

Poetry.

GOD SAVE OUR NOBLE UNION.

BY H. CLAY PREUSS.

It came to us through darkness,
It came to us through blood;
It shone out like the "Promise
Of God" upon the flood.

With type, unerring flame
And cast a blaze of glory
Upon our nation's name.
God save our noble Union!

Teat left us by our fathers,
These seals of priceless worth—
The noblest types of manhood
That ever walked the earth.

It was bought with fearful struggles,
By sacrifice sublime,
And stands a proud monument
For all the coming time.

Our land, a waste of nature,
Where beast and savage stray;
Its wealth of lakes and rivers,
Unlocked by keys of trade.

Then sun-like rose the Union—
A terror to our foes—
And lo! this "waste of nature"
Now blossoms as a rose.

God save our noble Union!
Where earth lay hid for ages
In deep, primordial gloom,
Behold a boundless garden—
A continent in bloom.

With iron bands of railroads,
With electric tongues of wire,
And engines within us,
Which time shall never tire.

God save our noble Union!
But now upon our Heaven
Are signs of coming storms,
And fierce, unholo passions
Unfold their hideous forms.

God save our noble Union!
The bravest hearts among us
Are filled with doubt and fear,
While sounds of horrid discord
Are greeting on our ear.

God save our noble Union!
The hallowed flag that waves
So proudly through the war,
Is there a hand would sever
Its sisterhood of stars?

God save our noble Union!
Great God! can we so blindly
Cast all Thy gifts away?
Or throbe there in this nation
One heart that will not pray—
God save our noble Union!

President Davis' Message to the
Secession Congress.
Congress met at Montgomery, the 29th
of April. The president's message was
read. It announced the ratification of
the permanent constitution by all the
confederate states, and it only remains
for an election to be held for the designa-
tion of officers to administer it.

It says the declaration of war made
against this confederation by Abraham
Lincoln, rendered it necessary to convene
the congress to devise measures necessary
for the defense of the country. The pre-
sident then reviews at length the relation
heretofore existing between the states,
and the events which have resulted in the
present warfare.

Referring to the result of the mission
of the commissioners to Washington, it
says, the crooked paths of diplomacy can
scarcely furnish an example so wanting
in courtesy, candor and directness as was
the course of the United States Govern-
ment toward our commissioners.

Contraband of War.

The following definitions from Bou-
vier's Law Dictionary will be found use-
ful by many of our readers:
CONTRABAND. (Marine Law)—Its
most extensive sense means all commerce
which is carried on contrary to the laws
of the State. The term is also used to
designate all kinds of merchandise which
are used, or transported, against the in-
terdictions published by a bar or solemn
act.

The term is usually applied to that
unlawful commerce which is so carried
on in times of war. Commodities par-
ticularly useful in war are contraband,
such as arms, ammunition, horses, timber for ship
building, and every kind of naval stores.
When articles come into use as imple-
ments of war, which were before inno-
cent, they may be declared to be contra-
band. The greatest difficulty to decide
what is contraband, seems to have occur-
ed in the case of provisions, which have
not been held to be universally contra-
band. Though Vattel admits that they
become so on certain occasions, when
there is an expectation of reducing an
enemy by famine.

In modern times one of the princi-
pal criteria adopted by the courts for
the decision of the question whether any
particular cargo of provisions be confi-
scable as contraband, is to examine whet-
her those provisions be in a rude or man-
ufactured state, for all articles in such
examinations are treated with greater in-
dulgence in their natural condition than
when wrought up for the convenience of
the enemy's immediate use. Iron un-
wrought is, therefore, treated with indig-
ence, though such articles and other instru-
ments fabricated out of it are directly
contraband.

4. Contraband of war, is the act by
which, in times of war, a neutral vessel
introduces, or attempts to introduce, into
the territory of one of the belligerent
parties, arms, ammunition, or other effects
intended for, or which may serve, hostile
operations.

Pay of the Militia while in Service.
Several inquiries have been made con-
cerning the pay to which the militia force
is entitled while in the service of the gov-
ernment. The following table gives full
information:

Table with 2 columns: Rank and Pay per month. Includes Colonel (\$216.00), Lieutenant Colonel (\$194.00), Major (\$175.00), Captain (\$158.00), First Lieutenant (\$138.50), Second Lieutenant (\$108.50), Brevet Second Lieutenant (\$103.50), First or Ordinary Sergeant (\$79.00), Other Sergeants (\$77.00), Corporals (\$72.00), Privates (\$20.00), Musicians (\$21.00).

Officers are required to provide their
own uniforms and equipments, but the
men are clothed and armed by the govern-
ment.

Not too Many Weapons.

In the New York City Council, the
other night, Capt. Lovell said:
"Don't make a man a walking arsenal.
The mounted troops might have pistols
but it was enough for a man to carry a
musket and forty rounds of ammunition,
and four days' provisions, without the
pistol, which weighs twelve pounds in
the morning, and twenty five pounds at
night. Besides, any weight around the
loins, after two or three hours' march, be-
gins to tell very oppressively. The great
difficulty was to make men take good
care of one weapon. A musket was
enough for a man. The lighter a
soldier goes the better; for if he be load-
ed down too heavily he will throw away
his extras. The provisions he carries in
his haversack are four pounds of bread
and three of meat."

A Bad Sequel to the Diamond Wedding.

Everybody recollects the diamond wed-
ding of the rich old Cuban and the young
New York belle. A recent letter from
Cuba says: "It may interest my fair read-
ers to remember that Havana is the home
of Signo Oviedo, the hero of the diamond
wedding. Here he is known as a millai-
on, at least half black, and is said to be a
Blue Beard for brutality. He is rich; but
as he and his bride are of course excluded
from society, his wealth can hardly com-
pensate his lady for the slight and seclu-
sion to which her life is honorably destined.
A sad and dearly bought conclusion of so
brilliant a bridal."

The young Prince Imperial of France recently assisted at a review, mounted on horseback, side by side with his father, the Emperor. The Napoleon family have always been famous for their horsemanship, and the young Prince is likely to be as much at home in the saddle as any of them. His mother watched his progress very earnestly at a window of the Tuilleries.

KISSING CONJUGATED.—To the ticklish verb "to kiss" there is of course a proportionately ticklish grammar, and the conjugation is as follows:—Base, to kiss; rebs, to kiss again; plurib, to kiss without regard to number; sillibus, to kiss the hand instead of the lips; blun-derbus, to kiss the wrong person; omni-bus, to kiss everybody in the room; erebus, to kiss in the dark.

What a beautiful comment the following is upon a good house wife: 'To hear her converse you would suppose she did nothing but read; to look through her household department, you would suppose she never read.'

No Convention in Maryland.

FREDERICK, Md., May 8.—The Legis-
lature last evening voted unanimously
against calling a Convention.

Arrest and Stamped of Rioters.

BALTIMORE, May 7.—Several arrests
were made of parties charged with par-
ticipating in the attack on the Massa-
chusetts troops. Yesterday and to-day
there has been a stampede among the
suspected. Severity of the rioters have
diminished.
The Legislature did nothing to-day.

APPROVAL OF FOREIGN POWERS.—All the foreign Ministers have expressed strong sympathies with the Administration for the maintenance of the Union, and do not conceal their belief that the rebels will receive no comfort whatever at the hands of their respective Governments.

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Scrofula, or King's Evil.

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