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## Poetry.

### GIVE.

If the poor man pass thy door,  
Give him of thy bounteous store ;  
Give him food and give him gold,  
Give him shelter from the cold ;  
Aid him his lone life to live,  
For 'tis angel-like to give.

Though world riches thou has not  
Give to him of poorer lot ;  
Think thee of the widow's mite.  
In her Holy Master's sight,  
It was more a thousand fold  
Than the rich man's hoard of gold.

Give ! it is the better part,  
Give to him the pure in heart ;  
Give of love in large degree,  
Give of hope and sympathy ;  
Cheer to them who sigh forlorn,  
Light to him whose lamp is gone.

Give the gray-haired wanderer room :  
Lead him gently to the tomb,  
Let him not in friendless clime,  
Float adown the tide of time ;  
Hear the mother's lonely call.  
She the dearest one of all.

And the lost abandoned one  
In thy pathway do not shun :  
Of thy kindness she hath need ;  
Bind with balm the bruised reed ;  
Give and gifts above all price,  
Shall be thine, in Paradise.

### IT SPOILS A MAN TO MARRY HIM.

Believe, dear girls, this maxim true,  
In precept and in practice too,  
That it spoils a man to marry him ;  
The creatures never ought to go  
Beyond a honey moon or so ;  
If they survive that they will show  
That it spoils a man to marry him.

When first he kneels before your feet,  
How soft his words, his looks how sweet :  
But it spoils a man to marry him :  
When once a late consent he'll wring,  
And gets your finger in a ring,  
Oh ! THEN he's quite another thing,  
It spoils a man to marry him.

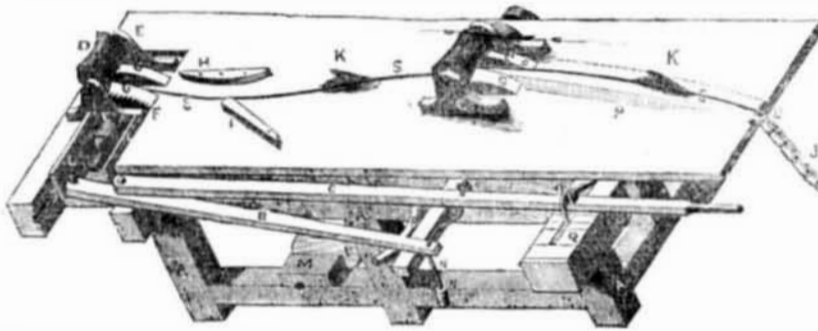
Have you a fancy ? you must drop it ;  
A will, it may be ? you must lop it,  
Before you think of marrying :  
And even if you venture then,  
Select the very worst of men :  
If not, nine chances out of ten,  
'Twill spoil the man to marry him.

### Curiosities of Food.

There is a large tribe of Indians in New Mexico, who live on a sort of grasshoppers, or wingless locust, which they dry pulverize, and knead into a kind of cake which they bake, and which is not bad eating. The wild horses which traverse the plains of California and New Mexico in vast troops, the descendants of the war horse introduced by the Spanish discoverers and conquerors, are becoming more highly prized and sought out. By some they are used as food. The early settlers of Oregon fed on their flesh and found it quite palatable and nourishing: they called it "Columbia-beef."

## LAW'S

### IMPROVED STAVE JOINTING MACHINE.



The above is an engraving of a Stave Jointer, the invention of Mr. H. Law, of Wilmington, North Carolina, who has taken measures to secure a patent for the same. Its utility, nature and mode of operation will be fully understood by the following description:—

A A A, frame. B, lever, which moves the frame L L, together with the saw and roller D, which are all attached to frame L L. C, lever, by means of which lever B is moved. D D, concave rollers under which the stave passes. E E E E, standards to support D D. F F, circular saws, standing in a raking position, verging in opposite directions, so as to give the proper bevel to the edges of the stave. G G G G, raised pieces over which the stave passes, which raised pieces together with the concave rollers D D, form throats or slots just the thickness of the stave and through which the stave is made to pass. H, a guide piece to conduct the stave to the second saw. I, a light spring to press the stave against the guide piece H. J, the end of the feed chain which connects with the dresser. K K, dogs or hooks, attached to the endless chain and traversing in the curved slot S S S, to carry forward the stave—the chain is underneath and does not appear in the engraving except at J. L L, moveable frame that supports the saw, and that is attached to, and acted upon by lever B, to adjust the saw to the width of the stave. M, journal box. P P, pullies to drive the circular saw. O, palls, or holdfasts, to lever C. N N, weight and rope that move lever B. Q Q, index beds. R, curved piece attached to lever B. . . . dotted curved line ranging with the saw and governing the feed of stave on that side.

OPERATION.—The stave is deposited by the machine on the floor of the Jointer, and is placed by hand with the back of the stave up, with one edge on the dotted lines, being the proper position for that edge to be jointed by the first saw, and with a single glance of the eye on the index lines on the near side the

Tender can see what width the stave will bear ; if it is described for instance, by the first line, the lever C, is immediately placed on the corresponding first line, and held fast by pulley O, or if the stave is of some other width, it is readily seen, and the lever C placed in the proper position—but it is not convenient that the saw should take that position immediately, therefore lever B is still held fast in its former position by ratchets underneath and attached to circular piece R, which circular piece is attached to and traverses with lever B. There is a ketch attached to the frame of the machine, which is pressed into the ratchets and holds fast lever B. This holdfast is tripped by one of the dogs passing through a throat under the floor, at the proper time, when the weight N immediately shifts lever B to lever C, and places the saw in its proper position. The dog that carries the stave forward traverses in a curved line, corresponding to the bilge or taper of the stave, giving to the stave its taper, and both saws standing in a raking position corresponding to the bevel of the stave, gives to the stave its proper bevel, the stave passing between the raised pieces G G G G, and the concave roller D D, which together form a slot just the thickness of a stave, must of necessity bring every crook or twist fair to the saw, jointing to correspond with the crooks and twists and making a more perfectly shaped stave than can possibly be done by the hand. The staves are pressed by springs (which do not appear in the engraving) up against rollers D D, and as the rollers are more concave than the stave is convex one edge of a narrow stave is forced into this concavity and presents an edge less bevelling to the saw than a wide stave does—so that without any alteration of machinery the bevel is made to correspond to the width of the stave ; to accomplish this with the second saw the concave roller together with the near standard E and raised piece G is attached to the frame and shifts with the saw.

### Harbors in Oregon.

Capt. Wilkes, who commanded the exploring expedition, in a letter to Asa Whitney, Esq., remarks as follows :

Every one is satisfied with the facilities the harbors on our Eastern seaboard offer for commerce. However great they may be, they do not exceed those offered by the Straits of Juan de Luca, Admiralty Inlet and Puget's Sound on the Western Coast. Those I am minutely acquainted with and they are not surpassed by any, and large enough for the commerce of the world, and fit receptacles for the commerce of the East, which I cannot doubt, but will, one day, and that not far distant, flow into them.

There are 2,309 women attached to the American army in Mexico for washing, mending and attending the sick.

### Beds in India.

A person would imagine that every body is very flabby at night, and rolls and tosses about a great deal in the very hot weather.—To render ourselves more comfortable at such times, we have a number of pillows of all shapes and sizes, and hardness, scattered over the bed. At one roll you lay your leg on one and your arm on another, and then you turn over to the other side, and then throwing your feet on to one pillow, you hold another fast under your arm : that won't do, and you roll over on your back, with one pillow under your knee and another under each arm, and so on through the night. "I assure you," says Mr. Ackland, "that however absurd it may appear, this multiplicity of pillows is a very great comfort on very hot nights, although when you awake you certainly often find yourself and them in very funny positions."

## RAIL ROAD NEWS.

The New-Jersey Railroad Co., in order to place their entire road and the bridges in the most permanent and substantial manner, will make application to the Legislature for an increase of \$500,000 capital. And in view of meeting the demand for more extensive depot and wharf accommodations, arising from business expected to be drawn from the Erie Railroad from the connection of that road with the Paterson Railroad by means of the Ramapo Railroad now in the course of rapid construction, a branch road to some other point on the Hudson opposite New York, is deemed necessary. The Belvidere and Trenton Railroad Company having indicated their intention of commencing their work, a connection is proposed by the New Jersey Railroad Company to be made with it from New Brunswick or its vicinity by the way of Flemington.

The New York and Erie Rail Road is rapidly progressing, its business is now increasing on it.

The friends of the Richmond and Danville (Virginia) Railroad have organized and elected their officers. We hope the old Dominion will push on their work. There can be no doubt of the utility of the proposed project.

### St. Andrews and Quebec Rail Way.

A new Railway has been commenced between St. Andrews N.B. and Quebec. This is the first Rail Road in New Brunswick. The Brunswickers are certainly behind the speed of the age. We hope they will make amends for past inertness.

### Whitney and His Railroad.

Mr. Whitney addressed the Legislature of Georgia, on the 16th inst., upon his great project for connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans by Railroad. He asked the passage of the resolutions approving his plan. These were passed in the House without dissent, and in the Senate by 63 votes to 60, after a long debate.

Mr. Whitney also delivered an address on the subject of his railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific at Nashville Tenn., in the hall of the House of Representatives. The Nashville Whig says, that the impression he made was entirely favorable to the project, and that the Legislature has taken the subject into consideration and recommended it to the favorable action of Congress.

### Rail Road and Scripture.

Mr. Russel, made a speech on the occasion of the celebration of the Northern Railroad, Company, in which he quoted the following ; prophecy from the prophet Nahum, chap. 2, verse 4 :

"The chariots shall rage in the streets : they shall jostle one against the other in the broadways ; they shall seem like torches ; they shall run like the lightnings."

The Cumberland Civilian says:—Thirteen thousand dogs have been transported by the Railroad to the Baltimore market during the past two weeks. There are now registered on the books of the office at this place, twelve thousand one hundred more for the same destination.

### Our Niagara.

"In your country," said an American, "you have the ever-burning Mount Versuvius." "Have we indeed?" rejoined the Italian. "But please to remember that in your's you have the ever-glorious Falls of Niagara, that would put it out in five minutes."

### Theory and Practice.

How much easier it is to talk than to act, is it not. Almost every body has his head filled with virtue and all that sort of thing, but how is it with his heart? "Inquire within," and look around for yourself.