

POETRY.

AT THE GOAL

They found him in the silent place
By his own fancy peopled fair.

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

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Among the other pursuits of Richard,
he had a passion to keep a register of all
passing events.

When Mr. Jones had drunk a glass of
today, he brought forth from his secret
place his proper journal, and seating himself
by the table, he prepared to transcribe

"Oh!" said the sheriff, settling himself
comfortably in his chair, "you'd
the wind southerly I see, last night; I
thought it would have blown up rain."

A.M.? A full moon had you a moon
visible by day? I have heard of such
ports before now, but—eh! what's this
alongside of it? An hour-glass?

"That!" said Benjamin, looking coolly
over the sheriff's shoulder, and rolling the
tobacco arched in his mouth with a jocular
air; "why, that's a small matter of my
own. It's no moon, squire, but only Betty
Hollister's face; for, if you see, sir, hearing
and on the right moon, it had got up a new
cargo of Janakly from the river, I called
in as I was going to the church this morn-

"I will buy you a slate for your own
affairs, Benjamin," said the sheriff; "I
don't like to have the journal marked
over in this manner."

"You needn't— you needn't, squire; for,
seeing that I was likely to trade often
with the woman while this barrel lasted,
I've opened a fair account with Betty, and
she keeps her marks on the back of her
bar-door, and I keep the tally on this
here bit of stick."

As Benjamin concluded he produced
a piece of wood on which five very large,
honest notches were apparent.

way, and struck into that field which had
been the scene of the victory over the
pigeons. From this they followed their
leader into the low bushes of pines and
chestnuts which had sprung up along the
shores of the lake, where the plough had
not succeeded the fall of the trees, and
soon entered the forest itself. Here
Richard paused and collected his troop
around him.

"I have required your assistance, my
friends," he cried, in a low voice, "in order
to arrest Nathaniel Bumpo, commonly
called the Leather-Stocking. He has
assaulted a magistrate, and resisted the
execution of a search-warrant, by threaten-

"What have we here?" he cried; "two
men are fighting, and there's a breach of
the peace? ah, that's the way, the way,
the moment my back is turned—"

"That's the judge and young Master
Edwards," interrupted the steward, very
cavalierly.

"How!" he said, fighting with Oliver!
what the devil has got into you all? more
things have happened within the last
thirty-six hours than in the preceding
six months."

wronged, and punishment to the guilty.
Ever since the dawn of day, the highways
and woodpaths that, issuing from the for-
ests, and winding along the sides of the
mountains, centered in Templeton, had been
thronged with equestrians and footmen,
bound to the haven of justice. There was
to be seen a well-clad yeoman, mounted
on a sleek, switch-tailed steed, rambling
along the highway, with his red face elevat-

"I didn't say any more, but watched
every issue of the paper I knew he would
send it to. He also did the same, but very
slyly. After about a week I observed:
"Has your poem appeared yet, Mr.
Bowler?"

"I think not. I have neither received
bundle of copies of the issue containing it
nor had a letter from the editor. I don't
look for it under another week. I presume
the editor took it home to read to his
family, and it may now be passing
around among the literati."

"Suppose it should be rejected?"
"W-h-a-t!" he exclaimed, leaping out
of his chair and dancing around. "Publish
my sawdust and reject my pure gold!"
Mrs. Bowser, you have some queer ideas
very queer."

"In case it is not published I hope
you—"

"But it will be published."
I said no more and he turned to his
paper. Half an hour later there was a
ring at the bell, and Mr. Bowser went
to answer it and admitted a stranger man.
The stranger man handed Mr. Bowser a
letter from the editor of the paper to
which he had sent his poem. I got hold
of only about half of it. It introduced
the stranger as all right and advised Mr.
Bowler to close with his offer.

"What is the offer?" Mr. Bowser said.
"Well, you know, I manufactured a
cough balsam?"

"What have I got to do with your
cough balsam?" demanded Mr. Bowser,
in a lofty way.

"Why, I came to make you an offer for
it."

"What?"
"The poem you sent to the daily—"

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