from St. Joseph complained that she could not understand the Arabic of her guide. To the crowd that encircled her she pointed out the guide—a bent old fellow with a white beard-and she ough study of Arabic it seemed strange that she and this guide could not converse. From the rear of the crowd Mr. Ade called gravely: 'It's your own fault, Miss Hodson. You should have hired a younger guide. These toothless old ones all speak gum Arabic."

Competent.

"Examinations for admission to the bar," once observed a prominent Yeast - What would happen if attorney of New Orleans, "are of some people could take money with course easy or severe, according to the humor of the examiner. I heard once of a judge in a certain district famous for its bad roads and numerous creeks and rivers who, when a young man presented himself for examination, looked the applicant over and then inquired, with great gravity:

"Can you ride?"

"Yes, sir." "Do you own a horse?" "Yes, sir."

"Can he swim?" "Yes, sir."

"Then, my dear sir, I am happy Too Big a Risk. to welcome you to the practice of "How was it that old Jake did law in my district." — Harper's

A Starter.

Man in a restaurant, happening in just as a new shift of waiters came on. And, having eaten a very modest luncheon, this man laid Husband-That new cook must down a modest tip-to be exact, 5

And did the waiter shy or sniff gard it as an augury of good fortune that his first customer should have given him something, and-

"Thank you," he said politely to riting paper has gone up.

The Merchant — Why, I always away he added to himself, "That's

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