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Select Poetry.

A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT.

What was he doing, the great god Pan, Down in the reeds by the river?

He tore out a reed, the great god Pan, From the deep cool bed of the river;

High on the shore sat the great god Pan, While turbidly flowed the river;

He cut it short, did the great god Pan, (How tall it stood in the river!)

"This is the way," laughed the great god Pan, (Laughed while he sat by the river.)

Sweet, sweet, sweet, O Pan! Piercing sweet by the river!

Yet half a beast is the great god Pan, To laugh as he sits by the river,

The Schoolmaster Abroad. EDITED BY SIMON SYNTAX, ESQ.

THE WAR AND THE SCHOOLS.

The effects of the present war are especially disastrous to our public schools. During the past few years of educational reform the great want of our system has been, in a measure, supplied—to wit: a more experienced and skillful corps of teachers.

If the schools are to be open as usual, they must, to a great extent, be taught by beginners. Experienced teachers, in sufficient numbers, are not in the county, nor in the State.

"Mental" seems to be a discount these war times. We haven't solved all the hard questions. Don't let our new supply of "piece fractions" rust in idleness.

A SEVEN YEAR OLD BOY lately made use of profane language. On being reproved by his parents, and directed to ask God's forgiveness, he retired to his room, and was heard to say, "O God, I am very sorry I said that naughty word, and won't say so any more; but please hurry and make me grow up to be a man, and then I can swear as much as I want to, like pa, and nobody will notice what I say."

MORALITY VS PLUMS.—A Western paper has the following atrocious advertisement:—"To Rent—A house in Melville avenue, located immediately alongside of a fine plum orchard, from which an abundant supply of the most delicious fruit may be stolen during the season. Rent, low and the greater part of it taken in plums."

SHERIDAN, speaking of his stay at a hotel, observed: "I called for a bottle of wine that my landlord might live. I obtained from drinking it that I might live, too."

Letter from Major Jack Downing.

To the Editors of the Courier: Wal, here I am back agin to Washington. I didn't expect to cum on before fall, at any rate, but I got a letter from Lincoln, tellin me he couldn't do without me, no how.

When we got to the landin, General McClellan had hosses ready for all of us to ride. Linkin choose a black one an got on. Ses I, 'Kernel, is black your favorite color?'

Wal, ses I, 'Kernel, what's the matter?' Ses he, 'Major, did you ever hear of the story of a man who caught the panther by the tail?'

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a scare for nothin. The pilot, in turnin one of the short bends in the river, had jerked on his chains too hard, an snapped one of them rite in two.

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After we had seen all the troops an made all the inquiries we wanted to, we cum away. The secesshers didn't trouble us cumin down the river, an we were soon once more sailin up the Potomac.

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But I couldn't git another word on politics out of the Kernel that day. He seemed to keep up more of a thinkin than I'd ever seen him before.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

Which are especially Applicable to the Times. Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort.

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or created within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States, without the consent of the Legislature of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous, crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall he be compelled in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively or to the people.

which they propose to reconstruct upon new bases by violent and revolutionary means. Such, fellow Democrats, is the army of political thugs and mercenary Hessians against whom we have to contend.

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THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS IS THE SEED OF THE CHURCH.

As the Christian Church became powerful through the groans and blood of her persecuted disciples and blessed martyrs, who esteemed it a privilege to suffer and die in defence of their faith, so the Democracy in this bloody age, may regard the political persecutions which they are called upon to suffer in defence of constitutional principles and free government as the surest evidence of the justice of their cause.

What has been Proven.

The events of the past year prove with other facts, the following: That the election of the Republican candidates, in November, 1860, was the direct calamity which could have befallen the nation.

That the Republic party is the natural enemy of a free press and free speech. That the Republic party is incapable of legislating for the interest of the people: That a Republican Cabinet is the most corrupt of any which has ever assembled in Washington.

Negro Equality.

A few days since a couple of young men were working in the harvest field for a Republican living about two or three miles west of town, and when called in to dinner, were put to the table to eat with a negro, when the young gentlemen politely informed the said Republican that they would wait until the sable individual was done, whereupon they were informed that they "did not like to eat with a negro they could go home—that the negro was just as good as they were."

THE MILITARY SPIRIT.

As a little four-year-old boy was being put to bed, his mother said to him: "Kiss mamma good-night, Johnny." He at first refused, and then inquired: "Do Lieutenants kiss their mamma's?" "Why do you ask that, my dear?" inquired the astonished maternal parent.

Table with 4 columns: Rates of Advertising, One Square, three weeks or less, One Square, each additional insertion less than three months, 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, 1 YEAR.

A PROMISE FULFILLED.

On the 23d day of February, 1861, the New York Tribune published the following editorially: "Whenever it shall be clear that the great body of the Southern people have become conclusively alienated from the Union, and anxious to escape from it, we shall do our best to forward their views."

Responsibility for the War.

The Dayton (Ohio) Empire charges the Republicans with bringing on the war by refusing to support the Crittenden Compromise. It speaks of the war and inquires:—Who is responsible for this terrible calamity? What men and what party are stained with the blood of a murdered country?

Tyrants are Cowards.

Invariably the tyrant is a coward. He must have guards around his person, and spies everywhere. In this respect parties do not differ from individuals. Whenever we find a political organization aiming at the accomplishment of unholy designs—the spread of pernicious principles, infidelity or treason to the constituted Government, for instance—we discover in all their actions the most unmistakable evidences of cowardice.

Robbing a Bride of her Bed.

The St. Louis Democrat has the following: At Layer's boarding house, in this city; a unusual merry wedding came off, on Thursday night, and the dance was prolonged till one o'clock in the morning. The bride and groom then repaired to their apartment, but—horrible news—bed and bedding had been sacrilegiously stolen from the nuptial chamber!

DANCING THEIR RAGS OFF.

Two unsophisticated country lasses visited Niblo's in New York during the ballet season. When the short-skirted, gossamer-clad nymphs made their appearance on the stage, they became restless and fidgety. "Oh, Annie!" exclaimed one sotto voce. "Well, Mary?" "It ain't nice—I don't like it." "Hush." "I don't care, it ain't nice, and I wonder Aunt brought us to such a place." "Hush, Mary, the folks will laugh at you." After one or two flings and a pirouette, the blushing Miss said: "Oh, Annie, let's go—it ain't nice, and I don't feel comfortable." "Do hush, Mary," replied the sister, whose own face was scarlet, though it wore an air of determination, "it's the first time I ever was at a theatre, and I suppose it will be the last, so I am just going to stay it out, if they dance every rag off their backs!"

Surgeon—What's the matter with you?

Would be exempt—Weak back, sir—very weak back. S.—Weak knees, you mean. W.—Yes, sir, weak knees—very weak knees, can't march. S.—Yes, I'll give you a certificate—(writes): "Upon honor I hereby certify that the bearer, —, is weak in the knees, a grant coward who shrinks from defending his country. Hope he will be put in the front ranks where he can't run away."

Handing the certificate and faints!

You may give the people a mercenary Senate; you may give them a venal House of Assembly; you may give them a trucking Congress and a tyrannical prince—but give me an unretarded Press, and I will defy you to encroach a hair's breadth upon their liberties.—Sheridan