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Words of Sympathy.

BY INVALIE.

Of all the gifts of heaven, Earth's pilgrimage to cheer, None takes the sting from suffering, Nor dries the mourner's tear Like words of sympathy.

When chastened with affliction, Or keenly wrung with grief, No cordial to sooth us, Or bring such sure relief, As words of sympathy.

When cherished friends forsake us: To grope alone in gloom, No flower in Nature's garden, Emits such sweet perfume, As words of sympathy.

And when our footsteps wander, In the flowery path of sin, No tempting e'er allures, So surely back again, As words of sympathy.

From the New York Ledger. Discovering A Murderer.

BY EMMERSON BENNETT.

siderable commotion by the murder of an of Vermeil." capital and living in princely style. His bo- the knight, dy was found in the Forest of Bondy, cover- A few days after this conversation, the till to-merrow to arrange a plan he had in

Sir George was emphatically a man of quaintance he had made on the route, and took furnished lodgings in the fashionable Quartier de la Chaussee d'Antin, while his more humble companion went elsewhere and the mounting passes near took furnished lodgings in the fashionable to be guarding the mounting passes near the meaningles as all he has said heretofore on the said as lottle what he said as lottle what he said as distributed to be guarding the mounting passes near the said as lottle what he said as lottle what h gentlemen and adventurers-or sharpers, as that she was even then fearful of his return at and accuse him of an attempt at murder, sion into society above their social standing, should send him a message to that effect as he believed, the veritable knight himse and which they otherwise would never have This was the amount of the interview .- his knees fairly smote together.

an Italian, who being an unprincipled fellow, silent expectation, with what patience he warrant, so to speak, can be better imagined tion is cut off for some weeks." of great cunning, shrewdness and tact, and | could. who fancied he saw in the haughty, self-will- Days and even weeks passed away before revealed the plot we have described. The ed, aristocratic, but dissipated Englishman. the knight received the promised message adventuress, who had acted under his instruca prize worthy of every art which might e- from the lady; and then he was away from tions, even to sending the message to Sir ventually bend him into a dupe, at once set home, at the chateau of a nobleman, in the George at the time he received it, effected all the subtilty of his nature to work to ac- envirous of the Forest of Bondy, where he her escape; but the Chevalier Gaetan remainexpressive, and the eyes especially were often brilliant with intellectual power. Like most ngly individuals, he was not a little vain of his personal appearance, and the insinuating in a little jadicious flattery, in the man-Italian took the earliest opportunity of throwing in a little judicious flattery, in the manner least calculated to excite the suspicion of Sir George, or raise a question of sound, discriminating judgment. At times he was foot of knowledge and the following in the Checkman of the manner least calculated to excite the suspicion of sound, discriminating judgment. At times he was foot of knowledge and the following in the Checkman of the material. And yet the Government papers the assembled party in gaming, Sir George Enquirer:

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alier Gaetan glided into the external life of back of their money, consulted together and The hair, which is very fine and of a flaxen this morning, driving them out of Washing- Gulf for their mutual benefit. r George Lewis, and became a sort of necessity to his enjoyment before the unreflecting knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight if he had to make the journey on was at ing knight if he had to make the journey on was at ing knight if he had to make the journey on was at ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight was aware of it; and when he did ing knight ing k as led him to call the designing villain his on one of his horses, and stood by it till it tures below the forehead are regular, only forces.

riding out together, they met an open car- we have already stated. She bowed to the Chevalier Gaetan, in a man- ed at the princely lodgings of Sir George, to save that the region behind the ears is enorner that showed he stood high in her esteem- take leave of him, and with horror learned mously enlarged. The history of this child eral Scammon, from Charleston, Va., to cut likely to do much execution the day when

Countess Vermeil."-

"I never heard of her." "Indecd! But you are a stranger in Par- touched. is, Sir George, and the fair Countess seldom mingles in society now."

"She has a cross old husband, who is jeal- | tance-perhaps by one he believed to be his | scientific, and is worthy their attention. It is I wounded.

"The Laborer is Worthy of his Hire."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1863.

at home to please him." angrily, "he ought to have his head broke, the party assembled at the chateau."

"He declines to fight."

when all at once it struck him as very ridic- ly told them he believed him to be the man. ly expresses discontent. It is generally kept and burst into a hearty laugh.

"Chevalier Gaetan," he resumed, with a a well feigned burst of grief, that Sir George leer, thrusting his elbow into the ribs of his Lewis was his best friend. He was told that Italian friend, "you're a sly old fox, you ras- if innocent, it was only necessary for him to cal! How came you to know so much about prove where he was during the intervel bethe countess, eh? Perhaps the old count has tween the departure of the knight from the good cause for his jealousy, eh?"

"Come, can't you introduce a friend? can't | returned till a late hour.

you introduce me?" from home, Sir George, I will with pleasure, asked him. and he sometimes does go away for a day or "I do not choose to tell," he replied .two," replied the other.

"Of course he does; I see it all, you fox!" | sued; "you have made the charge, and it is "But I must exact one condition, Sir your business to prove it true or release me." George," pursued the Chevalier, gravely .- "We will endeavor to do that in the city In the year of our Lord 1757, the fash- You must not mention this matter to a living then." was rejoined; and in spite of the proionable world of Paris was thrown into con- soul-not even that you ever heard the name testations of the accused and his friends,

that he must hold himself in readiness to ac- oner into a full confession of the fact.

reached. The man who has a passion for What the real scheme was does not fully ap- "Wretch! villian! murderer!" thunder gambling, is not apt to he over particular in pear; but money, of course, by persuasion the voice of the soi disant Sir George Lewis; his associates, and his vice naturally leads or force, was to be the result. As the soi "dare you deny your crime before me him among those who make it a regular bu- disant countess had taken care to get the Down and beg for mercy, as you hope for siness. This was the case with Sir George Chevalier Gaetan out of the wav for a few life and forgiveness!" Lewis: and though a gentleman, proud of minutes, and then charge Sir George to be The wretched man instantly fell upon his whose antecedents he knew nothing, and this arrangement to a living soul, of course ed to restore and add all his other ill-getten he could not question the Italian about the gains to it. His horror on finding he had burned a bridge over the Neuse river, one other the Mississippi valley. Of this class was one Chevalier Gaetan, matter, but was compelled to wait, in anxious, been deceived into signing his own death thousand feet long, and thereby communica-

was ready, and then mounted it and dashed the eyes are somewhat expanded, and the

delicately pencilled brow seems to be wrapa condition to begin the carrying out of his was found the next morning, in the forest of expansion of the forehead, which here complans. One day, as he and the Knight were | Bondy, covered with blood and wounds, as mences.

. This proves conclusively to my mind," ble may be realized. by an ordinary robber, but by some acquain- subject of inquiry and investigation to the was seventy-five killed and a large number to our Paris letter, it suggests possibilities in ed in the window of the residence of the en-

body call him out and pink him?" and assist them in unravelling the mystery. has tendered competition. It is understood "The confounded old coward! the old ras- nomy, having been all his life in the habit of hibit this phenomenon to the curious in the cal! the old villain! the old curmudgeon! the studying the human face, and on reaching the larger towns of Sombern Ohio, and it place and taking a keen survey of the differ- well worth the inquiries and investigations of Sir George had worked himself into a fu- ent parties there assembled, he pointed out the naturalist and scientific. The child is the valley. rious passion, and got very red in the face, the Chevaller Gaetan to the officers, and secret- easily moved about by its mother, and rare-

never seen, about a matter that concerned no- accused of the murder He turned deadly rocking. It receives its food readily, and is body but his own wife, of whom he had on- pale at first, and seemed about to faint-but is affected like other children, presenting no ly had a single glimpse, and so he stopped presently recovered his nerve, and demanded other unnatural appearance than its enor. proof of the heinous charge-declaring with mous and constantly enlarging head." chateau and the finding of his body; but this From the Agents of the Associated The Italian smiled-a meaning, expressive he could not do, he said, because he had gone out alone that afternoon, and had not

"Where were you during your absence

But that is neither here nor there." he pur-

was taken back to Paris, a close prisoner. English gentleman, Sir George Lewis, who oh, I understand; all confidential, of On the way, Garrick told the officers that had been spending some months in the gay course; not a word from my lips," rejoined he more than ever believed the Italian to be the murderer, and that if they would give him

ed with blood and wounds, and the following | Chevalier Gaetan privately informed Sir | view and then follow his directions, he doubt facts subsequently became known to the pol- George Lewis that the coast was clear, and ed not be would be able to entrap the priscompany him that night, scheme was to personate his dead friend-to pleasure, and a voluptuary in every sense of Together they visited the soi disant coun- make up his own facile countenance into the the word. He came to Paris in company tess, who was only a mere adventuress. the exact likeness of the knight's, put on his dress, with Garrick, the celebrated actor, whose ac- whole story of the Italian being a sheer fab- assume his voice, and appear before the

more humble companion went elsewhere and She was really beautiful, and understood every by a very fine painting of Sir George, Garrick from lower Virginia and North Carolina by they view the subject here. seldom met him afterward. Here Sir George art of fascinating, and she adroitly managed succeeded in so perfectly counterferting the afterward. who had recently come into possession of a to make Sir George understand she was de- deceased knight, that almost any one might Hill. very handsome legacy, launched out into the lighted with him, and put him in appures | have been deceived, and at the appointed time | most extravagant expenditure, and coursed over what he believed to be his good fortune. the Chevalier Gaetan was conveyed to the every kind of dissipation, including of course | She found an opportunity to secretly tell him | palatial residence of the Englishman, and inwine, women and gaming. The last vice of some of her troubles-that she really dis- formed on the way that the latter was not drew around him a mixed class of nobles, liked the jealous old count, her husband - dead, but had sufficiently recovered to appear

we would term them-who, by means of any moment, and finally exacted a promise The Italian trembled as he crossed the their money and profession, had got admis- from him to visit her alone whenever she threshold of the mansion; and when he beheld

than described. His subsequent confessions

joke, and the Italian managed to amuse him, urging him to come to her with all speed. ever fallen under our observation. This washington, Guernsey county, where he did Emperor, finding that he cannot induce Eng-"I must leave you suddenly, my lords and child is observant and intelligent, notwith- a great deal of damage, plundering, &c. Again he delighted in saying clever things himself, and no one could appreciate them himself, and no one could appreciate them as he read the missive.

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The united States, or rather, perhaps, not destanding the extraordinary phenomenon which sirous that England should join him, and yet as he read the missive. "It must not be-we cannot spare you at head-a growth which has distended the Taylorsville at noon, reports that a squad epicure, and the Italian was one who might the very beginning of our pleasure meeting!" cerebrum to an enormous size, giving won- about fifty men got detached from Morgan's derful capacity and breadth to the anterior. command when he crossed the Muskingum, and the Chevalier procured him some of the "I must go to-night, even if I come back while the posterior region, especially in its and are prowling around, killing stock. A purest and oldest in Paris. He adored wo to- to-morrow," said Sir George, positively; and 'upper register,' is by no means neglected. force of 300 mounted men has been sent after men, and the wily foreigner brought him in he at once gave orders to have his carriage . The head measures fully three and a them. half feet in circumference-the forehead is at | Another Skirmish with the Confederates. Some of the gamblers most interested in least seven and a half inches in height, and Thus, insidiously and gradually, the Chev- detaining him, having in view the winning some fourteen to sixteen inches in breadth. a skirmish with the Rebels about 11 o'clock tion of arranging the affairs of the Mexican of the case, it was with such grateful feelings foot. He went out and ordered a saddle up- by no means ungaily in expression—the fea- Indiana railroad, closely pursued by our

gallant Sir George, who eagerly inquired her to the police, and made particular inquiries ing. At its birth nothing remarkable was ville, and was succeesful. about the horrid affair, and ascertained that presented. About two weeks after, without They captured Wytheville after a severe That was none other than the brilliant all the money on the person of the deceased any apparent or known cause, the head be- fight, took 120 Rebel prisoners, 700 stand of had been taken by the assassin, but that his gau to grow, and continues to increase in arms, and two pieces of artillery.

for treating such a sweet, charming creature The officers of justice invited the actor to been a large reward offered for any natural day, after a hard march. Garrick was an adept in the art of Physiog- that in a short time it is the intention to exulous for him to get angry at a man he had | The Italian was at once arrested and boldly | in a recumbent state, and soothed by gently

LATEST NEWS. TELEGRAMS.

Press. LOCATION OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

Winchester.

canal say that the water will be readmitted | well-known tendencies to exaggeration, de into a portion of the canal this week.

day morning, in the direction of Middleburg His language was ambiguous and qualified by ing aided in so doing by the South—and the and Strasburg. Imboden's forces is known "ifs" enough to render what he said as South is in return to regain possession of the

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Raid in North Carolina.

FORTRESS MONROE, July 24 .- The Rich. mond Whig of July 23 says:

The loss is incalculably important, and whol- Mississippi country without foreign aid. Mr. ly irreparable. Nothing goes well in the Slidell's visits to the Emperor and Foreign

THE RAID IN OHIO.

ous of her, and she is amiable enough to stay friend—and this man feared to take any arti- a curious spectacle, but by no means revolt- Our troops were fired on by the citizens of tice of our Government and people. The cle which might subsequently be recognized; ing; and can only be appreciated when seen Wytheville from their houses, and in retalia- French citizens residing in New Orleans have "The selfish old brute!" cried Sir George, let us therefore look for the murderer among because description cannot convey a fair im- tion the town was completely destroyed. pression of the animate curiosity. There has The command reached Fayetteville yester- consulat that port, that the action of the in such a boorish manner! Why don't some- accompany them to the nobleman's residence, curiosity that can exceed this, but no one Lee's Army-The Confederate Iron Clads about a collision between the blacks and the Fitting out in England

> The Government has decided on active measures regarding the fiting out of the

Correspondence of the N. Y. Times. THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON.

IMPORTANT RUMORS REGARDING HIS FU TURE POLICY.

Paris, July 10 .- The affair between th Emperor and Mr. Roebuck, which is here in that capacity. called "the scandal of Fontainbleau," has created a great deal of bad blood on both "If I can ascertain when the count is away from the chateau?" was one of the questions | Ewell at Martinsburg-Lee's Main Body at sides of the channel. You will have observed the different currents of opinion provoked Lindsay, of the English Parliament, and the by this affair in England; in France, not on-Special Despatch to the Philadelphia In- ly is the Emperor annoyed by the turn th affair has taken, but his Ministers are more than annoyed that his Majesty should have CHAMBERSBURG, July 23 .- The enemy, exposed himself to the possibilities of such soldier of the 11th Pennsylvania cavalry who and listeners, whilst as a giver of informatherefore, naturally irritated that he should to Workmen on the Chesapeake and Ohio a foreigner and to a man of Mr. Roebuck's part from his usual custom, even so far as is Lee left Winchester with his staff yester- implied in the explanation of the Moniteur.

nowever, has been to convince what few French people had not already arrived at that opinion, that the Emperor is hostile to

ed. And in this connection there are some strange rumors in circulation, within a day or two, which I give you only as rumors. nother change has been made, according "The evacuation of Jackson, Miss., left in these reports, in the Mexican programme.the kands of the enemy the rolling stock of Mexico is to be placed under the French pro- likely to be intended must remain as yet matthe New Orleans, Jackson and Great North- tectorate, or to become a colony of France, ern, the Mississippi Central, and the Missis- with a French Prince for Governor. The sippi and Tennessee railroads. The motive Confederates have renounced all idea of renower alone consisted of over forty engines. gaining the Mississippi river and the trans-Secretary, lately, are said to be in connection The cavalry raid from Newbern reached with this new state of things on the Missis-

> The fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, they say, will throw Jeff. Davis and Napoleon into each other's arms-that will be the

land to join him in hostile measures against of-all-work, "You must bottle the cask of of anxious to give himself the aid of an ally, is glass of it before you begin, to prevent innow treating with Spain on this subject, and toxication." Now Samuel was an old solthat Spain shows a willingness to second the dier, and never was in bettter spirits than Emperor's views. The rumor adds that the Marshall O'Donnell, who is now here, and from his master a special license to taste. is going north to Berlin, ostensibly for the purpose of consulting the famous oculist ter, the misister visited the cellar to inspect Graffe, for Mme. (). Donnell's eyes, is, in progress, and was horrified to find Sam lying CINCINNATI, July 24 -Major Krouze had fact, in treaty with the Emperor on this ques- his full length on the floor unconscious of all

perhaps, destroyed, the Government papers the thirteenth glass I've taken, but I'm nae are publishing long accounts of the apathy of better." A BATTNE IN WEST VIRGINIA. | the people of the North, of the people charg-Meantime the Chevalier had been at work with a deep laid scheme, and he was now in the never reached Paris alive. His body ed, and wears a hard expression through the product flag which has thus far waved in the forest of expansion of the forest of expansion of the forest of expansion of the most acute Southern desperado on their border.

From the N. Y. Times. the future which may very well culist the no- rolling officer, Mr. Pennington.

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represented to the Emperor, through his vice-United States authorities there tends to bring whites of that city—that in the event of such a conflict their persons and properties would NEW YORK, July 24 .- A special Washington despatch to the Post says it is definite- be seriously endangered—and that the Unichester has made no decided advance down partment has taken from them all the arms with which they could defend themselves; they, therefore, request that the Emperor will send to the Mississippi several vessels of war Rebel iron-clad fleet in England. The authorities are urged to issue letters of marque

for such action as the emergency may require. The letter of our intelligent and usually well-informed Paris correspondent renders and reprisal in view of the increase of privait quite possible, at all events, that this application of the French residents of New Orleans may be intended to prepare the way for steps which the Emperor has already resolved to take. It is precisely such a step as preceded his interference in Mexico. 1 is one of those convenient proceedings which may serve for more important movements, or may be abandoned if not required to do duty

The commotion created by the Emperor's explanations to which this event has given rise, have created the conviction in Paris that the Emperor is quite prepared to take a more active part in American affairs than he has

done hitherto. He regards his conquest of except cavalry scouts, abandoned Hedgeville a scandal. It is a thing of public notoriety now to make it useful. It gives him only yesterday afternoon Part of Ewell's corps, that the Emperor, in his official intercourse, half of what he deems essential. He wants with sixteen cannon, fell back thence towards proceeds by hints and never by assertions. - control of the cotton and sugar lands of the Martinsburg McClintock, a discharged He is, in fact, the first of living questioners United States, and this he can only get lest Hancock to-day at ten o'clock reports tion he is the most cautious, or as some say. federacy and the establishment of its nominal that the enemy crossed a cavalry force at that the most taciturn of men. His Ministers are, independence. The rumors in Paris on this subject, therefore, imply that he has engaged to aid the Rebels in re-opening the Mississippi river-and that this service is to be the basis of a future arrangement by which he will retain Mexico as a French colony-betracted interviews with the Emperor; and the " fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson was the event which was expected to throw Louis Na-

poleon and Jeff. Davis into each other's arms. It seems quite certain that very heavy reinforcements, including several vessels, and a large supply of artillery, are to be sent out to Mexico during the month of September. They can hardly be needed for further military operations in that country, for the war

What all this amounts to it is not easy as yet to say. But the action of the French Emperor is certainly suspicious enough to demand and reward the most vigilant attention of our Government. Some days since his birth, wealth and connections, he was sure and come alone when she should send knees and confessed all, even stating where Rocky Mount, on the line of the Wilming-sippi. They are concocting schemes for an come the greatest, just when our prospects we expressed the opinion that the danger of ton and Weldon railroad, on the 20th, and alliance against the United States, with a destroyed two miles of the track. They also view of securing, the one Mexico and the brightest We hold to this opinion still, and these movements in France tend strongly to confirm it. Foreign Powers have built large expectations on the prospective destruction of the United States. They will not willingly relinquish them, and now, when our armies Rapid Retreat of the Confederates-Shack- that only hangs fire because the question of have achieved a splendid series of victories, elford in Close Pursuit.

the Mississippi might by some hazard turn each of the utmost importance, and all comcontrary to present expectations. It is this, bined indicating the speedy overthrow of the complish his purpose. Sir George was a man was expecting to remain for some time. ed to be tried, sentenced and executed. gan crossed the Muskingum yesterday, he they say, which makes Napoleon so lukewarm rebellion and the complete restoration of the verging on fifty, with iron gray hair, and a This nobleman, being a gay, dissolute char- Garrick returned to England, satisfied with was attacked by the militia under Colonel on the question of Poland; it is this which national authority, we may expect them to face that would have been repulsive for its acter, fond of hunting and gaming, had invi- the part he had played in bringing the mur- Hall, with two pieces of artillery. Fifteen of take a far bolder and more active part than

135" Sam," said a late minister to his man went to work most heartily. Some hours afaround. "O Sam!" said the master, "you

Seven Hundred Stand of Arms Taken. world, of their indifference to the war, and bodily pain, after the hand of death bad "From the crown of the head to the ear is Cincinnati, July 24.—A cavalry expediate desire for a peace on any terms. To tell the touched him, and while writhing in agony, riding out together, they met an open carwe have already stated truth, a people who have grown so mild in about eighteen inches. The head is not regtruth, a people who have grown so mild in about eighteen inches. The head is not regtruth, a people who have grown so mild in about eighteen inches. The head is not regtheir manners as to allow such men as Valdrsssed, and fairly glittering with diamonds ing on the point of leaving for London, callularly shaped, but is broader on the forehead mounted infantry, and Col. Powell, of the 2d
landisham and Wood to go unhung are not

and this at once caught the attention of the of the murder of his friend. He then went and the singular growth of its head are strik-RYLAND .- A spirit of resistance to the enrollment has manifested itself in the vicinity of FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES. Jarrettsville, Harford county, Maryland, in Our Paris letter this morning merits spe- the second Congressional district. The barn watch, pistols and jewels had been left un size, presenting one of those phenomena Our loss was about sixty-five killed and ical attention. Taken in connection with a of Levi Pennington, enrolling officer, has which assure us that what we deem impossi- wounded. Col. Toland and Capt. Dalany, paper prepared by the French residents of been burned, with five hundred bushels of of Cincinnati, were killed, and Col. Powell New Orleans and transmitted to the Emper corp; also the barn of Joseph Perry, all its said Garrick, "that Sir George was not killed "This child presents a most interesting was severely wounded. The enemy's loss or, a copy of which will be found appended contents and one horse. Six shots were fir-