

POETRY.

The Happiest Land.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN, BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

There sat one day in quiet,
By an alehouse on the Rhine,
Four hale and hearty fellows,
And drank the precious wine.

A Lay of Love.

BY GEORGE D. PRENTICE.

Yet once again I've thought,
And my every thought is thine,
Ay, I kneel to thee in worship
As to an idol shrine.

HUMOROUS.

MARRIED.—At Rochester, Noble county, on the 18th of Feb., by the Rev. Mr. Wolf, Mr. Silas Lion to Miss Edith Lamb.

Our devil calls this a beastly affair, but it reminds us rather of that millennial era spoken of in the Holy Writ: The Lion and the Lamb shall lie down together, and a little child—our Bible is lost, and we forget the remainder of the quotation.

Why don't you put on a clean shirt? said a swell the other night to his companion; then the girls will smile upon you as they do upon me. Every body can afford to wear a clean shirt every day as you can, was the reply.

A DICTIONARY WORD.—John, said a master tanner in South Durham, to one of his men, 'bring in some fuel.'

'I don't want this,' said the wondering tanner; 'I want fuel, John.'

'Beg your pardon,' replied the man; 'I thought you wanted something to turn over the skins.'

And off he went again, not a whit wiser, but ashamed to confess his ignorance. Much meditating, (as Lord Brougham would say,) he next pitched upon the besom, shouldering which, he returned to the counting house.

'What a stupid ass you are, John,' he exclaimed; 'I want some sticks and shavings to light the fire.'

'O-h-h-h!' rejoined the rustic, 'that's what you want, is it? Why couldn't you say so at first, master, instead of using a London dictionary word?'

LEAP YEAR.—The year 1852 is Leap Year, wherein, as an old author says, 'ladies may go a courting ye men, and gentlemen shall forfeit a fine of five dollars if they refuse ye addresses of ye ladies.'

Gems of Thought. A good action is its own reward. It is better to suffer wrong than to do it. Goodness thinks no ill where no ill seems.

Attempt not to fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren. He who hunts two hares, leaves one and loses the other. The face of truth is not the less fair of all the counterfeit vizards that have been put upon her.

Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good. A punctual man can always find leisure, a negligent one never.

The mind, in proportion as it is expanded, exposes a larger surface to impression. He that wants a heart, wants everything. A wrong head may be convinced, but who can give a heart where it is wanting?

SOMETHING FOR TYPOS.—'of my existence give me an' said a printer to his sweetheart. She immediately made a— at him, and planted her— between his i's. 'Such an outrage,' said Faust, looking at her, 'is without a j.'

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Several years ago, the two prominent political parties of the State were Whig and Democrat—now, Secessionists and Co-operationists. The former advocating the separation of the South from the Union, the latter, in case of a division of the Union, to leave the co-operation of all, or some of the slave-holding States.

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LEGAL RATES OF INTEREST.

Maine, 6 per cent; forfeit of the claim. New Hampshire, 6 per cent; forfeit of three the amount unlawfully taken. Vermont, 6 per cent; recovery in action and costs.

Massachusetts, 6 per cent; forfeit of three the usury. Rhode Island, 6 per cent; forfeit of the usury and interest on the debt. Connecticut, 6 per cent; forfeit of the whole debt.

New York, 7 per cent; usurious contracts void. New Jersey, 7 per cent; forfeit of the whole debt. Pennsylvania, 6 per cent; forfeit of the whole debt.

Delaware, 6 per cent; forfeit of the whole debt. Maryland, 6 per cent, on tobacco contracts &c; usurious contracts void. Virginia, 6 per cent; forfeit double the usury.

North Carolina, 6 per cent; contracts for usury void, interest double the usury. South Carolina, 7 per cent; forfeit of interest and premium taken, with costs. Georgia, 8 per cent; forfeit three the usury.

Alabama, 8 per cent; forfeit interest and usury. Mississippi, 8 per cent; by contract 10; usury recoverable in action for debt. Louisiana, 5 per cent; Bank interest 6; contract 8; beyond contract interest void. Tennessee, 6 per cent; usurious contracts void.

Kentucky, 6 per cent; usury recoverable with costs. Ohio, 6 per cent; usurious contracts void. Indiana, 6 per cent; a fine of double the excess. Illinois, 6 per cent; by contract 12; beyond forfeit three the interest.

Missouri, 6 per cent; by contract 10; if beyond, forfeit of interest and usury. Michigan, 7 per cent; forfeit of usury 1-1/2 of 1-1/2.

Arkansas, 6 per cent, by agreement 10; usury recoverable, but contract void. District of Columbia, 6 per cent; usurious contracts void. Florida, 8 per cent; forfeit interest and excess.

Wisconsin, 7 per cent; by contract 12; forfeit three the excess. Iowa, by agreement, and enforced by law. On debts of judgment in favor of the United States, interest is computed at 6 per cent per annum.

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IMPORTANT NATIONAL STATISTICS.

AGRICULTURE, POPULATION, AND MANUFACTURES.—The Report of J. C. G. Kennedy, Esq., the Superintendent of the Census, is one of the most valuable documents of the day.

The Population of the Union—Assuming the population of California to be 155,000, (which we do partly by estimate) and omitting that of Utah, estimated at 12,000, the total number of inhabitants in the United States was, on the 1st of June, 1850, 23,246,301.

The aggregate number of whites in 1850 19,619,306, exhibiting a gain upon the number of the same class in 1840 of 5,423,711, and a relative increase of 39.29 per cent. But excluding the 153,000 free population supposed to have been acquired by the addition of territory since 1840, the gain is 5,276,371, and the increase per cent is 37.14.

The increase, from 1830 to 1850 of the increase of the whole population was at the rate of 22.67 per cent. At the same rate of increase, the absolute gain for the ten years last past would have been 5,678,333, or 326,155 less than it has been, without including the increase consequent upon additional territory.

The Mortality of the Union.—The statistics of mortality in the year represent the number of deaths occurring within the year 229,193; the ratio of deaths was one to 726 of the living population, or as ten to each 726 of the population. The ratio of mortality in this statement takes a whole, seems somewhat less than that of any portion of Europe, that it must, at present, be received with some degree of allowance.

The Manufactures of the Union.—Capital invested in the yellow manufactures in the United States on the 1st of June, 1850, does not include any establishment producing less than the annual value of \$500,000, amounting to round numbers to \$300,000,000; value of the raw material \$250,000,000; amount paid for labor \$240,000,000; value of manufactured articles \$1,020,000,000; number of persons employed 1,050,000.

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THE COTTON CROP.

The following table, from the New Orleans' Price Current, gives a most interesting statement of the cotton exports of the Union for the past thirty years. The crop of 1851, it will be seen, was worth more than \$40,000,000 over the most valuable crop ever raised before.

Table with columns: Year, Total lbs., Value, and Av'g price per lb. Data from 1821 to 1851.

Rank of the United States, according to their population, with the Capital of each State.

Table with columns: State, Rank, and Capital. Lists states from New York to Indiana.

LEGISLATURES OF THE STATES.

Table with columns: State, Meeting, and Date. Lists legislative sessions for various states.

GOVERNORS OF STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Table with columns: State/Territory, Governor, and Term. Lists governors for various states and territories.