

POETRY.

DE LAMB'S A-STRAVIN.

(Exhortation at a colored camp meeting in Mississippi.)
Look out, backslider, whar you walkin'?

SELECT STORY.

COUNT OF MONTE-CRISTO;

REVENGE OF EDMOND DANTÈS.

CHAPTER LXI.

LUIGI VAMPA'S BILL OF FARE.

"Here, your excellency!" said Peppino, taking the fork from the young bandit and placing it on the worn-ecru table.

"Here, your excellency!" said Peppino, offering him a little bit of bread and a morsel of fork.

"Ah!" thought Danglars, "this is no longer like Paris, without reckoning that I shall probably be felled!"

"Stay a moment, your excellency," said Peppino, rising, "you still owe me something."

"I said they would flog me," but he resolved to resist the extortion, he said, "Come, how much do I owe you for this fowl?"

"Your excellency has given me a louis on account."

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"Certainly, and your excellency owes me 4998 louis!"

Danglars opened his enormous eyes at hearing this gigantic joke.

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SOUTHAMPTON.

May 19.—Two excessively hot days followed by a week's wet weather, have greatly retarded farming operations.

"Here I am," said Vampa, instantly appearing, "what do you want?"

"Then you suffer a great deal?"

"Oh, yes, yes, cruelly!"

"I do not think so."

"Yes; those who have died of hunger."

"Do you repent?" asked a deep, solemn voice, which caused Danglars' hair to stand on end.

"Of what must I repent?" stammered Danglars.

"Of the evil you have done," said the voice.

"Oh, yes! oh, yes! I do indeed repent."

"And he struck his breast with his emaciated fist."

"Then I forgive you," said the man, dropping his cloak, and advancing to the light.

"The Count of Monte-Cristo!" said Danglars, more pale from terror than he had been just before from hunger and thirst.

"You are mistaken—I am not the Count of Monte-Cristo!"

"I am he whom you sold and dishonored—I am he whose betrothed you profaned."

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A SAD STORY.

The Montreal Witness tells a pathetic story of an old woman found in the Bellevue street station.

"You have no home and no friends?"

"There was nothing else for the officer to do; she had to be taken to the Central police station to see if the chief could do anything for her."

"The chief was out, so she was given in charge of officer Lacroix. She told him her sad story in a trembling, broken manner."

"I am eighty-four years old, and am not so strong as I was."

"No, no, of course you are not, but where do you come from and why are you here?"

"As she talked, she tried to right the old-fashioned, worn-out bonnet on her thin, gray locks."

"The pained hands now clutched the arm of the chair. For a few moments she was silent."

"I was too old to be of any use to them. My sons and daughters were married and they had children to look after. It all took money. Every extra mouth told, and they did not have too much money."

"They took me to the station, and when they put me on the train they told me the ticket they put in my hand was for Montreal. They said there were lots of nice places here where old women could be taken care of till they died."

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