Current Miterature.

THE IRONY OF TIME.

If we could resurrect the years again When life is on the wane;

If we could learn by many a bitter truth
The value of our youth,
Ere the inexorable hand of Time Had harvested our prime; we should drain from every flower we The last drop of its sweet! We scorn the present hour, and try to born Some foretaste of the morrow; The morrow has its morrow and the pain Of hope deferred again;
So waste the years, till Age defeated stands,
Desolate, with empty hands.

Pilgrims on paths our fathers trod before, We trace their footsteps o'er; On every height, in every vale we meet Signs of their toiling feet Gashed on the rock and wounded by the thou Where we were stung and torn.
What was it that they sought? O burning eyes,
Fixed on low Western skies!

The beckoning shapes that seem so fair to you Wear the same dazzling hue [seas That lured the Viking through tempestuous Beyond the Hebrides, Toward purple isles of peace and golden lands To die on freezing strands.

Time has no precious treasure stored away Beyond our grasp to-day;
Earth has no social garden of delight,
Hid from our aching heart.
Too late we learn the humble highway flower
Is life's best gift and dower; The light that kindles in meek, maiden eyes Is love's divinest guise; Yoo late, too late we find there is no more,

On any sea or shore.

Than those rich offerings we have overthrown Pursuing the unknown, any road by which we can attain Youth's vanished grace again.

Dr- Spondoulicks-

On the night of the Valentine party, which was given by Mrs. Spon d'Oulix, I presented myself at her parlor door in the Arlington hotel for an evening call. This was my plan to be present, though without an invitation. I entered the room and found it partly filled with guests. I gave a start, quite vissible to Mrs. Spon d'Oulix, conveying the idea that I was overcome at my unintended intrusion. I then began in an undertone, for I did not wish anyone else to up for it." hear, to make profuse apologies for my want of observation. I then made as though I would retreat. This obliged

"I beg that you will remain, sir. I thanked her, but said that I could not intrude, although at the same time I stood still. Then she was forced to say

"I would really have sent for you if I had known your address." She might have added, "and had I known your name."

I kept this up for several minutes. I pulled back to make her entreat, until at do to take an afternoon's look at it. To last she broke out with:

"It is your own fault, sir, that you were not invited, since you have never called to give me the opportunity." This was all I wanted. I yielded at last to her request, and accepted my invinow dismissed from my mind that part so now than ever. of the affair, and passed further into the distance, and critically observed Miss rows of chairs as in a lecture room. At nothing about you but what has stamp-spon d'Oulix. A passing bow to her was the head stood a table and lamp, and ed your father before you as an impos-Spon d'Oulix. A passing bow to her was the head stood a table and lamp, and all that so far I had allowed myself. I found her a charming picture. She was ed with a white cloth, into which, as lithe, thin and English blond, with a lexion was glowing with the health of valentine with some small gift attached roses. She was clothed in an exquisite to it. When the fullness of the basket hlac crepe, and held in her hand violets was seen even to bulging sides, when said to her:

your ears, your chin will be thrown

But none of these horrors has happened as yet. Her lovely little pink chin Blair Lee and Mr. Brice, both leading it give her a piquante look, and Lavator Count Aloensleben of the German legasays that a protruding chin in a woman tion. There were several French valensign of the power of loving children. That is always a pretty thought, so I took no further practical view of the matter. Advancing toward her, I said in an undertone (it made me appear

"Well, mademoiselle, do you find the men in Washington any younger?"

versation, "I think they are charming, and they are all young. I am sure that many of them, and when he left we knew no others."

"Have you found these men only to ffirt with them?"

"O, what a shame?" cried she. "Of course not; they are so amiable and that I saw Mr. Helyar walk in! For agreeable that they put strangers at their ease at once.

pushed I, laughingly.

that I have not heard money discussed." One or two young men sauntered up, and she continued:

and from San Francisco straight on. Wherever we went I heard everyone talking about money. It seemed to me so odd and dreadful."

One of the young men said:
"I imagine that this would be the case in California, as the pursuit of gold is la raison d'etre there to that State, and perhaps also you might hear it through the West, but there is less reason for it at the East. I do not know why it should be such an absorbing pursuit where there is need of the professions, where the easy intercourse with Europe brings other interests into life; but, in fact, as a nation we are all daft for money, the best years are consumed in getting it, and then a restless, rickety old age has it, which is full of nerves, and it continues to hoard it. The pleasure of other enjoyment has never been developed in their natures.

"I am so glad to hear you speak so," said Miss Spon d'Oulix.

Another young man said:
"Each one of our cities is said to have different standard for social success. In Washington they want you to be a this man? "In Philadelphia they ask, who was

your grandfather?" "In Boston they ask, 'where did you

come from? "In New York they ask, 'how many

millions are you worth?'
"And in Newport they say, 'come and

spend them here!" "I think said one young man, "if all

four credentials could be given it would compass very nearly every requisite, and would leave little more to be desired." "Except to escape from spending the money at Newport," cried the other. "Oh, that is dreadful heresy," exclaim-

ed Miss Spon d'Oulix, I thought Newport was a heavenly resort." "It is, if the popular idea of heaven is

the right one.' "Do you mean the damp clouds?"

laughed the other.

Yes. The pleasure seekers live on a damp fog bank all the summer, and they are too bored to ery 'hallelujah!'" all laughed. "I hear," said the other, that the fashionable drive in a straight line every afternoon for miles, one carriage crawling after the other, with only one thing which they can do to relive the monotony, and so shake themselves

'Yes? What is that?"

"They can bow once, and no more to friend, even though they meet him a took a contract to dig out such ditches as lozen times. Fashion says that you opened into the sea. He superintened dozen times. Fashion says that you must look another way after the first meeting.

We all were greatly amused with this description of Newport's excitements. "Did you take the phobia of driving

in line when you were there?"
"No, indeed; I tried it, but found that boating was too enjoyable to lose one afternoon even in this crawling. The sun sets are glorious in the harbor; yet you would hardly believe it, it is the most unfashionable thing that you can sail is considered stupid. When the yachts come in as a squadron, then grand lunches and dinners are given on board; but nothing more sime tempts anyone from the avenue or ocean drive."

Will you be there this season to try hope to do for him."

to her request, and accepted my invi-tation then and there, since I had been we will be back in England; but I would "I am the delinquent and had not given her want to see Newport did we remain. My

beside it was placed a would-be post office, consisting of a huge basket, covereach guest had passed through the hall, small head, well shaped. Her comp- they or she had dropped an anonymous

and lilies of the valley. Could anything packages were obtruding and myshave been more lovely? But she was terious shaped parcels were peeping out leave Washington before a week, and laced at the waist. She had adopted in all directions, then the sight put all then I will only absent myself during that latest universal English custom. As into great spirits for the frolic and they a professional man, how I could have filled in and took seats on sofas, ottomans, chairs or whatever they could the coat of arms to you; it is of no use "Mademoiselle, in time your nose will find. Silence reigned. The readers bebe red, your shoulder blades will pro- gan. They were Mr. Kasson, former tude, your pretty shoulders will seek minister to Berlin; Mr. Herbert Satterlee, private secretary to Mr. Evarts (who also wrote some of the most clever and amuswas thrown somewhat into the air, but young lawyers of Washington, and with the head a little to one side is a tines, of which the best was to Mme. Spon d'Oulix herself from Lieutenant Sargent of the American navy. These gentlemen all read well, but I fe't that I could have done better, and I certainly should have so managed it that I would be persuaded, as a great favor to those present, to take charge of the reading had it not been for that damnable "Oh, indeed," said she, blushing at necessity just of keeping out of the fore-the remembrance of her former con-ground. Taking it all in all, however, it was a charming evening. Your bachelor President was made to appear I must have commenced among Senators to have written many a pretty valentine and judges. Papa brought letters to so to the young ladies present, which caused a great merriment, as it generally understood that he discourages Master Cupid. All of the bells of Washington were present, and how pleasantly every-thing would have ended had it not been

> melted away as the snow and disap-The next morning I was not surprised | Store.

the first time, then, I felt that I had pushed my presence too far. He recog-

"We came by Australia to the States, to receive a call from Mr. Helyar, who and from San Francisco straight on. simply stated that he had brought a request from Mrs. Spon d'Oulix that I should visit her that day at an appointed hour. I agreed to do so, and kept the appointment.

As I entered madame's parlor I saw Mr. Helyar sauntering through the hall. She arose and said: "I believe I address Mr. Claptree ?"

I spoke not. "But I hear that you call yourself

Dr. Spondoulicks?" "I hope, madame, that you would not rob me of my title as doctor, since I have

come honestly by it."
"I do not wish to rob you of anything, but simply to give you what be-longs to you; and the name of Spon-doulicks does not belong to you."

"My mother's was a Spondoulicks,

madam. "But your father father was a Claptree, as we all know to our cost. Your poor mother was the daughter of a linen draper of that name. She never claimed any connection with Sir Charles Spon d'Oulick because there was none; yet your father beset us, after he had run general, a statesman, or a colonel at through your mother's property, to see least. In short they ask, 'what title has her, on the plea of having a claim of re-

lationship upon us."
"Ob, madam!" cried I.

"We helped her, on the ground of charity, for your father became a roamer, and left her. The only thing that I know to his credit was the amount which he put on deposit of your mother's money for your education. It was so passed over to one of the professors that it could be used for nothing else. So that, though your mother suffered intense poverty, you received an educa-tion. She served you faithfully to the

"Indeed, madam, I fully appreciate it," said I, my utterance thickening at the remembrance of her suffering; "and the best member of my family—which I believe from my soul—do you wonder that I take her name?"

"Perhaps not; but I do wonder that you can take my coat of arms with it.' I had nothing to say.

"I have seen notes, impressed with wax in which you offer to get invitations and introductions from me. "Still I had naught to say in my be

half, but I spoke for my father.

"Certainly, madam, to give my father what credit he he deserves, he served Holland in a noteworthy act.

"I heard of that, too," said she, "and Sir Charles investigated it. Your father it, I believe, creditably, and was given a copper medal for it; but he took it to Paris and so embelished it with gold Miller. mountings, brilliants and a ribbon that it looked as if one crowned head had given it to another. I regret to say that your father was a well-known fraud, and you seem disposed to be like him. I must say to you, sir, that we cannot have you annoy us as he once did. It is

for this that I sent for you.' "Madame, I am an honest man, and am making an honest living. I am en-gaged on literary work for the ex-Lieutenant-Governor of New York State and I am hourly expecting private instruc-tions from the President of the United States with regard to writing which I

(Pray pardon me, sir, if I spoke too

so legitimately employed, but I cannot by Mr. and Mrs. J. Voorhees or Marion the where abouts to send it to me. I curiosity has been greatly aroused, more permit you call yourself related to me, nor can I have you dashing out on the The guests were now all assembled Spon d'Oulix crest. It is emblazoned and expectant. A folding door was on your handkerchiefs, your note paper, room to enjoy the scene. I stood at a thrown open, and there were discovered and dare say on your trunks? I know tor. Unless you leave Washington qui-etly I shall certainly tell the truth. My daughter is just entering life, and I desire to be careful of everything connected with her."

"I will take a week to consider what you propose.'

"I can give you but three days, sir." "Then I will decide now. I cannot

leave Washington before a week, and your stay. While I am here I shall not see you again. I yield now the point of to me in this country. But as for the name of Spondoulicks, it shall be my name. It was my mother's and this American Congress can make it mine. I ask for a week, because I need time to correspond with my editor. I am absolutely without money.

"If that is the difficulty," said she, "let me advance it."

"Never, madam. You have been too good to my mother." "Dr. Spondoulicks, if Spondoulicks it must be," she cried, extending her hand,

'I have hopes for you." "Then, perhaps you will not want me to go?" I ventured to say. Her face

darkened. "Your position to me remains the same," she said.

"But madame," whimpered I, "if I go will aught of this conversation be repeated and get abroad?

"It will not if it depends upon me," she answered, and so we parted. SPONDOULIGES, M. D.

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Grange Picnic for 1886.

The committee of arrangements appointed by Linn County Council met in Albany on Thursday, April 1st, there present S. Froman, S. A. Dawson, Hon. Charles Miller, McMinn Dodson, C. G. Fisher, A. J. Zumwalt and S. S. Train (proxy for Hon. J. Voorhees.)

The meeting, on being called to order, elected Hon. Charles Miller chairman and S. S. Train secretary

It was decided to hold a picnic on the old picnic ground on the south bank of since you show me that my mother was the Samtiam, near Jefferson, in Linn county.

The following officers were appointed Chief Marshal-Hon. Charles Miller. President-Hon. John Minto, Sr.

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son, Charles Miller.

The time of holding the picnic was fixed for Thursday Friday and Saturday, the 10th 11th, and 12th, of June, 1886. The following committee on reception was appointed: N. H. Looney, H. C. Looney, M. A. Powers, I. L. Hilleary, L. A. McConnell, N. J. McMeeken, Mart

We will give the program in full when the time comes. Already we hear of many who intend attending, and it promises to be a grand success.

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