Poetry.

WITHERED FLOWERS.

[From "All the Year Round."]

Strange are the memories, oh, withered flowers,

Brightly as sunshine falls on distant towers,

As with a key ye turn the lock of years,

Ye lift the lid and bring forgotten treasures

Have ye a mirror in your withered petals,

Again I view my home at quiet even;

Wherein I read the history of my youth,

That ye give back like glass or polished metals

The sparrows hopping on the gabled eaves,

As it flows on beneath the arching bridge;

To see the moonlight with its white hued shiver,

And, stranger still, I have the self same feeling

That traced the letters of my old romance :

One hue of joy-that old forgotten trance.

A moment since, and some unknown connexion

Now-but the light has vanished from my spirit,

A cloud conceals the splendor of my sky,

The common fate-to live-to love-to die !

For they are dead, those loved ones. Life is fleeting,

And steals away the props on which we trust;

How could I build on mortals who inherit

Leaving only one hope of future meeting,

A stamp for memory and a heap of dust.

Leaving affection like these withered flowers,

That we may hold and turn with reverent hands:

And thoughts that picture out the glorious bowers,

Select Tale.

ONLY A COUNTRY GIRL.

to marry a mere country beauty.

"Do you think she heard me?"

heard you-but what an angel she is !"

Of which these figures are but shadowed bands.

The glow of love, o'er all around me dealing

Gave me a strange reality of bliss:

I pressed anothers hand in dear affection;

I felt my forehead glow beneath a kiss.

Windows illumined by the crimson heaven,

I seem to hear the murmur of the river,

Lying in bands upon the pebbly ridge.

That to my heart ye bring in wordless speech,

And gilds their outlines-of the past ye teach.

For, from my childhood and its sunny pleasures,

Before these eyes that watch the store with tears.

A thousand visions fraught with light and truth?

Varnished with joy and framed with quivering les

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shows no resentment, she has not even looked up

from her book; you are safe; she could not have

erick Lane took the liberty of asking if the young lady would be kind enough to inform him where Mr. Irving lived. With an innocent smile the beauty looked up. Mr. Irving, the only one in the village, is my father," she said, rising in a charmingly graceful manner. "The large house on high ground, half

hidden by trees and thick shrubbery, that's where we live. I believe it was an-an academy oncethat's a sort of select school, isn't it?" with the most natural simplicity, turning to Fred. He replied with another graceful bow. "Tell your father," said he, "that I shall do myself the honor to call on him to morrow. will know me-Frederick Lane, at your service." "Yes, sir, I'll tell him for you," replied Helen,

tucking her sleeve around her pretty arm, and making a rather formal courtesy. Then catching up her book and gathering the scattered flowers, she "Now, father, mother, aunt and sis," exclaim-

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" Forgive me, dear father," and her arms were around his neck. "I always mean well, but I am so thoughtless. There, all is right now," she added, kissing him lovingly on the temple.

"Come, sis, what say you?" "Why, on that condition, I'll be as still as a mouse; but what's your reason?"

bushes thrust their blushing buds, making a sweet dence. shade and fragrance. The country overhead burst forth every moment in wild snatches of glorious this mean? I feel like one awakening from a music. Helen was at work on a long blue stock- dream," ing, nearly finished, and her fingers flew like snow

"Yes. quite, I like it better than-than anything else-that is I mean, I mean I can churn very

repaid his search. For General Life Assurance, Annuities,

"What books, permit me to ask?"

" Is that all?"

second class reader, Robinson Crusoe, nursery tales, churn and knitting needles than the piano and tains between the 49th and 52d parallels. Mr. Palfairy stories, two or three elements of something, harp? biography of some person or other, Mother's Mag azine, King Richard III. There, isn't that a good assortment?"

not to be outdone."

but his visits did not always so result. He began gold regions of the Pacific, to induce settlers to endeavor to give our readers some notion of a poto feel a magnetic attraction, which he vainly at- direct their course towards a country so distant and sition whose importance may hereafter rival that of tributed to Helen's beauty; but the truth is, her so little known. To supply information on this Suez or Panama. From the point laid down in his

as well as delighted him.

can educate her; it will be worth trying."

how she would appear in society, &c.

far the most lovely creature in the room. light, her heart failed her. "Shall I love him as territory, deliberately concealed their knowledge of dearly," she asked herself, "if I find he is ashamed facts which the Imperial Government properly reof me? I cannot bear the thought; but should be garded as important to the public interest. Even overcome all conventional notions, then I have a if the story were true, the rulers of the Hudson's husband to be honored-and then shall he be proud Bay Company are far too wise to give it authentic

shrine of ignorant rusticity.

"You are mistaken; I would sooner die than more, as she clung to his arm so timidly. His noble able in a more detailed form. "But, Fred, suppose her intelligent, moral, full face expressed the pride which he felt; he looked When the expediency of despatching an expedi- Vermilion Pass, like the Kanonaskis Pass discovered of nature's poetry, tender-hearted, graceful, un- as if he would have swept back the scorners with tion to the Rocky Mountains was first discussed, by Mr. Palliser, and the British Kootanie Pass, spoiled by adulation, a guileless, simple, loving one motion of his band, had they ventured too high nearly three years ago, the existence of at least leads into the valley of the Kootanie River, which "Aye," said Fred, laughing, "a choice cluster every look, every word not in strict comformity to discovered by Mr. Palliser and his companions was States. At one point, as appears from Mr. Palliser and his companions was of virtues and graces. Country beauties are al- etiquette; and Helen's heart beat high, and tears unknown to the members of the Geographical So- ser's report, there is a practicable pass to the west-

sic and literature, with no soul above churns and in a low tone, when a new comer appeared. She Palliser, a gentleman of independent means, who quite unfit for railway communication; a more of knitting needles, I would not marry her for a for- was a beautiful, slightly formed creature, with had already travelled among the Indian tribes on easier route was, fortunately, discovered by Dr. "Ha! ha!" laughed Helen Irving, but it was her brilliant eyes, whenever she glanced towardHel a further journey in the precise disection where the to join the Kootanie very near to its source. Trav. a very plannissimo laugh, away down in the corner len. Once she had held sway over the heart of discovery of a practicable pass through the mounlarge tree, she sat reading within a few feet of the cied her hour had come.

In another moment the young man came in sight. low voice near her.

"No, ' rejoined the other, half audibly-" she fr end. was a mocking tone in her voice. "And sing?"

"A little." was the calm reply. Leaning on one white arm, the gnarled white oak .. come, I myself will lead you to the instrument." lay of time and money. her white dress, she sat quite at her ease, apparent- ty head were turned in listening surprise. Such to exist in the territory of the United States, besides ject of laying an iron road across the continent, ly unconscious that two handsome young gentleman melody! Such correct intonation! Such breadth, that which is now ascertained to lie over the boun- whereby to unite shores now separated by 15,000 depth, and vigorous touch? Who is she? She plays dary line, partly north and partly south of the 49th miles of ocean navigation, is in all probability at-

And again, hark! a voice rolls- a flood of mel ody; clear, powerful, and passing sweet; astonishment paints many a fair cheek a deep scarlet .-There is a silence unbroken, as the silver tones float

"Ave ! care I not for cold neglect, Though tears unbidden start; And scorn is but a bitter word, Save when it breaks the heart, If one be true. If one be true, The word may careless be, Since I may only keep thy love, And tell my grief to thee."

"Glorious voice," said Fred to his friend, who

The words were suddenly arrested on his lips .-She turned from the piano, and the unknown was "I congratulate you, Fred," said the young man

at his side, but he spoke to marble. The color had left his cheek. He walked slowly toward her. If he was speechless with amazement, so was not

he. A rich bloom mantles her cheeks, triumph made her eyes sparkle like diamonds. A crowd gathered to compliment her. In graceful acknow ledgement she blended wit and humor. " How well she talks; who would have thought? Fred's little wife; he found a treasure," were whispered all around the room. Meanwhile, Frederick Lane, Esq., stood like one

enchanted, while his little rustic wife quoted books with perfect abandon, admired this one, commended that. A sedate looking student lost himself in a Latin quotation-Helen smilingly finished it, and she received a look eloquent with thanks. Boninots, repartee, language rich in fancy and imagery, fell from her beautiful lips, as if they had received a touch from some fairy wand.

Still Fred walked by her side like one in a dream, pressed his hands over his bewildered eyes to be sure of his senses, when he saw her bending-a anie River, two, i. e., Kananaskis Pass and Vermilbreathing vision of leveliness, -over the harp, her jon Pass. "Ah! that's my own," sang Helen, dancing out full arm leaning on its golden strings, heard again that rich voice, now plaintive with some tender Helen sat at an open window through which rose memory, rise and fall in sweet and sorrowful ca-

> "Tell me," said he, when alone, "what does "Only a country girl," said Helen, gravely -

"You knit most admirably. Are you fond of ed, "Forgive me. I am that little rustic that be entirely within the British territory, and I have you would rather die than wed. Are you sorry you named this the British Kootanie Pass

table, shelf, and corner, in search of some book or took a music lesson, never was taught how to sing pressions, and no eminences rising above 7000 or the Rocky Mountains, and from thence to the shores pressions, and no eminences rising above 7000 or the Rocky Mountains, and from thence to the shores pressions, and no eminences rising above 7000 or the Rocky Mountains, and from thence to the shores are not a leaf rollow or sere paper. But not a page, not a leaf, yellow or sere, -all very true. And yet I am all you see me here 8000 feet. But between latitude 51° and 53° of the Pacific, has at this time been completely to-night, myself my own teacher, with labor and there is a great group of snowy summiss, whose solved .- Review. "O! yes," said Helen, with a self satisfied diligence, I trust I am worthy to be the wife of peaks range from 12,000 to nearly 17,000 feet in one so good and exalted as I find my husband to height. In the hollows are formed vast gluciers

blushing and recollecting herself, she added, with dust, while the little country girl, without any deep the very important practical results of the Palliser you in the storm; swarms of insects will surround the very important practical results of the Palliser. a manner as childish as it had before been dignified, laid scheme, succeeded in convincing the well-bred expedition.

PASSES THROUGH THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. the obstacles that oppose the advance of civilized would be impossible to give even a summary of the "Perhaps I don't know as much as those who man in that great region of British America which contents of Dr. Hector's condensed report of his have went to school more," she added, as if disap- lies between the Rocky Mountains and the Cana- portion of the work of the expedition. He was pointed at his mute rejoinder; "but in making dian Lakes, and the progress hithertomade towards fortunate enough to discover two passes which, bread, churning butter, and keeping a house, I am overcoming them. It is of not less interest to taken together, will probably serve as the main ascertain what prospect there is of establishing channel for human intercourse between the epito-The young man left more in pity than in love; regular communication between Canada and the site sides of theg American continent. We shall

sweet artlestness of character, engaging manners subject was the main object for which Mr. Palliser's map as the "Elbow," where Mr Palliser's map as the "Elbow," where Mr and disposition, quite won on the city bred and expedition was sent out two years ago. As far as first touched the Southern Saskatchewan is about aristocratic Fred Lane. There was a freshness we know of their proceedings up to the close of latitude 51° the river is believed to run nearly due about everything she said or did. She perplexed last year, it appears that the gentlemen who un- east and west from the very foot of the Rocky dertook this arduous service have well peformed Mountains. It is probable that the greater part, Often as he was wondering how some homely their duty; and the Royal Geographical Society, if not the whole, of its course will be found maxiexpression would be received in good society, some at whose suggestion they were appointed, have gable, and nearly certain that it runs through a beautiful sentiment would suddenly drop like a shown their sense of the value and importance of prairie country over which, even in its present

han brilliancy.

"If I should fall in the snare," thought he, "I gold medal.

We know that it is said in some quarters, and Elbow are the rains of the Old Bow Fort, once It was useless to combat his passions; so at last information which Mr. Palliser was commissioned but abandoned many years ago. Unless Mr. Palhe fell at fielen's feet (figuratively speaking,) and to obtain, and which he and his companions have liser was misinformed, that is the same place that "I care not, Helen, only be mine." was his in the Hudson's Bay Company; and the Geographical laid down on the best maps 200 miles to the east of variable answer to exclamations of unworthiness, Society, the Colonial Office, and the members of the its true position. From thence to the Elliow the

a grand entertainment given by the relatives of the have believed it the invention of some unscrupulous obstacle than that caused by masses of fallen limbridegroom, Helen looked most beautiful. Her opponent. Their enemies have, in truth, never ber. About eighty miles to the west of the Fort husband did not insist that she should depart from charged them with anything so indefensible. They he left the main valley, ascending along a tributary company, standing in the position of trustees for describes it : As she entered the great saloon blazing with the British Crown in the government of a vast

currency. But we have little doubt that it wil How she watched him as he presented her one to turn out to be either altogether groundless or grievous exaggeration. It may be that they knew "Simple," whispered a magnificent girl, res- something of the existence of passes through the plendent with diamonds, as she curled her lips and Rocky Mountains in the direction in which Mr.

passed by. The observation escaped neither Helen Palliser was instructed to explore, and, if so, they From the height of land, the Vermilion River. nor her husband. She looked at him. He smiled were surely bound to give to the Government the which gives its name to the new pass, gradually a lover's smile, and only drew her closer to his side benefit of their knowledge: but it is very unlikely descends for forty miles till it meets the main valley Many in that brilliant gathering pitied poor Fred, that they should have information sufficiently com- of the Kootanie River at a point about 1200 leet and wondered why he had martyred himself on the plete and accurate to supply the place of that below the summit level. If Dr. Hector's explorawhich we find in the reports of Mr. Palliser and tion had stopped at this point he would have But he, oh joy! he seemed only to love her the Dr. Hector, and which will no doubt be soon avail- effected but little towards, the object of making not

on the shore of his pride. He seemed to excuse three of the passes across the main chain lately flows due south into the territory of the United Milistones, and C. W. Brown's Patent Portable Grist ways sweet and simple—and so are country cows. came to her eyes when she felt how noble a heart ciety, amongst whom were present, if we mistake ward from the valley of the Kootanie to the lakes the best sense in the world, still if unskilled in mu- The young bride stood near her husband, talking Bay Company. When it was known that Mr. originates, but this pass seems to be difficult and haughty features, and ill concealed scorn lurked in the south side of the British frontier, was planning Hector. His track over the Vermilion Pass icd him d. Newspaper size, prints a form 20 by 21 menes; a very planticulars of national Hector soon reached the summit-level of a second bing size, 10 by 22 inches. For press or particulars of her musical heart, Hidden by the trunk of a Fred, and hearing whom he had married, she fan-"Do yed suppose she knows anything?" said a petent a leader, an expedition with the means of River, a large affluent of the Columbia. The ele-Helen's eyes sparkled-her fair brown eyes flash. interested in the progress of geographical knowl- summit is a level marshy tract, that should either ed indignantly. She turned to her husband. He edge, and was properly adopted by the government be drained or the road carried along the slope of was gone-speaking at a little distance with a of the day. It is true that more than one project the mountains that rise on either side. Dr. liector Presently Marian Summers turned toward her. British America or the territory of the United then set his face towards the east, to resume him "Do you play, Mrs. Lane?" she asked-there States, has already been started. Speculators were exploration of the mountains, and to return to the "A little," answered Helen, her cheeks burning. tracts, over which, for hundreds of miles, no white on the Upper Saskatchewan. It will doubtless form "Then do us the pleasure," exclaimed Miss could be suggested for a railway that would not main valley of the Columbia, and also to discover Summers, looking askance at her companions- encounter obstacles involving an impracticable out- the most favorable point for conducting a road

> degree. Four of these are open to a fatal objection, tainable within practicable limits of expense. before referred to, that the country by which they It is a carious fact that in every expedition, as in must be approached from the eastward is for a long almost party of pleasure, there is some maneris distance so barren as to be quite unfit for settle | coucheur, who cannot " get on " with his company cult. The best known of them, called the "Great the case with the Palliser expedition; but it is South Pass," is said to reach a height of 7490 feet certain that one of its members separated himself above the sea, and for 200 miles the track hes at from the rest, and after traversing two of the passes, an elevation of 6000 feet. The two northern passes refused to communicate to Mr. Palliser the results may be approached by the valley of the Upper ings of Lieutenant (now Captain) Blakiston, and feet, and appears to be much too steep for a rail the construction of a railway over the Rocky Mounthat, if climate did not interpose, seems especially to demand from them. designed for a roadway across the continent. Rising in British Columbia, close to the sources of the Fraser River, the Peace River flows north and east, passing through a great gap in the chain of the Rocky Mountains, till, in about latitude 59° it joins the streams from Lake Athabasca, a few miles so many more unexpected achievements of mechate rom that lake. The climate of the region from thence to Lake Winipeg offers an insurmountable objection to the adoption of this route.

This being the state of knowledge up to last year, Palliser's expedition may best be shown by the Pacific coasts of America, ain which railway and brief summary at the close of the report :

"I will now enumerate the several passes which have been discovered and laid down 1st. From South Branch Saskatchewan to Koot-

2d. From Kootanie River to Columbia River, two, 1. e., the Lake Pass and Beaver Foot Pass. 3d. From South Branch Saskatchewan to North and difficult to manage. The first may make steam Branch, one, i. e., the Little Fork Pass.

lumbia, one, i. e., the Kicking Horse Pass. In addition to these discovered passes, the Norththen falling into her husband's arms, she exclaim- ern Kootanie Pass has been laid down and found to

In addition to so many new passes we have ob

Mountains. For many hundred miles they seem to year, there is reason to think that the problem of travelled from the corners of his eyes over every "Been at an academy," she broke in; never form a tolerably uniform chain, with no deep de- discovering a route practicable for a railway across to ble shelf and corner in search of some book or took a route practicable for a railway across to ble shelf and corner in search of some book or took or to that feed three of the greatest rivers of the conti-"I read the bible a good deal," she said, grave- Reader, wouldn't you and I like to be there just nent, the Saskatchewan (both branch), the Colum now and hear her story, she laughing between her bia, and the Mackenzie. The whole of this group "It is," said Moliere, "because it is more difficult smiles, her pretty face and dimples, as she tells him is apparently composed of stratified rocks; the to rule a wife than a kingdom." "All! of course not; and yet what do we not how she banished piano, books, harp, portfolio, main peaks do not form a continuous chain, and JAMES R. MACSHANE, Esq., St. John; W. H. Smithson quence, romance, the most thrilling pathos' — locked the door, leaving them to the seclusion and elevation. To this circumstance we must attribute Value the true friendship of him who stands by locked the door, leaving them to the seclusion and elevation. To this circumstance we must attribute Value the true friendship of him who stands by locked the door, leaving them to the seclusion and elevation.

"As for other cooks—let me see. I've got in my city gentleman that he could marry a charming rus- In distributing amongst the members of his par library—there's the primer (counting her fingers,) tie, even if her fingers were more familiar with the exploration of different portions of the moonliser assigned to Dr. Hector the northern section, comprising some of the highest summits of the Snowy range, and precisely here, contrary to pre-In two recent articles we attempted to explain vious expectation, were found the lowest passes at

pearl from der lips, more remarkable for originality Mr. Palliser's work by awarding him their annual condition, waggons may travel easily during several umnths of the year. About 400 miles west of the has been published in some newspapers, that all the used as trading post by the Hudson's Bay Company. actually obtained, was already in the possession of was once called Chesterfield House, and which is expedition are supposed to share the discredit of a river fails about 2000 feet, the Bow Fort being 4100 They were married-had returned from their profitless outlay of labor, time and public money. feet above the sea-level. From Bow Fort Doctor wedding tour-and yet at the expiration of the If the rumor had not come from a quarter that Hector followed, for several days, the main valley honeymoon Fred was more in love than ever. At could not be unfriendly to the Company, we should of the Southern Saskatchewan, meeting no other

her simplicity; and, indeed, without jewels or must have had ample information, official and non- tream to two small lakes, and here, at an elevations laces, with that fresh white robe, simple sash of official, of the intention of the government to send of no more than 4940 feet, he found himself on the blue, and ernaments of fair moss roses, she was by out the expedition, and we are now told that this watershed of the American continent. He then "It is in a wide valley between outlying shoulders of two snow-clad mountains, which I named after Mr, Ball and Colonel Lepoy, the latter being to the west. The ascent to the watershed from the

Saskatchewan is hardly perceptible to a travellet who is prepared for a tremendous climb by which to reach the dividing ridge of the Rocky Mountains, and no labor would be required, except that of hewing timber, to construct an easy road for carts, by which it might be attained."

la practicable line through British territory. The not, several distinguished officers of the Hudson's from which the main branch of the Columbia scientific observation, naturally arose amongst men vation of this second pass is but 3834 feet, and the for a railway across the continent, either through followed the Beaver Foot River for two days, and ready with estimates of the cost of traversing wide winter quarters of the expedition at Fort Edmonton man had ever set his foot; but those who inquired part of the further business of the expedition to fairly into the matter knew that no known route trace the route from the Beaver Foot River to the from that valley to the Fraser River and the gold tree as back ground, flowers strewn around her, Hark! whose masterly touch? Instantly was the North of the 40th parallel of latitude, at least region of British Columbia. Enough has been peeping from her bright locks, and scattered over half spoken word arrested—the cold ear and haugh six passes over the Rocky Mountains were known done to show that ultimate success in the great ob-

> ment. These passes themselves are extremely diffi- ions. It does not appear whether or no this was -one named after Lewis and Clarke, who first ex of his explorations We have seen a report, printed plored it, and the other called the Flathead Pass- at the Royal Artillery Institution, of the proceed-Missouri, which lies to the north of the desert we cannot say that we appreciate highly the pracregion. The first reaches a height of over 6300 tical ability of a gentleman who seriously proposes with the rest had paused to listen. Who can she way. The second, so far as we know, has not been tains by a line which would involve two tunnels, surveyed, but the accounts of it are unfavorable one of three and a half, the other of nearly six In the British territory, north of the Kootanie English Miles, through hard gray sandstone or Pass, before spoken of as lying on the international quartzite," with a gradient so steep as to require boundary line, it was necessary to traverse 4 of one or more stationary engines; to say nothing of latitude before reaching the pass between Mount the further works necessary to carry a railway for Brown and Mount Hooker, oddly named the Com | many miles along a valley whose backs are desmittee's Punch-bowl. Of this it is enough to say cribed as " vertical and rocky." The present genthat it is in every way unfit for railway communi eration will scarcely be liberal enough to make so cation. Much farther north there is indeed a route costly a gift to posterity as Mr. Blakiston is disposed Under the most favorable circumstances, many

> > readers of a practical turn of mind will doubt the

feasibility of any tuch scheme as that of a "Pacific Junction' railway line. For our own part after ical science during the last thirty years, and considering the progress lately made towards discovering a practicable line of route, we are inclined to count upon the speedy establishment of a system of therough communication between the Atlantic and steamer may be combined. The chief obstacles, us we have repeatedly pointed out, are found in a dis trict which is on the verge of the civilized world If these cannot be overcome, and no practicable road can be made direct from Lake Superior to Rainy Lake, a portion of the line will be carried through American territory. From Red River to the Rocky Mountains, the only serious difficulties likely to arise are those depending on climate and on the presence of native tribes, rather numerous 4th. From South Branch Saskatchewan to Coumbia, one, i.e., the Kicking Horse Pass coast would be no worse off at such seasons than they now are The Indian difficulty will, it may be hoped, be anticipated by timely and just arrangements that would save the first settlers from dangerous foes, and the Indians themselves from being, "improved" out of existence. If the proceedings "Sorry, my glorious wife! But, Ella, you could tained a large amount of interesting information, of the Palliser expedition during the present scason not deceive me? Did I not understand that you respecting the physical structure of the Rocky are not much less successful than the problem of

> Moliere was asked the reason why, in certain years of age, and cannot marry before eighteen.