Views of an English Critic on America's

Minor Bards. With "Transatlantic Bardlets" as his strate the great merits of the remedy. headline, a writer in the London Saturday Review prefaces some rather savage criticism of several books of verse recently published in America with the fol-

owing lively remarks: They are uncommonly like the Fnglish poetlings, these transatlantic bardlets, but there are more of them. This is not because the States are less poetical than the mother country, but because they have more people. Moreover, "culture" is generally held in higher esteem there, and to appear in print is an undoubted mark of baving obtained it, just as a university degree is a proof, among scholar and a gentleman.

But if the authorship of a book is a certificate of taste and reading it becomes a diploma in honors when that book consists of metrical matter. Now, about 75 per cent of moderately educated persons can write lines which sometimes scan, often rhyme and occasionally make sense, and a painfully large proportion of these are impelled to establish their characters in the eyes of their power of deluding a publisher's reader, a simple tribe, is all that is needed. It For sale at M. F. Rapp's drug store, must be added that at times the "poems" are a genuine trade success, as are in England, for instance, the innexen manuderings of Sir Edwin Arnold and Mr. Lewis Morris, a fact which encourages scores, nay, hundreds, of other ambitions and avaricious rhymesters to emulate the lucky men.

In the States, too, they have their dear little cliques of mutual admirers, like our fair brotherhood of the Rhymers' club and the Bodley Head, who generonsly praise one another's songs-which they read (or neglect to read) in presentation copies-and they thus maintain one another's spirit on a little butter. And then, of course, there are always one's nunts and sisters and wives and that sort of thing. There are more of these in the United States than here; hence there is more minor poetry.

PAPA WAS TOO LATE.

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and I was noting as curate in a large London parish. Two young people in whom I was greatly interested were to be married on a certain Wednesday in April. Contrary to custom, the bride arrived before the bridegro mindeed the bridegroom never arrived at

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tant parish. Two months after this event he fell into a baronetcy and rather more than £3,000 a year. The manufacturer saw that he had made a mistake and opened up negotiations in a letter. By return he received a telegram with the laconic I make the following 115 A information, "Too late." We may be eralafor Call and I will be certain that the good manufacturer's wife gave him a large "piece of her present you with a said mind," as the saying goes.-London like the one printed op-

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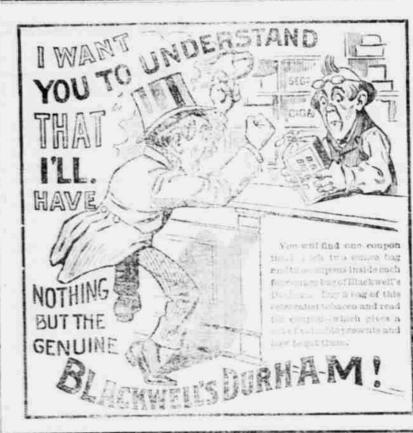
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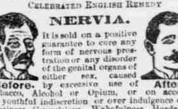
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