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Poetical.

PARODY.

(Written for the Spirit of Jefferson.)

Oh, well I remember the cottage, Mary, The cottage that stood on the hill, With its garden so green, and the fruit trees rare, And flowers which grew as they will.

RAILROAD SONG FOR NEW MEXICO

TEXAS - La Marcha de Santa Anna.

The great Pacific Railroad For California and New Mexico, Bring on the locomotive Lay down the iron rail, Across the rolling prairie, The railroad cars are coming humming Through New Mexico.

THE MAIN LIQUOR LAW; OR, THE EFFECTS OF INTERTEMPERANCE.

WRITTEN FOR THE "SPIRIT OF JEFFERSON."

BY MEDICUS.

Politic with its characteristic excitement is calmly reposing in quietude and awaiting the perennial hand of the political demagogue to move it to its lethargy.

brutal condition of this fellow man, without having every feeling of his heart turned to resistance, to stay the progress of such a demon, so pregnant with mischief and destruction to all that is high and holy? And who can meditate the forlorn predicament of the inebriate without a feeling of compassion and a desire to rescue him from inevitable ruin, and to restore him again to that circle it should have been his pride to have made happy.

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lary that numerous cases, known to every community as "drunk dealers," who assert with such assumed innocence and some degree of self-confidence, "that man is a free agent, and they do not ask or compel any man to drink." Perhaps they do not "ask men to drink" but their gross-shops like the mouths of monsters, gape widely to swallow the unfortunates.

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THE PALE-FACED GIRL OF PHILADELPHIA. "Sir, - The following tale appears to be almost too romantic for reality. Yet there is not one imaginative incident in it. It was related to me by a member of the Marshall police of Philadelphia, after a visit of inspection to 'Duffy's Cottages,' in one of the most health-fostering streets of that city. The houses alluded to were thus described by the writer, in a recent number of the New York Daily Tribune:

"The pale-faced girl" said "but not all." And he then told the story of the Pale-Faced Girl. Some time ago a handsome young woman often slept in Duffy's rooms. Her name and history were unknown. She seldom spoke and had no confidant. But from her intellectual look, the refinement exhibited in her conversational remarks, and in her cultivated manners, it was believed that she had not occupied in common with the wretched creatures around her.

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ARISTOCRACY BELOW STAIRS. Do you see that character trundling a cart before him, trundling out with slight bells, a cart and cow-bells, like a Kings' jester? Have you ever taken an inventory of "the goods and chattels" in that cart? What treasures of old shoes, what variety of rags, what abundance of waste paper!

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THE BEGINNING OF FORTUNE. In Norfolk, Virginia, opposite the National Hotel, is an old fashioned outlandish looking house, with one of its corners cut down as if a storm had straightened it in its front, had passed along there and cut it off.

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BOOK AND JOB PRINTING.

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, CARDS, BLANKS, CHECKS, HANDBILLS, LABELS, &c. EXECUTED WITH neatness and dispatch AT THE OFFICE OF SPIRIT OF JEFFERSON.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Engineer publishes a synopsis of the financial operations of the Board of Public Works with the State Treasury, during the fiscal year ending 30th of September, 1853, transmitted by the Second Auditor to the Governor, and approved by the Board of Public Works, and with the balance on hand at the close of the year, and the receipts of the Treasury, on account of the Internal Improvement Fund, amounting to \$5,074,428 27, and with the balance on hand at the close of the year, and the receipts of the Treasury, on account of the Internal Improvement Fund, amounting to \$5,074,428 27.

The aggregate outstanding public debt of the Commonwealth on 1st of October last, after deducting the amount redeemed, as per exhibits of the Sinking Fund, is ascertained to be \$1,041,715 64.

The Internal Improvement Fund possesses productive investments amounting to \$3,500,000, which, in the year 1853, will produce an amount of \$1,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year for 1852. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund organized under the act of March 25, 1852, in conformity to the 29th section of the 4th article of the Constitution, have principles which insure the payment of the interest, and the gradual extinction of the public debt of the Commonwealth. The aggregate amount of the debt, as authorized to be redeemed, is \$1,041,715 64.

MARTINSBURG IMPROVEMENTS. Some idea may be formed of the rapid improvement of this place from the number of houses recently laid off and sold beyond the old limits of the town. Buena Vista, the purchase of Mr. John W. Boyd, traces 90 lots, 50 of which have been sold, and many have been erected upon nearly half of those, and on the others buildings will be put up during the coming year, and all the lots are now being put up on the whole, and are in the hands of the builder. North of the town the improvements have been rapid, a large number of substantial buildings have been erected, and many more are projected for the coming year; and in addition, the market improvement is visible throughout the place, and the streets have been widened, and the Ohio Railroad Company have been more extensive than ever heretofore in the same period, and now embrace three miles of track, and a full circle and one half circle engine house, and a fine depot house, with various other improvements.

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA AND HAMPDEN SHIRE RAILROAD. The first annual report of the Alexandria, Louisiana and Hampden Shire Railroad, received in pamphlet form. It contains everything that relates to the prospects of the road, and its initial steps have been taken in the prosecution of the work.

WASHINGTON ITEMS. The Star of Monday evening has the following: Postal Arrangement in connection with the Bremen Treaty - We learn that the Postmaster General, received information by the late Trans-Atlantic steamer, that Austria had declined to ratify the Bremen Treaty, and that the Austrian Emperor had refused to ratify the Bremen Treaty, and that the Austrian Emperor had refused to ratify the Bremen Treaty.

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