THE PROUD OLD OAK.

COME bearken to me of the old oak tree, From his cloud-capt crown glancing proudly

On his smaller brethren by A thousand long years 'mid his brave leafy peers
The lord of the woods stood he;
No King on his throne could such liegemen own As that stalwart old oak tree.

Thro' tempest and storm his giant form All changes seem to defy; And with banner unfurl'd to his forest world,

He cried, "Who so noble as I?"
But the lightning flash and the thunder crash
Hunl'd by him from whom none can flee,
And which level doth bring both peasant and

king, Laid low that old oak tree.

His roots so grand had spread wide o'er the land, Taking up a good acre or more;
But the trunk so long fed on this vast fertile bed All rotten was found at the core;

In his power and pride he was wont to deride
His brother of low degree,
But the small sound bough is of more use I trow

Than that lordly old oak tree.

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THE QUEEN'S VOW. A TALE OF ELIZABETH.

CHAPTER I.

breeding, eager to be selected as her representative in the unfeminine ceremony, but she had, even in the excitement of riding, found time to repent of her ungenerous conduct to the Earl of Devonshire, and resolved to make him some atonement.

giveness and gratitude from the dark eyes which, a few minutes before, had dwelt so reproachfully upon her. She saw only the heavy horse and ed an eagle glance round the company, to ascertain if the Earl had, indeed, left the hunt.— There was a brave group collected around the poor stag—beautiful ladies and lordly men, but no where appeared the one loved face. At first, her heart grew faint, for the dread of some indefinite evil fell upon it; but after a moment's reflection, the bright blood again deepened on her cheek, and her lips were slightly compressed, as was habitual to her when excited, but e-

Underneath the body, with his limbs entangled in its soiled trappings, lay the unfortunate Earl.

In this, at least."

The last were spoken in an undertone, and as they were uttered, Elizabeth turned her faint shiver of a dying bird—twice I have felt in a fresh burst of tears.

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A gleam of wild joy flashed over the Lady Elizabeth's face. "Help me, good Herbert," she said, carnestly. "Let us take him up to a few minutes before, had dwelt so reproachfully upon her. She saw only the heavy horse and weather-beaten features of an old serving-man. For a moment she became pale with apprehension, then her proud eye kindled, and she turned an eagle glance round the company, to ascertain if the Earl had, indeed, left the hunt.—

Elizabeth's face. "Help me, good Herbert," is the said, earnestly. "Let us take him up to the pure air. Alas, you are old, and have no strength. Stay!" A sudden thought presented itself, and lifting the bugle to her lips, she drew a blast so clear and loud, that it re-called a party of her retainers, who were making their tense feelings as she spok. "Our fate is cloud."

Way hopeward from the horst. Before there the whistered, twining his fingers faintly around her hand. "Heart and soul—with my whole strength and being!" replied Elizabeth, looking upon him through her tears, and trembling with intense feelings as she spok. "Our fate is cloud." a party of her retainers, who were making their way homeward from the hunt. Before they reached the scene of disaster, Elizabeth had recovered some degree of composure. It is true that she remained very pale, and that her voice was changed with emotion, but she sent off a messenger for the nearest leech, and gave directions that the wounded Earl should be removed to her own residence, with her would decided. ved to her own residence, with her usual decision. So perfect was her self-command, that ven then, dissimulation had become a portion of her strange nature, and, though her haughty spirit was aroused by the contumacious deserspirit was aroused by the contumations descrition of her lover, she remembered that the eyes of that party were upon her, and checked all in-

The Princess was excited and ill at ease, but would hover around his bed, and more than once The Princess was excited and ill at ease, but she forced herself to appear interested in the state of the venison, complimented her youthful representative on his skill in woodcraft, and bandied jests with the ladies of her train, seemingly as light-hearted and merry as the gayest among them. When she had seem the hounds called together by their keepers, and the deer fung across a horse to be conveyed from the accene of slaughter, she excused the companied by the aged serving-man, turned her horse, and retraced the way which she had pursued to the hunt. It was through the densest wood, and along the most broken and rockyportion of the park that she had ridden. The old man wondered why she had chosen it again, and was more astonished that, or reaching the acressing party. The beginning to us to suggest the only objection to which the least to us to suggest the only objection to which the least to us to suggest the only objection to which the least to us to suggest the only objection to which the least to us to suggest the only objection to which the state of the venison, complianced the venison, complianced the venison, complianced the stream which flowed near the entire dealings of a sad voice, which only in sealing the party of the pleadings of a sad voice, which only in sealing the proposed to the the delirium of his fever had been calmed by the state of the venison of extending of a combat such as this almost amounted to its liable. A remedy that should be less libited to the this bad, and more than one step, and the termination of the beginning to us to suggest the only objection to which the less in the total standards of the train, seeming the pleasing of a combat such as this almost amounted to storage the total the state the value that should be more or general principles, would administration, and that permission might be granted for the still that the train the train that the subscituding of a combat such as this almost amounted to the suggestions are carried out; and that permission might be granted stream which flowed near the eminence where sion of chastened grief. There was something to the rationale of all the questions that arise in the deer had found covert, she turned her horse in her low, meek tones, which went to the heart in the course of an enquiry into arithmetic, and the rectionale of mathematical investigation. to that part where the water was deepest, and to those that listened, and the attendants who had and the methods of mathematical investigation. We entirely agree with the author that large, bringing them Cantain Smith's letter to that part where the water was deepest, and the attendants who had the banks were most widely asunder. He observed that the expression of her face became with devotion. The persecuted lady had much it has hitherto been too much the practice to unopened, and a few words written on a dearer of the face became with devotion. The persecuted lady had much it has hitherto been too much the practice to unopened, and a few words written on a quarters. The soldiers, starting on their her eyes downward, and curbed the generous animal back with a cry so sharp and full of agony, where she was already deeply afflicting, that the old man's blood chilled in his veins and the control of the subject.

Tethrement in which Enzabeth had nives, kept her ignorant of it till the rumor came to add double confidently recommended and very steadily. Capt. Smith very naturally was much enraged at the indifference with which they had treated his letter, and Well might the haughty woman shrink and tremble on her recoiling hunter—for, there, far down in the bed of that stream, lay the body of her powerful sister, should that ungenerous woman ever learn that the man designed to share her throne, had been the inmate of her

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been in the water.

"It is a glove, lady," replied the old man, in a low voice—"a—a—" He stammered, and turned away his eyes, for they had fallen on the fellow to that glove upon the Princess' left light struggled faintly through the dim win-

"No, no," she said, motioning the knife away with her yet ungloved hand, "present it to my Lord of Devonshire; he shall act for me in this, at least."

The last words were spoken in an undertone, The wind with a deep sigh, broken and tremulous, but not one of despair.

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crimson broke over his thin cheeks, and his eyelashes began to quiver.

ded, but I am thine-or, if not thine, Elizabeth Tudor never weds, never, so help me Heaven!"
Devonshire heard the oath, but had no strength to reply; the tinge of excitement died from his

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no one present could, for a moment, have be-lieved her capable of yielding to the anguish which had overwhelmed her but a few moments, before: none but the old servitor. He capad before: none but the old servitor. He capad of that party were upon her, and checked all indications of feeling with a resolution worthy of her riper years. Turning graciously to a gentleman of her train, she requested him to take the knife.

"Our Lord of Devonshire has proved laggard, she said blandly," so try thou the depth of yon poor animal's fat, and bring his antlers up to our house yonder." As the youth dismounded to be observed to obsey her, she turned to the old sprving man; "See that the venison is cared for, and safely bestowed in our larder," she said, in a safely bestowed in our larder," she said, in a safely bestowed in our larder," she said, in a safely bestowed in our larder, "She said, in a low voice, "and that the skin is properly dress-"

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tremble on her recoiling hunter—for, there, far down in the bed of that stream, lay the body of a horse, wedged in between the banks, which, so low down, were scarcely far enough apart to admit his length. His hoofs were in the air, and his head doubled forward on his chest. There and his head doubled forward on his chest. There were no marks of a struggle, for the poor anipal's death had been as sudden as if a bullet had with a degree of malice worthy of her detestible and selfish opposition of that party which is a sudden as if a bullet had with a degree of malice worthy of her detestible and selfish opposition of that party which is a sudden as if a bullet had with a degree of malice worthy of her detestible and selfish opposition of that party which is a sudden as if a bullet had a sudden as if a bullet had with a degree of malice worthy of her detestible and selfish opposition of that party which is a ballet had a sudden as if a bullet h character.

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all the springs of practical and intencetual culture which the advancing intelligence of the age has called into action. The efforts blew up, fragments of her scattered about in all directions. She was full of soldiers in red for Patterson's Camp and Quarters.

remarkable man in his age:—a successful soldier, and a wise lawgiver. The materials for his biography are scanty and scatter- on the shoulder; they say, though, the Hya-Continued.

"There rose no day, there roll'd ne hour, Of pleasure unembitter'd, And not a trapping decked my power That gall'd not while it glitter'd."

Eager with excitement, Elizabeth dashed through the thickest trees, supposing the horseman, who followed close in her track, was the Earl, but he was, in truth, but a member of her household, who had also wandered from the hour, and finding his microsure unembit trees and finding his microsure unembit trees. The proposal proposal in the process rest and scatter displayed a gloom more chilling than darkness, over the dusky heap of velvet, and affending he microsure unembit trees, supposing the horseman, who followed close in her track, was the man, who f history, is not as full as could be desired .- farmer, whose son had died lately, was vis-

safely bestowed in our larder," she said, in a low voice, "and that the skin is properly dressed; it is a brave beast, and should furnish our table for a week to come."

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The leech had just departed with a solemn look, and an ominous shake of the did to tis author. His remedy chiefly rests to come.

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with which they had treated his letter, and in its soiled trappings, lay the unfortunate Earl. One arm was flung outward, and the shallow stream rippled over a hand pale as a fragment of sculptured marble. His head rested on the beink of the waters, the white face was turned upwards, and his black hair swayed to and from with the current, which was faintly finged with blood. After a moment, given to horror and self-reproach, the Princess let herself slowly down from her saddle, and looked with a pale, agonized face, toward her aged attendant; her in the solid trappings, lay the unfortunate Earl. One arm was flung outward, and the shallow at a deep slumber, she stole softly the advancing intelligence of the age has called into action. The efforts of the Tories to denounce all schemes of national education as atheistical and demoralizing which do not proceed under the immediate the current, which was faintly finged with blood. After a moment, given to horror and adeathly slumber it seems; will you not come to him? There is no fever flush left, but when agonized face, toward her aged attendant; her in the meant time, contributed in the advancing intelligence of the scalled into action. The efforts and out, of some two hundred persons

lips quivered, but uttered no sound, so she turn- forehead. Come, lady, and look upon him as and is now as thoroughly understood as its with the intention to run her on board. She

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Earl, but he was, in truth, but a member of her household, who had also wandered from the hunt, and finding his mistress unattended, had hunt, and finding his mistress unattended, had to her companion, and guided by the deep, each of the hounds, she rode gaily forward, and arrived at the scene of death in time to witness the last throes of the noble stag. Two of his house from their prey; another turned the carcass on its back as she came up, and a fourth unheath ed his hunting-knife, as if expecting her to dismount, and try the quality of the slain stag.

The narrative is too brief—the reflections too few and slight—and the spirit of the chronise the body."

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The Lady Elizabeth husbed her gle line, and dismisses the proceedings of ing and counselling a dissolute and incorrig-Parliament (involving frequently the most ible son, and, after a most pathetic appeal to important questions of permanent interest) his feelings, discovering no signs of contri-E. Bodin executes his undertaking better than such an undertaking has ever been executed by any one else, we give him all the praise to which he is entitled. But excellence in this line, great are the dfficulties to be overcome in its attainment, is not very meritorious after all. What Dr. Johnson says of the makers of dictionaries will aptly apply to the makers of historical condensations. says of the makers of dictionaries will aptly apply to the makers of historical condensations: that they "can only hope to escape reproach, and even this negative recompense has been yet granted to very few. It is the fate of those," he adds, "who toil at the lower employments of life, to be rather driven by the fear of evil, than attracted by the prospect of good; to be exposed to censure without hope of praise; to be disgraced by this carriage, or punished for neglect, where succarriage, or punished for neglect, where suc- sharpens the nib of an editor's pen like a cess would have been without applause, and creditor standing at his elbow, ready to pre-

served that the expression of her face became sad after leaving the company, and that she approached the brink of the stream slowly, and as one tired of excitement, or oppressed with painful thought. As her horse paused, and gathered up his limbs to perform a second time the leap he had once taken so bravely, the lady cast her eves downward, and curbed the generous as the representation of the Earl's solution. The persecuted lady had much to distress her spirits, independant of the Earl's severe illness. Queen Mary had, in truth, fix-without explaining to their understandings without explaining to their understandings without explaining to their understandings that the principles upon which such rules were doubt the principles upon which such rules were fections of her half sister. This had long been a subject of conversation at the court, but the principles upon which such rules were yet on board the admiral had got his fleet under way, and in two divisions, of a supplies the desideratum, it is entitled to applause, and may be confidently recommend-her eves downward, and curbed the generous as they founded. In so far as the volume before us subject of conversation at the court, but the principles upon which such rules were founded. In so far as the volume before us supplies the desideratum, it is entitled to applause, and may be confidently recommend-her eves downward, and curbed the generous as they founded. Distant sounds or volume to find the principles upon which such rules, shabby peice of paper, intimating that the original and a few words written on a shabby peice of paper, intimating that the without explaining to their understandings the time memory of learners with rules, shabby peice of paper, intimating that the original and a few words written on a shabby peice of paper, intimating that the original and a few words written on a shabby peice of paper, intimating that the original and a few words written on a shabby peice of paper, intimating that the original and a few words written on a shabby pei ces from the enemy filled up the pauses which ensued; while pouring in with the tramp of men inured to early work, their voices sounded loudly on the ear; the blast of bugles far and near, with loud and sharp commands, answered to each other. By this time "gray-eyed morn" began to throw a glimpse of light on the affair, when, within the shortest space, all were commingled in one impetuous fray. Here the romance of fighting was at an end; the veil of night withdrawn, it was all fair play, straightforward work; where the bravest men had room and