Ah! Life were but a Tale.

Ahl life were but a tale, indeed,
Of sleepless suffering, guilt and wo,
From which the heart were haply freed,
The hand administering the blow;
Did love not come with angel eye,
And healing lip, and voice of balm,
To dry the tear, to hush the sigh,
The grief subdue, the spirit calm.

She crowns our spring with peaccful hours, And soothes the ardor in our sky: When pride would teach us loathe the flow-

ers, That bloom but in obscurity! That bloom but in obscurrey!
If fierce ambition speaks of fame,
She answers with her happiest charms,
Instead of glory, shows him shame,
While rapture couches in her arms.
EDGAR.

#### UNDER THE SEA.

In a late number of Household Words, we find a brace of those extraordinary and amusing "yarns" for which sailors have been famous from time imperiorial. They were related to the writer, in his youth, by one Thomas Headfurst, an old "diver," whose family had been "divers" for centuries before him—even when the

Ocylon Diver held his breath, nd went all naked to the hungry shark." This Mr. Thomas Headfurst was, it seems, in his latter days, the landlord of a popular tavern in one of the seacoast districts of England; and it was in the parlor of this house that the old gentleman whiled away the long win-ter evenings by relating the professional adventures of his family and himself "in the deep, deep sea"—as instance the following:

"It was in the year fourteen, or it may be, fifteen, when the Diomede went down, off Deal, and the guv'nor and a chum of his, named Bluffy, was appointed to be under the sea; for we be captains, like, and masters and all, when a ship once goes to the bottom, and wears, by consequence, a very singular uniform. Now, there was no better water-workman in the channel than them two; and they would have been employed still more constantly, and been yet better to do in the world, but for being so precious fond of their game of cribbage. All day long, in some little parlor like this present, they'd be knobbing, and heeling, and going, so that they was scidom ready, when they was wanted, and went by the name of the Fifteen Two. However, the Diomede had bars of gold in her, and it was of the utmost consequence to work at her as hard and fast as might be. So Bluffy and the guv'-nor was hauled out of their snug parlor to the minute, never mind where the game was, and out they was rowed to the lugger moored above the wreck, and down they was lowered in the bell. On one of these mornings, especially, they had a great mind to throw up their commissions, and go on pegging away all their life-times; but they thought better of it, and went aboard. Now, they was accustomed to be below a good long time, only this day they stayed a precious deal longer, and the crew above began to be alarmed, and to think there was something wrong with the air-tube. Howsomever, as no signal had been given to draw up, they sent down a third man in a helmet, to see what had become of 'em, and a precious sight he sees-Bluffy gotten to turn the air-cock. So the end of it was, Fifteen Two was never allowed to go down in the bell together no more."
"Dear me!" said I, "Mr. Headfurst,

"that seems a very extraordinary

Mount, in Cornwall. It was one of my earliest jobs, and I wasn't thoroughly used to the work at that time; and I hadn't a mate, either, to go down with me. It's a fright'ning thing that sinking, sinking ont of sight of everything, a'most, without knowing where you're going to, nor what you may find when you get there. This time the bell missed the wreck I was after entirely, (which, as it happen'd, however, was a very fortunite circumstance,) and I was lowered down to the very bottom. Half way down, Master James, what should come into the machine but an enormous 'lectrical eel. He came in, young master, and he stopped in; and the higher the water rose in the bell, the nigher I got to the 'lectrical eel. I pulled my pre-cious legs up on the seat, I promise you, and sat tailor fashion all the rest of the way; and when we touched worst job he had ever been set to do—ground at last, I wasn't above an inch and lo! at the foot of the companion-

br two off the beast-boxed up under the ocean, within a couple of inches of being shocked to death. Well, as I said, I was new to the work, and having banged at him with a pickaxe till I was tired—and he slipped away from me just like oil—I thought it would be an easier thing to suffocate him than me, so I didn't turn no air on for ever so long, and found reveals on for ever so long, and found myself getting black in the face, while the animal was swimming and gliding like a gentleman in easy circumstances enjoying the spectacle, and every now and then a splashing with his tail for moderate applause. So I gave up that dodge just in time, and resumed my pick. The more I picked, however, the less he chose, which was an unappreciated in the I will be a superior to the less he chose, which was an unappreciated in the I will be a superior to the less he chose, which was an unappreciated in the I will be a superior to the less he chose, which was an unappreciated in the I will be a superior to the less had been superior to the less than the less unappreciated joke I made to myself during those trying events themselves, and I was obliged to try summut else. I laid bare the floor of the bell, (which we can do within an inch or so,) got him into shallow water, and very soon finished him off. The skin is in the big chest, in my bed-room, and measures a hundred and twenty feet from tip to tip. I regret to say that the key is lost, or I should have great pleasure in showing it to you."

"I will tell you," continued Mr. Headfurst, after a pause, "of an ocourrence that happened to my brother within the last few years; he has become an altered man since, I assure you, and generally takes a religious work down in the bell with him.

"There was a friend of his, mate to a West Indianan, that was outward bound in a few days from Cork, and Bill, my brother, and he had had a difference. What the quarrel began about I don't rightly know, but the mate abused Bill's profession, and called him an amphiberous lubber, or something like that, and Bill abused the mate and wished him under the sea, with never an air tube, out the sea, with never an air-tube; and the ship sailed without making it up. My brother was very sorry when it was too late-for amphiberous lubbers have their feelings like other folks—and greatly shook when news was brought, next morning, that the vessel had gone down not three miles from shore, with every soul on board. Just at starting, as it might be—with all her passengers so full of hopo, agoing to join their friends again she struck upon a rock off Early Point, and settled down, as it was supposed, about midnight, in a few minutes. There was a good cargo of spice, and Bill was, of course, sent for iramediately. There was but few ho-dies floated to shore, and, knowing he would see some terrible sight, he was not over-pleased at the job; but until they could get more divers there was no choice, so down he goes to the vessel, and finds her fallen betwixt two reefs of rock, bolt upright, with masts standing and sail set, just as she settled down. She looked, he said, for all the world like any ship upon the surface, except that there was a hole broken in her side where she had struck. Her boats were slung almost uninjured, coils of rope were lying on the main-deck, the hatches were open, and the door above the chief cabin stairs. The wet, swift fishes darted in and out of it, and the crabs were going about their work already when my brother descended. There were six or seven men in the and a precise and the guv'nor in their diving-dresses, sitting in the bell like a couple of magnified tadpoles, and cutting, and showing, and cribbing, with the cards and the board-between them, just as though they were in the inn parlor, that now and then they was a cry of agony had just escaped them. A young man and a girl-so like as to be sworn brother and sister-were embracing for the last time. The heaving of the sea, scarce felt at such depth, swayed all the figures to and fro. Without a touch of decay, and "Xtrorniry, I believe you," said he, "but nothing like a fight I had once with a. lectrical eel, in fifty fathom of water, West-by-South of St. Michael's pacity. The sailors, for the most part, were drowned within their hampart, were drowned within their hammocks, only those whose duty necesmocks, only those whose tags, sitated their being on deck, were darkness had been so deep as to render the best look futile—the strongest swimming of no avail. All these things were sad enough, and Bill's nerves, iron as they were, were sadly shaken. Wandering about that living charnel-house, attired so unnaturally, seeking for gold in the heart of the ocean, it was terrible; and yet Muster James, though you look so shocked. it was his honest business so to do, and a far less hateful way of getting on in the world than is practised in high places daily. Still, when he had found what he wanted, and, laden with as many bags as he could carry, was returning to the main-deck by another way, it seemed to him the worst job he had ever been set to do—

ladder, he met the man he knew so well, and parted with in wrath so lately, with one hand on the round, as if in the act of flight. The look upon the drowned man's face seemed reproach him for his last wish, so that he dared not put him aside and pass by, but turned back and went upon deck by the road he came; nor even after that eventful night could brother Bill be brought to ven-ture down into the sunk West India-

. "Hear me, Mr. Headfurst," I said, "I never heard to frightful a tale in all my life."

"Nor I neither, Master James; but it's true enough, and so my brother will tell you, if you ask him. I don't happen, just at present, to remember his address, but he dives a good deaf still off the East coast of Ireland."

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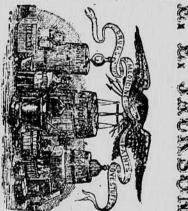
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WHEREAS His Excellency Presidenttion, appointing me (Benjamin & Perry)
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South Cárolina, with power to prescribe
such rules and regulations as may be neccessary and proper for convening a Convention
of the State, composed of delegates to be
chosen by that portion of the people of raid
State who are loval to the United States,
for the purpose of altering or amending the
Constitution thereof; and with authority to
exercise within the limits of the State all
the powers necessary and proper to enable
ench loyal people to restore said State to its
constitutional relations to the Federal Govenument, and to prosent such a Republican
form of State Government as will entitle the
State to the guarantee of the United States
therefor, and its people to protection by the
United States against invasion, insurrection
and domestic violence.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the proclamation of his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, I,
BENJAMIN F. PERRY, Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina, for the
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Government, who may be qualified for administering oaths; and such are hereby
authorized to give certified copies thereof
to the persons res

brief in the State siam elect as many members of the Convention as the said District has members of the House of Representatives—the basis of representation being population and taxation. This will give our hundred and twenty-four members to the Convention—a number sufficiently large to represent every portion of the State most fully.

Every loyal citizen who has taken the Annexty oath and not within the excepted classes in the President's Proclamation, will be chitical to vote, provided he was a legal votor under the Constitution as it stood prior to the sceension of South Carolina. And all who are within the excepted classes must tak: the outh and apply for a pardon, in order to entitle them to vote or become members of the Convention.

The members of the Convention.

The members of the Convention thus elected on the first Monday in September next, are hereby required to convent in the city of Columbia, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of September, 1865, for the purpose of altering and amending the present Coastitution of South Carolina, or remodelling and making a new one, which will conform to the great-changes which have taken place in the State, and be more in accordance with Republican principles and equality of representation.

And I do further proclaim and make known, that the Constitution and all laws of force in South Carolina prior to the secession of the State, are hereby made of force under the Provisional Government, except wherein they may conflict with the provisions of this proclamation. And the Judges and Chancellors of the State are hereby required to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties which appertain to their respective offices, and especially in criminal cases. It will be expected of the Federal military authorities now in South Carolina, to lend their authority of the civil officers of the Provisional Government, for the purpose of chforcing the laws and preserving the peace and good order of the State.

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WILLIAM H. PERRY, Private Secretary, July 26