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Speak Gently ! BY JULIA M. EMERSON. Speak gently ; cold, hard words are felt Beyond the passing hour; In after life is known, alas!

Their chilling, deadly power. Speak gently to the blithe and gay ; Earth gently has enough of wee, Then do not by thy coldness check Thy spirit's joyous flow.

Speak gently to the sorrowing ; The heart oppressed with grief, May find in thy consoling words A blest and sure relief.

Speak gently to the little ones That cluster round thy way ; Life may not always wear to them An aspect fair and gay. Speak gently to the suffering poor;

Twill help to soothe their woe, If thou, with kind and gentle words, Thine alms in love bestow. Speak gently; a kind, friendly word-It is not much to give ;

But in the weary, care-worn heart Its memory long shall live. Speak gently; for kind, loving words Possess a magie power, To lighten sorrow, care dispel, And cheer a lonely hour.

An Englishman in America. The following article appears in the London Shipping and Mercantile Gazette: To the Editor of the Shipping and Mercantile Gazette : Sig :- I have now made the tour of the

States of North America, and think it prob nble I can give your readers some useful information. I landed at New York city ten months ago, and have spent my time in studying the character and customs of the white hat does not refer to the individuthose people, and must confess that if I re- al in the white cap, and my Lord John Rusmained ten years the result would be the sell acknowledges the American interpre same; and I know very little about them. But upon one point-national pride-men, women, and children are all alike, and the of them put together, conquering this coun- and my Lord Palmerston's instructions try, is perfectly absurd to them. Every body reads the papers, and a good-humored urchin of twelve years used to rate me soundly at Philadelphia for our failures at Sebustopol. The best version of American sympathy was given me a few days since. When the war commenced the citizens from not only sympathizing with England, but assisting her with material aid.' This I beard from a very intelligent man, who I do not think suspected my nationality; and I firmly believe it. In the South I spent some time upon the planta tions, and many times held long conversa tions with the slaves, and always with the same result. They are much better satisfied than I suspected, and when I spoke of the probability of a war, I was answered. that "white folks wouldn't let nigga fight." "But," said I, "the blacks from the West Indies will come here and help you to gain your freedom." "What! black somer come here? let 'em cum, den, massa; let'a fight the nigga, I know, and Gor Almighty we give'em gosh !" If not in the same language the same feeling was ever expressed.

I have visited all their national armories. and although the country is at peace, the greatest activity prevails; all the old arms are condemned, and by next spring nearly 1,500,000 Minie rifles will be ready for · edistribution, besides Colt's, Clark's, and others. A Mr. Alger, at Boston, is now engaged on a new kind of gun for the navy. The range with solid shot is nearly 5 miles; with shell, somewhat shorter, and the explosion of the shell renders conflagration cer tain to a great distance. These are called, by those at work on them, the secret gun. But what the secret is I could not ascertain. Since the war rumors I have been observant of all and everything that could give a clue to the feelings of the people .-This is not difficult to come at, as the feeling is general, and their confidence so great in their own strength that the most diffident only speak of the consequences and the result. In company with a party of merchants, most of whom were engaged in the trade with England, I broached the war them, largely interested in elipper-ships, in answer to a remak of mine, that he would have to lay up his clippers-"Not a bit of there will be 500 of the fustest vessels in loved country, and, if need be, could again Governor he will be able to remit the penhave cost \$21,272,156, and the amount rethe world affort as privativers, and an Eng. handle a munket for her honor and gloce; alty.

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OREGON CITY, O.T., MAY 24, 1856.

lish merchantman will not be allowed to but the day that war is declared between show herself at sea. What if we lose a few, these two mighty rivels a contest will be we will make it up in the end. Two steam- commenced that will bring more horrors in ers were launched a few days since, each its train than the world ever yet witnessed. esting facts relative to our sea-coast de-following: defended. Remember you have no Sebas- of freedom, in this country; but I assure cation of each fortification upon the coast zealous for the war—this they are not, nor topol or Cronstadt." Nor do we want any. you their greatest protection here is their around to the Mississippi, together with are they likely to be. Should they, howany nation attempt an invasion, we will thought harmless, but the slightest suspiany, superior to most; and we can con- and they would be annihilated; in fact, I centrate 500,000 men at any point on our have proved to my entire satisfaction that coast in a few days. Let the alarm be those terrible and exciting questions are sounded at this moment, and in a few hours only intended for political effects; but at-

ance armed and equipped."

This sounds like bragging, but it is a fact. starting at early dawn for the woods, for on you. I remain, yours, here they can shoot game wherever found. War is argued against by everybody as something to be avoided, but the idea of backing out to avoid it does not appear to enter the mind of anybody. Some of the papers speak of the President's message disparagingly, but the people are with him. I regret I cannot defend my country at this time as I would wish. The Bulwer-Clayton treaty is plain and explicit, and these don't and won't understand double meanings in treaties. They say the man with tation. There are thousands of men here that the Americans would be glad to get clear of, but that does not justify England were something like telling a man to stab

his neighbor but not hurt him.

If the treaty (Clayton-Bulwer) is adhered to, we have the States pledged never to Mexico. The winter has been the hardest sympathies were with her. After the al. States of the Union. The Canadians are from New Mexico are already in our city, liance, it was three against one, and our a very loyal set, and think they could take and others are expected, to lay in their sympathies went for Russia; but, should possession of the United States at a most stock of goods for the season. The purland, our government could not prevent its habit of bragging from their neighbors Louis Republican March 29. A trip up the lakes is the most convincing proof we can have of the difference in the two people. In the American are well finished cities and towns, sawmills, railroads running in every direction-in fact, you seldom lose sight of the locomotive-and there are innumerable steamers at every landing. On the Canadian, where there are settlements, you see the well-kept, comfortable dwellings, the smooth sheared lawn, and everything wears an air of comfort; but little or no business, with the exception of the great railroad. However, they are rapidly improving; but should there be war, the largest and best portions of Canada are lost to us, Quebec, Halifax, and other points would bother them. But to sum up my own observations after every

gladden the hearts of our tried soldiery. Now, what can we gain? A foot of ter- land, Sweden, Hamburg, Denmark, Porturitory ? We don't want it; and if we did, gal and Bremen. six feet for the majority of our brave fellows, I fear, would be the extent. Naval or military glory we don't want, and as for the sand beach of the Mosquito king it is a decided humbug. What would be the result to this country ! It would put her back in prosperity for half a century; it would ruin thousands who are now in affluence, but would enrich thousands who are now poor. But the great advantage the Americans have is that they can produce and manufacture everything they want; the indifferent about the consequences. One of card ours forever. But the greatest injury persons in all sections of the State, who to all parties, and I may say to the world, are starting for the West, or preparing to would be the making of this nation of 25, go, while many have already gone this 000,000 a warlike people; and once in spring. In one day last week, an agent on coast of Louisiana. They have in all 446 stiled with the love of war, the propagand- one of the great routes to the West sold guns, have cost \$2,385,101, and require posing, the Scholars are waiting to recite teers; the government will furnish guns of ists of Europe would have a fearful ally. The fifteen tickets to men going from this vicin. \$115,500 to complete them. teers; the government will turnish guils of last year's crop of wheat is officially given long range; no British man-of-war can last year's crop of wheat is officially given ity. There is no doubt that more people talo, Niagara, on Niagara river, Ontario at tong range; no british man-on-war can at 170,000,000 of bushels, and everything will leave this State for the West this year Oswego, and Montgomery on Lake Chamcatch them except a steamer, and they can. not in a good breeze, so we must take else in proportion, so that we cannot starve than have gone in any three past years." chances." "But where will you get your them out; and, from my own observation, men!" "Where! We have \$4,000 enrolled fishermen who will flood our scaports:
the whole of Europe than against this rolled fishermen who will flood our scaports, the whole of Europe than against this county, for allowing one of his negroes to forts, on our whole coast, 61. For a war county, for allowing one of his negroes to forts, on our whole coast, 61. For a war hire his own time. The only difficulty in garrison for all of them, they require 30, and I will tell you calculate that after they fine the doubt of the power and wealth of my be-

We have a few very pretty forts, but should insignificance. They flourish as long as meet them with hands and hearts equal to cion of their collusion with a foreign foe, nearly 50,000 men will make their appear. tach any importance to them affecting the ber enrolled and equipped; every man fact, foreigners themselves, are know-noth- which are barracks and some 20 guns of keeps his rifle at home or in the private ings, started to proscribe them; but such is large calibre, though not enough by any armory of the company to which he belongs, the fact, I have extended my remarks means to defend the town from an attack and I find it is the same throughout the further than I intended, but they have one of heavy war ships. The first fort enucountry. I have frequently met with boys desirable feature-that is, truth. Should of 12 and 14, with gun and game-bag, they prove acceptable, I may again intrude

> JAMES R. WARREN. BUFFALO, New York, Jan. 11, 1856.

FROM NEW MEXICO .- Col. Savery, Mr. Bransford, Mr. Rees, and several other gentlemen, have recently arrived in our city from New Mexico. They represent the Indians as quiet, and a better prospect for a permanent peace among the hostile tribes, who have heretofore been a terror upon the plains, than ever before. Indeed, the Indians may be said to be suing for peace and forgiveness. The Santa Fe mail, due the latter part of this month, will tractors for its transportation, it is alleged, 273. have not the means or necessary appliances to put it through. The outward bound mail for Santa Fe, which started on the miles from Westport and then came back 573 are yet required to complete them. on account, it is said, of the depth of the snow, and lies there at present. There is no news of any particular interest in New

67 The Wilmington, Del., Republican perfect them \$394,526 more are required tells a story of John Beeson, an old miser in Forts Delaware and Mifflin, on the Delathose parts, who is a bachelor, about eighty ware river, are provided with 204 guns.owner of some two or three hundred acres red to complete them. of land in Brandywine Hundred. It is alleged that since he arrived to manhood he on the floor near the fire place, with a stick yet \$804,332 to complete them. of wood for a pillow. He has taken all the dy wine mills, where, it is said, the money has remained for two or three years before he would lift it. He went without shoes, and the soles of his feet became impervious to briars and even thorns.

PREDOMINANCE OF AMERICAN SHIPPING opportunity that one man could have at IN CHINESE WATERS .- The Friend of forded him, the result would be as follows: China, of Dec. 15th, gives the tonnage of Mexico, Cuba, and the whole of Central foreign nations at that time in the ports of America in the South, including Cuba. Shangline Fu chow-fou, Whampon, and would be annexed; and I have little doubt Hong Kong, a total of 50,000 tons. Of of Canada, in the North; millions of treathis amount, 18,075 is British, and 24,192 sure and thousands of valuable lives lost to American. The latter is within 4,634 tons England forever; our commerce crippled of the combined tonnage of all foreign nain every sea, and some fighting that will tions at these ports, and is larger than the tonnage of England, France, Spain, Hol-

OF A bill to establish an overland express mail from St. Louis to San Francisco. three forts. via Albuquerque, N. M., has been introdube paid \$5000 per trip, and allowed to need an expenditure of \$80,000. preempt a section of the public domain for are liable to a heavy penalty.

67 Governor Morehead of Kentucky has \$353,640 to complete them.

Our Bea-Coast Defenses.

Magazine for March we gather some inter- the recent war excitement, we extract the he amount necessary to complete each of the forts enumerated.

We think the writer has omitted one fort on our extreme Eastern border, at Eastthat many children of foreigners, and, in overlooks the town, upon the summit of merated in the article in Putnam is Fort Knox, at Bucksport, Maine. Situated at about 25 miles from the mouth of the Penobscot at a "narrow" in the river, it completely precludes the possibility of the pas- and sailors enough to man them. Since sage of a hostile ship. There have been expended on it already \$130,442, and \$500,000 more are required to complete it tend with. She has destroyed ficets, but

according to the original plan, Portland (Me.) harbor has been prepared for partial defense by the two forts Scammel and Preble, built at an expense of complete these works \$7,500 are needed.

Forts McClaney and Constitution command the harbor of Portsmouth, N. H .--They mount in the aggregate but 73 guns, not, it is supposed, arrive, as the new con- and were completed at an expense of \$38,

Boston Harbor and City are defended by three forts and two batteries mounting in all 539 guns. On these an amount of idea of any nation of Europe, or the whole in breaking their laws by enlisting them; first of this month, only proceeded a few \$1,988,163 has been expended, and \$124,-

New Bedford, Mass., has one fort of 14 guns, completed at an expense of \$5,000. Fort Adams commands Newport, R. I. It mounts 464 guns, has already consumed occupy it, (Central America,) for, say what one ever experienced there, and the stock 81,561,343, and requires \$30,000 to finish we will, they will stick to the treaty and it upon the plains have suffered quite severely. it. Fort Trumbull is the defense of New will not be annexed; abrogate it, and in The Arlansas river is reported to be frozen London. Connecticut, mounting 98 guns, can North Carolina Eagle states that the

forts and four batteries. These in all a few days ago, several nuggets of gold, mount 1000 guns. To carry these works making about \$1050; one piece was worth France join Russia to morrow against Eng. ment's warning. They have caught the chases this year will be very heavy. St. as far towards completion as they at pres. between \$800 and \$900-almost pure ent are carried, has cost \$2,511,464. To gold; another piece was worth about \$129

> years of age, and by his peculiar mode of There has been expended on them the sum living has amassed a fortune, being the of \$621,913, and \$582,900 will be requi-

Fort Monroe, at Old Point Comfort, and Fort Calhoun, Hampton Roads, have 595

Forts Washington, on the Potomac, Sev wheat he produced on his farm to the Bran- ern and Madison, at Annapolis, mount in all 133 guns. They have cost \$596.854. The first two are completed, the last requires yet an expenditure of \$30,000.

There are two forts prepared in part for the defense of Baltimore-Carroll and McHenry. They mount 233 guns, have cost \$281,663, and require an outlay of \$865,000 yet.

North Carolina, at Beaufort. It mounts to you. I was looking over my brothers 61 guns, and has cost \$470,730. To fin- newspaper. Seeing inserted there in that ish it \$3,000 are needed. There is another you wish to communicate with any young at Oak Island, Smithville, N. C., Fort Castriage Dear Sir I profess to be one that are

Charleston, S. C., has three Forts, Pinck-

Forts Pulaski and Jackson dominate the

On the coasts of Florida are seven Forts every ten miles of the route. The post- from Cumberland Sound around to Pensaage charged is to be 50 cents per ounce; cola. On the ramparts of these are 1041 Woman I hope you will condescend so low and if after the first year the contractors heavy guns. These Forts have cost \$2,- as to Answere these lines As I wish to comfail to make the trip in fifteen days, they 410,321, and yet require for their comple. municate with some person that will Write tion the sum of \$2,213,862.

Fort Morgan, at Mobile Point, and of \$210,000.

There are seven works of defense on the Forts Wayne, at Detroit, Porter, at Buf-

They have cost \$612,650, and require now

Thus we have of batteries, castles, and

OUR RESOURCES OF NAVAL STRENGTH .-From an elaborate article in Putnam's From an article in the Boston Courier, upon

dary. In addition to this, we have an ac- and join their oppressors in seeking a war count of the number of men necessary to with the only country in the world that garrison each fort, the total amount of sympathises with the cause of labor and money already expended upon them, and liberty—the struggle would be, indeed, one worthy of a heroic age-a contest for the dominion of the ocean. The weakness of England's insular position would be apparent in one or two years, when the unequaland coal of America, would be exhibited in the continued production of fleets surpassing the capacity of all the world. "To-day there are ship carpenters and

joiners enough in the United States to build two hundred war steamers of the size of the Merrimac, each year, without diverting a man from any other branch of trade, and gunpowder; roads and canals by railways; machinists enough to fit them with engines, the days of Tromp and Ruyter, England has never had a really naval power to conthe nations who owned them have not been able to replace them again. We do not speak of armies, for in such a war they would be of secondary importance. The \$111.137, and mounting 111 guns. To chivalric valor of our people needs no encomium, and the superior 'military education of our officers over the British is too notorious to require comment."

> Success of Pacific Missions .- There are 119 American and English missionaries in the Pacific Islands; 59,929 communicants, and 54,708 pupils. This wonderful success in the missionary efforts of barely a single generation, is an earnest of the immense harvest yet to be reaped among the millions of Asia, Africa, Australia, and Polynesia, when once the Bible and the living teacher shall be found heralding the Gospel in all the different tongues and languages of the Eastern Hemisphere.

GOLD IN NORTH CAROLINA.-The Ameri Turks were the weaker power, and our less than ten years it will be one of the to the bettom. A number of merchants and completed at an expense of \$250,941. slaves at the Portis gold mine in Franklin New York City is defended by seven county, the property of T. K. Thomas, found, -intermixed with quartz-with others worth from \$10 to \$40.

> THE SCHOOL MA'AM AT HOME -- While the world is perpetually insinuating it suspicion that 'the schoolmaster is abroad,' it will, we doubt not, feel relieved by the receipt of information of the most authentie character that the school ma'am is at has never slept in a bed, preferring to lie guns, have cost \$4,067,467, and require home. It is not necessary to say that the following document is authentic. Neither we shall prove. A good Printer will set Hood nor Hook nor Hogg, nor all three together, could have done it. Great Nature alone is equal to the effort. How we came by it is of no importance. We stole it. The thing will atone for the theft. We plend it in justification. It is in response, as will be seen, to a matrimonial advertisement .- Cin. Commercia!

"November the 19th, A. D. 1855. Dear Sir-It is with great pleasure that There is a fort (Mscon.) on the coast of I take my pen in hand to write a few line ly completed at an expense of \$571,221. for Music, I profess, to be a perfect hand framing the Constitution of the United well, mounting 87 gurs. It has been near- in possession of which you require. As at playing the instrument called the Accor- | States. dean and piana. I am in possession of ney, Moultrie, and Sumpter. They have both Instruments. I obtained them from 225 guns, and have been thus far comple my Unkle as a present I am Teaching ted at an expense of \$785,718. \$158,090 School at presnet at 26 dollars per mouth. will fill out the original plan of these Sear Sir when you write to me I will have more foundation to write. My age is 19 my language is english for common But I can talk German as good as english. My prop- happiness in the fifth act of life, eat and ced into Congress. The contractors are to Savannah river, have cost \$1,003,859, and erty can be Sold at any day at Fourteen hundred Dear sir If you are a person that is temperate and of a mild disposition good character and other particulars that onstitute a person that will do well for a age that the most of the Ladies get Married in this neighborhood. I have never get accustomed to their own goods and dis-\$1,232,556, and need yet an expenditure paying his respects at present but he is not one that will suit me for I believe he wants my riches not me. Pleas excuse my poor Writing and com-

Hoping to hear from you soon. And then I will write better and write sensible, Yours truly

67 Mr. Daniel Bowen died in Philadel inia not long since in the 95th year of his age. He was the oldest printer and publisher in the United States. He published the New Haven Register in 1784.

62 Never touch your eye but with your

The recognition of the ARGUS is marry to inform the public that he has just received a large steck of JOB TYPE and other new printing material, and will be in the a cody receipt of additions suited to all the requirements of this locality. HANDELLES, POSTERS, BLANKS, CARDS, CIRCULARS, PAMPHLET-WORK and other kinds, done to order, on short notice. No. 6.

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Job Printing.

No FIXTURES IN NATURE .- There are no fix ures in nature. The universe is fluid and volatile. Permanence is but a word of degree. Our globs seen by God is but a about 4,000 tons, built in eight mouths, and There is another item which I am like to fense. Beginning in the Eastern part of England would have no chance of winabout 1,000 tons, outer in eight mounts, and it is just as easy to build 50 in the same forget. Many of my countymen place great the United States, the writer of the article ning any glory from a contest with us, withtime or less." "But your coasts are not dependence on the abolitionists, or friends alluded to gives us the designation and loand institutions. Let us raise an other idea; our Lake defenses on our Northern boun- ever, forget their own pursuits of freedom, they will disappear. The Greek sculpture is all melted away, as if it had been statutes of ice; here and there a solitary figure or fragment remaining, as we see flecks and scraps of snow left in cold dells and mountain clefts, in June or July. For the genius that created it creates now somewhat else. The Greek letters last a little longer, but are already passing under the same sen-You would, no doubt, be astonished to hear port, Maine. A high natural eminence ed supplies of timber and naval stores, iron tence, and tumbling into the inevitable pit for all that is old. The new continents are building out of the ruins of an old planet, the new races feed out of the decomposition of the foregoing. New arts destroy the old. See the capital in aqueducts made useless by hydraulies; fortifications by sails by steam; steam by electricity.

to Mr. George Summer in a recent lecture spoke of the excessive use of saleratus as a cardinal cause of our prevalent American ill-health. Owing to it, he says that the average American mortality is equal to that of the filthiest and most noisome streets in London. He denounced it as a deadly poison whose use should be shunned-as the slaughterer of the infant, and the destroyer of the strong man.

THE COMING COMET .- Dr. G. A. Jahn, he astronomer of Leipsic, has just published a pamphlet to prove that the comet expected to appear in the course of the present year is identical with that of 1266 and 1556. The latter is called in Germany Melanethou's comet, from the fact of that reformer having written several letters and dissertations about it, cleven of which are still extant.

Sugan .- The sugar planters in different portions of Louisiana roport that the growing crop of cane in that State has suffered material injury from the unusual severity of the winter, and that there is every reason to apprehend another short crop of sugar. This is likely to cause the article to maintain its present advanced rates, if not o reach higher figures.

67 The Norfolk (Va.) Argus notices with pleasure the fact the British shipping n the harbor of Norfolk decorated their musts with flags, on the 22d, in honor of the National Anniversary. The British ship Victoria, Capt. Wallace, in particular, presented a handsome appearance.

How MANY MILES A PRINTER'S HAND Travers .-- Although a Printer may be sitting all day, yet in his own way he is a great traveler, (or at least his hand is,) as 8000 ems a day, or about 24,000 letters. The distance traveled over by his hand will average about one foot per letter, going to the boxes in which they are contained, and of course returning, making two feet every letter he sets. This would make a distance, each day, of 48,000 feet, or a little more than nine miles; and, in the course of the year, leaving out Sundays, the member travels about 3,000 miles.

63 Roger Sherman, of New Haven, died on the 3d of March, aged 88 years. He was a son of Hon. ROGER SHERMAN, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the lending men in

Excessive Eaving .- In a letter to Lord Murray, found in the life of Sidney Smith, Lately published, the letter says:

"You are I hear, attending more to diet than heretofore. If you wish anything like drink about half what you could eat and drink. Did I ever tell you my calculation about eating and drinking ? Having ascertained the weight of what I could live upon so as to preserve health and strength, and what I did live upon, I found that between ten and seventy years of age I had caten and drunk forty-four one horse wagon loads of meat and drink more than would have preserved me in life and health! The value of this mass of nourishment is considered to be worth £7,000 sterling. It occurred to me that I must, by voracity, have starved to death more than one hundred. This is a frightful calculation, but irresistably true; and I think, dear Murray, your wagons would require an additional horse each."

67 Capt. Dobbing, of Erie, a well known officer in the revenue service, died on the 28th Feb. He participated as Lieutenant in the battle of Lake Erie, "Perry's Victory," bearing himself bravely and conspicuously in that memorable engagement.

23 Enemies to beauty are fees to nature.