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n Ackerman's Forget me Not. for 18-8-PRESUMPTION REPROVED. By Wm. U. Harrison, Esq. I live, saith the Lord God, I will not uired of by you?"

when aution meets nation
In hostile gray,
Thou, Death, grim destroyer!
Art first in the fray.
Thou deslets alike,
With the brave and the craven,
As thou spreadest the feast
For the wolf and the raven.
I saw the young her.

I saw the young hero
How bravely he bore him,
As vanquished and bleeding,
His foes fell before him. Oh! his deeds might have bribed

thee.
To let him lize on a the light of his honour So gallantly won. Nay! his blood be upon him; Nor deemed honour purchased
Too dearly with life,
He hath gotten him fame, He hath gotten him fame,
In a cause foul or fair;
And bath spect to his audit,
To answer it there.
And these are the honours
The conqueror wears:
There are blood on his laurels,
Anticurses and tears

Did I spare such decrovers, My work were out done; And I might exclain As did Macedon's yon.

There was one who was formed
Of such beauty and crace,
That she seemed not part
Of so fallen a race: Of so fallen a race:
They breatherlat uporther,
And bliebted she lay
Smitten down in the mirning
And pride of her day
Could Age not supply see
With victims enow,
That thou must bluck rows
To twine on thy brow
Could beauty plead with hee
As the prealeth with then,
Thou he day not thus shortned
Her life's little span.
Nay, the deed thou arraignst Nay, the deed thou arraigust in mercy was done, For I have compassion, Where mortals have none

Where mortals have nonel took the young beauty
From life's troubled stage.
Whom a cold-hearted parent
Would wed with old age.
She called, and I heard her,
And hastened to save:
There was wo in that bridal.
There was neace in the gra
With a dotard's fond glee,
Came the bridegroom abho
But the worm was her sister,
And I was her lord.
Thou laughedst the grief

Thou laughedst the grief Of the parent to scorn, As thy withering touch Laid in earth his first born. All the world held beside

He had freely foregone,
Fame, bonour, and wealth,
Hadst thou spared him his
For old he looked fondly

Extended to him.

Hadst thou spared him his son For oh! he looked fondly For solace to him, When his footsteps should fail, And his eyes should grow dim Now silent he sits In his desolate home, With notight left to cheer When those dark days shall con

He was ta'en ere his spirit y sorrow was wrung, hope had beguiled it, Or treachery string.

Ere the germ of corruption
He carried within

Had reared in his bosom
The upas of sin.
And thou, misjudging man!
Who wouldst chain down his feet Who wouldst chain down his To the rough path of life, Hast thou found it so aweet? Look back on thy journey, Its joys and its pain, And say would'st thou travel The bleak waste again? Go, querulous man!

Bow thy head in the dust,
And know, the decrees

Of thy Maker are just.

Of thy Maker are just.
I was born of the wrath
Thy offences drew down,
And thou reap'st but the fruit
Thy rebellion hath sown.
Yet an ark is provided
To which thou mayst flee,
In the Saviour who triumphed
O'er Sama and me.
These wake, dreamer, wake,
Ere thy passing bell tolla
From that perilous slumber,
The sleep of the soul.

Good mature is more sgreeable than wit, and is certain to make its possessor more beloved. It gives an air to the countenance, more amiable and commanding than beauty itself, and makes even folly and impertimence supportable.

. Chesterfield.

Worth hath been underrated ever thos wealth was overvalued.

From the Forget-me-Not.
THE HOURI.

A Persian Tale.—By the late Henry Neele, Esquire. In the 414th year of the Hegira, Shah Abbas Selim reigned in the Kingdom of Iraun. He was a young an accomplished Prince, who had distinguished himself alike by his valour in the field, and by his wisdom in the cabinet. Justice was fairly and equally administered throughout his dominions; the nation grew wealthy and prosperous under his sway; and the neighbouring potentatos, all of whom either feared his power, or admired his character, were ambitious of being numbered among the friends and allies of Abbas Selim. Amidst all these advan-tages a tendency to pensiveness and melancholy, which had very early marked his disposition, began to assume an absolute dominion over him. He avoided the pleasures of the calise the banquet and the harem, and would shut himself up for days and weeks in his library, (the most valuable and extensive collection of oriliterature extant,) where he passed his time principally in the study of the occult sciences, and in the perusal of the works of the Magici-ans and the Astrologers. One of the most remarkable features of his character, was the description of the which he regular much ease autiful females. Circassians, Georgians and Franks, who thronged his court, and who tasked their trents and charms to the utmost to find favour in the eyes of the Shah. Exclamations of fondness for some unknown object would, nevertheless, often burst from his lips, in the midst of his profoundest reveries; and during his slumbers, he was frequently heard to niurmur expressions of the most passionate love. Such of his subjects, whose offices placed them near his person, were deeply afflicted at the symptoms which they observed, and feared that they indicated an aberration of reason; but when called upon to give any directions, or take any step for the management of the affairs

He had been lately observed to hold long and frequent consultations with the Magcians. The kingdom had been scoured from east to west in search of the most skillful and learned men of this class; but whatever were the questions which Ab-bas Selim propounded, it seemed that none of them could give satisfactory answers. His melancholy deoponed, and his fine manly form was daily wasting under the influence of some unknown malady. The only occupations which seemed at all to soothe him, were singing and plating on his dulcimer. The tunes were described by those who sometimes contrived catch a few notes of them, to be singularly wild and original, and such as they had never heard before. A courtier more daring than the rest, once ventured so near the royal privacy, as to be able to distinguish the words of the song, which were to the following effect:

of the nation, he still exhibited his

excited the praise and wonder of

sagacity and wisdom, and

Sweet spirit! ne'er did I behold Thy ivory neck, thy locks of gold; or gaze into thy full dark eye; er on' thy snowy bosom lie; r take in mine thy small white hand back beneath thy smilings hland; walk enraptured, by the side thee my own immortal bride! thee my own immortal bride:
ce thee not; yet oft I hear
y soft voice whispering in my ear;
if when the evening breez I seek,
el thy kissupon my cheek;
then the moon-beams souly fall,
hill, and tow'r and flow'r-crowned wall,
blinks the patriarch's dream I see—
I steps that lead to heaven and theeteps that lead to neaven and ince-eard the wake, with touch refin'd, iewless harp strings of the wind, on my ears their soft tones till, as the voice of Israel, in en thee, 'midst the lightning's sheen, forme heaven's cloudy sercey, we one glimpse, one transient garo full blaze of glory there. at my wanderings wild and wide bat thou art by my side; 'rs breathe sweeter 'neath thy tre s breatne sweeter reating to burn brighter o'er thy head; th thy steps so heiseless steal; th thou ne'er thy form reveal, ing heart and pulses high, weet spirit, thou art nigh. e hour, the happy hour, ael'st winks shall be thy sow; franchised soul away, with these chains of clay! he whom men so fear, Oh, fo When

> gel of music. gel of death

What but the white-robed priest is he, Who weds my happy soul to thee? Then shall we rest in bow'rs thatbloom. With more than Araby's perfume, And gase on scenes to fair and bright, Thought never soar'd so proud a height; And list to many a sweeter note. Than swell's the enamor'd bulbul's throat; And one melolious Ziralcet;
Through heaven's eternal year repeat.

One evening, when the Shah was thus occupied, his prime minister and favourite Prince Ismael, introduced into his apartment, a venerable man, whose white hair, long flowing beard, and wan, and meiancholy but highly intellectual features, failed not to ar-rest the attention and command the respect of all who beheld him. His garments were plain and simple, even to coarseness, but he was profusely decorated with jewels, apparently of considerable value, and he bore a long white wand in his hand. I have at length, oh King!' said the minister, met with the lamous Achmet Hassan, who professes, that if it be in the power of any mortal to procure the gratification of your highness's wishes, that power resides

'Let him enter,' said the Shub The minister made an obeisance, introduced the sage; and retired.

'Old man,' said Abbas Shah, 'thou knowest wherefore I have sought thee, and what I have don't thee.

'Prince,' said Achmet 'thou wouldst see the houri, the queen of thy bower of Paradise; her, who in preference of heaven, will great thee there, and shall be thy chosen companion in those blissful regions.

'Thou sayest it,' said the Shah. 'Can thy boasted art procure me a sight, be it even transitory as the lightning's flash, of that heavenly

'King of Iraun,' said the sage, 4he heavenly houris are of two different They are, for the most natures. part, of a peculiar creation, formed are sinless and beautiful virgins, natives of this lower world who, death, are endowed with tenfold charms, which surpass even those of the native naughters of paradise. If the immortal bride he of the former nature, she is beyond the reach of my art; but if she he of the latter, and have not yet quitted our world, I can call her spirit before thee, and thine eyes may be gratified, by gazing upon her, although it be only for a moment, transitory, as thou hast said, as the lightning's flash.'

'Try, then, thy potent art,' said the rince. . Thou hast wound up my spirit to a pitch of intense desire Let me gaze upon her, if it be but for an instant.'

'Prince,' said the sage, fixing his dark, bright eye upon the Shah, e not to possess her upon earth. Any attempt at discovering her abode or making her thy own, will he dis-astrous to you both. Promise me that you will not think of any such enterprise.

'I promise thee any thingthing. But haste thee good Achinet, haste thee; for my heart is full, even to overflowing.'

The sage then with his wand described a circle round the Prince, within which he placed several boxes of frankincense and other precious pices, and afterwards kindled them. A light thin cloud of the most odo-rous fragrance began to diffuse itself over the apartment. Achmet bowed his head to the ground repeatedly during this ceremony, and waved his wand, uttering many sounds in a language with which the Shah was unacquainted. At length, as the cloud began to grow rather dense, the old man drew himself up to his utmost height, leaned his right hand on his wand, which he rested on the floor, and in a low solemn tone, uttered an incautation, which seemed to metrical composition, but was in the same unknown Janguage. It lasted several minutes; and while the old man was, pronouncing it, the cloud, which was spread over the whole apartment, seemed gradually gathering ogether and forming a condensed bo

An unnatural but yery brilliant light pervaded the chamber, and cloud was seen revolving itself into the resemblance of a human shape until at length the Prince saw, or fancied that he saw, a beautiful fe-

tA song of rejoicing. THE PERSON

male figure standing hefore him. His or dangers impede thee, and there is beauty and health." "Tell not to own surprise was not greater than that of the old man, who gazed upon the phantom he had raised, and trembled as he gazed. It appeared to be a young female about fifteen years of age. She was tall and her form exhibited the most provide full form exhibited the most wonderful symmetry. Her eyes were large, bright, and black. Her complexion was as tho' it had borrowed the combined hues of the ruby and the pearl, being of an exquisite white and red Her lips and her teeth each exhibited one of these colours in perfection, and her long dark hair was crowned with flowers, and flowed in glossy ringlets down to her waist. dressed in a flowing robe of dazzling whiteness; she neither moved nor spoke. Only once the Prince tho't that she smiled upon him, and then the figure instantly vanished, the preternatural light left the apartment. and the mild moonbeams again streamed through the open lattice.

Before the exclamation of joy which was formed in the Prince's bosom could reach his lips, it was changed into a yell of disappointment. Old man,' he said, 'thou triflest with me-thou hast presented that vision to my eves only that thou in gitest withdraw it immediately. Call back that lovely form, or, by Mahomet! thou shalt exchange thy head for the privilege which then hist chosen to exercise—the tormenting of Abbas Salim?

'Is it thus, oh King!' said Achmet, that thou rewardest the effects by thy faithful subjects to fulfil thy wishes? I have tasked my art to its utmost extent: to call back that vision, or to present it again to thine eves,

is beyond my skill.'
But she lives—she breathes—she is an inhabitant of this world,' said

the Prince. Even so,' returned the other. Then I'll scour all Iraun, I'll dispatch emissaries all over the world, that wherever she be, she may be brought either to fill up the vain my heart, and to share the throne

f Abbas Selim.'
'The instant,' said Achmet, 'that your highness's eyes meet her's, her fate is scaled. She will not long remain an inhabitant of this world. It is written in the book of fate, that she shall not be bride of mortal man

Death, traitor!' said the monarch, am I not the Shah? Who shall gainmy will? What shall oppose it? 'The will of Heaven!' replied the sage calmly. 'The irrevocable decree of desiny.'

'Away! avaunt! thou driveling idiot!' said Selim, 'let me not see thee more!' The Shah's maladies, both mental

and bodily, increased alarmingly after this event. The lovely phantom haunted him sleeping and waking. He lost all appetite and strength and ppeared to be fast sinking into the grave. At length he besought him-self; that if he could, from memory, sketch the features which he had held, he might possibly thence de-rive some consolation. He possessed some talent for drawingmembrance of the Torm and features was most vivid and distinct-and. guiding his pencil with his heart ra-ther than his and, he succeeded in producing a most extraordinary likeness. He then summoned into his presence a skilful and accomplished limner, in whose hands he deposited the sketch, and describing to him the colour of the hair, eyes and complexi

to paint a portrait. The limner gazed npon the sketch, and listened to the description with profound attention and evident surprise. 'Surely,' said he, 'I have seen her whose features are here delineated. Indeed they are features which are not easily mistaken, for she is as beautiful as one of the damsels of Paradise:'

on, of the original, he desired him

'Sayest thou so?' said the monarch. starting from his seat, while he tore from his turban some jewels of ines-timable value, which he thrust into the painter's hand. 'Knowest thou where to find her?

She lives in the southern suburbs. answered the limner. 'Her name is Selima, and her father is a poor but learned man, who is constantly buried in his studies, and is unconscious of the value of the gem which is hid-den under his humble roof.'

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not a favour in the power of the monarch of Iraun to grant which thou shalt ask in vain.

Ali flew rather than ran to the a-

bode of his fair friend, in whose welfare he had always taken a lively interest. He knocked at the door, which was opened by the lovely Selima hersel

'Sweet Selima,' he said, 'I have strange news for thee.'

'Speak it then,' answered she smiling, 'be it bad or good, the sooner I hear it the better.'

'I have a message for thee from the Shah.'

'The Shah!' she said, and her eyes sparked with a mysterious expression of intelligence and wonder; but she did not, extraordinary as was the information, appear to entertain the slightest doubt of its veracity. 'Tis wondrous strange."

'Tis true,' said the limner. 'He placed in my hands a sketch for a female portrait, in which I instantly recognized your features

'It is but a few days ago,' said she, that I had an extrordinary dream. Methought I was in an apartment of surprising extent and magnificence A cloud of fragrant odors filled the room; the cloud became gradually condensed, and then assumed the form of a young man of most majer-tic form and handsome features. Alcould be none other than Abbas Selim. He smiled sweetly upon inthe took my hand in his, and as his lips approached mine I woke, and saw only the cold moonbeams gilding

my chamber.'
'Sweet Selima! why have I never heard of this before.'

'I told it all to my father,' she said, but he frowned upon ne, and bade me think of it no more, and to tell my dream to no one: But thy strange message has made me violate his com-I have thought of nothing but Abbas Selim since. Hew happy ought the nation to be whom he governs; and above all, how happy the maiden whom he toyes.'

Then art thou, my Selima, su-premely, happy,' said the limner; for of thee is he enamoured to desperation. Thou must accompany me immediately to the palace.'

In the meantime the Shah paced his apartment in an agony of impati-Curse on this lingering limnor!' he exclaimed; has he combined with the agician to drive me to distraction. May every vile peasant vast empire, to sigh in vair, and to be continually tornented with faint and momentary glimness of the ven from which I am debarred?' He had scarcely untered these words.

when the private entrance to his aartment, to which he had given the painter a passport, opened, and his messenger entered leading his fair companion by the hand. No sooner did the monarch's eyes encounter those of Selima than he instantly know that he was in the real substantial presence of her whose phantom he had beheld. His wonder and delight knew no bounds, nor will the power of language suffice to describe them. He pressed to his heart the object for which it had so long pant-Health and strength appeared to be suddenly restored to him; new life seemed rushing through his veins; and his buoyant step and elastic tread seemed to belong to a world less gross and material than that in which he dwelt. When the first paroxysms of his rapture was over, he summoned the chief Imaum into his presence, and gave him orders to follow him into the mosque attached to the palace, for the purpose of immediately celebrating his nuptials with Selima.

The priest gazed intently on the bride, & his features became strangely agitated. "The will of Abbas Selim," he said, "is the law of his faithful subject; but if I have read the Koran aright, and if my studies have not been idly pursued, the finger of death is on you fair maiden, and her nuptials with the Shah will but accelerate the approach of Azra-

"Dotard!" said the prince, and Haste thee, good All, haste thee! he gazed upon Selima, whose fea-bring her hither—let no difficulties tures glawed with all the hoes of good,

me thy idle dreams, but perform thine office; and be silent."

The childen priest obeyed the last injunction of his prince, and with head depressed, and folded arms, followed him and his bride to the mosque, which was hastily prepared for the celebration of these ed nuptials. Heavily and falteringly he pronounced the rites which were just on the point of being concluded, when a man rushed into the mosque, and, with frantic and threatening gestures, placed himself be-tween the bride and bridegroom. It

was Achiet Hassan.
"Forbear, forbear!" he cried, "or
Allah's curse light on you!"
"It is the traitorous Magician,"

said the Shah .- "Villain! thou beard thy sovereign at the nup-

As he spoke, he unsheathed his seimitar, and rushed towards Achmet. Save him! spore him! sheleked the bride: "it is my father!" and rushing between them, the Shah's weapon pierced her to the heart, and she sunk lifeless to the earth.

All were struck mute and motion-When they had somewhat recovered from their stupor, every eye was fixed upon the Shah. Still and cold, silent as a statue, he occupied the though I had never seen the Shah, Is fearful catastrophe. His eyes glared though I had never seen the Shah, Is fearful catastrophe. His eyes glared though I had never seen the Shah, Is fearful catastrophe. His eyes glared though I had not been seen that the seen and the seen made of him, and the seen made of him, and same place as at the moment of this the returned no answer to the inqui-ries which were made of him, and that aport of which it was evident it was clear that comprehend In fact the once highly endowed fled from Abbas Selim, and that the reign of one of the greatest and most highly accomplished princes who had ever filled the throne of Persia was termi-

> In a state of listlessness and inanity he continued for above a twelve month. A few apartments of the palace were all that remained to him of his once mighty empire, and the sceptre passed into the hands of his His most faithful and constant attendant was the unhappy Achmet Hassan, whom he had rendered childless, and on whose boson he breathed his latest sign. As the hour of death approached, his intellects seemed to return, but his malady had so entirely exhausted his strength that he could not utter a syllable. Once, from the motion of his lips, it was supposed that he was endeavouring to pronounce the name of Selima: then a faint smile illumined his features; while he rotated to the essement and the deep blue sky which

Tho' odd it might seem, 'tis quite clear to me, That ten are not ten, and will count

only three: Eight are but five, and nineonly four; Three only in six, and but five in g

What's odder still, I know a sweet Can prove, when she please, there are four in one baby,

Indeed I have known her to exclaim tomy cousin A fig for men's hearts! there are not

twelve in a dozen. (Solution. -There are but three

letters in ten, five in eight, four in nine, three in six, five in scare, four in baby, and certainly less than twelve in a dozen.)

TUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We are informed, that at a late meeting of the Board of Public Schools, specially called for the purpose, a plan was adopted for the more general diffuwas adopted for the more general diffu-sions of popular education in this city. It is said there more than 12000 chil-dren at present, entirely-destitute of the means of obtaining the mere ele-ments of knowledge; and the number is constantly increasing. An evil of such magnitude demands immediate at-tention. Memorials on the subject have accordingly been put in circulation, to secondingly been put in circulation, to which, no citizen, who duly appreciates the value of our Republican Institutions can, for a moment, hesitate to affix his signature. Let the mutto of our country be (it should be written in fetters of gold.) Universal Knowledge, Universal Suffrage.

N. Y. Eng.

Who pardens the bash is the