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A Singing Ditty.

Some sing for love; some sing for gain; Some sing to lail such other's pain; I've sing because you asked me to. But surely that's not: "something new."

Some sing for grief, and some for joy; Some sing to please, some to amony; Some of you sing because you cought to Practice the scales your teacher taught you

The young lady at the plane-forte Sings till her tistoning lover's caught, And gentlemen with " light guitars !! Sing late at night beneath the stars. Some sing to stop uneasy thinking; Some only sing when they've been drinking; And then to give the seighbors werning. They're up, and " wont go home till merning."

Some sing to please a haughty lady, And some to case a maughty buby; Some sing for spite; some sing like boys, For mere delight of making noise.

Miscellany.

A TRUE STORY.

Many years ago I happened to be one of the referees in a case that excited unusual interest in our courts, from the singular nature of the claim, and the strange story which it disclosed. The plaintiff who was captain of a ship which traded principally with the West Indies, had married quite early with every prospect of happiness. His wife was said to have been extremely beautiful, and no less lovely in her character.

After living with her in the most uninterrupted harmony for five years, during which time two daughters were added to the family, he suddenly resolved to resume his occupation, which he had relinquished on his marriage, and when his youngest child was but three weeks old. sailed once more for the West Indies .-His wife, who was devotedly attached to him, sorrowed deeply at his absence, and found her only comfort in the society of the children and the hope of his return. But month after month passed away, and he came not, nor did any letters, those insufficient but welcome substitutes, arrive to cheer her solitude. Months lengthened into years, yet no tidings were received from the absent husband; and after hoping against hope, the unhappy wife was compelled to believe that he had found a grave beneath the weltering

Her sorrow was deep and heartfelt, but the evils of poverty were now added to her afflictions, and the widow found herself obliged to resort to some employment in order to support her children. Her needle was the only resource, and for ten years she labored early and late for the miserable pittance which is ever grudgingly bestowed on a humble seamstress.

A merchant in New York, in moderate but prosperous circumstances, accidentalame acquainted with her, and pleased with her gentle manners, no less than

and was accepted. As the wife of a sucsuch as she had never possessed. Her children became his children, and received from him every advantage which wealth and affection could procure.

Fifteen years passed away ; the daughters married, and by their step-father were furnished with every comfort requisite to their new avocation as housekeepers. But they had hardly quitted his roof when their mother was taken ill .-She died after a few days, and from that time until the period of which I speak, the widower had resided with the younger daughter.

Now comes the stranger part of the story. After an absence of over thirty years, during which time no tidings had arrived from him, the first husband returned as suddenly as he had departed.

He had changed his ship, adopted another name, and spent the whole of that long period on the ocean, with only transient visits on shore, while taking in or been to her a father." discharging cargoes, having been careful Turning to the lady, in a tone whos all explanation.

leave the matter to be adjudged by five | change to us was like a sudden entrance to Paradise. We found a home and fath-It was upon a bright and beautiful af-

ternoon in spring, when we met to hear this singular case. The sunlight streamed through the dusty windows of the courtroom, and shed a balo around the long, grey locks and broad forehead of the defendant-while the plaintiff's harsh feat-The eyes of the witness flashed fire as ures were thrown into still bolder relief he spoke.

placid countenance of the adversary. The plaintiff's lawyer made a most elo quent appeal for his client, and had we not been informed about the matter, our hearts would have been melted by his touching description of the return of the desolate husband, and the agony with which he beheld his household gods removed to consecrate a stranger's hearth. The celebrated Aaron Burr was counsel for the defendant, and we satisfacted from him a splendid display of oratory.

by the same beam which softened the

Contrary to our expectations, however Burr made no attempt to confute his opponent's oratory. He merely opened a book of statutes, and pointing with his thin finger to one of the pages, desired the referees to read it, while he retired a moment, for the principal witness.

We had scarcely finished the section. which fully decided the matter in our minds, when Burr re-entered with a tall and elegant female leaning on his arm .-She was attired in a simple white dress, with a wreath of ivy leaves encircling her large straw bonnet, and a lace veil completely concealed her countenance. Burr whispered a few words, apparently encouraging her to advance, and then gracefully raising her veil, discovered to us a face of proud, surpassing beauty. I recollect as well as if it happened yesterday, how simultaneous the murmur of admiration burst from the lips of all present .-Turning to the plaintiff, Mr. Burr asked,

in a cold, quiet tone-" Do you know this lady?"

" I do."

" I can."

" Will you swear to that?" "I will: to the best of my knowledge and my belief, she is my daughter."

" Can you swear to the identity?"

" What is her age?" "She was thirty years old on the 20th day of April."

"When did you last see her?" "At her own house, about a fortnight

" When did you see her previous to tha meeting ?" The plaintiff hesitated-a long pause

ensued-the question was repeated, and the answer at length was-": On the 14th day of May, 17-." "When she was just three weeks old," added Burr. "Gentl-men," continued he turning to us, "I have brought this lady here as an important witness, and such, I her extreme beauty, he endeavored to think she is,. The plaintiff's counsel has improve their acquaintance with friend- pleaded eloquently in behalf of the bereaved husband, who escaped the perils of After some months he offered his hand the sea and returned only to find home desolate. But who will picture to you cessful merchant she soon found herself the lonely wife, bending over her daily in the enjoyment of comforts and luxuries toil, devoting her best years to the drudgery of sordid poverty, supported only by the hope of her husband's return? Who will picture the slow process of heart-sickening, the wasting anguish of hope deferred, and finally the overwhelming agony which came upon her when her last hope was extinguished, and she was compelled to believe herself a widow. Who can depict all this without awakening in your hearts the warmest sympathy for the deserted wife, and the utterest scorn for the mean, pitiful wretch, who could thus trample on the heart of her whom he swore to love and cherish? We need not enquire into his motive for acting so base a part. Whether it was love of gain or licentiousness, or selfish indifference, it matters not;

never to come nearer home than New Or- sweetness was a strange contrast with the leans. Why he had acted in this unpar- scornful accent which just characterized donable manner towards the family, no his words, he besought her to relate briefone could tell, and he obstinately refused by the recollections of her early life. A slight flush passed over her proud and There were strange rumors of slave beautiful face as she replied:

he is too vile a thing to be judged by such

laws as govern men. Let us ask the wit-

ness-she who now stands before us with

the frank, fearless brow of a true-hearted

woman-let us ask which of these two has

trading and piracy affoat, but they were "My first recollections are of a small only whispers of conjecture rather than ill-furnished apartment, which my sister truth. Whatever might have been his and myself shared with my mother. She motives for his conduct, he was certainly used to carry out every Saturday evening anything but indifferent to his family con- the work which had occupied her during cerns when he returned. He raved like the week, and bring back employment for a madman when informed of his wife's the following one. Saving her wearisome second marriage, and subsequent death, visit to her employers and her regular atyowing vengeance upon his successor, and tendance at church, she never left the terrifying his daughters with the most aw- house. She often spoke of my father ful threats, in case they refused to ac- and of his anticipated return, but at length knowledge his claims. He had returned she ceased to mention him, though I obwealthy, and one of the mean reptiles of served she used to weep more frequently the law, who are always to be found than ever. I then thought she wept becrawling about the halls of justice, advis- cause we were poor, for it sometime haped him to bring a suit against the second pened that our support was only a bit of husband, assuring him him that he could dry bread; and she was accustomed to recover heavy damages. The absurdity see by the light of the chips which she kinof instituting a claim for a wife whom dled to warm her famishing children, be death had released from the jurisdiction cause she could not purchase a candle of earthly laws was so manifest, that it without depriving us of our morning meal. was at length agreed to by all parties to Such was our poverty when my mother

contracted a second marriage, and the | Cholera-Dwelling House Cellars.

er." She naused.

"Would you excite my own child against me?" cried the plaintiff as he impatiently waved his hand for her to be si-

"You are not my father," exclaimed she vehemently, "What, call you my father-you who so basely left your wife to toil and your children to begarry! Never! never! Behold there my father," pointing to the agitated defendant, "there is the man who watched over my infancy -who was the sharer of my childish sports and the guardian of my inexperienced youth. There is the man who claims my affection and shares my home; there is my father. For yonder selfish wretch, I know him not. The best years of his life have been spent in lawless freedom from social ties; let him seek elsewhere for the companions of his decrepitude, nor dare insult the ashes of my mother by claiming the duties of kindred from her deserted children."

She drew her veil hastily around her as she spoke, and moved as if to with-

"Gentleman," said Borr, "I have no more to say. The words of the law are expressed in the book before you; the words of truth you have heard from woman's pure lips; it is for you to decide according to the requisition of nature and the decrees of justice."

I need not say that our decision was went forth followed by the contempt of provide against it. The most stringent favor of the defendant, and the plaintiff every honorable person who was present

ried to a handsome lady of very respecta. single case of cholera except in a very ble parentage, was taken suddenly ill at restricted district-in fact, one family onhis place of business last Friday. He ly was attacked. was placed in a carriage and taken to his A more special examination of the residence on Eric street, where he laid in house in which this family resided was great agony until Sunday, when the dis- made, when, in a remote corner of the ease so prostrated his physical powers cellar, a large pile of the accumulation of that he lay motionless upon the bed, while bad house-keeping for years was found, weeping friends surrounded the couch. and this was in a state of putridity. On To all appearance he was dead, and it was its removal, and the most plentiful use of so decided. Arrangements were about to the most powerful disinfectants, the disbe made for the interment, when the young case at once disappeared and did not rewife, feeling she could not give him up so turn, soon, insisted that the funeral be postponed As the warm weather approaches w until Tuesday morning. To gratify the may expect the approach of cholera, and the loss of her husband, the funeral was against its prevalence. It costs but little postponed. She spent most of the day of time, trouble or money for each house-(Monday) in the room with the corpse, holder to clean and purify his premises. and toward evening she noticed the body When she told this to her triends they thought her demented, and for two hours they conversed with her to by offered for sale, and as extensively divert her mind. At the end of the two bought, it is our duty to cantion every hours another slight movement was per- one against their poisonous nature, being caived by all the party. The scene which composed of the sulpho-cyanide of merfollowed can never be described. The eury which is a deadly poison. We are wife clung to the motionless form of her at present making experiments of the husband, alternately weeping and begging contents of them on some animals, which of him to speak just one word, while the we shall give the result of at a subsequent friends wept for joy, hastened for a physi- period. The following is the substance of cian, alarmed the servants by their strange conduct and presented a scene of confusion generally. When the physician ar- fore the Pharmaceutical Society of Great rived, the friends were assembled about Britain, at their recent meeting in Edinthe living man, suggesting and applying burgh :- Exchange. all the restoratives ever heard or dreamed of by any of the party, while the wife, largely in many shops in this city, at from a living grave one of the marked features of his life.

Confederate banner.

business, that the lady herself is unable any schoolboy or child." to identify her husband, having been separated from him for some time.

tensively than now.

Dr. Hall, who publishes and edits the Journal of Health, one of the most sensible, practical and useful monthlies in this country, devotes the whole of the March number to an interesting article on "Former's Houses," showing where they should be built, and how they should be built; indicating certain conveniences to be secured, and certain inconveniences to be avoided, and pointing out all the essentials to health, comfort and contentment One of the most interesting and useful portions of this article is that devoted to "Cellars in Dwelling Honses," which he declares are oftentimes the sources from which those gases constantly ascend that impregnate every room in the houses to which they are attached with a vitiated and unwholesome atmosphere.

He speaks of the habit prevalent among housekeepers of making the cellars the summer and winter receptacle of every variety of vegetables and fruits, as well as of rubbish and kitchen offal, and of all that is old and unseemly. He advises a thorough examination and cleansing of the cellars attached to every house in which a slow and obscure diseas prevails among the members of the family. He says such cellars should be emptied of every movable thing, the svalls thoroughly swept and washed, aired for a week, and the former whitewashed.

He cites the following remarkable in stunce of the efficacy of cleanliness pre venting cholera-with which we are now threatened-and of its attraction by uncleanliness. During a cholera summer unusual efforts were made in Boston to and thorough hygenic measures were taken. Reliable men were appointed to examine every house from cellar to garret REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM a LIVING and compel the removal of everything which could have even a remote tendency GRAVE. The Cleveland Herald relates the following narrow escape from a living to invite the fearful scourge. The regrave. A young German, recently mar. sults were admirable; there was not a

woman thus brought so speedily to mourn should omit no reasonable precaution

Pharaoh's Serpents.

Inasmuch as these are being extensive-"The chemical toy which is now sold

overwhelmed with joy, and completely prices ranging from 3d to 1s each, is comworn out with excessive excitement, had posed of a highly dangerous and poisonswooned away, and was lying at the side ous substance, called the sulpho-cynnide of of her busband, in the same death-like mercury. The material is a double-headstillness that had embraced his form but a ed poisoned arrow, for it contains two few moments before. The physician took poisoned ingredients, viz.: mercury and the necessary steps to restore the woman sulphe-cyanide acid, either of which will and resusciate the man, which was speedi- kill. Experiments have been made by ly accomplished in both cases, and, as we me upon the lower animals, and I have write to-day, the woman is joyous and found that one-half of a sixpenny Pharahappy, while the man thinks his escape oh's Serpent is sufficient to poison a largesized rabbit in an hour and three-quar ters. A less dose also destroys life, but takes longer to do so. The toy, therefore, LOYALTY AT THE SOUTH. The Me- is much too deadly to be regarded as bile Nationalist says that on the occasion merely amusing; and seeing that it can of the recent firemen's celebration in that be purchased by every schoolboy, and be city the rout laid out for the procession brought home to the nursery, it is rather was chosen to avoid passing by any Unit- alarming to think that there is enough of ed States flags, and to effect this, one of poison in one of the serpents to destroy the narrowest and least agreeable streets the life of several children. And the in the city was picked out, as a part of more so, that the so-called Pharaoh's Serthe course. Then the only colors allowed pent is covered with a bright tinfoil, and in the decorations were red and white, the much resembles in outward appearance a colors symbolizing the Confederacy; not piece of checolate or comfit. I hope that the smallest scrap of blue, even in the the rage for the Pharach's Serpents will form of a flower, was tolerated. The die out in Edinburgh without any disasropes were covered with red and white trous consequences, though such have ocstripes. The battle flag, draped in black, curred in other places; but it certainly is carried in the procession, was a large silk an anomaly in the law of the kingdom that a grain of arsenic cannot be purchased except under proper restrictions, and - A divorce case at Chicago has the that such articles as Pharnoh's Serpents, queer feature that the defendant looks so containing as deadly a poison, may be nuch like his twin brother, his partner in sold in any quantity, and be purchased by

- By the substitute of an "f" for an "1" a paragraph was made to say that - The artificial propagation of fish is Rev. Mr. - has received a calf from getting to be quite a business in Maine, Maine to be settled on a Congregational and is likely to be carried on still more ex- church in Portland, with a salary of

tween Corinth and Pitte burg Landing of NO. 19. scarred, scratched and wounded with atmost indelible traces of

lone chimneys, burnt and black-men troops and heaps of rubbish, when the story smiling homesteads; whele forests ported or "barked" and deade sed by the camping soldiery, to I have the server comfortable with bark beds dwellings. stores, and out-houses in wary stage of dilapidation and decay; and untended, are rapidl again-these are some of the evolutions. of the fierce struggle. "The war during its pl ed many horrible aspects, with the leave hore rible as this! I saw when handreds of Confederate dead had been not en out of their shallow coverings. I connot call them graves-their flesh than by the

He says :

hogs, and their bones lyin broken and trampled upon in every direct ction. It transcends anything recorded in civilized history; it almos transconds base lief. I was told by some in the monale residing near, that the hogs icu so long in this way, upon human carrion, that the pork became so offensive it could not be enten; and to this day, some of the ladies informed me, they dare not touch any hog's meat killed in that vicinity; they felt or were afraid that they would be

The Lingering Horas The

Roger A. Pryor, of the Metal Ar

gus, has taken a ride was the Shiloh, and contributes and a transition

and some horrible facts

"The whole face of

Lines of earthworks and in medicales.

across all the "thousand and see" roads a

guilty of cannibalism to do so. In one place, about 300 yards south of the church, on the Rhea place, I saw where a large number (supposed to be 150 at least) of Confederates had been tumbled into a gully and covered up with a thin layer of dirt. The washing rain and the hogs, together, have exposed the bones here most sadly. Many of the bones are broken and shattered to pieces, evidently since they were unearthed.-All the other scattered graves of the Confederates, where they were covered up by ones, twos, threes, and so on, up to dozens in a place, over the whole field, are in the same miserable condition. In but one place did I see a Confederate grave that had not been rooted up by the hogs .-That was on the extreme left, where, as Mr. Hargraves informed me, there are nearly 360 of each side buried in parallel trenches.

Generally, the Federal dend, as at Corinth, were buried at the proper depth, with head and foot boards, inscribed with names, companies, regiments, &c. Many of these head and foot boards. however, have been, destroyed or defaced by the annual fires which burn off the grass and leaves of these woods. I saw but one Federal burial trench where the hogs had upturned the bones and that but slightly. They are generally buried too deep for that, and in some places their graves are enclosed in fences made of logs or rails.

At the Confederate gully-grave, and at all the Confederate graves or rather, places where the Confederate dead wer slightly covered up on the ground where they fell, skulls, thigh, hip, and leg bones, ribs, vertebræ, etc., etc., lie scattered round in all directions. In one place, I saw where two Confederates had been covered up in the middle of the road; in another, where one had been pitched into a deep rut or hole,made by wagon wheels at the roadside, and so covered. In still another, I saw where two Confederates had been placed between standing trees. and then covered up. And in still other places, they were thrown by the side of logs (as at Corinth) and only half covered up. In all these places the bones were more or less exposed.

EDITING A PAPER.—The following summing up of the pleasures of editorial life is from the columns of the Charlotteville Chronicle :

Editing a paper is a very pleasant bus-

If it contains too much political matter, people won't have it. If the type is too large, it don't contain

enough reading matter. If the type is small, people won't read If we publish telegraph reports, the

people say they are lies. If we omit them, they say we have no enterprise or suppress them for political

If we have a tew jokes, people say we are a rattlehead. If we omit them, they say we are an old fossil.

If we publish original matter, they curse us for not giving selections. If we publish selections men say we are lazy for not writing more, and giving

them what they have not read in some other paper. If we give a man a complimentary no-tice, then we are censured for being par-

If we do not, then all hands say that we are a greedy hog.

If we insert an article that pleases the

ladies, men become jealous,

If we do not cater to their wishes, the paper is not fit to have in the house.

If we attend church, they say it is only for effect.

If we don't they pronounce us as deceit-ful and desperately wicked.

If we remain in the office and attend to If we remain in the office and attend to business, folks say that we are too proud to mingle with our fellows.

If we go out, they say that we never attend to our bu If we publish poetry, we effect senti

If we do not, we have no literary polish