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"What is a Poet?"

AN OFF-HAND ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.
By Martin Farquhar Tupper, author of "Proverbial Philosophy," &c.

No jugger of rhymes, nor monger of phrases,
No tuner of times, nor pruner of daises,
No malice lusted with nothing but lay,
No impudent scatrist fainting at the play,

No Adept of abuses, no trifling Tyro's,
No bilious misanthrope loathing to see us,
No grandus and prodes maker of verses,
No scoundrel in a coat, and a poet in a vest,

In a wood—out a bad tree—in mere a poetaster."

The monkey that follows some troubous master,
And fleecing from Teunyson, Shelley, or Keats,
With culling music his ectric eves,
Introducing the poor petry lazeney foot,

A chaffing insect in Webster's sweet school?

Not a bit of it!—poetry, beauty and dream;

Human society is utterly weak;

Of gift insincerities hopping in verse,

And stately hexameters plumed like a hearse,

And second-hand sentiment sugared with ice,

And a third course of passions, warmed up very nice,

And pieces of wax, and you smell wooden pine,

The fitting dessert of a feast so divine!

With more heat and more noise;

The soul of poetry has been pentred enough;

And yet in its heart, it unmethed with chords,

It shuns from its innermost chords;

To generous, truthful, melodious Seme;

Beautifull language and feeling sense,

To be taught in the purest poetical school;

To Eloquence—tagged with rhyme and without,

To any thing tastefull and hearty and true,

Delectate, graceful, and noble, and new;

Aye—find me the man—or the woman—or child,

That modest yet bold, and though spired, mild,

With a mind that can think, and a heart that can feel,

And a soul that can move, his skill to reveal,

And the heart that can move, the soul that will aid,

And the brow that in peir was never afraid;

With courage to dare, and with keenness to plan,

And with tact to declare what is pleasant to Man,

While guiding, and teaching, and training his mind,

With a spirit of play, and a touch of the blind,

With a soul in song, and a vision in age,

And modish affectations at every stage;

The hap of this woman, this man, or this youth,

By genies well stoned, and made tame by touch,

Shall charm, and shall ravish the world at its will,

And make most people to be won over and thralled,

While all shan't weep, and in love and know it

Gladly and gaily—this is the poet!

Forse Hill, Brighton, Sept. 7, 1848.

A Bashful Lover.

A Green Mountain boy fell in love with a very pretty girl, and determined "to court her." To that end he dressed himself in his "Sunday-go-to-meeting," went to her father's house and found her alone.

"How d'ye do," says the girl.

Jonathan took a chair and seated himself in the farthest corner of the room, as though the beauty was a thing to be feared rather than loved.

"Aint you—hadn't you better sit up to the fire," says Sally, supposing he would of course, if he was going to make love at all, do it in proper attire.

"No, I thank ye, I reckon the comfortable," returns Jonathan.

"How is your mam?" says Sally.

"Well, she's complainin' a little," said Jonathan.

Here a pause of two minutes ensued, during which time he mused himself by whittling a stick.

"There's nothing 'neath your way is there?" said Sally, which Jonathan might understand as applying to his present situation, or to his father's domestic.

"Here'd on—yea you meant to me; well that—that is yours—spotted cow's got a calf," said Jonathan.

Sally would undoubtless have laughed at that queer piece of information, only she was too much vexed at the speaker. At length, after much pained silence, Sally got up a very small amount of a scream, and in a loud voice exclaimed, "Loo me alone!"

Why says Jonathan, dropping his pen, and stick in his instrument, why, I am a fool on you!

"Well," says Sally, in a voice which might be indicative of fear, but sounded very like a request, "Well, and you good to!"

Jonathan thought a moment of this equivocal reply, and then pinched his knife in his pocket and blowing his nose, he drew his chair by the side of pretty Sally, gently encircled her waist and the next week they were married.

NOTING MADE EASY.—A few nights back, a small party of ladies and gentlemen were laughing over the supposed awkwardness attending a declaration of love when a gentleman remarked that if he ever offered himself he would do it in a collected business-like manner. "For instance," he continued, addressing himself to a lady present, "I would say, 'Miss S—, I have been two years looking for a wife. I am in the receipt of about a thousand dollars a year from my business, which is daily on the increase. Of all the ladies of my acquaintance, I admire you the most; indeed, I love you, and would gladly make you my wife.' " "You datter me by your preference," good humoredly replied Miss S—, to the surprise of all present; "I refer to you my father's 'brave,'" exclaimed the gentleman. "Well, I declare, said the ladies in chorus. The lady and gentleman, good reason, are to be married in October.—*Plain City Hall.*

A VARD OF PORK.—In a neighboring town, in which they were building a railroad, a party of men, who were employed there, went to the store of a real live Yankee, and thinking they would show a specimen of their wit, one asked for a yard of pork, whereupon the Yankee deliberately cut off three pigs feet, and handed them to the man. Pat, not at first understand the joke, said, "A yard, and is that what you would be offering endearing a yard of pork?" "Certainly," replied the Yankee, coolly, "but you don't know that in this country, three feet make a yard."

AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT.—A friend tells us that he knows a certain distinguished legal gentleman in this state who never gets "excited" with drink except when there is a fire in the little village where he lives. At a late conflagration there he headed the line of fire-buckets, and as fast as they were passed to him, he threw them, buckets and all, into the fire, crying all the while, "Pass on the buckets! pass up the buckets!" The "soror" was discovered at length, and "judgment reversed," with costs.

LACONIC.—A few moments since, an employer, observing one of his workmen staggering about his work accused him of: "What is the matter, Jim?"

"Nothing, sir only I'm loaded."

"You're discharged, then," was the reply.

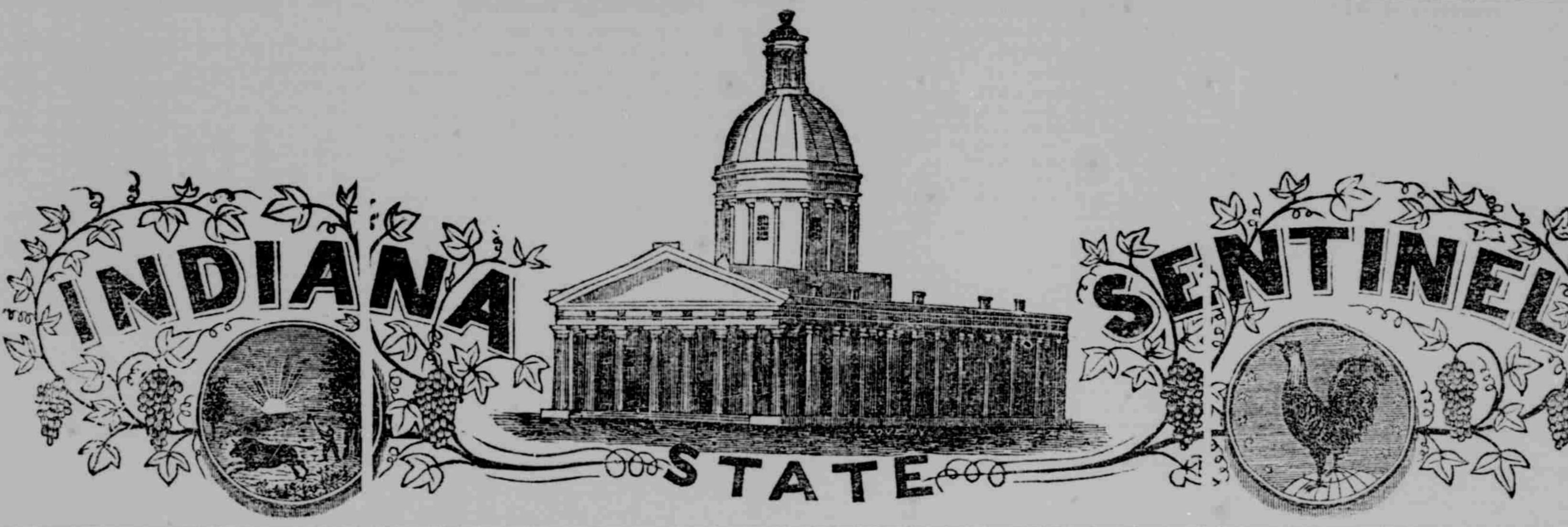
"Then, of course, I must go off," rejoined Jim, and away he went.

PEN-CHEES.—When does a man eat the most indigestible supper? When he bolts the street door before going to bed.

The latest and most delicate name for a lady's bus-
iness, "The derriere resort of beauty."

The devil's heartiest laugh is at a detaching witicism. Hence the phrase, "devilish good," has sometimes a literal meaning.

"Wife," said a married man, looking for his boot-jack, after she was in bed, "I have a place for all things, and you ought to know it." "Yes," says she "I ought to know where you keep your late hours."



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The Depot of the Congress, a new paper, has been established to which Congress has acceded to their reports of its debates, in receiving and making the same the official register, they intend to add *prompte* to whatever may occur in the course of the work. They will publish a Daily Globe, to record the proceedings, and a Congressional Globe periodically, as no more, once a month, or twice a month, or even quarterly, as the circumstances will permit. The paper will be sold at the price of 25 cents a copy, and will be delivered to all the members of Congress, and to the public, and to all the friends of the Government, and to all the friends of the people, and to all the friends of the country, and to all the friends of the world.

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