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POETRY.

CATEGORICAL CONCERTINO.

I sat one night beside a honeysuckle gate—
The flow'rs were out, and we was, you bet yourbippy,
A easier frame around the lazy old moon,
Making fool shadows, kickaboo and shoo,
Thus nearly twenty years ago—I'm sorry I was.

Nancy Ann was there, a-leanin' on the fence,
Lookin' up at the moon, and a-sighin' fifteen times
Thinkin' how happy she'd be if she was married,
And some of those fellows as was courting her
Could take hard, cold measurements, round and
sideways.

But, somehow, I thought of my pipe and tobacco,
I thought how cheap it was to stay in the house,
I thought how I'd repaired the bottle-bar,
Into a long bench and times I'd been there
Real cozy, upland, and for the minutes spent
in
Her company—I'd have what she wanted—
and with just what the first was thinkin'.

I didn't know how to begin or what to say—
Nancy Ann was so sweet, I'd rather say—sick
—
I wanted some force—I wished to tell her that
I hadn't breathed a word to any one
Of her beauty, and hoped she wouldn't mind
my
Speaking of it, and that I was strong before
her
Of her sweetness, and that I was—well, I
wanted
To take her hand, and measure her—round and
sideways.

Well, I thought that over, and I thought it
over—
Thought it over and over—and I thought
Nancy
Ann was a-thinkin' of the same thing—
thinkin' how
Sweet it would be if I was married to her—
and
Thinkin' how happy we'd be if we lived
together.

Thinkin' how we'd spend the evenings
together
As time rolled on, and how I'd come home
to her
Every night, and how I'd tell her all my
troubles
And how she would tell me her troubles
and we
Would sit and talk—I thought all this over
and over.

I thought it over and over—and I thought
I'd
Wait—waiting is a virtue, so I've heard
say—
Wait and see how the land laid—I thought
I'd wait
Until I was better able to support a wife
And
Until I had more than I had—I thought
I'd wait
Until I was better able to—I'm sorry I
waited.

I waited—waiting brought a much wiser
man to me,
Who—but what's the use of telling you
what
Happened to me when I married Nancy
Ann?
Suffice to say I married her, and I'm
happy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S LOSS.—The Jersey City Journal says: The people who were living in Washington when the President died, recently were treated to a decided sensation, and the remarkable story was received in a very interesting manner. Among the passengers on the 4 o'clock boat from New York was a gentleman, fair looking, well dressed, and of a decidedly intellectual appearance. He looked serious, though, and was evidently in a hurry. By his side walked a very young woman, who hung lovingly on his arm and gazed tenderly up into his face—a The pair were so attentive and so loving that, as they entered the depot from the ferry, people gazed on them and said, "What a loving couple it is!" The pair had got half way through the station room, when a lady, who was a good looking woman, elegantly attired, burst into the room through the door leading to the ferry, gazed around a moment, as he swept the loving couple and went for them. Passing herself in front of the gentleman, she wondered when he saw her, she asked him if he had forgotten her, and he, obviously intended to desert her and go off with "that thing beside him." The gentleman observed that he had no such intention. Then he turned to his loving companion and told her to go right aboard the boat. The lady who claimed to be the wife of the gentleman pulled up her in lively style. She ordered him to follow her. He refused. She said he was a villain, and he was a villain. The gentleman pulled his wife away from the lady, and ordered the driver of a hack to drive on. The lady ran after the hack, and the gentleman pulled his wife out of the way of the horses, and the hack drove off. The lady followed the hack, and the gentleman pulled his wife after her. The lady ordered the hack to stop, and the gentleman ordered the hack to drive on

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R. R. TIME TABLE SEE PITT'S RAHWAY AND [illegible]

Among the petitioners for the second ward Sept. 19th, is one to Mr. I. Crawford, of this city, for treating sound feet and inventing artificial bottoms.

Rev. T. H. Landon, of the M. E. church, being in ill health, has gone on a trip for three or four weeks to recuperate. The pulpit will be filled by able ministers during his absence.

Nearly $2000 worth of chalon horses, buggies and harness has been recovered by our police officers since the 1st of May, and $1 400 worth of watches and other property.

The Union County Superintendent of Public Schools, N. W. Dunn, has just compiled his annual report. The gain of valuation in school property since the last report has been $90,000, and in appropriation $[illegible].

The first hole cloth manufactory in the United States was established in this county 112 by two New York patentees, who manufactured what is called Tandem and Jack pots.

We were shown last night, by Mr. T. A. Hughes, a handsome specimen of white grape in blue pottery, raised in his father's garden in Lower Rahway, from the planting of perhaps six of them weighed seven pounds, one pound and a half when dug.

In Perth Amboy, Sept. 10, left for the Indian Country, Mr. Jacob Ayers, of New York, to marry Emma, eldest daughter of James Wall, of Perth Amboy. She thought it would not be Ayers of longer.

The citizens of Westfield presented last week the engine company of Plainfield, and Hook and Ladder Company of South Plainfield, with sermons by the Group Convention of that island with $[illegible], as a token of their gratitude for timely aid upon the occasion of the late fire.

As will be seen by the proceedings in another [illegible] of the last meeting, a publication company of fifty-one gentlemen purchased the stock in trade of each concerning, instead of paying a defaulter's share of the cost of the year.

We are requested to remind certain young men who are in the habit of sitting around church doors on Sunday evenings, conversing and spitting on the steps to the inconvenience of ladies, that they are known, and unless they stop, the law governing such cases will be enforced.

Fire and Factory.—The ladies of the First Baptist Sunday School, will hold a Fair and Festival at the late residence of Hiram Harper Esq., on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Sept. 23rd and 24th. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The present "roll-drawing" hardens a variety of useful and ornamental articles for sale.

Chief Wright has collected a number of the watches embezzled by Charles George. Those that were at the auction store he let go at forty thirty days and have found owners for most of them. Those having had watches through him, should notify the Chief, and call and have every one among the number. He is willing to get know to the contrary.

Trains.—An alarm brought the women out on Saturday evening, occasioned by a spark from a locomotive lodging on the roof of the dwelling of Mrs. Woodruff, adjoining the Main street crossing. It was extinguished without damage.

Another fire at the large block factory occurred on Tuesday morning burning the inside of the building considerably. That place has had quite a real from fire, throwing of to the countrymen a year or two ago.

Foot Race at Gennet's Grove House.—Two of the famous, named Haley and Weeks, into an alternation at the new hall, on Tuesday, and performed a very interesting act of "tragedy" the result of which was both exposed and bruised. Some of the chances were "[illegible]." Hackman Reddy happening to pass, endeavored the assistance of Officer Ayers, and fervently rendered and Wilkie Ayers, to the success in aid of boards of the Haley and Weeks were arrested for breach of the peace and were compelled to pay a pretty penny for this first performance at the new hall in the way of the "usual fine and costs" to Judge Dunn.

John Corcoran, (or Carlton) living at Houghtonville, near this city, in Middlesex county, was discovered, on Friday by Mr. Samuel Forbes, a neighbor, in the act of setting fire to his (Forbes') barn. He was brought to this city and detained until a commitment was obtained from Esquire Newton, of Woodbridge, when he was committed to the Middlesex jail on a charge of arson. Corcoran thought the charge a strong one, as Mr. Corcoran has for some time shown symptoms of insanity and his been paralyzed so as to be scarcely able to get around. He is an elderly man, was formerly in good circumstances, and his family have had trouble with him for some time on account of his singular freaks, caused by an enfeebled mind.

House Thieves.—On Thursday morning last, about 3 o'clock, officers Marshall and Lawler observed two young men passing through the city with a horse and buggy, which the horse pressed the appearance of being been driven very hard, they were suspected and being able to satisfy the officers that all was right they were arrested and locked up. Finding that they could not get away by their stories, one of them confessed, during the day that they had gone from Elizabeth to Trenton and were on their way to New York, where they expected to realize $50 for the horse. Chief Wright telegraphed to Trenton, but could not hear from there for some time, but unconsciously the man, the party, judging he had failed to notify, the officer, that he was in Trenton, and had stated that he had bought the horse and buggy in good property. It was finally ascertained that it belonged to Jacob Hilton, an engineer on the P. R. R. who has been known but he occasionally hire a horse. Two young men had visited other stables in Trenton, and could not hire a rig, as they were suspected, but the person in charge of Mr. Hilton's stables fitted them out. The Chief of Police of Trenton soon after the young man on Saturday and took them with him. They gave their name as High Flynn and William Cook. The former was imagined to be old hand at the business, having already served a term in the state prison for a similar quite young. Chief Wright procured their photos, by-story, to adorn his rogues gallery of hard sinners. The stolen property was valued at $[illegible]. The Trenton papers say Mr. Hilton's chief, Officer Gallagher, and Marshal, of Rahway, for their diligence in sitting justice.

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A SHOWMAN'S GRIEVANCE.

It must have been long after the year 1800 when the first showman plied his trade in the towns of Massachusetts, in the Valley of Virginia, for the path to be beaten to the pathways of country gossip, was the precursor of many a gaudy, tinsel, and glittering show, handsome, horrible, edifying, entertaining, and amusing. Many a country town has been roused from its lethargy by the tinkling cymbals of the showman, and many a country swain "memorialized" his sweetheart, to give temporary diversion to the soul-harrowing monotony of his life, by taking her to see the wonders of idolatry with his countrymen, from the first opportunity, by slip-shod parson, who had not the sliding rules, and fellow-a read winding after the fashion of the day.

The show is now dragged and pushed unkindly round of glaring and lighted canvas, the inside of which the poor victims have paid their hard-earned money to see, and been waiting to see, for the last half-hour, and the showman, rather than lose the last dollar he can get, tries to catch a crack in the wall, and peep out, to see if there is any more upon the way, in order to "take in" the latecomers. I did not see her searched, but I know what was found upon her, and I know