

## Poetry.

**THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.**  
Twas a black November morning, the camp  
was calm and still,  
And nought was heard except the tramp  
of scurries on the hill.  
The foot-dragged file was silent long o'er the  
break of day;  
No lights were on the Russian forts, no signals  
in the bar.

That silence soon was broken, the bugle notes  
rang out;

And we heard the canons booming, and the  
distant battle shout;

The soldiers sprang from off the ground, and  
rushed at them.

Those who were there will ne'er forget the field  
of Inkermann.

"Fix bayonets, boys!" old Cathcart cried,  
"the men are all round,

The Russians have surprised us, but still we'll  
stand our ground;

Be steady, keep your powder dry, their num-  
bers do not mind,

You're fighting for your country and the girls  
you've left behind."

The words had scarcely left his lips when down  
the old man fell,

The rifle's deadly messenger had done its work  
too well;

"Away with grief," the soldier shouts, "re-  
venger must be the cry:

Our chieftain is down, the watchword now is death  
or victory."

The combat raged on every side, our ranks  
were thinned space,

But the battle was not for the strong, nor for  
the swift the race;

The next man filled his comrade's place, and  
no one thought of fear,

And for every fallen Englishman, six Russians  
lay there.

Hark to the Russian bugles! what strikes upon  
the ear?

"Tis the "Reveille"! Stand firm, my boys,  
our brave allies are near;

The fight is won, the field is ours, and we'll  
ne'er forget the day.

When a handful of true English kept the Rus-  
sian host at bay.

But now the fight is o'er, my boys, and we are  
safe and sound,

Peace to the ashes of the brave! Now let the  
cup go round;

We care not for the tropic sun, nor yet the win-  
try wind,

What'er the clime, we'll ne'er forget the girls  
we've left behind.

—Punch.

## Random Readings.

What great phonologist had a name  
most expressive of his profession as a re-  
searcher in heads? *Combe*.

They have got a fast operator in Arkans-  
as—they cut up clover and hay, and sell  
it for black tea.

What queer things men will make for  
money! as the old woman said, when she  
saw a monkey.

MATRIMONIAL ADVICE.—We can tell  
you how to get a good wife—take a  
smart girl and go to the person.

The effect of character is always to  
command consideration. We sport, and  
trot, and laugh with men and women  
who have none, but we never consider in  
them.

WOMAN.—The female of man in  
the order of nature, but sometimes the male  
in the order of society. There are old  
women of both sexes.

A Western paper mentions as among  
the advantages derived from a reside-  
nce in town, that "people who have educated  
a childless union for" to these many years  
to be in the States, on removing there, have  
been blessed with "well-sprung" of pleasure-

To make people quiet, just give them  
what they want. If a dunce loves it, it  
shows that she wants to be loved in return—  
love her. If folks are hungry, give  
them clops, brown stout beef and plum-  
puddings. If they want cash, hand it out  
if they are blue, flood them with glory  
—pictor books, sunshines, and such like.  
Make a note of this for reference.

A chemist and druggist who has a  
small shop in Mid-Lancashire, in adver-  
tising his aromatic powders recommends  
them thus, probably with a view to putting  
a stop to emigration: "Of these pow-  
ders it may be said truly that if their val-  
ue were universally known, no emigrant  
would leave his country, no traveler his  
home, and no family would be without  
them."

AN ALTERNATIVE.—A girl, proud of  
her father's wealth, and shrewdly counting  
up the measure of his power, declared  
once to Jorrold, that she had made up  
her mind to marry a lord. But time wore  
on, and still no lord made even a nibble at  
the bait baited with bank-notes. The  
girl began to feel nervous; and still the  
hour glass tickled, in no way impeded by  
the poor girl's rapid progress towards  
thirty. At last the sound woman became  
religious. "Ay," said Jorrold, "as the lord  
would not come to her, she has gone to  
the Lord."

The prosecuting attorney in one of our  
counties is a gentleman who exults only in  
the effect of eloquence on juries. In  
prosecuting the murderer, and in stat-  
ing the case to the jury, he adventured  
boldly to the sad fate of the prisoner's victim,  
and said: "Gentlemen, the poor vic-  
tim of this man's inhuman malice was sud-  
denly ushered into the presence of God;  
without warning, with no time for prepa-  
ration, he was sent unannounced and unan-  
nounced, either to enjoy the rewards of the  
blessed, or to suffer the 'annoyances' of  
the damned!"

EXTRAORDINARY COMPROMISE.—At  
the last Durham assizes, a very dead  
lady, who had brought an action for dam-  
ages against a neighbor, was being ex-  
amined when the judge suggested a com-  
promise, and instructed counsel to ask her  
what she would take to settle matters.

"What will you take?" the gentleman  
in the powdered wig asked of the old lady.  
"I'd be only merely shook her head."

"His lordship wants to know what you  
will take?" asked the counsel again, this  
time bawling as loud as ever he could in  
the old lady's ear.

"I think his lordship kindly," the am-  
bassador said, smilingly, "and if it is  
convenient to him, I'll take a little  
warning."

—*Evening Star*.

## BEST TIME FOR TRANS- PLANTING.

With every returning Fall  
and Spring, the question  
arises: Which, on the whole,  
is the best season for trans-  
planting? We do not propose,  
now, to discuss the question  
at length, but merely to state  
a few general principles.

Before planting, the question  
to be considered first, is the  
nature of the soil into which our  
trees are to be set.—If it is  
wet, and cannot easily be  
made dry by draining and  
trenching, then in that case,  
surely, Fall planting is not  
the best. Trees set in such  
soil in Autumn, get but a  
slight hold of the earth before  
Winter sets in. The stagnant  
water at the roots not only  
cankers them, but by alternate  
freezing and thawing, heaves  
them out and exposes them to  
the air.

And when all this does not  
occur, the stem of the tree is  
swayed about in the soft earth,  
making a hole around it for  
the descent of air to the roots.  
When Spring opens, such a  
tree, if alive, is in a poor condition  
to make a vigorous growth.

If trees must be planted in  
such soil—which, by the way,  
we much question—the best  
way would be to wait until  
Spring, or to dig up in the Fall,  
"heel them in" in some dry  
and sheltered spot for the Winter,  
and set them out as soon as  
Spring fairly opens. But we  
must say that, considering  
the many kinds of diseases to  
which all kind of trees are  
subject, we would go without  
tree's fruit trees, certainly—  
rather than set them in a cold,  
wet soil that cannot be re-  
claimed. Would it not be better  
still to sell the ungenial land  
and buy better if drahing  
cannot be effected?

The same general principle  
would apply in the case of  
planting upon an exposed and  
bleak site. These set out in  
the Fall, on such land would  
be likely to get lashed about  
or blown over by the winds of  
Winter, before getting estab-  
lished.

Set out in April, the roots  
would get a pretty firm hold  
before Autumn came around,  
and would sustain the tree in  
its place.

Again: trees whose hard-  
hood is at all doubtful, should  
not be planted in the Fall. They  
are not in a condition to re-  
sist the cold of Winter.

Trees are often condemned as  
tender, and the nurserymen  
who sell them get roundly  
abused, because the trees per-  
ish the first Winter after trans-  
planting, when they would undoubt-  
edly have lived had they been  
set out in the Spring.

That evergreens of every  
name should be transplanted  
in the Spring, we need not  
say. The vehicle continued  
its headlong career to the corner  
of the south Bridge, where,  
by the wheels coming on to  
the pavement, a slight check  
was experienced. Here several  
young men very properly at-  
tempted to arrest the vehicle by  
the use of stones. These, we  
say, plant in the Autumn. Hardy trees,  
such as the apple, cherry and plum,  
and forest trees generally, set  
out in good warm soil, again,  
a decided advantage by this  
treatment. If set out early in  
the Fall, the ground gets well  
settled about the roots, and  
considerable root growth is  
made before Winter sets in. By  
this means, they are prepared  
to endure the cold of Winter,  
and to start forth vigorously  
in the Spring. In Fall planting,  
it is well to throw up a mound  
of earth around the trunk, to  
prevent hard freezing of the  
roots and to keep them firmly  
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Young men, is it not so? Yes;  
you must come in. I say again  
there is nothing in all the world half  
so beautiful, half so good, half so  
charming, as a "nice girl." She is  
the sweetest flower in the path of life.

There are others far more  
stately, far more gorgeous, but these  
we merely admire as we pass by,  
while at the same time we are looking  
out for a "nice girl." Apologizing  
for occupying so much of your  
valuable time and space, I am & C.  
BENEDICT.

SCOTCHMEN OR IRISH-  
MEN FOR INDIA?

What, after all, is at present  
the result of recruiting the Indian  
Civil Service by competition  
instead of nomination? Simply this. We are substi-  
tuting Irishmen for Scotchmen in the Civil Government of India. Englishmen, who are impartial judges of the question, may be allowed to ask whether the empire gains by this  
exchange. There are some points of national character in which Scotch and

Irish agree. They are equally noted at home for their local patriotism and their narrow religious prejudices. Are they, then, equally unfit to govern a strange country and to deal with men of a strange faith? The answer must certainly be in the negative as regards Scotchmen. It is one of their oddest peculiarities that, separated from their blessed native land, they become the most cosmopolitan of human beings. A Scotchman in India puts his nationality and his Calvinism in his pocket, and no more thinks of obtruding his home habits on the native than of forcing Fakées to dilute their Ganges-water with whiskey, or to sing Burns to an accompaniment of tom-toms. As a fact, the Europeans who have most understood the natives, have most sympathised with them, and won most of their confidence, have been Scotchmen. When, then, we insist on substituting Irishmen for them, it is a fair question whether the favoured race is distinguished by the same characteristics. Is it or is it not true that an Irishman is the same everywhere—in New York as in Tipperary, in San Francisco as in Dublin? Is it not true that an Irishman is the same in all parts of America, and they will be glad to communicate with us as fully as with us? Consider, too, the importance of the Scotch in India. What would be the use of introducing into the Indian Civil Service, authors possessing various qualifications, and two sentiments of the leading parties in their native land? The ladies?

We take the following very sensible remarks from our esteemed contemporary the *Manchester Examiner*, whose columns have lately been enlivened by communications on that interesting subject—"The Ladies."

As so much has been said about young ladies who do nothing but play on the piano and languish upon the sofa, and young men who are redundant with the tones of tobacco and brandy and water, perhaps you will allow me to offer a few remarks (some of which I extract from an old document in my possession) for the consideration of young ladies who wish to be "nice girls," and so gain respect and attention from all, who are brought into contact with them, and have no difficulty in finding gentlemen who would be ready to take upon themselves the responsibility of providing for their protection and happiness, lessening the number of bachelors, and augmenting the number of happy homes.

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