Poetry.

THE SINGER'S CLOSING SONG.

"His name shall endure for ever : His name shall h continued as long as the sun : and men shall be blessed in Him ; all nations shall call Him blessed. Blessed be His glorious name for ever : and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended."

What was left for him to say ? What remained to sing or pray, When that grand finale trembled through the Temple in its glory ? Should not after-silence fall On the lips that uttered all sacred story ?

He had sung of many themes, For to him the pleasant gleams Of the sun upon the valley, or the star-lights in the wrong. sky, Were the signs of holy calm, And inspired the praiseful psalm

That up-carried hearts of men to the Father's heart on high.

As a simple shepherd-boy He had carolled forth his joy, When he rested by still waters in the pastures God had spread. As a fugitive afraid, He had sung of ready aid In the Refuge and the Fortress of the God to whom he fled. And in golden days the King Could not help but gladly sing

Of the goodness and the mercy that had made heart rejoice In the sunshine of his life, In the shadows and the strife.

The psalmist's heart made music to the rapture in his voice.

Of the noise of waves and seas, Of the flocks upon the leas, Of the rock's refreshing shelter, of the moun high and strong; Of the fields in verdure clad, Of the river making glad, Of the morning and the evening, had the singer made his song.

But the lay was still unfinished, Till the glory undiminished Of the Son of God was shown him, and he saw the joy before; Then the greatness of His name, And the honor of His fame, his singing o'er. " Blessed be his name for ever,

home, and it must be confessed he looked a little upon everything that God has made as something ashamed as he met his wife's inquiring gaze, but | for man to kill. Here the religion of the natives, he told her the truth.

you that you made a great mistake, that this Indian garden, or look out upon an Indian forest, world's goods were not given to us for ourselves you see animal life in all forms. The monkey is alone. Had you spent a little on that bad chim- more common than squirrels at home, and over ney, the kitchen would have been standing still ; your table, as you gather about it, the birds of prey and if the Jersey wagon had been repaired, it would assemble and circle around and around until your not have broken down that awful night, and the meal is done and it comes their turn to take your The great hymn of earth and heaven in that song of doctor might have reached here in time to save my place. -N. Y. Herald. darling's life.'

" 'Well ! well !' said he, 'we must try and do better in the future. I believe I have been all

"' Yes,' said she, 'and if you had put your name down for what you could have afforded to give towards the parson's horse, he would not have had that fall and been laid up so long.' " 'That's so,' said he, 'I see it all now. Let's

get the Jersey out, and go to see him and his wife. Suppose you put in a couple of our fine hams and a sack of that new flour.

" Joyfully she went to execute his commission, and much surprised were the good people of the village to see them drive up to the parson'e gate and to see the good things unloaded, but greater still was their surprise when they heard that he had subscribed one hundred dollars towards a horse and Jersey for the parson. But all wonders cease in time, and there was not much surprise when he became a constant attendant at church, and soon a member ; and in time he became known far and wide for his charities and for his public spirit, for when the railroad to our town was spoken of, his influence and wealth carried the project through

and made our village a thriving town." "Why, grandfather," said Ned, "if you have been talking of our town, Farmer A. must have

been our great-grand father, for I have often heard you say that he has done more for this town than any one else, and the public hall bears his name. "You are right, my boy. I was a child at the time, but my mother has often told me about that saw, and when I built this house I used some of the very planks sawed out of those logs.'

STUDY TO HAVE IDEAS.

A suggestive story is told of the late Joseph Har- | earlier times, when the Ottomon rulers sat at the rison, of Philadelphia, inventor of the sectional boiler | tent door to administer justice. The Italian transfor which the Academy of Art and Science awarded | lation of this name was "Le Porte Sublima." This Filled the singer's heart with rapture, and he knew him the Bumford medal, and widely known as the phrase was modified in English to the "Sublime partner of Winans in Russian railway contracts. He Porte," and finally the adjective has been dropped, was climbing the Gemmi, in Switzerland, accom- leaving it simply "The Porte." panied by a young man, and the conversation fell

than either you or I can say it, 'Bread-and- and the lemon ; cactus, until you weary of cactus ; meat-and-pudding;-too,' and he rubbed his a very world of ferns, and the rose in endless prohands with delight as he saw how many logs they fusion. Animal life has a freedom that is unusual which throws over all animal nature protection, has "Ah ! my dear,' said she, ' I have often told its influence. As you stroll over the walks of an Egypt.

"Why should life's sweet flowers wither While they blooming round us stand ; They were planted for our pleasure By our Heavenly Father's hand. " If we wander, sad and lonely, Shall we please our God the more ? No; for sweet religion only Shall increase our joyful store.

' All life's pure enjoyments tasting, We should ever strive to come

Steadily, with gaze upcasting, Daily nearer to our home.

Thou art truly full of grace ; God in perfect love hath made thee For His lower resting-place. ' Let thy sinless joys surround me,

Till for Canaan's land I leave thee, E'en the promised rest above."

denote the administrative government of the Otman Empire, and includes the Sultan, the Grand Vizier, and the great Council of State, had its origin in this way ; In the famous institutes established y the famous warrror, Sultan Mohammed II., the Turkish body politic was described by the metaphor of a stately tent, whose domes rested on four pillars. "The Viziers formed the first pillar, the ernment was figuratively named the "Lofty Gate of the Royal Tent," in allusion to the practice of

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Prayers and praise to Him cease never, All the earth shall call Him blessed, and in Him be blest all men. Let the nations tell the story And the whole earth know his glory Of His reign that lasts forever. Blessed be His name. Amen.'

Oh happy, happy singer? Joy-inspiring, pleasure-bringer ! Greatest honor for Thy guerdon was the publishing His fame ! We, whose songs are weak and lowly, Fain would sing of Jesus solely, And be hushed to death's last silence by the sweetness of his name !

-Marianne Farningham.

The fireside.

WHAT THE SAW DID.

"Of all the saws I ever saw, I never saw a saw saw as this saw saws.'

"O grandfather," cried little four-year-old Harry, " I never heard so much saw talk in all my life."

"Saw talk," interrupted brother Ned, a fine youth of fourteen. "Did you ever hear a 'saw talk,' you small specimen of humanity ?"

"Not so fast, Ned," said grandfather ; "don't take him up on what he does not mean, and besides, I could tell you a story of a saw that if it did can usually hire skill and buy knowledge. They not talk, it almost seemed to, and taught a lesson are essential elements of education. But they by which a whole life was changed.'

"O grandfathar, please tell us," cried Harry, and, without waiting for an answer, rushed after the rest of the children, who were soon assembled around grandfather's knee, and thus he began :

"Now this is a true story, remember. Once upon a time, a long while ago, there settled, in ledge, with capacity to use it creatively, than to be what was then known as 'out West,' a man whom we will call Farmer A. He made a good selection, with a large creek passing through his place, cleared vantages, so-called, have been few, may well take up, and built a log-house on a hill. Land was the lesson to heart. Study to have ideas ; life will cheap and he had bought a large tract. He had give no end of opportunities for using them.not many near neighbors, then, but in time others came, and soon bought part of his tract. In time, a mill was built on the creek, in the glen below his house, then a blacksmith-shop, a store, other houses, and a village sprang into existence, and the greatest commercial people in the world. The

house, for he was the richest man in the settlement, but he was a close man, too, indeed he was stingy. He hated to part with his money, and stinted everything on his place. Still, he paid what he called his just debts. One day a committee called on him for a subscription towards buying a horse for the the fact that the geographers placed it between parson, as his parish was getting too large for him | Europe and Africa. to visit all without one, but he refused to give anything, saying he had paid as much as he was able, grain. and would give no more. Well, that fall the farmer's kitchen caught fire, from a defective chimney, and was burned down. He was very much put out at this misfortune, but he was compelled to have another built. He determined, however, to save all he could, so he hired two men to go in the woods and get saw logs, to be hauled to the mill and cut into plank. He told his wife to be careful not to waste anything on their food, to give them cornmeal mush, 'twas plenty good for them, and he yellow hair characterized its inhabitants. could not afford to give them anything better. So for breakfast they had nothing but corn-meal mush, was a rugged mountainous province in Scotland.

on the younger's chances of rising in the world should he embrace the profession of mechanical engineer. Mr. Harrison favored the idea, saying that this was the age of invention and improvement, that machinery was constantly being applied to new uses, and that he who would make it a study and master it in all its forms would never lack for remunerative employment. "But I have no skill in drawing," objected the young man, 'Neither have I," said Mr. Harrison, "I never had time to learn. But I have always found that if I had an idea I could express it on a shingle with a piece of chalk, and let a draughtsman work it out handsomely and according to rule. And Iv'e generally had ideas enough to keep three or four draughtsmen busy. You can always hire draughtsmen, but you can't hire ideas. Study to have ideas, my boy." It may be added that Mr. Harrison's success was due not to scholarship advantages, but to native capacity and personal effort. It is a significant circumstance, and one that furnishes the basis for the severest criticism of the current methods of academic instruction, that men vho, like Mr. Harrison, have obtained signal eminence for originality of thought have rarely been nen of much schooling. While knowledge and skill are both highly desirable, they are still of second rank, and it is possible to acquire them at too great a cost. If a man

has ideas-original, individual, creative ideas-he should be gained by processes which make them the tools, not the end, of culture. The man should be the master, not the slave, of his learning; and whether he is the one or the other depends very largely on the way his knowledge has been gained. And it is better to be the master of a little knowthe unproductive carrier of all the learning in the libraries. Our young readers whose scholastic ad-Scientific American.

NAMES OF COUNTRIES .- The following countries t is said, were originally named by the Phœnicians. soon a church spire peeped through the trees. names, in the Phoenician language, signified some-Farmer A. soon built himself a new and better thing characteristic of the places which they desigohnston. Europe signifies a country of white complexion ; so named because the inhabitants were of lighter omplexion than those of Asia and Africa. Asia signifies between, or in the middle, from Africa signifies the land of corn and all sorts of Cape Id., N. S. Siberia signifies thirsty or dry-very character istic Spain, a country of rabbits or conies. It was once so infested with these animals that it sued Augustus for an army to destroy them. Italy, a country of pitch, from its yielding great antities of black pitch. Calabria, also, for the same reason. Gaul, modern France, signifies yellow haired, as The English of Caledonia is a high hill. This

and for dinner the same thing. In the afternoon Hibernia is utmost, or last habitation, for be-Farmer A. went to the woods to see how they were | youd this the westward Phoenicians never extended Britian, the country of tin, great quantities being

getting on. As he drew near he heard the cross- their voyages. cut saw slowly dragging through a log, and it was going very slowly, and it seemed to say very slowly, found on it and adjacent islands. The Greeks now mind : 'Corn-meal-mush. Corn-meal- called it Albion, which signifies in the Phœnician mush.' This made him very mad, and he rated tongue either white or high mountains, from the them soundly, for they had accomplished very little, whiteness of its shores, or the high rocks on the Returning home he told his wife that he intended | western coast. discharging them, that they were trifling away his money and not doing half as much as they ought. His wife sighed, for well she knew his ways, but as he continued she ventured midly to remonstrate surprise as nature. Your eyes are accustomed to with him.

"' My dear, how can you expect them to work growths-the oak, the ash, the sycamore, the modest hard all day on nothing but corn-meal mush 3' "' Yes,' said the farmer, ' and that is just what over meadow and valley. You look in vain for the the old saw seemed to say. Corn-meal-mush. old forms that were so pleasant to you in childhood Just about as slowly as that.'

"' Now, for this one time,' replied his wife, ' let dark, and sorrows swept over your young and me try an experiment. Let me give them some trembling life. The trees are new. You have better food for breakfast, only some bread and heard of them in poems, in ghost stories, in Arabian meat.'

IN INDIA AND AT HOME. There is nothing in India that is so constant a your own flowers and forms of forest and garden daisy, the wholesome, virtuous clover that blossoms

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS. PRIZE WINNER.-We wish to be notified when -that were always friends when the world grew Miss Lillie A. Alexander receives her prize.

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To BE Solven .- John A. C.'s combination j equivalent to a charade. Ada S., a new contributor from Plymouth, N. S., is represented by a dia-

neat.' "After some grumbling about wasting all he had, tales. But in India they are around you. Here is the mango, a noble tree, that gives a pleasant fruit, A proverb is a good thing always, whether every he yielded, and the next morning they had bread said to be among the atonements of an Indian resi- second letter is dropped or not. We hope our and meat. After awhile Farmer A. went out again dence, but which we shall not see, leaving Hindooto see how the work was going on, sure the experi- stan before it ripens. Every one has been telling Much cannot be said in praise of the word Mohawk ment would fail, but as he drew near, he heard the us of the comfort we shall find in the mango, and has chosen for the basis of his charade. In know-

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