NEW PUBLICATIONS.

JOCOSERIA. By ROBERT BROWNING. 8vo., pp. 143. London: Smith, Elder & Co. New-York: Scribner & Welford.

Mr. Browning's twenty-second volume of verse is a slender one; a fact which his admirers will, in about equal numbers, rejoice at and regret. It contains two or three of the best short pieces he has produced, and also some of his worst work. His powers show no falling-off, but along with the strength and beauty here we find the old flaws and foibles, the fondness for strained rhymes, ellipsis and inversion, characteristic of him. Although, as the title indicates, the character of the contents is mixed grave and gay, only three of the ten poems have a comic intention, if we except some untitled sonnets appended in a note to the longest contribution. One of these sonnets will suffice to show the aimless pleasantry of the set.

"Og's thigh-bone—if ye deem its measure strange,
Myself can witness too much length of shank
Even in birds. Upon a water's bank
Once halting, I was minded to exchange
Noon heat for cool. Quoth I, 'On many a grange
I have seen storks perch—legs both long and lank:
You stork's must touch the bottom of this tank,
Since on its top doth wet no plume derange
Of the smooth breast. I'll bathe there!' 'Do not so!'
Warned me a voice from heaven. 'A man let drop
His axe into that shallow rivulet—
As thou accountest—seventy years ago.
It fell and fell and still without a stop
Keeps falling, nor has reached the bottom yet."

"Solomon and Balkis" is brilliant and amusing. The king, in talk with the Queen of Sheba, professes an impartial fondness for all wise persons; and the Queen claims that only the good are her mates. But she contrives to turn the ring he wears, the "truth-compelling name" engraved on, which forces him to admit that the wise people he likes are those who exalt him:

"In heaven I yearn for knowledge, account
all else inanity;
On earth I confess an itch for the praise of
fools—that's Vanity."

The tables are turned, however, and Balkis is obliged, by the same charm, to own that the good whom she loves are "the young, men strong and tall and proper." In the brief apologue called "Pambo," we get the author's justification of his own eccentricities. Taking as his text the opening of the xxxixth Psalm: "I said I will look to my ways that I with my tongue offend not" (as he renders it), Mr. Browning concludes that it is impossible to "'scape poohpoohing, from sage and simple, doctor and dunce," and is, therefore, resigned to the fact that while he still "looks to his ways," he continues to "offend with his tongue." These lines have the tang of shrewdness, but are somewhat bumptious and trifling in tone. The term "jocose" aptly describes his lighter efforts. Mr. Browning, in fact, does not manifest the deeper quality of humor. In wit, sharpness, antithesis and the satirical he is agile; but had he the true sense of humor, he would not produce a ludicrous effect where he least desires one, as in "Jochanan Hakkadosh," where, speaking of a Jew philosopher's belief that the soul does not immediately quit the body at death, he says it is

"In no haste to bounce
From its intrusted Body—some three days
Lingers ere it relinquish to the pounce
Of hawk-clawed Death his victim."

The conception of a "bouncing" or "bounced" soul is far from impressive. "Jochanan Hakkadosh," which occupies a third of this little volume, opens with some promise of conveying the ripe lesson of a lifetime, but degenerates into a painful specimen of metrical garrulity and involved construction, the gist of which is not worth toiling after. Ixion, on the other hand, though confused and difficult in utterance, is a powerful statement of man's triumph over the tyrannous force that seems to rule the world, as represented by Zeus. Ixion in Tartarus, fastened to the fiery wheel, exclaims:

"Born of my tears, sweat, blood—bursting to vapor above—
Arching my torment, an iris ghost-like startles the darkness,
Cold white—jewelry quenched—justifies, glorifies pain.
. . . . . .
What is the influence, high o'er Hell, that turns to a rapture
Pain—and despair's murk mist blends in a rainbow of hope?"

He infers a higher power, a complete Purity, ruling above Zeus:

"Out of the wreck I rise—past Zeus to the Potency o'er him.
. . . . . .
Thither I rise, whilst thou—Zeus, keep the godship and sink!"

The poem which will appeal most strongly to the sympathies is the manly and pathetic one, "Donald," extracts from which have been printed in THE TRIBUNE. But there is one fine burst of emotion and faith in the meditative and tender lyric referring to Mrs. Browning, which begins with these lines:

"Never the time and the place
And the loved one all together.
This path—how soft to pace!
This May—what magic weather!
Where is the loved one's face?"

Even with these, however, "Jocoseria" is rather the redundant growth of a field already harvested than a needed addition to literature.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD'S WOUND.

GERMAN CRITICISM AND AMERICAN RETORT.
From The Medical Gazette.

Recently Dr. William Hunt, senior surgeon to the Pennsylvania Hospital, in the annual address delivered by him before the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, took occasion to review the criticisms made by Esmarch upon the treatment of the late President Garfield.

The style of Dr. Hunt's remarks are intercolloquial and of a serio-comic character, but they are none the less pungent and conclusive. They may be somewhat freely summarized as follows:

Esmarch.—The first physician who saw the President—Dr. Townsend—carried his fingers immediately into the wound without washing or disinfecting his hands, and thus carried infection into the wound. (Dr. Townsend was not one of the surgeons who subsequently attended the President. The wound having been thus poisoned by Dr. Townsend, before the other surgeons saw it, upon him, and not upon Dr. Bliss and his colleagues, must rest the responsibility of the President's death. Just at this point, therefore, Esmarch might have closed his criticism. Ed.)

Hunt.—The hands of American surgeons are generally clean; and as a rule, railroad stations do not keep twenty per cent solutions of carbolic acid on tap.

Esmarch.—When Drs. Agnew and Hamilton arrived, July 4, a renewed examination was made with probes, flexible bougies, etc., and without antiseptic precautions. From which examination they became convinced that neither the liver, kidneys, intestines nor peritoneum had been injured. They ought to have known this without such an examination.

Hunt.—As no such examinations were made by either of the gentlemen at this time or by any one else, Professor Esmarch must give them credit for the exercise of average surgical skill in drawing their conclusions that the viscera named were not wounded, if indeed it is true that they were not.

Esmarch.—The permanganate of potash, which was, after a time, substituted for the carbolic acid as a wash for the long sinus, on the ground that the patient was exposed to the danger of being poisoned by the acid, was an injudicious substitution.

Hunt.—This is a matter of *opinion*, which could as safely be left to the surgeons at Washington as to the surgeon at Kiel.

Esmarch.—Antiseptic principles were not fully carried out in the details of the dressings.

Hunt.—This is a question of *fact*. The surgeons say they were fully carried out; and they alone can speak intelligently, inasmuch as the precise and full details were never given to the public.

Esmarch.—In military surgery there are examples enough of recovery from similar injuries.

Hunt.—Esmarch admits that the body of one of the vertebræ was perforated, and that the splenic artery was wounded. There is not one example upon record where a ball has been *known* to have passed *through* the body of a human vertebra and the patient has recovered. No such *specimen* has been described as having been seen, or can be found in any museum. There is no recorded example of recovery after a gunshot wound of the splenic artery. Esmarch admits both of these lesions in the case of the President, and therefore admits that there were two injuries from neither of which is it known that a person has ever recovered.

Esmarch.—Stags, as hunters say, are occasionally shot through the body of a vertebra; but they run away and get well—because, he adds, they are not probed by meddlesome surgeons.

Hunt.—If they ran away and get well how does the hunter know that the ball passed through the body of a vertebra, and how does he know that they did not die of a lingering and painful disease—of pyæmia or septicæmia? Do hunters furnish any specimens, or autopsies of these supposed cases? If not, what sort of testimony is this hunter's story for a scientific discussion?

If, however, it were proven, as it is not, that stags thus injured made a complete recovery, because they were not probed and poisoned by meddlesome and septic surgeons, it must be admitted that they recovered without carbolic acid or any other form of antiseptic dressing.

(If such a case could be shown, is it not a fact that the vertebra of a stag is much larger than the vertebra of a man, and that a perforation of the same diameter would for this reason be less likely to cause death? Ed.)

Further than all this, to make the cases in any sense parallel, the splenic artery, in the case of the stag, should be wounded also, and there is no pretence that a hunter has seen a recovery from both of these lesions.

Esmarch.—The ball was encysted, and therefore conveyed no poison. The bacteria were carried in by the surgeons. (Esmarch means, of course, Dr. Townsend. —Ed.)

Hunt.—Bacteria are found in abscesses which never had any communication with the external air, and which have never been touched by probes of surgeons. Every student of medicine knows this, and Esmarch is a dull reader of the literature of his own countrymen if he does not know it. Sepsis often exists independently of external lesion.

Esmarch.—The pus ought not to have been "squeezed" out.

Hunt.—It never was "squeezed" out; and you, Professor Esmarch, have no authority for saying it was.

Esmarch.—American surgeons do not seem to give heed to what we—*Stromeyer and I*—have told them, namely, "to do no harm" in gunshot wounds.

Hunt.—American surgeons have had considerable experience in gunshot wounds, and scarcely need the advice of their German brethren upon this point.

Esmarch.—They should have done as Langenbeck did in the case of "our Emperor"—let the wounds alone, and like him the President might have recovered.

Hunt.—Now, my dear Esmarch, do you seriously compare a few scattering duck shot in the face and arm of the Emperor with President Garfield's terrible bullet wound?

Esmarch.—Some American doctors think that President Garfield's surgeons did not do enough; that they ought to have probed and cut until they found the ball, and then have taken it out. In this they show their great ignorance of the whole subject of military surgery. I think they did too much.

Hunt.—In view of these two wholly opposite and conflicting opinions entertained by Esmarch and some American surgeons, it seems fair to assume that President Garfield's surgeons did just enough.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF "CLARI."

Letter in The Washington Post.

The operetta of "Clari" was brought out at Covent Garden during the early part of 1823, and "Home, Sweet Home" sung for the first time before a public audience by Miss Tree, while personating the title-role. My parents, two elder sisters and self were present on the occasion, not by chance, but by agreement; and in consequence of the intimacy existing between Miss Tree's family and our own an especial interest was manifested in Miss Mary Ann's rendition of a new song and character, of which she had sanguinely expressed her opinion as to their ultimate success.

Albeit a youth of thirteen at the time, I was of an observant type, and being ever blessed with a retentive memory, can vividly picture up the mise en scene of that pastoral little opera and its surroundings as if 'twere yesternight in lieu of sixty years. On the night in question that vast Thespian temple exhibited a sea of faces, composed of the aristocracy and their gayly dressed children, as also less pretentious classes of society with their progeny; for be it understood the juvenile portion were especially brought to see the new pantomime that was to follow the opera.

At that part of the drama, a night scene, where the outcast daughter, *Clara*, returns penitent and weary to ask forgiveness from her offended parents, and where—ere falling prone before the cottage door—she sings "Home, sweet Home," the audience, on its conclusion, appeared spell-bound for a few moments by the touching scene and song, then rose excitedly from their seats, waving hats and handkerchiefs, and vociferously demanded an encore. This request complied with, a second recall (unusual at that period, no matter how gifted the artist) was hoarsely attempted, but the cries of "shame! shame!" being paramount, the curtain was allowed to descend. The finale of this act was afterward altered. Meanwhile an impromptu and impressive *entr'acte* was taking place in front of the curtain. Several ladies, being overcome with emotion by Miss Tree's acting and pathos, were escorted into the corridors and ante-rooms, in order to regain composure, while children, not understanding the source of their parents' agitation, clung tenaciously to them, and cried aloud from fear or sympathy. Nor were the sterner sex ashamed to be seen wiping away a tear, or stoically trying to hide their feelings behind voluminous bandanas. The press, as also old habitues, stated that such an overwrought audience had not been witnessed since the retirement of Sarah Siddons.

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A new baby recently arrived in the family of a Louisville journalist, and papa was excessively proud over the event. Turning to the old black nurse, "Aunty," said he, stroking the little pate, "this boy seems to have a journalistic head." "Oh," cried the untutored old Aunty, soothingly, "never you mind 'bout dat; dat'll come all right in time."—Courier-Journal.

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3 3-story brick and 1 3-story frame buildings with lot, No 236 West 41st-st, s s, 430 ft w of 7th-ave, lot 20x98.9; Mary E Dwyer	7,800
1 lot n s East 103d-st, 145 ft e of Madison-ave, 25x100; J McNeil	2,900
1 lot s s East 104th-st, 145 ft e of Madison-ave, 25x100.11; Jacob Korn	3,250

By William Kennelly.

1 2-story brick house with lot, No 27 Renwick-st, e s, 240.3 ft s of Spring-st, lot 21x66.3x22.10x66.3; Henry Birby	7,500

By W. L. Hammerdy.

1 plot of land n s 146th-st, 325 ft e of Willis-ave, 71x100x irreg x irreg; Timothy Donovan	2,510

BROOKLYN PROPERTY.

By A. H. Muller & Son.

Brick and frame buildings with plot of land s s of Sedgwick-st, 100 ft w of Columbia-st, plot of land 14x.9x100; C A Schieren	6,000

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

6th-st, n s, lot 125, Ogden estate; 25x90.10; Annie J Wilson to Angelo Gingione	$7,000
Lexington-ave, n e cor 24th-st, 44x45; 25x80; Thomas B Gifford and wife to Mary J Hoyt	27,500
113th-st, n s, 80 ft e of Ave A to Harlem River x—to 114th-st, x75x50.10, also land under water adjoining; sarah V Applegate to Charles A Fuller	65,000
Same property; Charles A. Fuller and wife to National [illegible]	70,000
Arthur-st, n w s, 444 n w of Kingsbridge Road; 25x125; Hugh S Campbell and wife to A Reed	102
109th-st, n s, 155 ft e of 4th-ave, 18x100.11; C A Fuller and wife to Sarah V Applegate	14,500
Madison-st, n s, 287 ft e of Clinton-st, 23x100; Marie Kleinsch to Caroline Kleinsch	1
Orchard-st, No 61; Rachel Meyer and husband to M Steckel	23,000
Fulton-ave, n w s, lot 87, J N Biggis to Caroline Zeisler	3,500
Washington-st, No 59, William Kenney to Lyman Denison	9,000
Fulton-ave, w s, lot 87; Rosina Bishopberger to W Junch and another	2,250
State-st, No 6, grantor's interest; s s Shoals, sr, to J Chilcott	16,419
Same property; 4-9ths interest; R A Sands et al to same	8,208
Same property; Ledyard Sands to same 1-9th interest	2,064
Same property; 4-9ths interest; Anna Sands et al to same	8,259
Pearl-st, No 18; Eliza L Sands to same	12,500
30th-st, s s, 83.6 ft w of Broadway, 25x98.9; also Broadway, n s, 61 ft of 30th-st, 20x98.9x4x20x48.9x10.6; J W De Peyster and wife to Charles Jones	82,500
Lexington-ave, No 415; F Conbert and another to the N Y Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled	18,250
South-ave, No 130; Chas Brown and wife to E P Haight	8,300
3d-ave, w s, 29 ft s of 138th-st, 46x100; F A Palmer and wife to Alonzo Clark	.....
127th-st, s s, 195.6 ft w of 2d-ave, 22x100.6; C L Stickney and wife to Henry Allen	18,750
Ludlow-st, No 18; Bertha Solomon and husband to S Langfelder	25,825
1st-ave, n e cor of 92d-st 100.8x101.8; H J Hubbard and wife to Sarah E Hinman	37,700
126th-st, s s, 225 ft w of 1st-ave, 75x100.11; H J Bower, referee, to Sarah H Wentworth	8,600
135th-st, s s, 400 ft w of 6th-ave, 50x99.11; same to same	11,000
30th-st, n s, 175 ft w of 5th-ave, 25x98.9; Robert Dorsett et al to F A Korn	34,000
27th-st, n s, 129 ft w of 3d-ave, 21x72; S D Seaman to Timothy Harrison	7,250
Grantor's interest in Lovett estate; A A Kingsland and wife to George L Kingsland and others	84,000

Entered April 11.

65th-st, s s, 150 ft e of 5th-ave, Rosanna Spanding to to Abraham Limburger	75,000
3d-ave, n w cor of 117th-st, 50x125.10 irregular; I N Hubbard and wife to James Wood	1
Madison-ave, w s, 50 ft s of 131st-st, 16x75; Sarah J Frisson to Eliza M Bunce	1

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