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POETRY.

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG.

When earth pines, trees and fair, When the fragrant waving corn, When golden fruits perfume the air, And dewy fountains are a-shore, And clouds move with aching head, And sing this ceaseless song, We strive, we die, O, give us bread! There must be something wrong.

THE PROMISE OF THE PRESENT.

The following extracts from a poem of the above title, by W. T. GALBRAITH, we find in the Cincinnati Quarterly Journal. Have we not pined, trifled, slept? Are we prepared to die for death? For right, for conscience, for the fires Of freedom, what they dare, and bid, our noblest street?

MISCELLANEOUS.

THINGS HARDLY TO BE BELIEVED.

BY MRS. LUCY JANE HEARSON.

"Well, I declare, this is hardly to be believed," exclaimed Mrs. Grandy, as she threw down a letter that she had been perusing, and turned towards her daughter, who was reclining on a crimson-cushioned lounge, in the most approved style of dress, attitude, and expression. The young lady lifted her jeweled hand and her sleep-lidded eyes with an enquiring interest, as she breathed forth in an affected tone of voice: "Pray, what have you found, dear mamma? I'm longing for something to chase away this horrible ennui."

a foot peeping from beneath her travelling dress, as if defying competition, which it might have done with safety. She no longer perceived her relatives than she sprang to meet them, in the most affectionate manner, and returned gracefully the embraces and kisses which they bestowed upon her with real pleasure. When Anna, after showing Lucy to her chamber, joined her mother in the saloon she exclaimed: "Oh mamma! I could hardly have believed that a young lady, educated in the country, could have been so perfectly genteel, as cousin Lucy is. I love her dearly already." "And then her wardrobe; why, ma, her dresses are really elegant. So simple and tasteful in style, just like her sweet self; she has never been injured to labor, I am certain."

have been educated at the South, or in Europe, for our schools do not give so perfect a finish! "Indeed, Mr. Le Grand, you pay my nice high compliments. Fudge is a farmer's daughter, and has never been from home until she came here a few days ago. She has acquired her accomplishments in the school of nature. But she has acquired accomplishments which put me sadly to the blush. Why, the day before my party, Madame Ekite, employed to make my cakes was sent sick just as she got her ingredients strewn around in confusion. I was in despair; but Lucy said if Anna would assist her she would make all right. And she did mix and bake all my cakes, which were so much admired." "Well, now," exclaimed Mr. Le Grand, "I can hardly believe these things possible." "And Miss Meek is so young, and has such perfect little hands."

the Union—and his country house is a palace surrounded by a beautiful Eden of his own planting and planting, where he is now able to enjoy health, ease, honor and happiness, surrounded by his lovely family. Mr. Grandy, who, after his failure, accepted a clerk's office and salary, now performs the duties of the place, behind the accountant's desk in the store of his son-in-law. Miss Anna was married to this gentleman when he was clerk in a dry good store in New York; but by industry, economy and strict honesty, in all which he has been aided and sustained by his wife—he is now a flourishing merchant in Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Grandy resides with her daughter, and she insists that the reverse of fortune which made them so much wiser and better, and happier, was certainly no misfortune. Mrs. Legrand, who was Mrs. Grandy's most intimate friend, but who could not recognize her after her father's failure, died in a garret two years ago. Mr. Le Grand lost his property in the great fire in New York, became disheartened, and gave himself up to idleness. One of his sons is an apprentice, and one a loafer; of his two daughters, one is a governess in a rich vulgar family—the other is married to a common sailor, a fine intelligent fellow, who may yet become an admiral or king. So little reason has any one in this republic to be lifted up by the whimsical accident of wealth or station. The poorest man's child may arrive at the highest honors of the State. He who is President to-day, is a private citizen to-morrow—liable to lose every dollar he possesses, and be overwhelmed with debt and misery. His child, though born while his father presides over the destinies of this wild land, may eventually earn his bread as a daily laborer, while the son of a maid servant who cleaned the kitchen of the President's house, may be carried there in triumph as its chosen occupant. How ridiculous then in this land, its haughty pride of wealth or station. How contemptible appears the title "aristocracy" applied to any clique or party. Or can there be any thing more ridiculous absurd, than describing all the fine qualities of mind or person to any particular class or locality. Alas! these things are all practiced, while thinking minds observe the continual mutations of the wheel of fortune, and value every person according to the intrinsic worth of character—while things hardly to be believed, pass continually before them.

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NEW ENGLAND LABOR REFORM LEAGUE.

This Association met in convention at Chapman Hall, Boston, Jan. 17th, and was called to order by the President, David Bryant. The minutes of the last convention were listened to from the Secretary, H. J. Stone, of Lowell; after which the general objects of the League were briefly and comprehensively laid before the meeting by Mr. Campbell, of Boston. Remarks were also made by Messrs. Hovey, Young and others. On motion, W. F. Young, J. Campbell, Miss M. Eastman, J. Putnam and N. W. Brown, were chosen a committee to report Resolutions and business for the convention. Voted, that Messrs. J. Campbell, N. W. Brown and J. Steerit, constitute a committee of Finance during the sitting of the convention. The following Resolution was presented by E. W. Packman of Boston, and sustained by some forcible remarks. Resolved, That Protrusive Unions should at once be formed in every City, Town and Village through this country, and the wealthy, the concentration of the wealth of the producers in purchasing articles they consume carries with it a power which above all others will prove a death to tyrants. Voted, to accept for discussion. Voted, that the opening of the evening session be allowed for hearing reports from any Friendly Associations represented. Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M. ATTENDANCE. The committee on Resolutions reported the following for the consideration of the convention. Resolved, That the objects of the present Reform movement among the Working Classes, are to investigate the prominent causes of the great evils which are now weighing down

