

Selected Poetry.

From the Boston Post.

SONG OF THE STEAMER.

BY JOHN G. SAXE.

Rushing through the ocean,
Rolling in the breeze,
Riding over billows,
Pitching into seas,
Shaking with the engine,
Screaming with the blast,
Mighty pleasant mode of
Going rather fast.

Staggering on deck be-
cause you cannot stand,
Holding on the railing
With a shaky hand;
Now the floor is settling
Underneath your feet,
Now it heaves you up like
Tossing in a sheet.

Sailors looking red and
Ladies looking pale,
Captains come along and
Say "We're safe at last";
Passengers inquire how
Long it's like to last;
Captain shake his head—It's
Rising very fast."

Gentleman in motion,
Looking quite distressed,
Says he'll give his house for
Half an hour's rest;
Fidgety old men,
Would he could sup,
Has a poor opinion
Of his bringing up.

Invalid complaining
Not the slightest doubt
Another fit of straining
Will turn him inside out;
Lady on the sofa,
Lying dead almost,
Nothing more to give up,
Unless it be the ghost.

Gentleman in upper berth,
Little sleep enjoys;
Gentleman beneath is
Making such a noise;
Gentleman in lower berths
Timid sort of chaps,
Fraid to put his head out,
Fear of some mishap.

Dinner bell is ringing
Dishes are served, and
Every pitcher over;
Half the chairs are empty;
Folks are out of joint;
Could not bring their minds up
To the sticking point.

Villainous beef eaters,
Been to sea before,
Eat five meals a day, cause
Not content with four—
Soup, and fish, and turkey,
Ham and cheese for lunch
Mutton, pork and oysters,
Ale and whiskey punch.

Mischievous sick ones
Looking on in wonder,
Question how they do it;
In the name of thunder;
Gormandizing rascals
Say it's all a sham,
Recommend to cure them,
Pork, tripe and ham.

Weather getting smoother,
Steady, cool, quiet,
Passengers more tranquil,
Tish a little diet;
Many come to life whose
Company was missed;
Stead of playing possum
Now they're playing whilst.

Tea in requisition,
Gossip gets about,
Some are growing anxious,
Fingers out;
Wonder where they came from,
Wonder what they're doing,
Wonder what their name are;
Wonder where they're going.

Legislative member
Fate an end to doubt;
Colonel in disguise be-
Gins to let it out;
Both are going to London;
Nothing shall prevent them;
Mean to see the Minister;
Think he must present them.

Came visaged Yankee,
Looking sharp and slim,
Says he guesses folks won't
Come it over him;
Means to shave his dinner;
Pretend like a monk;
Got a pound of candles;
Locked up in his trunk.

Swallowing water every day
With his eyes he sees fit;
Means to go to Fenton's;
Means to smoke and spit;
Keeps a pair of pistols,
Wears a bowie-knife;
Never took an insult;
Never in his life.

Sturdy looking lender
Claps him on the back,
Pays him off,
Gives us less of chack;
Aggravated rowdy;
Bounces more and more;
Captain says, "we'll fix him
When we get ashore."

Man has got a ginchack
Patented anew;
Going abroad to sell it,
On it it goes;
Speaks of wooden nut megs,
Very fine device,
Much more economical
Than any other spic.

Greenhorn going to London
To the Colosseum;
Heart of gladiators,
Wishes much to see 'em';
Uncle went to Florence,
Now on his return,
Thinks the Pitti Palace
A pitiful concern.

Gentleman of business,
Dealing in hardware,
Going straight to Seftield
To see how prices are;
Lady and her daughter,
Traveling express,
Mean to take a tour;
Cost it more or less.

Dandy must ause with
Gentleman of rank,
Learn the best hotel is
Summit of Mont Blanc;
Nobody resides there
But the highest class,
Acquisitive company
Write him down an ass.

Lady getting nervous,
Sees a ship in the sight,
Hopes she may not run us down
Sudden in the night;
Gentleman resolving
If he gets to shore
He'll spend his life on the other side
And never steam it more.

Rushing through the ocean,
Rolling in the breeze,
Having a wild time,
Pitching into seas,
Shaking with the engine,
Screaming in the blast,
Comfortable thing to
Be arrived at last.

English View of the Kansas Difficulties.

From the London Daily News.

The President's message to Congress presents a pleasing, and, we believe, an unexaggerated picture of the material prosperity of the United States. The circumstances under which the message was transmitted to Congress, and the disturbances in Kansas, present a picture of the social and political condition of the Union less calculated to inspire satisfactory anticipations. It is evident that an embittered struggle of many discordant parties is now being waged throughout the States. *

Never keep animals on short allowance; if you starve them, they will surely starve you.

Although, in draining land thoroughly, your curse may be drained, yet the full crops that follow will soon fill it again.

Trying to farm without a capital is like trying to run a locomotive without fuel—Money and must both be consumed, if they are to move the machine of the farm or the rail.

Always give the soil the first meal. If it is well fed with manure, it will feed all—plants, animals and men.

If you wish to give an energetic movement to all your farm machinery and keep its hundred wheels in rotation, be sure to be without a good rotation of crops.

If you allow your animals to shiver in consequence, that is the farmer who leaves his cattle to the winds, will find his profits also given to the winds.

Heavy carat crops for cattle will soon return carats of gold.

Did you ever hear the musical notes of a starving herd of hogs? Extinguish by food those notes speedily; if you would avoid even more annoying notes after pay-day has passed.

Fences operate in two ways—if they are a defence, if poor an offence.

Many a farmer, by too sparingly seeding his new meadows, has had to cede his whole farm.

Every farmer should see daily every animal he has, and inspect its condition—Weekly visits, as with some, soon result in weakly animals.

Proverbs for Planters.

From the London Daily News.

Farmers and others will heed the following, whatever they may think of book or fancy farming generally. They will direct the attention of their sons to these Universal Rules, and command every one to follow them. We are indebted for the most of them to that excellent manual, *Illustrated Register of Rural Affairs*, every line of which is a text itself for a more elaborate article.

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The undersigned having purchased from Messrs. SQUAN & NORMAN, the establishment of the INDIANA STATE SENTINEL, and having engaged Maj. Alexander F. Morrison, a gentleman well known to the democracy of Indiana as one of the ablest and most accomplished political writers in the State, to take charge of the editorial department of the paper until after the election, respectfully call the attention of the Democracy of Indiana to the necessity and importance of sustaining, by a liberal and increased patronage, a Democratic paper at this central point. The present time is particularly auspicious for the commencement of subscriptions. A session of congress which promises to be one of the most important as well as one of the most stormy that has ever assembled, is now convened at Washington, and its actions will be followed with intense interest by all classes throughout the country. The people of the northern States, to those who have not closely and minutely studied the history of the Union, and watched the progress of the contemporary political contests, civil war would appear to be imminent. We are not disposed, however, to regard the situation in such an alarming spirit. We have seen so many threatening political storms of this "fierce democracy" blow over without material change, that we feel convinced the framework of the constitution will weather this one also. With regard to the parties to the wavy road in Washington, there can be little doubt of this. And with regard to the untamed spirits of the newly settled regions, their struggles always remind us of a remark made by the late Earl of Durham, after his return from Canada. In company where the Earl was present, a gentleman adverted in disparaging terms to the peculiar state of society in the new settlements of the Union. "What astonishes me," said Lord Durham, "is not that there should be a large amount of lawlessness in these districts, but that there should be so much of settled government and respect for law. Along with many respectable settlers, all the most reckless spirits of the Union flock thither, and the remoteness and weakness of the central government leaves them entirely their own masters. That any regulated government should be possible under such circumstances is a remarkable testimony to the capacity of the American people for self-government." We quote from memory after a lapse of many years, and fear that we have done injustice to Lord Durham's expressions; but we are certain that we give the sense of what he said. In his view we certainly concur; and even amid the most painful excesses of North American border life, we cherish a rooted conviction that all will come right in the long run. With the sureness of the outrage in Kansas the ardent sympathies of the partisans of the contending parties throughout the Union, will be assuaged, and the contest will lose much of its present alarming appearance.

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