

Poetry.

MISCHIEF MAKERS.

Oh! I could there in the world be found
Some little spot of happy ground,
Without the village tating!
How doubly bliss that spot would be
Where all might dwell in liberty,
Free from the toll of misery,
Of gossip, endless prattling!

If such a spot were really known,
Dance Peace might call it as her own,
And in it she might fix her throne,
Forever and forever!
There like a queen might reign and live,
While every one would soon forgive
The little slights they might receive,
And be offend never.

'Tis mischief-makers that remove
Far from our hearts the warmth of love,
And lead us all to disapprove
What gives another pleasure:
They seem to take our part—but when
They've heard our cares, unkindly then
They soon reveal their own again,
Mixed up with poisonous measure.

And then they've such a cunning way
Of telling ill meant tales; they say,
"I would not tell another,"
Straight to your neighbors then they go,
Narrating everything they know,
And break the peace of high and low,
Wife, husband, friend and brother.

Oh! that the mischief-making crew
Were all reduced to one or two,
And they were painted red or blue,
That every one might know them,
Then would our villages be free
To rage and quarrel, fume and fret,
And fall into an angry pet,
With things so much below them.

For 'tis a sad degrading part,
To make another's house start,
And plant a dagger in the heart,
We ought to love and cherish!
Then let us ever be found
In kindness with all around,
While friendship, joy and peace abound,
And angry feelings perish.

Miscellaneous.

The girls complain that the times are
So hard the young men cannot pay their
addresses. Why don't the girls sue, and
have them bound over to court?

A Frenchman was being terribly beaten
by a sailor who told his victim to the earth
while he severely thrashed him. The un-
fortunate fellow kept yelling out with all
his might, "hurrah! I say hurrah!"
But a man, who was passing, saw his
predicament, and told him to cry
"enough!"

"Enough! enough!" shouted the
sailor, he dragged the foreigner. "By gar,
zat is de word I try to think of dis several
minutes gone!" The sailor let him get
up, when the Frenchman rubbed his
hands with delight, and cried—
"Enough! by gar, tis very mooch
good word for a little fellow to remem-
ber!"

Dr. Johnson was so accustomed to say
always the exact truth that he never con-
descended to give an equivocal answer to
any question; of which the following is an
instance, as related by Mr. Northcote:
A lady of his acquaintance once asked him
how it happened that he was never invited
to dine at the tables of the great? He
replied,—"Because, madam, great lords
and ladies do not like to have their mouths
stopped!"

As a little four-year-old boy was being
put to bed, his mother said to him,—
"Kiss mama good night, Johnny."
He at first refused, and then inquired,—
"Do heutenants kiss their mamas?"
"Why do you ask that, my son?" in-
quired the maternal parent.

"Cause I am lieutenant of our com-
pany, and Joe Walsh is Captain."
Being assured that it was not beneath his
official dignity to "kiss mama good night,"
he thus saluted her and went to bed.

Garrick, one day dining with a large
company, soon after dinner left the room,
and it was supposed had left the house;
but one of the party, on going into the
area to seek him, found Mr. Garrick fully
occupied in amusing a negro boy, who
was a servant in the family, by mimicking
the manner and noise of a turkey-cock,
which diverted the boy to such a degree
that he was convulsed with laughter, and
only able now and then to utter, "ho, Massa
Garrick! you will kill me, Massa
Garrick."

Biddy's UNDERSTANDING.—Biddy is a
native of the Emerald Isle, who partook
of her meals solitary and alone. One
morning the father rang his bell, the well
known tinkle of which caused his domestic
to appear immediately.

"Biddy bring me some salt."
"Sure and I will, your reverence."
Forthwith re-appeared Biddy with the
article in her hand. Said the father, in an
angry tone:

"Never again bring me anything in
your hand. You should have brought it
on a plate."

The evening meal being over, the bell
was again rung, and the faithful domestic
instantly appeared.

"I want my slippers."
"Biddy went, and returned bearing in
her hand a plate, upon which were the
priest's slippers."

AN INDIGNANT GIRL.—A young girl
was reading the marriages in a newspaper
a few days since, and after she had con-
cluded she uttered an exclamation of im-
patience.

"What is the matter?" asked a friend.
"You look angry."
"And it is enough to make any one
look angry, my goodness gracious," was
the reply. "Here I've read the marriage
of four widows in this paper."

"What of it! Don't that prove that
widows are good for nothing designing
things, and prevent us girls from getting
husbands?"

"No."
"I say, it does," replied the intignant
girl, "and I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll
get married and have my husband die,
and then I'll see if I can get one."

This brilliant scheme the little designer
is prepared to carry out, so young men
who desire to live their natural lives will
please avoid her, for she is dangerous.

AN EDITOR'S ACCOMPLISHMENT.—
At a late printer's festival in Boston the
following toast was given: "THE EDITOR."
The man that is expected to know every-
thing, tell all he knows, and guess at the
rest; to make known his own character,
establish the reputation of his neighbour,
and elect all the candidates to office, to
blow up every body and reform the world;
to live for the benefit of others, and the
epitaph on his tombstone: "Here he lies
at last;" in short he is a locomotive run-
ner on the track of public notoriety; his
lever is his pen; his boiler is filled with
ink; his tender is his scissors; his driving
wheel is public opinion; whenever he ex-
ploides it is caused by the nonpayment of
subscriptions.

THE ADVANTAGES OF A BAD TEMPER.—
"When a girl is in a passion she scrubs
with unusual force and despatches her work
with marvellous celerity. The excitement
of feeling struggling to find vent somewhere
passes off as by a safety valve in the broom
and scrubbing brush. Where a good
tempered girl would sit apathetically
amongst her pots and dishes opposing a
sluggish and imperturbable good humor to
all the abjurations of her angry mistress,
an irascible one takes fire at the reproaches
addressed to her. She delivers mighty
blows at the demon of dirt, wishing the
while that it were her mistress she had in
her clutches, or even for the moment
imagining it to be so.—*Christian Spectator.*

WHAT'S IN A NAME.—One Alwright
went to an auction and bought goods.—
"What name sir?" inquired the man
with the hammer.—"Alwright!" "What
name, I say?" was the irritated reply.—
"Alwright, I say."—"All wrong you
mean."—"Alwright!" said the pur-
chaser.—"Yes all right," cried the crowd,
taking the joke. "Al right—go ahead,
old Knock-'em down." The auctioneer
began to be profane. "A l, Al-wig h t,
wright," continued the buyer.—"O-h,
thunder!" exclaimed Hammer, on whom
the laughter of the crowd began to op-
erate; "that's it, is it? Beg pardon,
James, put this gentleman's name down."
"All right, sir, go ahead."

Two Irish porters meeting in Dublin,
one addressed the other with,—
"Och Thakey my jewel, is it you? are
you just come from England? Pray did
you see anything of our old friend, Pat
Murphy?"
"The devil a sight" replied he, "and
what is worse I'm afraid I never shall."
"How so?"
"Why, he met with a very unfortunate
accident lately."
"Amazing! What was it?"
"O, indeed, nothing more than this, as
he was standing on a plank, talking de-
cently to a priest, at a place in London
which I think they call the Old Bailey,
the plank suddenly gave way, and poor
Murphy got his neck broke."

THE ORIGIN OF CIGARS.

The cigar, though more delicately
manufactured, is essentially the same as
that smoked by the red man, when first
visited by Columbus. We may here
describe an Indian mode of tobacco tak-
ing, which is evidently the origin of the
cigar. It is told by Lionel Wafer, in
his account of his "Travels in the Ist-
mus of Darien in 1699." He says, that
when the tobacco leaves are properly
dried and cured, the natives "laying two
or three leaves upon another, they roll up
all together sideways in a long roll, yet
leaving a little hollow. Round this roll
other leaves one after another in the same
manner, but close and hard, till the roll
is as big as one's fist, and two or three
feet in length. Their way of smoking,
when they are in company together, is
thus: A boy lights one end of a roll, and
burns it to a coal, wetting the part next
to it to keep it from wasting so fast.
The end so lighted he puts into his mouth,
and blows the smoke through the whole
length of the roll into the face of every
one of the company or council, though
there be two or three hundred of them.
Then they sitting in their usual posture
upon forms, make their hands, held to-
gether, a kind of funnel round their mouths
and noses; into this they receive the
smoke as it is blown upon them, snuffing
it up greedily and strongly, as long as
ever they are able to hold their breath,
and seeming to bless themselves, as it
were, with the refreshment it gives them."

Lieutenant Page, who commanded the
American expedition to La Platta, speaks
of the universal custom of smoking in
Paraguay, and inviting visitors to join.
The servants, as a matter of routine, bring
in a "small brass vessel, containing a few
coals of fire, and a plate of cigars. This
last hospitality is offered in every house,
however humble its pretensions in other
respects; and all men, women, and child-
ren, delicate and refined girls, and young
masters, who would not wish us be pro-
moted to the dignity of pantalons, smoke
with a gravity and gusto, that is irresist-
ibly ludicrous to a foreigner. My son some-
times accompanied me in these visits, and
was always greatly embarrassed by the
pressing offer of cigars. I made his ex-
cuse by saying, "Smoking is a practice
we consider injurious to children." "Si,
Senor," the Paraguayan would reply,
"with all other tobacco, but not that of
Paraguay." With both sexes tobacco
is a constant passion.

A man who had a scolding wife, being
asked what he did for a living, replied
that he kept a hot house.

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