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POETRY.

The following lines, written by T. Campbell, author of the "Pleasures of Hope," we think among the most beautiful of the productions of that fascinating poet. They were composed as an address to a Mummy, which was exhibited at Liverpool some years ago. The treat although it may not be new to many of our readers, cannot but be delicious to all.

And thou hast walked about (how strange a story) In these streets three thousand years ago, When the Memnonian was in all its glory, And thou hadst not begun to overthrow Those temples, palaces and piles stupendous, Of which the very ruins are tremendous.

Speak! for thou long enough has acted Dummy, Thou hast a tongue—come—let us hear it tunc; Thou'rt standing on thy legs above ground, Mummy!

Revisiting the glimpses of the moon, Not like thin ghosts, or disembodied creatures, But with thy bones, and flesh, and limbs, and features.

Tell us—for doubtless thou canst recollect, To whom we should assign the Sphinx's fame; Was Cheops, or Cephrenes architect Of either Pyramid that bears his name? Is Pompey's pillar really a misnomer? Had Thebes a hundred gates as sung by Homer?

Perchance thou wast a Mason, and forbidden By oath to tell the Mysteries of thy trade;— Then say what secret melody was hidden In Memnon's statue which at sunrise played? Perhaps thou wast a Priest—if so, my struggles Are vain, for priestcraft never owns its juggles.

Perhaps that very hand, now pinioned flat Has hobb'd with Pharaoh, glass to glass; Or dropp'd a half penny in Homer's hat, Or doff'd thine own to let queen Dido pass, Or held, by Solomon's own invitation, A torch at the great temple's dedication.

I need not ask thee if that hand, when armed, Has any Roman soldier man'd or knuckled, For thou wast dead, and buried, and embalmed, Ere Romulus and Itemus had been suckled;— Antiquity appears to have begun, Long after thy primeval race was run.

Thou couldst develop, if that withered tongue Might tell us what those riddles' orbs have seen, How the world looked when it was fresh & young; And the great deluge still had left its green— Or was it then so old that History's pages Contained no record of its early ages?

Still silent incommunicative elf? Art wiser to secrecy? then keep thy vows; But prichest tell us something of thyself, Reveal the secrets of thy prison house; Since in the world of spirits thou hast slumber'd What hast thou seen—what strange adventures number'd?

Since first thy form was in this box extended, We have above ground seen some strange mutations; The Roman empire has begun and ended, New words have risen—we have lost old nations, And countless kings have into dust been humbled, While not a fragment of thy flesh has crumbled.

Didst thou not hear the pother o'er thy head, When the great Persian conqueror, Cambyses, Marched armies o'er thy tomb with thundering tread, O'erthrew O-ris, Orus, Apis, Isis, And shook the Pyramids with fear and wonder, When the gigantic Memnon fell assunder?

If the tomb's secrets may not be confes'd, The nature of thy private life unfold; A heart has throbb'd beneath that leathern breast, And tears adown that dusky cheek have roll'd; Have children climb'd those knees, and kiss'd that face?

What was thy name and station, age and race? Statue of flesh—immortal of the dead! Imperishable type of evanescence! Posthumous man, who quit'th thy narrow bed, And standest undecay'd within our presence, Thou wilt hear nothing 'till the judgment morning, When the great trump shall thrill thee with its warning.

Why should this worthless tegument endure, If its undying quest the lost forever? O let us keep the soul embalmd and pure, In living virtue; that when both must sever, Although corruption may our frame consume, Th' immortal spirit in the skies may bloom.

LIGHT READING.

JOE BUNKER'S COURTSHIP.

A TALE OF A BAG OF BEANS.

Every body in the county of Essex has heard of Joe Bunker, and the quips and cranks by him snickered. In truth he was a famous fellow in his day, so noted for his buckwacking rusticity of breeding that his name has passed into a proverb and made him immortal. Joe Bunker's character is now regarded by all the old cronies and gossips in the North East corner of Massachusetts as the beau ideal of a genuine unsophisticated Yankee clothopper.

His fame for ten miles round the country ran. And all the old ladies called him a queer man.

He was the first man in these parts that ever picked his teeth with a wooden shoe. Various other fashions introduced by him are in the remembrance of many, but it is not our purpose now to specify them. The story of

his courtship and the bag of beans is not so common, it runs thus:

It was sometime in the month of April or May, or at any rate, just at the time of planting of beans, of all the days in the year of a Sunday, that Joe being at meeting, spied Colonel Shute's daughter Hannah. It was in prayer time, they rattle terrible long prayers in that part of the country and Joe was hanging over the pew door in about the shape of a figure of 6, tired to death and wriggling himself about in an awkward and slouching a fashion as could well be imagined. Joe looked at Hannah, and Hannah, looked at Joe. It is pretty certain that the little hedgolog Cupid shot off a pair of his quills at the same instant, for Hannah was struck with a very queer sensation, & as for Joe, he felt something which he could not exactly describe except by saying that it was a kind of an all-over-ness like I want to tell.

"Don't want to tell a fiddlestick; let us know what it is." Joe hid his face under the blanket for some time, and at last blubbered out, "I want to go and see the Colonel's Hannah."

Down goes the old woman and reports proceedings to her husband. "What," said old Bunker, he to go and see the Colonel's Hannah! let him come instantly and plant his beans." The old woman runs back and tells this to Joe.

Joe was hard to work upon. He was graver, he was adamant; there was no softening him, no moving him. You might as easily have shouldered Old town Hill from its foundation as made him start a peg.

"I want to go to planting beans; I will go and see the Colonel's Hannah." "This was all she could get out of him, and so she paddled off again to her husband.

"Raddy, Mr. Bunker, there's no getting Joe to mind; he says he won't go to planting beans nor touch them; and he will go and see the Colonel's Hannah. Now do let the poor boy have his way for once;—remember you was a young man yourself."

This was bringing the matter home, and old Bunker, though he was no logician, nor imagined how the thing could be proved in *Burdigton* or *Perito*, yet he thought the reasoning so pat to the purpose that he fairly yielded.

"Well, well, let him take Dobbin and go, but not stay long." "But," said Joe, on hearing this, "I won't go without I can go grand, and I won't have old Dobbin." So off goes the old woman once more with this intelligence.

"Well then," says old Bunker, he may go grand, and let him take old Bob." "But, I won't ride upon old Bob," said Joe, "I'll have Posset."

"Then take Posset," said his father, "and make haste back." "Horse and carriage," said Joe, "I'll be all speed, and be home in half an hour on my Sunday best. He was a strapping, noney, long-sided fellow. It would do you good to see him dressed in the fashion of that day astride of his nag.

Joe had just bestowed a hearty kick upon the ribs of his Rozinante at setting out for the Colonel's when old Bunker bawled after him, "halloo, Joe! stop there come back again."

Joe was going by Pearson's mill, and you shall take a couple of bags of corn to be ground while ye go grand, and I will bring it back with you when he comes away; so you can kill two dogs with one stone."

Joe was inclined to demur to this plan of mixing business, but hating to waste time arguing with his father, he assented, and shambling off to the barn, brought out his two bags and bestowed them snugly en croupe. "Thus fairly accoutred, he trotted to the mill.

"Pearson, can ye grind my grist while I go to Colonel Shute's?" "Yes, Joe, but what are ye going a courting for?" "Oh, who the dickens told you?" "Never mind Joe, pluck up courage; faint heart never won fair lady."

"Thank ye for nothing," said Joe. "I shall be back in an hour. Don't let your horse eat out of the hopper." So off he started for the Colonel's.

Joe bolted in at the Colonel's door without knocking. Indeed it is affirmed he was never known to be guilty of making such a superfluous noise in all his life.

When Mrs. Shute the top of the morning to ye, where's Hannah?" "An Joe Bunker, is that you? where's Hannah? why she's up stairs a spinning."

At this Joe stamped off up stairs without a ny further idle pa aver. Hannah's wheel was humming right merrily when Joe entered, and she blushed like a blue cat upon seeing him.

"How d'ye do Hannah," said Joe, and shambling toward the window, he bawled himself out a marvellously uncomfortable skewing position on the corner of a chair.

Well now was Joe fairly seated alongside of his Dulcinea; but how to begin conversation; ah, there was the difficulty. What was he to say? indeed he had never thought of that. However, he looked out at the window and saw a large flock of sheep; there in nothing like taking a hint from the first thing that offers.

"Are these your father's sheep, Hannah?" "Yes, Joe."

Joe gave a hem and tried to think of something else to say about the sheep; such as how much wool they gave, and whether they were of the Byfield breed, but he could not make it fadge. Presently he espied some cows.

"Are these your cows?" "Yes."

"How many have you got?" "Twenty." "Twenty! that's a tarntion lot of 'em."

Here was another pause in the conversation, and Joe felt more awkward than ever. As for Hannah she did not feel altogether quite so sheepish. She looked out of the window again but could see nothing to talk of. He looked round the room and up to the ceiling, and there was nought save a cucumber, three red peppers and a crook necked squash.

They would not suit. He drummed with his finger upon the table and began unconsciously to whistle a stave of "The Tongs and the

Bonee;" this quavered away into Yankee Doodle, and finally he found himself humming a mixture of the Old Hundred and Little March-borough. At last he was struck with an idea, and out it came.

"Did you ever see a crow?" "Yes." "How black they are, an't they?" "Yes."

Another pause. Joe began to wipe his forehead with his coat sleeve. Presently the apparition of another idea dawned upon him.

"Did you ever see an owl?" "Yes." "What great eyes they've got, han't they?" "Yes."

"Do you love maple sugar, Hannah?" "Yes." "Next time I come, I'll bring you a great gob."

Joe fairly made a hit in this remark, for he touched upon a sweet subject and it completely broke the ice. Remembering the advice of the miller, he plucked up courage and stood bolt upright; then urking a side look blundering sort of a hitch a little nearer, "Hannah," says he, "I loves ye."

Hannah let go her wheel from pure awkwardness, and Joe grooving still bolder, made a sudden grapple with both paws and bestowed upon her a smacking buss that made the very windows rattle. How long it lasted never was known, but Hannah's mother not hearing the wheel buzzing, bowed out below, "Hannah what are you doing up there with Joe Bunker?" This interruption gave them a rouse like an electric shock. Joe claved off in a terrible fright, thinking it was time to cut and run. "Hannah," said he, "I must clear out, but I'll come again next Sunday night." So saying he made the best of his way off, hardly looking behind him.

"Well Pearson, how you ground my corn?" "Yes Joe, and your beans too." "Beard what it means?" "What do I mean why was not one a bag of corn and tother a bag of beans?" "No it won't."

"Yes it was though." "Bugs and tarntion! was it? then I'm ruined! I've made a mistake and took the wrong bag. I snagger! father'll kill me; 'twas all the beans we'd got for seed! what the dickens shall I do? Oh murder, and white-oxen cheese!"

In a terrible peck of trouble, Joe got upon Posset with his bags, now thinking of Hannah and then of his unfortunate grist. Half way home he met his father upon old Bob; he was laboring his sides with might and main; hoping to get to the mill in time to save his beans for he had discovered Joe's blunder on going out to plant.

"Oh, Joe, Joe, you chowderhead, you blundering nusskull! you've carried the beans to mill and I've come on a canter all the way to save them from being ground."

"It's too late now, father, for they are all ground to smash!" How the old man stormed and vowed Joe should pay for them, and how Joe attempted to clear himself by telling lies about finding the bags in the wrong place, we have not time to state. The old man laid an embargo on Joe's courting expeditions, and spoke to the Colonel about keeping Hannah snug at home.

Joe struck a bargain with a sexton to publish in his paper and Hannah in a shy fashion. The matter being conducted clandestinely as Deacon Sabersles remarked, it was a match before any body could interfere. So the long and short of it is, that the agriculture of the Bunker farm was knocked completely out of joint that year.

There were more turpins raised than pulse, a thing not heard of before among the Bunkers since the Pilgrims came over. Joe got a good wife and saved his bacon, but lost his beans.

THE TARIFF.

SPEECH OF MR. GRUNDY, OF TENNESSEE.

Delivered February 15, 1832, in the Senate of the U. States, on Mr. Clay's resolution.

Resolved, That the existing duties upon articles imported from foreign countries, and not coming into competition with similar articles, made or produced within the United States, ought to be forthwith abolished, except the duties on wines and silks, and that they ought to be reduced.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance report a bill accordingly.

MR. PRESIDENT.—I am aware, that I can contribute but little of new information upon the subject now under discussion; and that most of what I shall say, will be a dull, cold repetition of that which has been better said by others. Notwithstanding this, I have no apology to offer for consuming the time of the Senate. Sir, we ought to consume time we ever separate until this whole matter is adjusted. Our constituents expect it.

Executive has recommended it; they demand it; and the fault is ours, if it be not accomplished. When it is recollected, that the people of the United States have borne adversity of every kind, both in peace and in war, with courage, fortitude, and perseverance, shall we so act as to exhibit to the world the strange and melancholy spectacle of discords and strifes, arising out of the very success of our government and the prosperity of our country, which shall endanger our existence as a nation? We are at peace with all nations, and from present appearances, are likely to remain so; the public debt is extinguished for all practical legislative purposes; and, at this time, when gladness should pervade the land, and every American heart rejoice, there is more discontent than at the most gloomy and distressing periods of our history. Are the causes of the complaints which we hear feigned and ungrounded, or are they real; and is the hand of oppression bearing heavily upon that portion of our country who are now urging the claims for relief?—They believe a system of taxation, unequal and oppressive in its operations is to be continued and fastened upon them; not for the support of the government, which is the only legitimate object of taxation; but, in order, that a particular class of men may be benefited by their labor; that their prosperity is to be checked, and their labor rendered unproductive to them, that capital vented in manufacturing may be rendered unprofitable to the owners.

Entertaining more confidence in man than in the law, they are desirous to see the subject under consideration, and to take relief, so far as they are entitled to it. No time can be so proper as the present, when we are about to establish a system of finance

entirely to a nation free from debt and all impostance. It seems to me, that it is likewise the interest of the manufacturers that this controversy should be brought to a close.—There is one kind of protection which they certainly need; that is, some security against frequent legislative changes on this subject.—Stability and permanency in the system, is of more importance than any protection you can extend to them, when that protection is held by an uncertain and precarious tenure. In order to give this security the taxes upon the community must be more certain than that a portion will arrive when a change will be effected, and under circumstances and feelings least favorable to their interests. If the community, on any great portion of it be oppressed, and no disposition be manifested by those who profit by that oppression to alleviate their sufferings, but little regard will be paid to their welfare. This is the natural course of things, and no class of men can claim an exception from it.

To the argument, that Congress ought not to reduce the taxes on protected articles, because existing laws have induced men to employ their capital in these establishments, the answer is a plain one. Every man who has thus invested his money, must have looked to the probability of a reduction of taxes and its consequences whenever the public debt should be discharged, and the government should no longer be obliged to pay interest from high duties. In addition to this, those upon whom this taxation has operated with most severity, have at all times insisted upon its injustice, and avowed their determination never to reality their efforts until they obtained redress.—This argument, therefore, loses much of the force to which it would be entitled under different circumstances. I cannot, myself, consider the manufacturers as authorized to claim a continuance of the present duties on the ground of any pledge, expressed or implied by the government. Still, these establishments exist, and should be regarded as a portion of the public interest, and of course, the same attention should be paid to them as to the other great interests of the country, in any adjustment which may be made upon this subject.

Being desirous to present an entire and unbroken view of the opinions I entertain in relation to the tariff, the Senate will indulge me before I do so, in disposing of and putting out of the way, some remarks not bearing directly upon this subject, which I regretted to hear advanced in this discussion. I regretted their introduction, not because they were not susceptible of a satisfactory reply, but because the subject before us was of magnitude sufficient to require our undivided attention, and because I was unwilling that party politics should provoke any unkind feeling in relation to the tariff, the Senate will indulge me before I do so, in disposing of and putting out of the way, some remarks not bearing directly upon this subject, which I regretted to hear advanced in this discussion. 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