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For the Argus.

Reflections in Illness,

My late's last tones are floating hence, And it doth broken lie, Oh, let me catch the soft low strains,

Ere on the braczo they die. O'er doubtful sens I've long been borne,

That safe has port 1 soon shall make, The pilot true doth steer.

When on life's wave my bark was launched. To my sole trust was giv'n Λ jewel bright, in casket frail-ifas it been lost, or riv'n?

Perfect into my care it came, That gem of value rare, For it I surely must account, And yield it up as fair.

Alas! it is not faultless now. flat tamished much, I see; I can but the rich mercy plead of Him who gave it me.

His grace hath a Friend provided

Whose pow'r can it restore, To fashion it, his haud bath shiff, All radiant as before.

Touch'd on carth with feelings deep, He knows to succor met

New, with glory crowned in heaven, He bids are to Him fice.

Thanks, thanks I render to His name, For all His love to me ; As when by Kedron's brook He pray'd,

His morey proves to be. ZALMONA.

Singular and Thrilling Romance in Real Life,

(From the Clinton (Ill.) Transcript.)

Many of our readers will doubtless recollect a young man named John N. Fenwick, who resided in this place during the year 1859, and who, at different times, was employed by the editor of this paper, Mr. Sackett, druggist, and lastly by Mr. James E. Stansbury, our County Clerk, who had him engaged writing in his office. He was a smart, active, intelligent lad, and gave unmistakable token of one who had been well-reared. He told several persons that he was the son of a lordthat he had been kidnapped from England and sent to this country, and that if he had his just rights, he would be enjoying life and affluence in his ancestral halls in Northumberland, England. His statement, however, was generally disbelieved-al-Indian pony, and by adhering to the dithough everybody with whom he was nerections given him by a merchant of that quainted, gave it as their opinion that there place, who was acquainted with his relawas something singular connected with the tive, he reached his consin's ranche on the had and his past history.

ainth day of his journey. On discovering The facts in the case, which we have since learned from undisputed authority, are about as follows:

Some time in the year 1837. Sir John N. Fenwick, the father of the lad alluded to, while engaged in a shooting expedition on the Camberland Hills, was thrown by his horse, and conveyed to the humble cottage of a poor elergyman near by, with a shattered ankle. The clergyman was a widower, with an only child -a beautiful daughter, just building into womanhood, who attended to the household duties of their humble home; and cheered the declinwas unremitting in her kind attentions to the noble guest, and seldom left his bedside till he was entirely recovered. To make the matter short. Sir John fell in love with the young lady, and proposed to her. In reply, Clara (for that was her name) tokl noble suitor that she loved him in return, but that she would not leave her father, but would remain with her kind parent and lend solace to his declining years, They parted after exchanging the usual lovers' tokens.



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forth, although suffering from delirium, and ber term of the Circuit Court, he stated his were conveyed by the servants to the near- case to Hon. Abraham Lincoln, who imest inn. These villainous women had at mediately wrote to the British Consul at length accomplished their vile purpose, Chicago,

which was to keep the magnificent proper-ty within their grasp; for they could not brook the idea that one whom they regard-place. After listening to Fenwick's story, hard matter to prevent Stanton's Third-this were true of the people of all sections! ed as the offspring of an humbly-born and having a long consultation with Mesars. Anditor amendment from being adopted, Another, who was our fellow-townsman, young female, for whom their brother had Lincoln and Stansbury, he took him to if the debt should be finally disposed of .-- did admirably well in administering a reconceived an affection, should ever aneceed Chicago, and employed him in his office .to the proud title and broad lands of their In the meantime, the Consul wrote to Engto the productive and broad lands of their in the meantime, the Consul wrote to Eng-father. Thus it will be seen that villainy land, making inquiries in regard to Sir and treachery triumphed for the time being. Poor Clara lay at the village is raving he was traveling on the Continent, but could only hear that for the Continent, but could only hear that licens at his house on the evening of the published by the Society, did honor to the

from the effects of brain fever, where she could not ascertain the precise spot. was daily visited by Captain Edward The Prince of Wales while traveling in 11th inst., and urged upon them the merits literary talent of Salem. Having listened was daily visited by Captain Edward O'Neil-a gallaat and warm-hearted Irish gentieman-of the Ennicskillen dragoons, who was at that time quartered in that vicinity. He became acquainted with accompanied the Prince in his tour through man and the other members of the Com-

When she became sufficiently recovered, the United States, and went with him to he importaned her with burning eloquence England. to go with him to his estate in Galway, On arri

Ireland. After many importantities she at proceeded immediately to his ancestral Their plea is no money, no money to pay ting Feb. 4, says: the love she ever felt for him. She would ed him and his mother so much trouble and not, however, consent that her boy should unhappiness, was now on her death-bed, attach a proviso to the bill providing for the more intelligent of the soldiers and accompany them. Luckily, she had in her attended by her brother Sir John Feawick. its payment in boads of the United States their wives. Strolling through King (the accompany them. Lackity, she had in her possession, besides her jewels, two thou-sand pounds. Accompanied by Captain O'Neil, she proceeded to Liverpool, where she placed her zon on board the steamer Adriatic, which was about to sail for New York--giving him directions to seek a consin of hers, named Somerville, a wealthy planter in the interior of Texas. She gave

tate on the coast of Galway, where they were privately married. Her health fail-ing, her hashand took her to the South of present the inmate of a convent, and strong, however, and the old preindices ex-the debt is not paid, it will not be their fault. The opposition to them is very strong, however, and the old preindices ex-the debt is not paid, it will not be their fault. The opposition to them is very the opportunate that Anderson forbade them France in order to recuperate her shatter- strives to atone for her black-hearted strong, however, and the old prejudices ex- both ever to visit him again unless they ed nerves. Captain O'Ne.I dearly loved treachery by fasting, penitence and prayer. Isting against the debt, the poverty of the would promise 'never to attempt to inflict the yet beautiful Clara.

After a short and prosperous royage, ar young here ar inter to immediately took passage in a spaced a single plain white tombstone, our young hero arrived in the Empire City, South of France, are two graves, over which where he immediately took passage in a is placed a single plain white tombstone, steamer bound for Galveston, Texas. On on which is engraved the following simple member of the House whom he can ap- columnander called every officer and soldier, arriving there he parchased a beautiful inscription;

SACRED to the MEMORY OF CAPTAIN EDWARD O'NEIL: and his DEAR WITE, CLARA.

who he was, and learning his strange and eventful history, his coasin received him Sweet and simple memento! may they with unbounded kindness and affection,- sleep tranquilly. The soft sonthern wind the hands of bloodthirsty hordes of sav-Ilis relative was the owner of two thou- sighing with a mouraful cadence through sand acres of excellent land, lifty negroes, the willows and tall grass is a fit requiem, ages by whom they were surrounded and Clara died of consumption a short time against whom they were defending themand numerous herds of cattle; he was married to an amiable and intelligent Ameri- after her arrival in France, despite the ten- selves.

can lady, and his household was gladden- der care of her husband, and the exertions B. J. Pengra, C. S. Drew, Gen. J. B.

He speat his time most happily and sed a French officer, which led to a chal- egon, are here. T. J. Dryer will probably of the old school; agreeably on the ranche for about six lenge-they met and fought with small- be here to-morrow. Col. Frush has gone months-devoting his time to hunting, fish-ing and rambling over the flower-bespang-prolonged, for they were both spleadid ing and rambling over the flower-bespang- prolonged, for they were both splendid led prairies with his charming relative swordsmee. O'Neil at length stretched Holmes, John Denny, John H. Scranton,

From Washington. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1861. Americans on this coast that love of the Friend Argus: The war debt has been Union and Liberty which fired the souls of made the special order for Thursday of the patriots of '76, and, I doubt not, they

The main fight is now for the passage of buke to the covetons, who compose by far

mittee of Ways and Means to support ci-INTERESTING INCIDENT .--- The Charles-On arriving in England, our young here ther of the bills now before the House .- ton correspondent of the N. Y. Times, wri-

planter in the interior of Texas. She gave him one thousand pounds, and bidding him an affectionate and tearful farewell, they parted—forever! She accompanied the captain to his cas-beart, and she d tears of joy over him.— Treasury, the machinations of Oregon's on his manhood such an indelible stain.'-In a quiet, sequestered vale, near a enemies, &c., &c., seem likely to frustrate I asked her if her husband and his companproach upon the subject; and I am sorry a few days since, and begged as a perso-

to say that under the garb of a Union pa- nal favor that if any one among them felt triot he gains andience where he is in no wise entitled to it. Deception and treach-he should be sent to Charleston in safety? that he held a forlorn hope, that he was ery are as much his characteristics now as Every man stepped forward and signed a they were when he attempted to betray paper, promising, if need be, to shed the neurle of Oregon and Washington into the people of Oregon and Washington into ed commander and the fort."

> ENTERING & ROOM .- The author of "Norman Sinclair" speaks in the following passage of a trying social ordeal, and of the nonchalance of modern "carpet-

"I have sometimes envied the coolness privilege on the floor!

y long practice, ca

RATES OF ADVERTISING : One square (twelve lines, or less, brevier one insertion **Kach** subsequent insertion Business cards one year. A liberal deduction will be made to the advertise by the year. 137" The number of insertions should be noted on the margin of an advertisement, otherwise it will be published till forbidden, and charged according tordingly. above rates of advertising. (2)" Jos Painving executed with neatness and

disputch. Payment for Job Printing must be made on delivery of the work.

About Secession.

No. 51.

The following good points are from an able article entitled E Pluribus Unum, in the February number of the Atlantie Monthly:

" The country is weary of being cheated with plays upon words. The United States are a nation, and not a mass-meetiog; theirs is a government, and not a caucus,-a government that was meant to be capable, and is enpable, of something more than the helpless *please don't* of a village constable; they have executive and administrative officers that are not mere puppet-figures to go through the motions an objectless activity, but arms and hands that become supple to do the will of the people as soon as that will becomes conscious and defines its purpose. It is time that we turned up our definitions in some more trustworthy dictionary than that of avowed dismionists and their more dangerous because more timid accomplices. Rebellion smells no sweeter because it is called sccession, nor does order lose its divine precedence in human affairs because a knave may nickname it coercion. Secession means chaos, and coercion the exercise of legitimate authority. You cannot dig-nify the one nor degrade the other by any verbal charlatanism. The best testimony to the virtue of cocreion is the fact that no wrong-doer ever thought well of it. The thief in jail, the mobleader in the hands of the police, and the murderer on the drop will be unanimous in favor of this new heresy of the unconstitutionality of Constitutions, with its Newgate Calendar of confessions, martyrs, and saints. Falstaff's fa-mous regiment would have volunteered to a man for its propagation or its defence .--Henceforth let every unsuccessful litigant have the right to pronounce the verdict of a jury sectional, and to quash all proceeda jury sectional, and to quash all proceed-ings and retain the property in controver-sy by seceding from the court room. Let the planting of hemp be made penal, be-cause it equints toward coercion. Why, the first great secessionists would doubtless have preferred to divide Heaven peaceably, would have been willing to send Commissioners, must have thought Michael's proceedings injudicious, and could probably even now demonstrate the illegality of hellfire to any five-year-old imp of average education and intelligence. What a fine world we should have, if we could only come quietly together in convention, and declare by unanimous resolution, or even by a two-thirds' vote, that edge tools should hereafter cut everybody's fingers but him that played with them, - that, when two men ride on one horse, the hindmost shall always sit in front,-and that, when a man tries to thrust his partner out of bed and gets kicked out himself, he shall be deemed ed by the presence of his beautiful daugh-ter anned Estella. of skillful physicians. A short time after her death, Capt. O. unintentionally insult-wadsworth, and R. R. Thompson, of Or-knights," as contrasted with the gentlemen right, without detriment to the other's

possessing it. Suppos

se, on the eve of a

that there still burns in the breasts of true

With many a yow and locked embrace,

- Their parting was full tender, And pledging oft to meet aga'n, They tore themselves asunder.

In the autumn of the same year-the mild and mellow English autumn-fit time, indeed, for the exit of so pure a soul from its earthly casket, the spirit of the venerable pastor winged its flight to the eternal realms of bliss beyond the skies. * *

The marriage was simple and unostentatious-the ceremony being performed in private by a young curate, in order to escape the ridicule of the bridegroom's haughly relatives-and Clara Seymour became the bride of Sir John North Fenwick of Fenwick Hall. They made the tour of the Continent, and in the spring returned to England, when she presented her husband with a boy (the subject of our present sketch.) Sir John's relatives instead of contumely and reproach, pretended to greatly admire Lady Fenwick, and con-gratulated him on his excellent choice .--Two of his sisters took up their residence in Feawick Hall, and while pretending uning expedition, leaving him in the charge of a powerful Indian. He was the very bounded affection for their victim, were daily engaged by malicious and artful tales in poisoning Lord Fenwick's mind against his wife. Poor Clara, all this time, being unaware of the cruch, unrelenting was but the work of a moment for our and treacherous course pursued toward her hero to unsheath the scalping knife from -Lord F. becoming more and more the belt of the sleeping savage and plant morose and odd to her every day, and she it in his heart. Estella was avenged!unawate of the true cause, attributed it to Seizing the Indian's rifle and ammunition, the seeming fact that he regretted having he started off in a northerly direction, and united with one as humble as she. In the in three days reached the Rio Grande, meanwhile the boy reached the age of where he found a canoe, and crossed, and seventeen. soon reached Brownsville, Texas.

Suddenly, one day, these female fiends threw off the mask and in presence of Sir John accused her of the most horrible of cattle to Carlinville, Macoupin County crimes, and alleged that his wile confessed in this State. Being short of hands, they that her son was the fruit of an illicit amour offered to hire him to go with them and between herself and a certain French Count, to whom she was introduced by her being deprived of everything by the ma-rauders, he gladly accepted their offer and husband, whilst they were sojourning in Venice during the honeymoon. " The went. lightning does not rift the tallest oak quicker than did this rude shock prostrate Lady to return to England, and boldly proclaim his rights. Accordingly he took the cars for the East. While traveling on the New York and Erie Railroad, he fell in Clara. She swooned! And Sir John strode madly from the Hall, his heart and brain on fire. He gave directions to his cartless sisters to have her and "the acwith a noble-hearted farmer, named Prescursed hrat" expelled immediately from ton F. Sappington, of Point Isabel, this county, who induced him to return with the Hall. He then threw himself on his horse and galloped madly to the nearest seaport, where he immediately embarked for the Continent.

however, disliked the profession, and as we Of course, the unfeeling sisters were not have stated above, was employed in this ong in executing their brother's command office, by Mr Sackett, and lately by Mr. She and her con were inmediately driven Standbury While here during the Octo-

numbered over six

It is antagonist lifeless at his feet, and he ington Territory, are also here. Califor indifference as if they were lounging into a box at the opera, and commence a conditions to be buried with his wife, in the detake to enumerate or to name them. night, by the startling and unwelcome in- manner stated above. Having no heirs of telligence that the Comanches and a large his own, he willed his immense and valuaparty of Mexican guerrillas were bearing ble estate to his wife's son, John N. Fen-down to attack the ranche. All hands wick. to be placed on duty again at Fort Van-head that such demeanor must be the were immediately mustered to repei the

Our young friend is now in Fenwick bloodthirsty marauders; the defenders numbered seven white men (including our hero Hall, (as the following letter sent to us and his cousin) and twenty negroes-the will testify), living in case and affluence, reattacking party, guerrillas and Indians, ceiving all the care and kindness lavished hundred. The attack upon him by a now affectionate father. commenced almost immediately -- the assail-

ants discharged showers of arrows and es- ings at present. copette balls at the defenders who were "To those persons in Clinton, who

stationed in the building, which however, doubted my statement, and ridiculed me, did little or no execution-the defenders I have no unkind feelings. I entertain toreplying with their death-dealing rilles, ward the people of Clinton a lively feeling claim has been paid by the Government .-causing many a tawny savage and Mexi- of gratitude for their many kindnesses and 1 refer to the claim which he had with to discuss affairs in the United States, and can ruffian to bite the dust. But why pro- favors. To Robert Lowis, Esq., I desire long this fearful scene. Suffice it to say you to return my most sincere thanks .that the ranche was carried by storm al- Tell him I still have the boots he presentter a desperate reaistance, and every per- ed me, which, together with the gold pen ; son (male and female) butchered, except from Charley Dennett, I shall keep in reour hero, who was taken prisoner, and con- membrance of them, and my once humble veyed to Mexico by the Indians, after condition in life. burning and plundering the ranche. Our "My best regards to my over good friend,

He remained a prisoner about three times, since I left your roof, thought of the hour of 12 on last Saturday I found stitution. months, and strange to say, although close- them, and longed to see them.

* * * The package I send to you, I ly watched, was not subjected to any cruel treatment. One day, the tribe, whose hope will entirely clear you of debt, and captive he was, started out on a maraud- make you independent in life. "Tell Al, Blackford I will send him a

savage who had scalped and tomahawked next steamer. He has my likeness, his beautiful Estella! The Indian indulg- I would be glad to have left with Miss Promising to be present, I amused myself ing freely in tolque, soon fell asleep. It Julia C-

" Yours, as ever, "JOHN NORTH FESWICE, Bart," Reader, we have done. Is not "truth stranger than fiction"?

HOME COURTESIES .- A correspondence gives us this experience :- " I am one of those whose lot in life has been to go out into an unfriendly world at an early age;and of nearly twenty families in which I purpose of learning about the talent of Sa-Here, he met three Texan drovers, who were about to start with an immense drove made my home, in the course of about lem's young men. The house was crowded, nine years, there were only three, or four and the attention with which the addresses that could be properly designated as hap-were listened to, did credit as well to the py families, and the source of trouble was not so much the lack of love as lack of speakers as to the auditors. The several help them drive. Readered destitute by care to manifest it." The closing words young men who addressed the house ac-of this sentence give the truthful source quitted themselves very creditably, showing care to manifest it." of family alienations, of heart-aches innu- that they need but a little culture to be-Arriving at Carlinville, he determined him to Clinton, for the purpose of studying law with Mr. L. Weldon. Our hero,

couver. It is quite probable that his ap- sult either of remarkable self-complacency plication will be granted. He is a thor- or of a callousness of the heart and imagin ough Oregonian, and evidently regards Ft. ation. It argues the absence, I think, of Vancouver as his home

The trial of Capt. Jordan is still progressing, but very slowly. The court mar- old writer of romance, " a true knight * * * * "So you may imagine my feel- tial are now considering his application for should stand more awed and abashed in the an extension of time (until May next) to presence of beauty than if he were sumenable him to obtain further testimony on moved before the throne of the most puishis behalf from Oregon. Mr. Thompson's which Jordan was connected.

Col. Nesmith has gone to Cincinnati, but Yours,

myself wending my way through the streets of Salem, and was fortunate in finding several old friends (old in friendship, not in years), and was informed that the splendid Manton fowling-piece, by the newly organized 'Hesperian Society' held which its first public meeting on that evening. until evening in noticing the various improvements going on in town, among which was the new foundery of Drake & Nation, which, in connection with their sash and

door manufactory, will make quite an addition to the industrial interests of Salem. After supper, I visited the Institute, where the new Society held its meeting, for the

Capt. Ingalls has applied for orders and embarrassment. Yet, after all, I doubt whether they are to be envied, for I appree re chivalrous feeling toward the fair sex, which, in the middle ages, was carried to so extreme a length that, in the words of an sant emperor of the world."

107 The English journals still continue unite with remarkable unanimity in censuring the course of the seceding States. will be back before the war bill comes up. which, they say, cannot expect to receive

Ed. Argus: While on a tour through servitude, and cannot, therefore, assist in hero shed many bitter tears over the un-happy fate of his darling Estella, and kind and generous relatives. My dest regards to my ever good mean, happy fate of his darling Estella, and kind and generous relatives. My dest regards to my ever good mean, happy fate of his darling Estella, and kind and generous relatives. My dest regards to my ever good mean, happy fate of his darling Estella, and kind and generous relatives. My dest regards to my ever good mean, happy fate of his darling Estella, and kind and generous relatives. My dest regards to my ever good mean, happy fate of his darling Estella, and kind and the children. I have many the bong of 19 on last Saturday I found stitution.

> Army, now commanding at Fort Sumter, ish, when it was captured by Coruwallis. Eighty-one years have passed away, and save, is now in arms against the grandson-

EXTREMES .- Says the San Juan Press: If Tom. Thomb should attempt to carry an ox, or the Irish giant affect to be wearied under the weight of a needle, we should say the extremes of ridiculousness were represented. But there is one act of history which seems the acme of sublime folly, viz; the secession of Florida, with the intention of establishing an independent Government."

ME BUCHANAN'S FIRMNESS .- The firmmerable, of sad faces and gloomy home eir-cles. "Not so much the lack of love as cles. "Not so much the lack of love as heaping up the 'Hesperian Society,' will has won back to him many of his old the of his high reputation. He presents a hack of care to mannest it. What a second properturbilies for cultivation - friends, but politically he is dead and bur firm and inflexible front to treason in any remark. Not over three or four happy One of the speakers, in the course of his ied. The old man thought to steer a shape, and is for the Union first and last homes in twenty, and the cause is man-ifest, and so casily remedied! Ah, in the "small, sweet courtesies of life," what pow-ington's devotion to the Union; to the er resides. In a look, a word, a tone, how present distracted state of the country; entried their conspiracy further than he much of happiness or disquietude may be and invoked the spirits of our Revolution-communicated. Think of it, reader, and ary Fathers, that they might teach us to

war with England, Michigan should vote herself out of the Union and declare herself annexed to Canada; what kind of a reception would her Commissioners be likely to meet in Washington, and what seruples should we feel about coercion? Or, to take a case precisely parallel to that of South Carolina, - suppose that Utah, after getting herself admitted to the Union, should resume her sovereignty, as it is pleasantly called, and block our path to the Pacific, under the pretence that she did not consider her institutions safe while the other States entertained such scriptu ral prejudices against her special weakness. in the patriarchal line? Is the only result of our admitting a Territory on Monday to be the giving it a right to steal itself and go out again on Tuesday? Or do only the original thirteen States porsess this pre-cautions privilege of suicide? We shall need something like a Fugitive Slave Lawfor ranaway republics, and must get a provision inserted in our treaties with foreign powers, that they shall help us eatch any AN OLD OREGONIAN. any sympathy from European governments, them, as South Carolina has been trying Onneos Crrv, March 19. who are pledged to hostility against human to do with England and France. It does not matter to the argument, except so far as the good taste of the proceedings is concerned, at what particular time a State may make her territory foreign, thus opening one gate of national defences and offering a bridge to invasion. The danger of SINCULAR CONCENENCE.-It is a singular the thing is in her making her territory historical coincidence that the grandfather foreign under any circumstances; and it is of Maj. Robert Anderson, of the U.S. a danger which the Government must prevent, if only for self-preservation. Within the limits of the Constitution two soverigawas an officer in the American lines at the ties connot co exist; and yet what practisiege of Charleston, in 1780, by the Brit- cal odds does it make, if a State becomes sovercign by simply declaring herself so?-The legitimate consequence of secession is, the town which the grandfather fought to that, so far as the General Government is not that a State becomes sovereign, but concerned, she has outlawed herself, nullified her own existence as a State, and be come an aggregate of riotous men who resist the execution of the laws."

10- A letter from Washington to the World says: "Southern Senators were surprised to learn from Collamer's declar-

ation that the Personal Liberty Bill of Vermont was passed four years before the Fugitive Slave Law, and that it related solely to the prevention of kidnapping."

W- The able and patriotic speech of Mr. Etheridge of Tennessee in the U S.

per The Albany Express has the following advertisement: "Wanted, an able bodied man to hold my wife's tongue - she take the lessons home with you - Ladies' value the Union as they valued it, -at that he has only been warming a next of and I being unable to keep it quiet. Con Hame Mag.