

POETRY.

LULLABY.

Backwards and forwards I rock thee, my darling. While the winds and the clouds round us sweep...

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

By J. Finmore Cooper

By this time Richard was master of the true state of the case, and, turning to the steward, he said, reproachfully: "Benjamin, how came you in the stocks?"

"As to being berthed with Master Bump-ho for a night or so, it's but little I care of it, I assure you, seeing that I call him an honest man, and one as has hands as hard as iron, and as strong as steel..."

Richard thought it unworthy of him to make any reply to this speech, but when his prisoners were safely lodged in the outer dungeon, ordering the bolts to be drawn and the key turned, he withdrew.

CHAPTER XXXV.

"And to avoid the foe's pursuit, With spurring put their cattle to; And till all four were out of wind, And danger too, ne'er looked behind..."

a logic that contained more feeling than reason; "I know Natty to be innocent, and thinking so I must think all wrong who oppose him."

"You had reason, Bess, and much of it, but thy heart lies too near thy head. But listen; in this pocketbook are two hundred dollars. Go to the prison—there are none in this place to harm thee—give this note to the jailer, and when thou seest Bumpo, say what thou wilt to the poor old man; give scope to the feelings of thy warm heart; but try to remember, Elizabeth, that the law alone remove us from the condition of the savages; that he has been criminal, and that his judge was thy father."

"I will do as you bid me, my dear Natty," said Elizabeth, with a kind of childish curiosity; "it's long since I've seen a gold-piece. My mother used to get the broad pieces in the old war, as plenty as the bears are now. I remember there was a man in Diekua's army, that was killed, who had a dozen of the shining things sewed up in his shirt. I didn't handle them myself, but I see them cut out with my own eyes; they were bigger and brighter than them be."

"You won't betray me, will you?" said Natty, looking sternly at the face of Elizabeth—"you won't betray an old man, who would breathe the clear air of heaven? I mean no harm; and if the law says that I must pay the hundred dollars, I'll take the season through, but it shall be forthcoming; and this good man will help me."

"You catch them," said Benjamin, with a sweeping gesture of his arm, "and if they get away again, call me a link, that's all!"

them again, "my good friend, Leather-Stocking! I have come on a message of gratitude. Had you submitted to the search, worthy old man, the death of the deer would have been a trifle, and all would have been well."

"The but can be rebuilt, and made better than before," returned Miss Temple; "and it shall be so, if you will see it done, when your imprisonment is ended."

"I believe you forget, Mr. Pump, in whose presence you are," said Elizabeth. "Forget you, Miss Lizzy," returned the steward; "if I do, damme; you are not to be forgot, like Goody Prettibones, up at the big house there. I say, old sharp shooter, she may have pretty bones, but I can't say so much for her flesh, if you see for she looks somewhat like an atomy with another man's jacket on. Now for the skin of her face, it's all the same as a new top-sail with a taut, top-rope, being sunk to the leech, but all in a bright, about the inner edge."

"I have just discovered that the human mouth has a steady motion toward the left ear. Man has an invincible tendency to eat only with the teeth that are on the left side of his mouth. This was not right teeth, and this in turn gives the upper and lower jaw an inclination toward the left. It is the opinion of a learned scientific person in the course of a few millions of years the human mouth will have completely changed its position, and will be situated nearer to the left ear than to the nose. While no fault can be found with the train of reasoning that has led the scientific person to this conclusion, he would nevertheless possibly be in difficulty to explain why the mouth should pass when it reaches the left ear, if the habit of chewing on the left side of the mouth can move it a fourth of the way around the head, it is evident that a continuance of the habit will in time cause the mouth to make the complete circuit of the head. Fortunately, we can save our descendants from having mouths on the back of their heads by resolutely eating on the right side as well as the left side of our mouths, but unless we do this persistently the march of the mouth toward the left will continue with all its painful consequences."

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only a kick, and the outside piece is off and then—

"I fear this lad will trouble me much," said Natty; "it will be a hard pull for the mountain, should they take the scent soon, and he is not in a state of mind to run."

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A NEW RELIGIOUS SECT.

Never was such a place as Russia for eccentric and mysterious creeds, says a writer in the Pall Mall Gazette. The peasants in the governmental province of Ufim have been disquieted for some months past by the appearance of a new religious sect. Although no man has yet seen with his own eyes an individual member of this sect its extraordinary dogmas have filled many a village with panic. The "Shavers"—or "Shearers," as they are properly called—carry on their mad work at night and in secret. Thus the inhabitants of a village discover early in the morning that all their fowls have been plucked of their feathers, and their sheep closely shorn, and the horses have their manes and tails cut off.

The hair, wool and feathers thus gained are made into a sacrificial pile and burned in an open place on the road. In village after village the cry has been raised: "The Shavers have been here." The advent of the "Shavers" was foretold, they say, by the appearance of a "beeson" (a comet) in the heavens. The peasants are inspired by an evil spirit, and their object in making these burnt sacrifices is to drive the shavers, blown about by the wind, may scatter the seeds of the plague through the country.

DAINTY NIGHTGOWNS.

Nightgowns deserve honorable mention in the list of goods, for so elaborate and dressy are they that they are scarcely distinguishable from tea or matinee gowns. The prevailing style of decoration consists of narrow insertion, through which baby ribbon is threaded. Broad collars, filled with exquisite fine faces gathered with wide cuffs, the same old back of elbows, being tied with broad ribbons of the same shade as the narrow in the insertion. These gowns open the entire length beneath the lace flit, and another fall of lace covers the hem at the bottom.

Probably no class of men can compare with the clergy in providing stories for the common stock of literature. If any one doubts this he has only to listen to a group of preachers on some social occasion, says a writer in the Youth's Companion. The late Dr. Ward of Yankton, S. Dak., was famous for the number of good stories he could tell. One of the last recollections which an old friend had of him was at a banquet of college men, where he related the following of a college classmate who was present:

This classmate was a rising young minister, very absent-minded, very earnest and very sensitive. One day he went to church on Sunday morning and going into the pulpit late, he was horrified to find that he had not his carefully written sermon with him. The service had begun by the singing of the anthem, but he called up one of his neighbor's boys and gave him his sermon. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Evacuates Wind, Colic, softens the Guts and relieves Inflammation. It is pleasant to the taste. The prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is sold at 25 cents per bottle by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP."

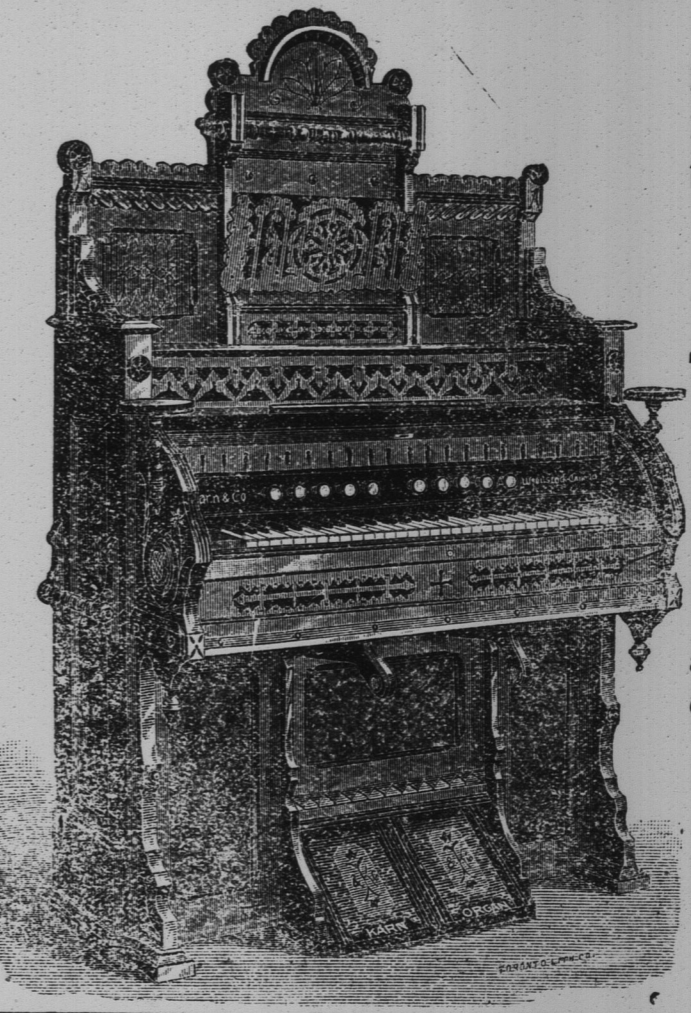
Funds have poured in upon him without end, and he has not time to do more than to establish an experimental station where results can be observed, both by those who have already contributed and those who are inclined to do so.

The step also shows the general confidence in his scheme, for any failure of the sample initiation would have the effect of at once checking the flow of contributions. The general urges all friends of the poor and unfortunate to aid in the work of giving him suggestions which may tend to make the enterprise more successful.

A WOMAN'S ERUDITE BUTLER.

A butler who can "bottle" as well as "bottle" is in the face of the requisite of one family retaining early to town, and an advertisement brought a serious, well-bred black man, who stipulated that he could take the place for one year only. "But if you like the place and we like you we shall have to keep you," said Mrs. C. graciously. "No, madam," said the applicant; "next fall I shall have money enough to begin my own business."

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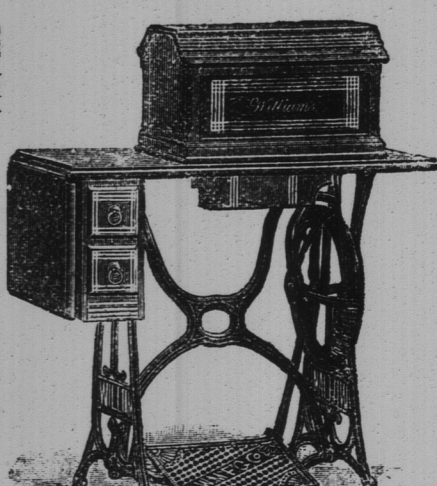
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