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## Poetry.

Below we publish, by request, a Gaelic song and the English translation which will be read with pleasure by a great number of our readers :-

MOLADH NA LANDAIDH.

Ho ro Eileinich ho gu, Ho i rithil ho i thu, Ho ro Eilenich ho gu, Gu bheil mo run 's an Landaidh.

Chi mi thall ud an Aird-mhor, Aite 'choilich dhuidh 's a' gheoidh ; Aite mo chridhe 's mo ghaoil, Far 'n robh mi aotrom, ainmeil.

'S ged tha 'n Landaidh creagach, ciar, 'S moch a dh' eireas oirre 'ghrian; Innis nam ba laoigh 's nam fiadh, 'S gu 'm b'e mo mhiann bhi thall ann. 'S 'n uair a dh' eirinn moch 's an aird

Bheirinn sgrìob do cheann an t-sail'-

Bhiodh na lachain air an t-snamh.

'S cha b' fhad am bas o m' laimh-sa. 'S tric a leag mi air a' bhruaich Earba ghlas a' mhuineil ruaidh, Bhiodh an liath-chearc leam a nuas,

A's coileach ruadh an dranndainn. 'S tric a leag mi air a thaobh An ron ballach anns Chaol .-Eala bhan a' mhuineil chaoil, A's coileach fraoich nam beanntan.

'S 'n uair a shuidheamaid mu'n bhord Cha b' e 'm buideal beag ar leoir, Ach tosgaid do 'a fhion dhearg ar coir A' tighiun a stor na Frainge.

O! mo ghaol air Ile an fheoir, Far an d' fhuir mi m' arach og; Far am bheil na h-uaislean coir, Bu toil leo ceol a's dannsadh.

#### THE PRAISE OF ISLAY.

Oh my Island! Oh my Isle! Oh my dear, my native soil! Again the rising sun can smile With golden beams on Islay

I see afar yon hill, Ardmore, The beating billows wash its shore ; But ah ! its beauties bloom no more For me no more in Islay. But birchen branches there are gay.

And every bough the breezes sway Awakens joy in Islay. There eagles rise on soaring wing, And herons watch the gushing spring; And heath-cocks with their whirring bring

And hawthorns wave their silvered spray;

Their own delight to Islay. Its mavis sing on hazy bough, Its linnet haunts the glen below, And O, may long their wild notes flow

With melodies in Islay.

The black-cock too so glossy brave-The ducks that cleave the moory wave-The line of grey geese long and grave, I've seen them all in Islay.

I've heard the calf the dun cow greet, The sportive lambkin loudly bleat-The gentle doe trip fast and fleet From shade to shade in Islay.

Though Islay's shore is rocky, drear, Early doth the sun appear On leafy brake and fallow deer, And flocks and herds in Islay.

Why it looked up .- Old Phineas Rice was one of the quaint types of itinerant Methodist preachers. He had a hard patch to cultivate once, and when he made his report to the Conference following he reported the church 'looking up.' The Bishop presiding expressed his pleasure, but asked for an explanation, because no one expected success in that parish. Dr. Rice was equal to the occasion, and added: 'Well, Bishop, the church is on its back, and can't look any other way.' There was a roar of laughter all over the Conference.

About this time doth the scion of the agricultural household stumble upon the ancient nest of the industrious fowl. And lo. he discovered therein fourscore and six goodly eggs, of which many are worn smooth as the pebble of the brook by the feet of the industrious hen. And the scion of the agricultural household collapsed one of the goodly eggs, and behold a mighty persume ariseth, and he said within his breast: Verily these eggs be passing elderly, and I will gother them up and hie me unto the city. and shall make exchange with the dealers and shopkeepers, and will return laden with spices and the tea of the ungodly, and the sweetness of the cane. And forthwith he hieth. And it comes to pass that the unsofisticated devourer of the fruit of the Cochin China, the berry of the Bramba, and the ovum of the mongrel fowl, betaketh himself unto the shopkeeper and asketh and saith 'be these fresh?' And the shopkeeper replieth and saith, 'Verily, they were brought in this day.' And the degourer investeth, and betaketh himself home. And he maketh ready to sup, and he cleaveth the boiled hen fruit with a sharpened blade. , And lo there ariseth perfume, and incense, and evil words, and hasty ejaculations which filleth the house as with a cloud. Many eggs are bought but few are eaten.

THAT BARREL.

Just as the last rays of the setting sun were gilding the church spires and whitewashing the back kitchens of Detroit the other afternoon, a man and a barrel were discovered at a stairway on Munroe avenue. He was a small man and it was a big barrel, and pedestrians who saw him looking up at the stairs and back at the barrel inferred that it was his intentions to clevate it to the third story, But how?

'I'd rig a tackle and pulley in that third story window,' said the first man who halted. 'That's your easiest way, and there's

no danger of accident.' He leaned against the lamp-post and cal-

culated on the length of rope and the lifting power required, and along came a second man who took the situation in at a glance, and said : 'Go and get some scantling fourteen feet

long and lay'em on the stairs. Then two men can roll that brrrel up there as slick as grease.' The little man looked around in a helpless

ing up and calle l out: Want to get that barrel up stairs, eh? 'Well, now, fasten your pulley at the head of the stairs and ten men down here can snake the barrel up in no time. Where's

sort of way, and a third man came bluster-

your tackle?' By this time the crowd had increased to twenty, and was pretty evenly divided between a dead lift through one of the windows and a pulley at the head of the stairs, but the man who suggested the skids had a very loud voice and was determined to carry

his point. Taking off his coat, he said : 'I know what I'm talking about, and I say that I can skid that barrel up therealone. You just wait a minute.'

He crossed the street to an unfinished building and returned with a couple of 2x4 scantling and I id them on the stairs and the

crowd now numbered fifty. 'You want this barrel on the third floor

do you?' he asked of the little man. 'Yes-lut-but----'

'But what ?'

'Why, I was waiting for my wife to get the clothes-horse out of the upper hall. She's all ready now, and I'll take it up.'

And the little man shouldered the barrel and trotted briskly up stairs between the skids. It was empty !

## A WONDERFUL BOY.

The Bangor Commercial gives an interest-

ing account of the wonderful precocity of a

son of Col. Fuller, ex-Postmaster of Bangor.

His intellect is perfectly wonderful, and almost goes beyond belief. The first that his friends noticed of his precocity was about a year ago, when they accidently discovered that he was almost infallable on any date he had ever seen or heard. While out West with his parents, they were walking in a cometery one day, and he would look at a tombstone, read the date of death and age of the person buried there, and in an instant look up and tell the day of the week on which the dead person was born. Almanacs of that date were looked up and it was discovered that the boy was correct. Since that time he has been severely tested, and has never failed to tell the day of the week on which any date within the last seventyfive years fell. It must be remembered that while he answered, there was no book or any article near him from which he could get any aid. He never forgets a date once fixed in his memory. He remembers when every President of the United States was born, how long he served, and when he died. A more remarkable thing is, he recollects everything he does, the day he did it, where he was, and the circumstances that led him to do it. In mathematics he is equal to any boy twice his age, can add, subtract, multiply, and divide the most difficult fractions in his bead, and he has never been taught anything except to read. He learned the whole of the multiplication table in one night. He is equally well posted on the Bible, can repeat the name of every book in both the Old and the New Testaments, tell how many chapters each contains, how many verses in each chapter, and without hesitation name the page on which any hymn in Watt's or Moody and Sankey's hymn books 54, the multiplier. Taking the same mu can be found. Not long ago he greatly amused some of his friends by correcting an almanac. A lady wished to try him on the days of the week on which certain dates many years ago, fell. She gave a date and asked him on what day it fell. He promptly informed her. She looked at the almanac for that year, month, and day. Alas for Charlie ! thought she, as his answer did not | first and last figures, which read toget agree with the almanac. Charlie wouldn't | gives 72, the multiplier.

give up, however, but declared that he knew the almanac was wrong. " Haven't you an other almanac of that year?" inquired on of Charlie's confident friends. "I have, replied the lady, and produced it. On com paring the two almanacs it was discovered that the first one was wrong and that Charli was right, a mistake having been made by the compiler of the almanac. His habits ar peculiar. He never plays with other boys but is always reading. He studies the dic tionary hour after hour, and seems to regard it as a pleasure. One would naturally sup pose that a child with such unusual power would gradually fail and fade away, but singularly enough, he is constantly growing stronger and more healthy. His calculation on dates are done by a mathematical process which he cannot explain. The lad is one o the most wonderful in the world, and his future career will be watched with interest

#### A SCOTCHMAN'S PRAYER.

The following is said to be the prayer of dissappointed Scotsman on his arrival i Canada from Scotland: O Lord, we th disobedient children approach thee this nich i' the attitude o' prayer (an' likewise o' com plaint). When we cam' tae Canady we ex peckit tae fin' a lan' flowin' wi' milk an honey. Instead o' that we f'und a place peopled wi' ungodly Irish. Scoor them oo drag them ower the mooth o' the bottomles pit : but ye needna let them drap in , driv them tae the ootermost pairts o' Canady raither mak' them hewers o' wud an' draw ers o' water ; but O Lord, ne'er mak' ther magistrates, members o' Pairliament, no any kind o' rulers ower the people. An, Lord, gine ye hae got any lan' tae gie aws gie it tae thine "ain peculiar people" the Scotch. An' the glory will be a' thir ain-Amen.-Scottish American Journal.

#### HOW THEY RAN.

Old Skinner is a great lover of war remi iscences, and is not slow to tell of his ow exploits in that way. As with most me who pride themselves on a war record, Ski ner always gives the best side of his tales his own army. He was telling one of I grand children recently of a famous batt in which he was engaged. His description of the flying balls, booming of canuon, a the charge of the troops were very viv and the little boy listened with increasi interest. At last, when Skinner stopped till his pipe the little boy said :

" And did the enemy run?"

"Did the enemy run?" said Skinne "Great Scott, how they did run. My de boy they ran so like thunder that we r three miles to keep out of their way, an' we had not thrown our guns away, they have run over us sure. - Oil City Derrick.

So limited and unusual is the importati of wheat into France that, in view of present short crop, elevators are building handle grain from abroad.

Double Suicipe .- Two sisters, Elizabe and Anna Trowbridge, of Chicago, commi ed suicide on the evening of the 21st in by hanging. Cause, supposed to be inseni

Somerning New .- The schooner ' Far Foster" is loading 150 tons of gravel Lion's Head for Chicago. This is someth new in the annals of enterprise on the P insula .- Wiarton Echo.

SEVERAL boys weeding onions in Sou port were prostrated by a stroke of lightni Boys whose fathers own onion-beds sho cut this out and paste it in their fath hats .- Danbury News.

PECULIAR POISONING. - The Almo Gazette relates the following: One of most peculiar cases of accidental poison that has come to our notice occurred in P enham recently. The immediate cause the poisoning is unknown, as it took p under circumstances so unexpected that wisest are unable to divine or understa One of the teachers of this place, while monstrating to his class was in the habi removing marks from the board by wet his fingers with his tongue, which, as he forms us, resulted in the removal of a so portion of Paris green from the paper terial of the board, thas producing in a sh time a very serious effect on his system. being necessary to call in medical aid to move the evil effects of the poison.

A CURIOSITY OF NUMBERS. -The mu plication of 987654321 by 45 gives 4444444 Reversing the order of the digits and mu plying 123456789 by 45 we get a result equ ly curious, 5535555505. If we take 1234 789 as the multiplicand, and interchang the figures of 45, take 54 as the multiple we obtain another remarkable product, 66 666606. Returning to the multiplicand f used, 987654321, and taking 54 as the 1 tiplier again, we get 533333334-all the except the first figures, which read toget plicand and using 27, the half of 54, as multiplier, we get a product of 26666666 all sixes except the first and last figu which read together 27, the multip Next interchanging the figures in the n ber 27, and using 72 as a multiplier, 987654321 as a multiplicand, we obtain product of 7!11111112-all ones except