

POETRY.

The following happily expressed lines, from the International Magazine, will recall to the mind of many of our readers the anxiety and concern so often manifested by persons who can ill brook disappointment or a want of strict punctuality.—Ed.

MARTHA HOPKINS.

A SAILOR OF INDIANA.

From the kitchen, Martha Hopkins, as she stood there making pies,
Southward looks, along the turnpike, with her hand ab ve her eyes:
Where along the distant hill-side, her yearning heart feeds
And a little grass is growing in a mighty sight of weeds.

All the air is full of noises; for there isn't any school
And the boys, with turned-up pantaloons, are wading in the pool;

Bilbely fish, unnumbered chickens, cackling, for they cannot laugh.

Where the airy sunbeams brighten, nimbly leaps the little calf.

Gentle eyes of Martha Hopkins! tell me where do ye gaze
On the ground that's being furrowed for the planting of the maize?

Tell me, therefore, down the valley, ye have traced the turnpike's way,
Far beyond the cattle pasture, and the buck-yard, with its clay?

Ah! the dogwood tree may blossom, and the door yard grass may shine,
With the tears of amber dropping from the washing on the line;

And the morning's breath of balsam, lightly hushes the freshened check—

Little Martha Hopkins of the tales of spring they speak.

When the summer's burning solstices on the scantly hills glowed,

She had watched a man on horseback riding down the turnpike road;

Many times she saw him turning, looking back ward quite felon,

Till amid her tears she lost him, in the shadow of the barn.

For the sunup was over, he had passed the kin of brick,

Crossed the rushing Yellow River, and had landed quite a creek.

And his flat-top load was taken at the time for pork and beans,

With the traders of the Wabash, to the west at New Orleans.

Therefore watches Martha Hopkins—holding in her hand the pane,

When the sound of distant footsteps seems exactly like a man's;

Not a wind the stove pipe rattles, nor a door behind her jars,

But she seems to hear the rattle of hoofs beating down the barn.

Often sees she men on horseback, coming down the turnpike rough,

But they come not as John Jackson, she can see'n well enough;

Well she knows the sober trotting of the sorrel here he keeps,

As he jogs along at leisure, with his head down like a sheep's.

She would know him mad a thousand, by his home made coat and vest;

By his socks, which were blue woolen, such as farmers wear out west;

By the color of his trowsers, and his saddle, which was spread;

By a blanket which was taken for that purpose from the bed.

None like he the yoke of hickory, on the unbroken ox can throw,

None amid his father's corn fields use like him the spade and hoe;

And at all the apple cuttings, few indeed the men are seen;

That can dance with him the Polka, touch with him the violin;

He has said to Martha Hopkins, and she thinks she hears him now;

For she knows as well as can be, that he meant to keep his vow,

When the buck-eye tree has blossomed, and your uncle plants his corn;

Shall the bells of Indiana usher in the wedding morn.

He has pictured his relations, each in Sunday hat and gown;

And he thinks he'll get a carriage, and they'll spend a day in town;

That their love will newly kindle and what comfort it will give,

To sit down to the first breakfast, in the cabin where they'll live.

Tender eyes of Martha Hopkins! what hast got you in such shape,

To a tear that fails to glitter on the ruffle of her cap;

Ah! the eye of love may brighten, to be certain what it sees,

One man looks much like another when half hidden by the trees.

But her eager eyes twinkled, she forgets the pie and bread;

As she sees a man on horseback round the corner of the shed,

Now tie on another apron, get the comb and smooth your hair;

'Tis the sorrel horse that gallops, 'tis John Jackson's self that's there!

DREADFUL CALAMITY—FIVE MEN KILLED.—On Thursday night last, Aug. 23rd at a tavern in Oregon, Holt county, kept by F. A. Pollock, was struck by lightning and consumed, being set on fire from a barrel of whiskey in the bar-room which ignited by the lightning. The most affliction part of the calamity was the loss of life which occurred two men having been burned to death, and five others mortally injured by the flames. Three of the survivors have since died, and the other two, it is said, cannot survive. The following are the sufferers as far as we have learned their names: F. A. Pollock, the land lord, and James Fortune, of Holt county, Bush, Wm. Thary and Wm. Syper; also a Frenchman.

England vs. United States.

The New York Courier and Enquirer has been provoked to reply to some of the sneers and abuse of our country and its arts and institutions in a most scathing article, which we copy below:

"The London Press and its abuse of the United States is a fearful theme for newspaper commentary just now; and we indulge the hope, that the immediate cause of the abuse will gradually open the eyes of our contemporaries to the utter helplessness of ever propitiating the great bulk of the English people by concessions to their pride or their prejudices. With very few exceptions John Bull is a great surly mortal, humble and cringing to his master, but impudent, arrogant, and bullying with everybody else. To us, however, to increase his submissiveness and propensity to growl, if not to bark, there are but two modes in which it is possible to get along with him. The one is submission—the most ungrateful, abject submission, recompensed with the most false praise of everything belonging to him, the other is a bold and manly resistance to his pretensions and a prompt punishment of his arrogance the instant it becomes offensive. His implacable greyhound, to be petted and caressed, good humor, but a drowsy, languid, listless, of the most foolish description, who will not permit other dogs to partake even of that which he cannot consume himself, and it is only by meeting out to him a portion of the brute force he so impudently inflicts upon others, that you can hope to compel his respect. Take him home from him and beat him over the head with it, and he will respect you for doing him his own game; but any other course save submission, will only render him more troublesome, and he will snap, growl and bark and show his teeth at you when every opportunity offers, until you unmercifully knock him down his throat and show a determination to pull his kennel apart. Do this, and your master becomes a very tolerable cur, although even then, he will not desist from the bite, the scratch, and will yield with a full measure, but he never sinks lower than a well whipped mastiff, who has submitted to a superior force without changing his nature, and who cringes to its master only."

"The character of our contributions to the 'World's Fair' is the cause of the present abuse of everything American by the London press, no man in his right mind pretends to move. The cause of that abuse is much deeper. All admit, however, that our country presents but a poor figure at the great exhibition, but the readers of the Courier & Enquirer were prepared for that six months ago, when we plainly told the American people, that that was no place for us to figure, because we are not a manufacturing nation, bound down with a surplus population without food and willing to labor for a pittance a day and find themselves nor have we surplus manufactures looking for a market, upon which depends the very existence of our people and the bread necessary to sustain life. We are not a nation of paupers; and therefore, we can't not have aspired to a place in the grand exhibition of the manufacturer of Europe, got up to save the paupers of England from starvation, and to enable some of the artisans to test the products of other nations, not one of whom we are informed, and is known, has a direct interest to the amount of a dollar to the proprietorship of the fair—they could not afford to do so severely, that exhibition would follow, her national debt repudiated, and her national honor be tarnished; and thus the land of our fathers, which we love, and shall cherish and protect if she will permit us, be given up an easy prey to her European enemies.

"But we must look upon the English press as speaking the sentiments of the English people, as does the American press the feelings of the American people. The London daily press in particular, is not the exponent of public opinion in England, a free press almost exclusively in the hands of hiring editors, not one of whom we are informed and is known, has a direct interest to the amount of a dollar to the proprietorship of the fair—they could not afford to do so severely, that exhibition would follow, her national debt repudiated, and her national honor be tarnished; and thus the land of our fathers, which we love, and shall cherish and protect if she will permit us, be given up an easy prey to her European enemies.

"We repeat, that we as Americans could not have any legitimate place in the Crystal Palace; and also, that we have no desire to cast up those already cast up in this trap, we shall experience no other feeling but contempt for those who are seduced into further connection with it by Mr. Kidder or anybody else. Their attempt, even to induce our countrymen to turn themselves further in this scheme for the benefit of the paupers of England, should be frowned down; and they, sooner or later, now engaged in the exhibition, retire from it, the more respected they will be by their countrymen at home. The exhibition will continue for months, and as it goes on, we sincerely hope that the American portion of it will be withdrawn at all events, that none of our people will be induced to sending further contributions.

"It is not however, because we consider the paupers of the American exhibition in London the cause of the disgraceful attack made upon us by the London Press, that we advise our countrymen to keep aloof from this 'World's Fair,' The ranking ladies of the misty land have been beaten but not subdued, would have exhibited them on the most exalted in which presented; and that is not what the occasion happened to be. The 'World's Fair' is set up as 'the protest of ridicule and abuse; and yet the very large number of spectators who come to the exhibition of the pauper labor of Europe, should be a source of honest pride to our whole country, as it is unquestionably the most galling to the self-conceit of John Bull. Our *giants* are not remarkable for beauty; nor do they demonstrate how much of labor can be expended upon a few square inches of candle-dry— and profitably expended too, according to English political economy, if it had yielded to the white slave three pence a day for sixteen hours of till. We exhibit there no long galleries filled with products of coal-tin, the very specimens of which were hauled to the mouth of the mines by naked girls crawling on their hands and knees in galleries the eafgh high, through twelve inches of mud and slush, harness'd like brutes to pledges, and urged to the performance of their horrid tasks by brutal fathers who never heard of the existence of a God; and all for four pence a day!"

"*THE NEW YORK COURIER AND ENQUIRER.*—On Thursday night last, Aug. 23rd at a tavern in Oregon, Holt county, kept by F. A. Pollock, was struck by lightning and consumed, being set on fire from a barrel of whiskey in the bar-room which ignited by the lightning. The most affliction part of the calamity was the loss of life which occurred two men having been burned to death, and five others mortally injured by the flames. Three of the survivors have since died, and the other two, it is said, cannot survive. The following are the sufferers as far as we have learned their names: F. A. Pollock, the land lord, and James Fortune, of Holt county, Bush, Wm. Thary and Wm. Syper; also a Frenchman.

"*OUR FREE AND PROSPEROUS SHORES.*—American clipper ships carry with greater speed and at advanced prices, the property of the English merchants from the far distant East to the docks of London; and last, not least, American steamers are rapidly driving from the ocean the steamships of the British government, heretofore supported by a tax upon the commerce of the civilized world, and to the fostering of which, she finally looked for the preservation of her maritime superiority.

"And all this is done in the broad light of day and before the whole world. It is proclaimed through over three thousand presses; it is articulated in more than twenty thousand public schools by their millions of scholars; and is registered in more than two millions of volumes which comprise our school libraries. The English statesmen, and the English press, see it—feel it—meet it at every turn. The hand-writing on the wall is clear, palpable distinct. The decree has been duly registered, and proclamation thereof has gone forth to all the world; and 'he who runs may read' the future glory of our young, vigorous, and prosperous country. And it is strange that England, who thus plainly perceives the sceptre of her supremacy departing from her forever, should be averse of our growing greatness, and even jealous of our unbounded prosperity! Can it be expected that the mere birthlings of those who are pledged to the support of a rotten system and a decaying state, should瞧 above the littleness of a London pony-a-liner, and glory in the greatness of the child as reflecting honor and fame upon the venerable parent? By no means. Those who conduct the public journals are but the paid libelers of America, who, for pay, would as readily slander the land of their birth, while their employers are wedded to the recollection of the past, and to the future as well as the past, and in that future, and the unexampled greatness of America, which it unfolds, find feed for their pride as Englishmen, and their love of old England. They perceive in our future greatness the most brilliant jewel that ever decked the diamond of England. In the millions, and tens of millions, and hundreds of millions of our people, who, at no distant day, will be inhabiting our happy land—speaking the language and perpetuating the literature of the parent country—they behold, arising in the future, a glory for England herself, which far exceeds in splendor anything recorded in the past, and which causes them to rejoice in our success, and in that prosperity which God, in his wisdom, has so abundantly showered upon us; and which we, in humble gratitude to him who has so lavishly given, freely offer to the whole human race as welcome participants in his bounties. May He, in his goodness and mercy, increase the number and the influence of those who thus look upon our present prosperity, and our future greatness; and may they have the power to perpetuate the peaceful relations now existing between the two countries, to the increase of His glory and their happiness, and the welfare of the whole human race. Such is the prayer of every intelligent man from the St. John's to the Rio Grande, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. But it is put forth in the consciousness of strength, and in the spirit of philanthropy—not in fear, or from any apprehensions of the result of such a struggle as the London press would invite. Come when it may, our country is ready for it; and be assured that when it does come, old, decrepit and exhausted England—great even in her decrepitude—will be compelled to yield before the fresh and vigorous manhood of her youthful opponent, with whom it is her duty, as it most assuredly is her interest, to cultivate the most peaceful relations; and, in connexion with whom, it is possible for her to preserve her position as the first European power, and thus continue to exercise a controlling influence over the destiny of millions in the Old World, where of late years her example and her voice has we are happy to say, been productive of more good than during any previous period of her history.

"*BLUNDERISH IN MISSISSIPPI.*—Mrs. Prentiss, of the Yazoo Whig, the only editor of the English press, as does the American press, the feelings of the—American people. The London daily press in particular, is not the exponent of public opinion in England, a free press almost exclusively in the hands of hiring editors, not one of whom we are informed and is known, has a direct interest to the amount of a dollar to the proprietorship of the fair—they could not afford to do so severely, that exhibition would follow, her national debt repudiated, and her national honor be tarnished; and thus the land of our fathers, which we love, and shall cherish and protect if she will permit us, be given up an easy prey to her European enemies.

"We don't approve of the ladies insulating themselves into *signs* of freedom, without the reality. Wait till all is ready

and the assembled wisdom of the Womans Convention decides to revolutionize and break down the oppressive power of their lords, and then raise the standard of revolution boldly, make a declaration, like that of '76, or the new Yazoo Southern Right of '51—and then maintain it with your lives, fortunes, etc. Ah, but won't we make the old tyrants darn stockings and wash dishes when we do get their noses down to the grindstone good—

—and, moreover, religion, enterprise, and patriotic feeling, will be destroyed.

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