POETRY.

From the Pennsylvania Freeman. THE ERRING. BY JULIA A. FLETCHER. Deal gently with the erring! Ye know not the power, With which the dark temptation come In some unguarded hour. Ye may not know how earnestly They struggled, or how well, Until the hour of weakness came, And sadly thus they fell. Think gently of the erring! Oh, do not thou ferget, However darkly stained by sin, He is thy brother yet . Heir of the self same heritage; Child of the self-same God; He hath but stumbled in the path Thou hast in weakness trod-Speak gently to the erring! Oh, is it not enough That innocence and peace are gone, Without thy censure rough? It sure must be a weary lot-That sin-crushed heart to bear; And they who share a happier fate, Their chidings well may spare. Speak kindly to the erring! Thou may'at yet lead them back, With holy words and tones of love, Frem misery's thorny track! Forget not thou hast often sinned, And sinful yet must be;---Deal gently with the orring one

MISCELLANEOUS

As God hath dealt with thee!

INFLUENCE OF VEGETABLE DIET ON LONGEVITY.

It is said that in no other part of the would (in proportion to the population are there more evidences of extreme longevity than among the Norwegian peasantry, who scarcely ever taste animal food. In the severe climate of Russia, also, where the inhabitants live on a coarse vegetable diet, there are a great many instances of advanced age. The late returns of the Greek Church population of the Russian empire give (in the table of the deaths of the male sex) more than one thousand above a hundred years of age; many between one hundred and a hundred and forty; and four between one hundred and forty and one hundred and fifty. It is stated that whatever age the Mexican Indians live they never become grayhaired. They are represented as peaceable cultivators of the soils subsisting constantly on vegetable food; often attaining a hundred years of age, yet still green and vigorous. Of the South American Indians, Ullea says:- "Imvself have known several who at the age of a hundred were still very robust and active. which unquestionably must in some measure be attubuted to the perfect sameness and simplicity of their food. Both the Peruvian Indians and Creoles are remarkbly long-lived, and retain their faculties to a very advanced age. Slaves in the West Indies are recorded from a hundred and thirty to a hundred and fifty years of age .- Smith's Fruits and Farinacea.

THE BUMAN BODY

The architect will, upon examination find that his splendid arches, his strougly built pillars are and to be whirled rapidly about in the air? Ev- "beauty of heliness." merely copies, and rude ones too, of certain parts | ery spring, at one of the religious festivals, there in our osseous system! The musician has only are men who willingly undergo this torture, beto study the arrangement of the human apparatus | ing paid by rich hypocrites, who hope to save of voice, and he cannot fail to perceive an orig- their souls by these vicarious mortfications; and inal model of every stringed or wind instrument | they go through the whole without a groan, some | ing by the house of his neighbor F, the latter with which he is acquainted. The mariner may of them even singing. After being cured of their was chopping wood and threshing his hands at proudly regard his last invanted pulleys, his wounds, they are ready to undergo the same pro- his door. The usual salutations were exchangmost improved rigging-tackle; but what are these cess the following year Yet they are not mar- ed, and the severity of the weather briefly disbut imitations of the tendons of the human body? tyrs cheered under their sufferings by the pro- cussed and the horseman made demonstrations The optician may invent his instruments ever so spect of heavenly beatitude. They know per of passing on, when his neighbor detaining him scientifically, and grind his lenses ever so nicely, | fectly well that their reward will be ten pounds. | with but he will fail in attaining the same perfection The Chinese gostill further. They not ealy either in neatness or transparency, as is presented torture themselves by deputy, but sometimes like a glass of good old Jamaica this cold morn by the parts which enter into the composition of suffer decapitation in the same commodious man- ing? the eye. Lastly, the mechanician owes his knowl- ner. A rich man coudemned to lose his head, is edge of valves and pumps, to the contrivances allowed to find a substitute, who shall suffer in contained in our circulation; and the watchmak- his stead, and he finds one! Nor is it merely de- deliberation becoming a Deacon; Idon't care if, er constructs his b irrel-chain, having for his mo- | capitation which the man has to undergo, but he | do ! del the backdone of the serpent. Itrust to have is usually tortured before he receives the final the pleasure of demonstrating these truths to blow. A man sells himself in China to the exeyou, and of convincing you that many of the socalled original designs of man, are but barbarous copies of designs which emanate from the master hand of the Almighty .- Dr. Ashenheim.

HISTORY OF THE BEARD.

Of the antiquity of the custom of wearing the beard, there can be but little doubt, since unless Adam was the first barber, as well as gardener

he must have worn the old ornament to his chin | weakness but of power. They speak more elowith which God had furnished him, though no- quently than ten shousand tongues. They are thing has shown the mutability of fashion more | the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep than to cut color and curl, since the creation of contrition and of unspeakable love. Saxons who first arrived on our island must have | could never die in peace. - Dr. Johnson. been an extremely fierce looking race, since their whiskers and moustaches are described as of unmense length reaching to the breast. William the Conquerer ordered all the men to shave in England, though he himself continued to wear a short beard and moustache. King Stephen, Hentastes! Henry the Third was clean shaven; Edward the First and Second both were fastidious in the arrangements of their beards and moustaches; as were also all the beaux and courtiers during their reign; crisping them with hot irons, sheriffs and constables. and taking great pains with their cut and curl mond shaved; Menry the Eighth sported a till- or look intently into the shop windows to avoid shaved beard, like the one described asfornamen- | seeing a creditor. The courtier, scholar soldier, and priest, had each their own peculiar twist of moustache days of Queen Bess, for what says the Bard-"Stand you forth now, stroke your chin and stone. swear by your beards that I am a knave."- The squash buckler and bully, we presume, were furnished, as it is customery to represent a "pistol" upon the beards, with a beard like a toppice

HINDOOS AND CHINESE: PURCHAS- may repentance touch their hearts!" EDSUBSTITUTES FOR TORTURE ANA DEATH .- In what country could wretches se touching instance of character exalted and eleva. "There needs no other proof," she says, "that found who, for a small payment, would allow | ted by purity and Chistian leve, that we ever rethemselves to be hung on a rope by two sharp member to have seen. It shows the highest moriron hooks inserted in the flesh of their backs, al dignity, nn i, we might almost say, the very cutioner to find bread for his family, just as in Europe he devotes himself to the chances of war. What must be the love of such a man for his family, or the obtuseness of his physical sensibility? The one and the other are to us alike incomprehensible. Jacquemoni's Voyage dans!

SACREDNESS OF TEARS -There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of Lordship."

man. The Je 7s have, perhaps been more con- Oh! speak not harshly of the stricken onestant to the beard, of any nation, having worn it | weeping in silence! Break not the deep solemperiod did the Romans. The British at one pe- | but awful pleasure! If there were none on earth riod, (when Cæsar invaded Britain) clipped the to shed a tear for me, I should be loth to live; beard close, and wore only the moustache. The and if no one might weep over my grave, I

THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

The eccentric, but brilliant, John Randelph, once rose suddenly up in his seat in the House of Representatives, and screamed out at the top ry the Second, Richard the First, and John, all of his shrill voice, "Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speakwore their beards according to their several or! I have discovered the philosopher's stone. It is Pay as you go!"

John Randolph dropped many gerns from his mouth, but never a richer one than that.

forked beard of the Chaucer fashion. During the | have no fear of those you meet. You can look | Pitts. Chron. reigns of Edward the Sixth and Richard the at any man in the eye without flinching. You Third, men wore their faces ad libitum; Rich- | wont have to cross the highway to avoid adun.

ting the chin of Hudibras; in the succeeding "Pay as you go," and you can snap your fin- and dissolute life, said to him quietly, "a contest reign we recognized a beard pertaining to the | ger at the world, and when you laugh, it will be | between thee and me is very unequal-for thou countenance of that wendrous mortal, the slight- a hearty, honest one. It seems to us sometimes | caust bear ill language with case, and return it est glance of whose face of genius and beauty (en- that we can almost tell the laugh of a poor debtor. with pleasure—but for my part, his unusual for shrined as it is in all English hearts) facinates He looks around as though he was in doubt wheth- me to hear it, and disagreeable to speak it." the eye wherever his picture hangs in our halls, | er the laugh was not the property of his cred | and we bless heaven that we speak the tongue liters, and not included in articles "exempted from that Shakspeare wrote. During Elizabeth's reign attachment." When he does succeed in getting | China had devoted himself to the study of alchemy. men of all parties appear to have been extreme- out an abortion of a laugh-for it is nothing but | An impostor brought him an elixir, declaring that if ly choice in the shape of their beards-Each an abortion-he appears frightened, and looks as he would drink it. he would become immortal. A profession seems to have been peculiarly barbed. | though he expected it would be pounced upon by

John Randolph was right. It is the philose-

True Nobility.—We find, says the Boston | signifies a nurse; Caroline from the Latin, of brushwood and moustache of most formidable Transcript, a most beautiful anecdete of a man noble minded; George from Greek, a fartwirl; many cashiered rascals, with hearts as in an elevated station, with whose name Europe | mer; Martha, from Hebrew, bitterness; the white as snew? "wearing upon their chins the is now reechoing, and whose good deeds to his beautful though common name. Mary, is beard of Mercules." In fact, according to some nation seem to warm the hearts of those who authorities men were at that time so careful of love virtue and justice in America It purports their chins, that it was no uncommon thing for to be an abstract of a letter from Rome, and is them to be encassed at night lest they should turn published in an English paper. It runs to the in bed and rumple their beards out of proper effect, that a man was arrested in Rome whilst form during sleep. The sold er, during Eliza- distributing clandestinely a pamphlet entitled, beth's reign, was perhaps more solicitous to sport "History of Pius 1X, the Enemy of Religion an ample vallace upon his face than any other and Chief of Young Italy." When the Pope profession, and we find him accordingly in the heard of his arrest he ordered the man to be "Seven Ages of Man," described as "bearded like | brought before him. After interrogating the of- | lady, verging, it is believed, on her third score of a pard" when on service; and again, when stern fender his Holiness remarked, "As your faults years Whether she has experienced the feeling alarms had changed to merry meetings, we find affect only myself. I pardon you" The manfell so eloquently and beautifully described, we the old ornament of the warrior's cheek stuffing at the feet of the Pope, and offered to reveal the know not, but we have rarely met with so denames of the authors of the pamphlet but the Pope lightful a picture as she has drawn A contem-

This, adds the Transcript, is one of the most

A GOOD ANEGDOTE -As the good Deacon A . on a cold morning in January, was rid

"Don't be in a hurry, Deacon; would'nt you!

"Thank you kindly," said the old gentleman, at the same time beginning to dismount with all the

"Ah, don't trouble yourself to get off, Deacou said the wag, "I merely asked for inf rmationwe havn't a single drop of rum in the house."

once, at the bottom of his table-"Why the goose, sweep where you are sitting, depend upon it, she if there was one, was always placed next the is the girl, you want so far, certainly, as temper parson? "Really," said he, "I can give no rea- is concerned; for never is a woman so petulsom for it; but your question is so odd, I shall ant, so domineering as when she has a broom in never see a goose again without thinking of your her hand, except it is whem she has a mop .-

IMPORTANT TO THE LADIES -The London Gazette contains some important infermation for the ladies, with regard to the manner of placing their lips, when they desire to look amiable, dignified, etc. It suggests that whoma lady would compose her mouth to a bland and from the time of the Patriarchs till within a few nity by rude laughter, or intrusive footsteps. serene character, she should, just before entering years back; may, with them the cut of the beard Scoff not if the stern heart of manhood is some- the room, say Besom, and keep the expression was a sacred duty—to shave it was a sign of times melted to tears of sympathy—they are what into which the mouth subsides until the desired mourning, and to pluck it an insult. The early help to elevate him above the brute I love to effect upon the company is evident. If, on the Greeks wore the beard long, as also for a short | see tears of affection. They are painful tokens, other hand, she wishes to assume a distinguished and somewhat noble bearing, not suggestive of sweetness, she should say Brush, the result of which is infallible. If she would make her mouth look small and pretty, she must say, Flip. but if the mouth be already too small and need enlarging, she must say, Cabbuge. Ladies, when having their daguerreotypes taken may observe these rules with some advantage.

EFFECTS OF SCIENCE -We saw a newspaper boy carefully shunning every famale who chanced to come in his way as he was selling his papers along Market street, yesterday merning. One of his fellows asked him what "Pay as you go," and you need not dodge he did it for. "Why," said the itinerant vender of news, "did'nt you read in the papers that "Pay as you go," and you can walk the streets | cotton had been discovered to be explosive In Richard the Second's reign we observed the with an erect back and a manly front and you dare'nt go behind a woman with a bustle on."

ABUSE - Plutarch, in his admirable biogra. phies tells us that Cato, the Censor, being scur. rillously treated by a fellow who led a licentious

A CHINESE ANECDOTE -- An Emperor of Mandarin present having, in vain, tried to undeceive him, took the cup, and drank off the liquor. The each their own peculiar twist of moustache Men even swore by their beards in the good old faces at home—happy, cherry-cheeked smiling this liquor can bestow immortality, you cannot put children-a contented wife--a cheerful hearth- me to death; if it does not, what harm have I done? This speech appeared the Emperor, who admired and praised the wisdom of his minister.

> NAMES .- Emma is from the German Hebrew, and means a drop of salt, a tear. Sophia, from Greck, wisdom; Susan, from Hebrew a lily: Thomas, from Heberew, a twin; Robert, from German famous in cou-

LOVE .- The following beautiful sentiments replied, "Let their faults be buried in silence, and porary truly remarks that 'her sentiments are pure and hearty, and to realize them in their fulhappiness is the most wholesome moral atmosphere, and that in which the immerality of man is destined ultimately to thrive, then the elevation of soul, the religious aspiration which attends the first assurance, the first sobor certainty f true love. The Statesman is the le der of a nation; the warrior is the grace of an age; the philosopher is the birth of a thomand vears; but the lover-where is he not? Wherever parents look round upon their children here be has been; wherever children are at play together there hes on will be; herever there are roofs, under which men dwell-werever there is an atmosphere vibrating with human voices there is he lover, and there is his lofty worship going on-unspeakable, but revealed in the brightness of his eye, the majesty of the presence, and the high temper of the discourse. True love continues and will continue to send up its homage amidst the meditations of every eventide, and the busy hum of noon and the songs of morn-

HOW TO FIND A WIFE - When a young woman, while in the act of sweeping approaches you with kind words and gracious looks and WITTY .- A noble Lord asked a clergyman politely requests you to move, for she wents to Hampshire Herald.

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