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myself a greater fool if I do not follow the

Just as he finished speaking, the library.

At sight of his partner, the California

door opened, and in walked John C.

dictates of my heart."

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POETRY

A TALE OF TEN TRAVELLERS

Ten weer ; foote-re travelers, alifa a weefal physic. Sou dit shelter of a waysi le fun One dark an ! storing right.

"Nine beds -no more," the landlord said. " Have I to offer you; To each of eight a single room. But the minth must serve for twe."

A din arose. The troubled host Could only scratch his head; For of those tired men no two Could occupy one bed.

The puzzied bost was soon at case-He was a clever man-And so to please his guests devised This most ingunious plan.

A 'B'C D LE F G HI

In room marked A two men were placed: The third he lodged in B; The fourth to C was then assigned --The fifth retired to D:

In E the sixth he tucked away, In P the seventh man. The eighth and ninth in G and H

And then to A be ran. Wherein the host, as I have said, Had laid two travelers by. Then taking one-the tenth and last,

He louged him safe in L. Nine single rooms -a room for each-Were made to serve for ten. and this it is that purries me

And many wiser mon.

similarity of names.

### PUR STORY.

CHANGED THEIR MINDS The members of the firm of Ross & Ross, West India goods, were in no way

They were, in fact, born many miles apart, and although they both saw the light first on the fifteenth day of December, 1843, one opened his eyes in Bangor, Maine,

By a strange coincidence both boys were christened plain John. Since the organization of the firm they had, to prevent confusion, added a middle letter to their names, which was meaningless except for girls, whose faces were hidden by heavy purposes of identification.

the letter M, and the California Ross wrote | mony his name John C.

down to the present time. They graduated at the same time, enter-

ed the same store as clerks, and five years before the opening of this story, began business for themselves.

The Mossrs. Ross were often taken for twin brothers. They were both dark, both had brown, carly hair, weighed the same number of pounds, and were of the same beight. One measure at the tailor's, the shirt-

maker's and the bootmaker's answered for on one point at least were in perfect ac-

cord-they both hated women. The Messrs. Ross lived together in a and watchful guidance.

very fine house up town, where they entertained their friends and business ac-

elor establishment, and all their servants were of the sterner sex. There were seven clerks, busy writing

invoices and bills of lading all day long in the office of Ross & Ross, down town. The chief among these was Abel Strothers, a man past middle life, sedate, methodical, and rather proud of his nest handwriting.

Abel Strothers was a widower, with twin daughters, to whom he was devotedly attached, and on whom he lavished unbound-.ed love, outside of business hours:

As the subject of women was tabooed in the office of Ross & Ross, and as their will was Abel's law, he never spoke of his twin | cost." daughters to the firm : and the first they knew of the existence of the girls, who were named Lily and Rose, was when Abel Strothers died.

It was the oustom of the chief clerk to enter the office promptly, at nine o'clook, and he had never been absent a day since the organization of the firm. When therefore on this particular morn-

ing he did not appear at the usual hour, the firm, who entered the office promptly at a quarter after nine, awaited in some impatience until the half-hour, the arrive of the clark, and then dispatched the Milerian porter, Patrick, to his residence to learn the cause of his absence. To

The porter returned with the information denly di, that morning, just as he was bis not bad looking from Dispensing Chemists, had bee

long standing, from which it was doubtful whether be would recover.

On receipt of this intelligence, the firm proceeded at once in a hirel cab to the house of the chief clerk, and a sistternly girl, with very red eyes, and a very dirty face, ushered them into the room where lay

He had suffered considerable pain when first attacked, but was now resting easy and his employers being seated, one on each side of the bel, proffered their sympathy, and Abel Strothers made suitable

Before he closed his eyes in that final sleep, he made an ordinary and not unusual

head of the bed with his hand on the ing man's pulse, said to him: "Mr. Strothers, you cannot live very

long, and if you have any business which you wish attended to during your lifetime, it had best be done at once."

eyes, breathing very heavily; but at these words of the doctor's he opened them, and turned his face first to John M. Ross, who was on the left side of the bed, and then to

"Ross and Ross," he said, and gave a hand to each, I have served you faithfully. and you have just heard what the doctor says. I have a trust which I wish you

the firm, in one breath.

The doctor, who was Abel Strothers' family practitioner, now leaned over the bed, and whispered something in the patient's ear.

girls !" And then he closed his eyes. He never

He was buried the next day, and the and the other in San Francisco, Cali- firm and his fellow-clerks, out of respect to his memory, attended the funeral. The office was closed, and from the door-

notice of the clerk's demise.

They did not particularly attract the at-When these two boys were fifteen years | tention of Messrs. Ross & Ross at that of age they met for the first time in the | time; but two days afterwards, when the reception-parlor of a popular Middle- lawyers placed the papers of the deceased States' institution of learning, and this clerk in their hands, and they read Abel chance acquaintance ripened into a warm | Strothers' last will and testament, they and devoted friendship, which had lasted recalled the veiled figures with something farming says, in speaking about strawakin to hatred of them in their misogyn. berries, the best way to raise them is with

The trust which they had faithfully promised their late clerk to perform was,

twin orphan daughters, Lily and Rose. In a long document, attached to the will, and marked A, the dead clerk gave minuto

instructions as to the manner in which the latter trust was to be carried out. The girls were now seventeen years o

John C. Ross read the will, and when he finally reached its close, his partner jump-

M. I" he cried.

"Most extraordinary!" echoed John C "Preposterous!" cried John M.

"Impossible!" cried both, in the say other in silence for at least five minutes.

John M. spoke first. "John C.," he said, "thir request of our late clerk, who certainly served us faith-

Boss, "we promised, and Boss & Boss never break their promises." This acknowledgment settled the matter. and two weeks after the conversation de-

and the firm quietly accepted their selfimposed martyrdom. The girls were very quiet young ladies and gave their guardians but little trouble. They were well-bred and intelligent, had refined testes, and the Meers. Boss treated

them yery kindly. ber night John M. Hoss was sessed before

to say to you-something very important." "Yes, yes," stammered John M., apolo getically, "I meant to speak to you my-"It's a strange move," said the other.

"John M.," he said, "I have something

"Yes, it is strange; but I have been blind all these years, and have just awak ened to a full knowledge of my heart's de-'You," cried John C.

And he took a step forward. "Yes," answered John M. And he dropped his eyes. "I am certain that I

cannot be happy without Rose Strothers as my wife." "And I am equally certain," cried John C, "that I cannot be happy without her sister Lily as my wife! I just came in to

tell you about it." "And I was just going to confess to you my love for Rose," explained John M.

And he rushed to the door and called "Rose! Lily!" at the top of his voice. The girls came harriedly down from an upper apartment, and John M. caught "We will perform it faithfully," said Rose around the waist and drew her into the library. John C. followed him, leading

Lily, and the four assumed very lover-like "We are both guilty, John C.!" cried

"Yes, both," agreed the other. And they shook hands. The sisters embraced and kissed each

nappy little quartette. Early in the spring there was a double marriage at the Ross mansion, and the happy grooms acknowledged to each other that a misogynist was, in their opinion, a fool, and a misogamist little better than a

other, and taken altogether, it was a very

### Gaieties.

Choose a wife rather by your ear than

realizing them.

No man is so insignificent as to be sure his example can do no hurt. Ruskin says the less we speak about our intentions, the more chance there is of

"My wife," remarked Fitznoodle, "is fairly crazy over the fashions. She's got the delirium trimmins." Never judge by appearances. A seedy coat may cover a heart in full bloom.

When you fret and fume at the petty ills of life, remember that the wheels which go round without creaking last longest. A person who thinks he knows all about

A gentleman having his hair cut, and being annoyed with the operator's stories, in the middle of each he said, "Cut if short." At last the barber, in a rage, exclaimed: "It cannot be cut shorter, for

### every hair on your head is cut off."

Some Funny Verdicts. A Kansas jury gave the following verdice n a case where a man died in a state o intoxicotion :- " Death by hanging-round

rum shop." An Indians jury recently returned a written verdict of "Blode to deces bi the bile

"Jury," said the western judge, "you kin go out and find a verdict. If you can't find one of your own, get the one the last jury used." The jury returned with a verdict of " Suicide in the ninth degree. A Pekin, Ill, coroner's jury rendered very singular verdict, that a man whose save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills body was found in the river came to his death by a blow on the head, "which was every year. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by

Odds and Ends.

Christmas and twins can come but onc The man who hath no music in his sole

The chap who wears rubber boots. The ham for a sandwich is a sort of gobetween, and it is not meat that it should be respected.

The man who goes without his overcost because the weather has moderated a trifle s a ppeumaniac. In dis life al'ers try to help a man up de

hill. He ken go down by hisse'f.

### WHO KILLED THE MULE?

BT MRS. T. M. TERWILLIGER.

One Saturday afternoon in September.

fifteen or twenty men, citizens of M Co., Missouri, were on the Gasconade river, engaged in turning a ferry boat which had been capsized, for repairs. As they were obliged to work in the wafer, they had at hand "something stimulating," and all partook more or less, to prevent taking cold. As a consequence, one of the men, on returning home at night, thought a loaded gun the most suitable thing he could find to use in driving some of his neighbor's stock off his premises. He did use it, to the effect that a fine three-yearold mule was fatally shot. Then, in an attempt to hide its identity, by cutting off the brand with an axe, the por animal was hacked and gashed frightfully. On Monday morning our citizen, I. wing become sober, went to the author ties and gave himself up, confessing his c ime, with the excuse that he was "raving mad with drink." He was tried, and is now serving out his sentence of "six months' imprisonment at hard Irbor in the county jail."

"and has come to upbraid me. What But, who killed the mule?

I killed the mule."

He hacks and hews his neighbor's mule? Whence came the drink? "From my saloon." the keeper said. "I sell the drink that fires the head; I license have to buy and sell, Who money pays, may drink his fill.

And he may kill a man-or mule. I sell the drink."

Who license gave. To man this maddening drink to sell-Drink only fit for fiends from bell? Who license gave? "We," said the County Court, " twas we Who license gave, for-don't you see ?-The law has given us the right: So when there came, in black and white; A list of names some hundreds long, Appended to a prayer, so strong, That we would license give, to sell The drink that many love full well.

Although it makes man raving mad, And takes away the sense he had, And he may kill a man- or mula.

To man, to sall the "demon drink"? Who made the law? "We," said the Assembly of the State. The Legislative, wise and great. "We are empowered the laws to make That guide our glorious 'Ship of State.' And, 'tis distinctly understood We make them for the public good: For public good, large sums are paid By him who drives the thriving trade With 'license high' be 'foots the bill.' Helps State and county coffers fill, Which pays (in part) for damage done By him who carries are and gun When drink has made him raving made And stolen all the sense he had.

We made the law." Who gave the power

Who gave the power? "We," said the sovereigns of the State "We are a people free and great, And no prohibitory clause Will we admit within our laws. We treedom love, nor will we be Deprived of 'personal liberty.' Our Representatives have made Good laws to regulate the trade." And, under their provision wise, We'll sell and drink without disguise Although there's sometimes damage done By him who carries are and gun, When he with drink is raving mad. And, having lost the sense be had,

Then plain the case as plain can be, Clear as the sun we daily see, That these—the Sovereigns of the State. The Legislature, wise and great, The men who e names are written there Appended to that earnest prayer, The Court who grants the prayer so strong-All to the guilty list belong, With him who sells, for love of gain, The drink that fires the blood and brain. Assessories all to crime that's done By him who carries are and gun, When he with drink is raving mad. And, baving lost the sense he had.

He may perchance kill man-or mula

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given either before or after the drowning." J. E. McGarvin, Is it Worth The Money.

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Boss suddenly halted, his face flushed guiltily, and he dropped his eyez. "He knows it all," thought John M., the sick man. shall I say? How shall I begin?"

wards his partner, and the latter raised his

replies, in a very weak voice.

He was sinking rapidly, and died before

request of the Mossrs. Ross. The doctor, who was standing at

Abel Strothers was lying with closed

John C., who was on the opposite side.

two faithfully to perform after I am

"I leave," continued the dying man, " a snug little property, and a will. My instructions for your administration of the trust are contained in the will. My business is all in good order, and my lawyers have charge of all my papers. They will place them in your hands after my burial."

The dying clerk shook his head. "No!" he said. "It will be time related, as one might suppose from the enough for that after I am dead. Poor

> spoke again, and fifteen minutes later was a dead man.

knob hung crape, over which was posted a The chief mourners were two young veils, and who shed tears very profusely, The Maine John divided his name with but very quietly, during the entire cere-

in brief, this: The Messrs. Ross were appointed executors of his estate, and guardians of his

They had very nearly similar tastes, and | age, and until they attained majority they were to reside in the house of the Mesers. Ross, subject to the latters' constant care

ed to his feet with an ejaculation of aaton-No woman had ever entered this bach- | ishment. "A most extraordinary request. John

> "Absurd!" chimed John C. And then they stared very hard at each

fully, amazes me; but we accepted the trust when he was on his death-bed, and we must faithfully perform it, at any "Yes, John M.," agreed the California

tailed above, Lily and Rose Strothers took up their residence at the Ross mansion,

He coughed nervously, took a step to-

Here lies the mule, all gashed and gory ; These lines will soon unfold the story : Who killed the mple? "I," promptly said the guilty one, "I did the dee L with are and gan, For drink had made me raving mad,

And stolen all the sense I had. Whence came the drink That makes man such a senseless fool

Although it makes bim raving mad, And takes way the sense he had,

We license give." Who made the law That license gives (O who would think!

And he perchance kills man-or mule Such law to make (O who would think !) That man to man sells "deman's drink"?

We gave the power."

He kills his neighbor's mule.

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