Poetry.

NOTHING IS LOST. Where is the snow! 'Tis not long ago It covered the earth with a vail of white; We heard not its foosteps, soft and light, Yet there it was, in the morning bright; Now it hath vanished away from sight. Not a trace remains In fields or lanes.

Where is the frost? They are gone and lost-The forms of beauty it gayly made, The pictures rare on windows arrayed. "Be silent," it said; the brook obeyed. The frost-work's wild pictures all did fade; At the smile of the sun

All was undone. Where is the rain? Pattering it came: Dancing along with a merry sound, A grassy bed in the fields it found; Each drop came on the roof with a bound.

Where is the rain? It hath left the ground. What good hath it done, Going away so soon; Ever, ever Our best endeavor

Seemeth to fall like the melted snow: We worked out our thought wisely and slow; The seed we sow-but it will not grow : Our hopes, our resolves-where do they go; What doth remain-

Memory and pain? Nothing is lost-No snow nor frost That come to enrich the earth again; We thank them when the ripening grain Is waving over the hill and plain, And the pleasant rain springs from earth amain.

All endeth in good-

Never in despair; Disappointment bear. Though hope seemeth vain, be patient still; Thy good intents God will fiulfil. Thy hand is weak; his powerful will Is completing thy life-work still. The good endeavor

Water in food.

Is lost ?-No! never. The Fireside.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

BY AUNT MILLY. Four hundred years ago, the inhabitants of t Eastern hemisphere supposed that Europe, Asia, and Africa, comprised the whole world. They supposed, too, that the earth was flat. They gazed out upon the vast mysterious ocean stretching standing who would appreciate his earnestness, away out of sight, with feelings of awe and dread, never dreaming that a mighty continent, abound ing with richest minerals, was sleeping undisturbed by the foot of the red man, far beyond those rolling waves, only waiting the touch of civilization to arouse it to action,

One of their prominent writers, who was well versed in the geography of the times, wrote thus concerning the ocean :- "It surrounds, the bounds of the earth, and all beyond it is unknown. No one has been able to tell anything about it; it is so sed by such terrible tempests. It has mighty fishes, things are topsy turvy; when trees grow with and strong winds; yet there are many Islands in it, There is no sailor who dares to cross its deep came from this new notion of the earth being its shores, being afraid to leave them. The waves absurd idea into their heads, they seemed to think of this ocean are high as mountains, but do not it necessary to go on, and bring forward other break, for it they broke, no ship could live in absurd ideas to support it."

What wonder that with such teaching the ignorant sallors, with their slightly built vessels, were could not have descended from Adam, for how afraid to lose sight of land, or to venture beyond familiar waters. But as there has always been a great mind corresponding to great epochs, as a Adam. Moses to liberate the Hebrews, a John the Baptist to prepare the way for Christ, a Corpernicus to give the system of the heavens, and a Newton the there always; for if the earth was round, it would few days in a family of which the mother is one of law of gravitation, so Columbus, though poor, and of humble origin, proved himself to be the hero of his day, and opened up to the wondering and incredulous eyes of the Old World, the beauties of

Christopher Columbus was born in the city of found it. Genoa, in Italy, in the year 1435. He was the son of a wool-comber, and indeed his ancestors gained their living by the same trade. At an early age he showed great love for study, especially that of geography, and also a strong desire to become a

did so he still continued his studies, often under toothache all through it. great disadvantages. At the age of fourteen he became a sailor, and for a time little is known of

We hear of him next as a citizen of Lisbon where he married a lady, the daughter of a sailor there was, many years ago, a menagerie in the one teaspoonful cream tartar and half a teaspoonful who was considered a brave one for his time. His second story of a building. Here the elephant, of soda, then stir in instantly flour enough to make (Columbus's) wife's mother, observing the deep Chunee by name-a very quiet, well-trained a little thicker than biscuit; cut out and boil interest Columbus showed in anything connected beast-was confined in a cage, under which twenty minutes. If directions are strictly followwith the sea, presented him with the charts and the floor had been strengthened to support his ed you will have light dumplings. journals kept by her husband on his voyages, weight. Chunes never came out, but seemed Columbus prized these highly, for by them he be- very happy, for all that. Suddenly he became came the better acquainted with the routes of the raving mad, and screamed and trumpeted, and Portuguese in their sailing expeditions.

The general idea of the equator in that day was of his cage, that it was a huge belt of fire encircling the earth, Now, if he had succeeded in getting out upon and that it would be impossible for any vessel to the floor, Mr. Chunes would have immediately against a barber's pole. On being raised from the pass through, but as men began to think and study dropped through into an apothecary shop below. ground he asked, "What's 'zat woman wi' striped more, some were daring enough to sail off towards If he had fallen into the scales, his exact weight stockings on got agin me?" this terrible equator, and find out about it for might have been ascertained, after a fashion; but in themselves. They did so. Found they could other respects, a mad elephant in a drug store would pass quite easily, with no belt of fire to obstruct have been far worse than a bull in a china-shop. If their way, and sailing around the coast of Africa he had been sane, he might have had a nice time, stone in the middle of a medder, with a pail 'twixt they discovered the Cape-de-Verde and Azore eating the liquorice and cough-lozenges and sugaryour legs, and wait for a cow to back up to you to

And now the world began to open its eyes, and accident was not to be desired, He is said to have been a tall and handsome man, his body, but loss of blood seemed to increase his donkey without thinking of your lordship."

Columbus had heard of the travels of Marco Polo, shot to death with a cannon-ball. who, some time before, had visited a country far Then the surgeons discovered that the elephant is supposed to he China, and brought wonderful ever known. His tusk preserved in the warehouse stories of the great wealth it contained. He, and of the East India Company show this. all others who travelled to this rich country, took Now just think of what an awful thing six feet an eastern route partly, by sea and partly by land, of toothache must have been, and pity poor Chune. but Columbus, who entertained the idea that the _St. Nicholas for May. earth was round, thought he might find a nearer way by sailing directly west. Though Columbus was correct in this, still he imagined the earth was much smaller than it really is, and that the country | neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." of Cathay which he wished to reach was situated much farther east. Had he known of the vast ex- him from early morning. The mother of the away from the milk, you know-but, your hightent of ocean he must cross, perhaps even he with child was ill, so ill that the song of the bird, which ness, they wouldn't stop away, so I thought I had

mind Columbus lost no opportunity of gaining in- notes reached the sick bed, and caused pain to her the next fly you see, kill it on the spot." At that formation both from old sailors, and from the in- long, feverish days. habitants of newly discovered islands. Now he One morning, as the child stood holding his sprang from the dock to the bench, drew his heard of signs of land towards the west, by those mother's hand, he saw that when his pet sung, an clenched fist, and let his "highness" have it on the who had sailed in that direction, now of pieces of expression of pain passed over her dear face. She nose where the fly had stuck. "There, your highwood curiously carved which had been picked up, had never yet told him that she could not bear the ness," exclaimed Pat, triumphantly, "Pd do anyand more wonderful still the bodies of two dead | noise; but she did so now.

men, of strange and unknown features had been | "It is no music to me," she said as he asked her wafted by the western winds, and washed up on if the notes were not pretty. He looked at her in the shores of the Azore Islands.

Columbus now felt anxious to set out on the expedition he had so long thought of, but he found himself sadly crippled. He was poor and in debt. ed upon as foolish and insane.

interest was John II, King of Portugal, and probably had he been governed altogether by his better long and painful trial of patience which he was that gave you pain. It would not be true love compelled to endure for so many years. But he if I did." thought it best to consult the wise men of his kingdom. They only ridiculed the plan of Columbus though they evidently had some confidence in it for, while they kept Columbus anxiously waiting their verdict week after week, they secretly sent off a vessel to follow the course Columbus had propos ed taking.

When Columbus heard of this vile treachery, he indignantly turned his back on the court of John, and his wife being dead, he resolved to leave Portugal also. His next intention was to try the generosity of Ferdinand and Isabella, sovereigns of Spain. Leading his little son Diego by the hand, he traveled all the way from Italy to Spain on foot. As he passed through the small town of Palos, he stopped at the gate of the convent Santa Maria de Rabida, hungry, footsore and weary, to beg bread and a drink of water for bimself and son. One of the fathers, Friar Iuan Perez, a noblehearted man, noticed that Columbus was no ordinary beggar, and entered into conversation with him, and on learning the object of his visiting Spain, promised to become his firm friend, and it was finally through his influence that Columbus gained admittance to the Queen.

Spain was then engaged in war with the Moors of Granada and the sovereign had little time to listen to an adventurer's plan. At length, however, some men of thought and influence gave attention to Columbus; among the rest the tutor to the children of Ferdinand and Isabella, by whom he was introduced to the Cardinal of Spain, a man of such influence with the sovereigns, that he was ometimes called in jest, the third King of Spain. He became a firm friend of Columbus, and by him he was brought into the presence of the King.

Ferdinand listened and thought; but he was too cool and prudent to act with haste in such an important matter, therefore he issued orders that a number of the best scholars of the day should meet Columbus at Salamanca to examine him concerning his ideas and plans.

Columbus went to this meeting with alacrity feeling that now he should be heard by men of underand fully sympathise with his endeavours; but again his hopes were dashed to the ground, when, explaining his reasons for believing that the earth was round, he was immediately stopped, and met by passages from the Bible which his listeners considered as contradictory to his belief.

One of these learned men asked "if it were possible any one could be so silly as to think there were people whose feet turned towards our feet. If they could possibly believe that there was another side to the earth, when people walk with difficult to cross; it is so deep, so dark, and is tostheir roots up and their branches down, and it some of which are inhabited and some are not. rains, hails, and snows upwards. All this nonsense, waters; those who sail upon them keep only along round; but" he said, "when people once took an

> Another thought that were it possible there were people on the other side of the earth, they could they get across the ocean to settle in those countries? And the Bible said all men came from

> Another gave it as his opinion that even if they should reach India, they would have to remain be like a mountain, and even with the stronges wind they could not sail up hill to return.

> > (To be continued.)

The Greatest Toothache Ever Known.

IF ever any of you should have a toothache, my poor children, and it's very likely that you will, sailor. His father anxious to help his son as far as just look into the brook, or any other mirror, with says so." his limited means would permit, sent him to the your tear-dimmed eyes, and notice how small is Still the playmate doubted, when, rising with University of Paria where he was taught navigation, the little white tormentor that is causing so much flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes the surprised and other studies necessary for a successful seaman. pain. Then, by way of comfort, I want you to re- and indignant little one exclaimed-Unfortunately for him he was obliged to leave flect how much worse it would be if this tiny "What! do you not believe my mamma? Why, school, probably for lack of funds, but though he white thing were an elephant's great, tusk with she never told me anything that was not

Perhaps you will say that elephants can't have toothache? Then listen to the sad story of Chunee, the elephant of Exeter Change.

endeavored vigorously to tear away the iron bars

coated pills and candy; but as he wasn't sane, the be milked."

whose general appearance indicated that he was fury, and not lessen his strength. There were no A subscriber to a South-Western newspaper In his youth his hair was of a light color, but his single shot, so a piece of artillery was actually paid. The editor appeared at the grave and Ex 'ALEXANDRIA' and 'CASPIAN.' life was one of so much care and anxiety that at brought up, and poor Chunee, obeying his keeper's deposited in the coffin a palm leaf fan, a linen coat voice, even in his rage, kneeled down, and was and a thermometer.

east of India. He called it Cathay, though now it had been suffering from the greatest toothache

A BOY'S SACRIFICE.

"My little children, let us not love in word her so that she could scarcely bear to hear it.

"And do you really dislike the sound ?" "Indeed I do," she said. The child full of love to his mother, left the He had allowed his domestic affairs to go to ruin, room. The golden feathers of the pretty canary so absorbed was he with his plans, consequently were glistening in the sunshine, and he was telling he was forced to travel from country to country, forth his loveliest notes; but they had ceased to and from king to king, begging for ships, and men please the boy. They were no longer pretty or and money with which to start on his voyage, and soothing to him, and, taking the cage in his hand as a natural consequence he was exposed to the left the house. When he returned he told his sneers and ridicule of the ignorant and often look- mother that the bird would disturb her rest no more, for he had given it to his little cousin. The first person who listened to him with any "But you loved it so," she said, "how could you

part with the canary ?" "I loved the canary, mother," he replied, "but judgment, Columbus might have been spared the I loved you more. I could not really love anything

TO THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

Dear INTELLIGENCER, we thank thee, For the many words of cheer, Which upon thy well filled pages, Come to us from year to year. Even since we can remember, Thou hast been our weekly friend; And we hope that we shall never Have to part till life shall end:

For we prize thee very highly-Each number we lay away. Some of thy old and well worn pages We've been looking o'er to-day. In thy infancy we see thee-Thou hast since much larger grown-And hast changed in thy appearance,

But not in religious tone. Ah! we sighed as many pages We were looking o'er to-day, Brought us words of Christian greeting From some who have passed away: We remember (though but children) When the tidings to us came,

That thy Editor had fallen, How it filled our hearts with pain. How we sorrowed as we saw thee, Come to us in mourning dress; Telling us his work was finished, He had entered into rest; Yes, he rests from all his labours,

"Blessed are the dead" we write; We will not forget his counsels, Though he's gone from mortal sight. Years have passed, and still thy pages, We can say with heart sincere,

Do, we think, grow more instructive, More interesting every year. Often when we've felt discouraged, Thou hast spoken words of cheer; Bidding us "look unto Jesus," Though our path seem dark and drear.

When we've passed through deep affliction In its furnace have been tried, Death has blighted fondest prospects, Taking loved ones from our side-Precious words of consolation We have from thy pages read, Written by a Christian brother,

Saying "Weep not for your dead;" Picturing out to us the glory, Which had opened to their sight; Bidding us weep not, but join them In that home where all is bright. We would thank thee for the sermons, Which from time to time appear; Oft so solemn and impressive,

Bringing home the truth so clear. All the good that thou art doing, Here on earth cannot be known, Oh! how many thou hast encouraged, Who now sing around the throne. For thy Editor, so faithful,

We would breathe a tervent prayer; That he may throughout life's journey, Heaven's choicest blessings share. May he long be spared to labour-Much success to him be given-And may he when life is over,

Meet a rich reward in Heaven.

"MOTHER SAYS So." -- I was recently spending a those women who shine at home, who lives her religion day by day, one who, while insisting upon Many times the learned council met and talked exact truthfulness in her children, practices the over the subject, but without any result, and final- same herself. I have known her sometimes to make ly separated leaving the matter just where they quite a sacrifice that she might keep a promise made to her children. Her word once given, is held sacred. During my visit I heard a little five- Tailoring Department year old daughter telling an elder playmate something that the latter seemed to doubt:

"How do you know it is so?" she asked, "Oh," replied the child confidently, " mamma

SOME SEASONING.

LIGHT DUMPLINGS. - To every cup of cold water At Exter Change, in the great city of London, needed to make as much dough as is desired, put

> A darkey left in charge of a telegraph-office while the operator went to dinner, heard some one "call" over the wires, and began shouting at the instrument, " De operator isn't yer !"

An mebriate recently fell and struck his nose

An old farmer said to his sons: "Boys, don't you ever speckerlate or wait for somethin' to turn up. You might just as well go and sit down on a

awake to the consciousness of "up and doing" in Well, Chunee grew more and more wild and In replying to a toast to his health, on a recent this matter of discovery; consequently many wise dangerous, until, at last, the "Beef-eaters," who are occasion, Lord Shaftesbury told a good story of All the very best Goods and Newest Styles, from the first and learned men flocked to Lisbon to set out from the keepers of the Tower of London, were called the man who said, when his Lordship was present there with the Portuguese on their voyages. upon to destroy the poor beast. They discharged ed with a donkey by the costermongers in Golden-Among the rest came Columbus in the year 1470. many balls from their old-fashioned muskets into

rifle teams in those days, to reach his brain with a died recently, leaving four years' subscription un-

A youthful clergyman, who recently went forth to enlighten the ignorant, whilst dealing with the parable of the prodigal son, was anxious to show how dearly the parent loved his child. Drawing himself together, and putting on his most sober looks, he dilated on the killing of the fatted calf. The climax was as follows: "I shouldn't wonder if the father had kept that calf for years, awaiting Prints, Flannels, Blankets

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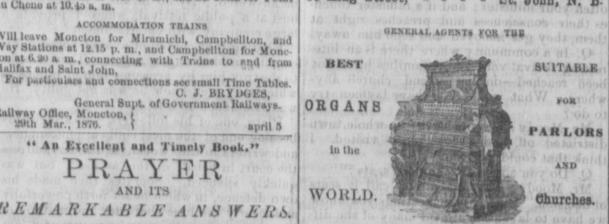
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