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POETRY.

From "Poems by Frances S. Osgood." HYMN.

suit upon the docket.

Approach not the altar With gloom in thy soul; · Nor let thy feet falter From terror's control!

God loves not the sadness Of tear and distrust; Oh serve him with gladness-The Gentile, the Just!

His bounty is tender, His being is love,-His smile fills with splendor The blue arch above.

Confiding, believing, Oh! enter always "His courts with thanksgiving-His portals with praise!"

Nor come to the temple With pride in their mien; But lowly and simple, In courage serene.

Bring meekly before him The faith of a child; Bow down and adore Him, With heart undefiled;

And "by the still waters," And through the green shade, With Zion's glad daughters, Thy path shall be made!

For the Port Tobacco Times. JOEL NONSUCH;

OR THE MOST UNFORTUNATE MAN IN THE WORLD.

CHAPTER II. Have I not had to wrestle with my lot? Have I not suffered things to be forgiven?

Because not altogether of such clay As rots into the souls of those whom I survey.

one-oh! here with me was the pang. ized the following words of the poet:

"Oh, Love! no habitant of earth thou art-An unseen seraph, we believe in thee,

A faith whose martyrs are the broken heart."

cheat the world out of a living. The truth Then we found that luck took a strange body, and what made me cartain, there was sir! to be deaf to such evidence would be must be told—I was ambitious, my mind turn, and by dinner time our pocket books a slit in the right ear,—my mark. Well, I spotting the sacred ermine which invelopes was lofty in its aspirations and could de- had disgorged to the tune of two hundred and goes to Mr. Jones, I do, and tells him he has the dignity of your person. I can't but

quent insertion. If the number of insertions be power to introduce one into genteel society, of the captain of the boat, who, seeing my my dander riz, and I was about to walk in- was a shout from all present. about the subject the more elevated I felt, if I continued to play, they would, to a mo-rake. So I goes right off to 'Squire Sturges, the midst of the excitement, called them to until at last I fancied I could see myself ral certainty, strip me of every cent I had. gits a writ and 'plevies the hog. This is all, order, and gave judgment in my favor. This surrounded by clients giving large fees for With this information, I saw at once how I Mr. Lyyer, and I want you to come up be-produced another "Hurrah for Nonsuch!" my opinions, and my name, either for plain- had been cheated and congratulated myself fore the 'Squire next Monday and see me Jones and Spoony looked daggers, and betiff or defendant, entered to every important that I had come off no worse. I reached righted."

> Possessed of great confidence and a con-cation. It was a thriving little town in the certainly be there; your case is a very clear tom's witnesses. Here a quarrel ensued siderable gift of the gab, I applied, upon the far-west, where the people, though not the one if you can prove the facts as stated." recommendation of a friend, to the Messrs. most civilized I ever saw, yet were justly My client now left, after leaving his name, Holdum & Skinum for permission to study styled a go-ahead-knockum-down-and-drag-which was Hardbottom, and saying he squire and all included. How the contest law in their office. These two gentlemen out set of squatters. They were truly, in should certainly expect to see me on the were in copartnership and did an extensive appearance, like Rocky-Mountain bears, day abovementioned. A writ of 'plevy! business. They had the reputation of beyet possessed noble hearts and ingenuous
> what in the devil did this mean? I could
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> gave me some noteriety as an attorney. I
> not recollect any such writ in my reading,
> pretty soon had many cases in the magis from their practice. I don't see how it not like, and that was the extremes to which could be otherwise, for if ever a client was they carried their code of honor. I was so unfortunate as to fall into their hands he told that a man to succeed there at anything was sure to be held fast by the one while must first show his pluck. To be thought he was skinned clean by the other. Upon a coward was at once to lose all respect and

> consultation, they agreed to take me at be despised. such a price; to which I demurred, telling I pretty soon after my arrival found ac-myself upon those resources which Nature them that I was very poor and had to de-commodations, opened a law office, and had bestowed, and relying upon what knowpend solely upon my own exertions, and hung out my sign, painted in large gilt let- ledge I might pick up in the course of the the method tolerably fair before that their charge was too high. After a ters, "Joel Nonsuch, Attorney and Countrial, I went to the magistrates' court on little reflection they made out to open their sellor at Law." Not many weeks had the day appointed. close hearts and admitted me a student upon rolled by when one day, as I was in the The court was held some ten or twelve terms more reasonable than their first pro- bar room of a small tavern talking with some miles from town, in the interior of a wild position. Thus installed, I went hard to gentlemen, a man came in damning the elec- country. Upon reaching there I found work, determined to acquire a knowledge tion which had just taken place and proof my profession in double-quick time. I nouncing the party to which I belonged as I was introduced to Squire Sturges, who he would pay me fifty dollars. had read in Wirt's life of Patrick Henry being composed of a set of villainous swin- was a big, fat, corpulent man, with a face ne that he had studied law only six weeks, I dlers, rascals, and liars. He raved for some vermillioned by grog. He was walking be all ready when you call. Your name if took that great man as my example, and time, when I laughingly commenced to dif-firmly resolved to conclude my legal course fer with him in opinion, and told him I from a very rank cigar, and looking as con-"Mr. Simp in the same space of time. So Blackstone's thought he was too violent. At this he sequential as if he had been governor of a Commentaries were disposed of in one raged the more and called me a scoundfel. province. The court was held in a log

> week, Kent's ditto ditto, Starkie on Evi- My delicate sense could not stand an in- cabbin, attached to one end of which was dence ditto, Chitty on Pleading ditto, Rus- sult so gross, and, by way of return, Het him a grog-shop, and usually on court days jus- thing I should write—I had never written a sel on Crimes ditto, and Croise's Digest have my fist between the eyes. A scuffle tice was dispensed according to the quanti- deed before, and was brought completely to half finished the last week. Well done Joel now ensued, but we were soon separated ty of liquor furnished the judge, either by a non plus. However, recollecting my old Nonsuch, what a number of pages have by the bystanders. The next day a gentle- the plaintiff or defendant. I learned this, form book, I took it down from the shelf you read, not one word of which you un- man waited upon me with a challenge from and immediately invited the squire to take and commenced to search. The first thing derstood, and about which you are as igno- the man I had the day before got the better a glass; which he cheerfully did, and re- I fell upon was a form of a bill of sale for rant now as the day on which you com- of with nature's weapons. Policy told me peated several times at my expense. menced to read.

Have I not suffered things to be forgiven?

Have I not had my brain sear'd, my heart riven, worthy instructors that I was about to leave as my antagonist had killed his man, and upon a stool, in front of which was a small davit, and folded it nicely to await the arri-Have I not had my brain sear'd, my heart riven, worthy instructors that I was about to leave the Hopes sapp'd, name blighted, Life's life lied away! them and go to the West, where I intended to the West, where I intended to the life but once in this life lied away! I thought a man has to die but once in t settle and complete my studies. They were I thought a man has to die but once in this and a newly lit cigar in his mouth. not a little surprised at this, and used many life and accepted the challenge. Having the "Gentlemen," said he, "the case first in persuasive arguments to induce me to stay. right to choose weapons, I selected short order on the docket is Hardbottom vs. Jones. We are all liable to a reverse of fortune I saw very plainly that the interest they rifles, as with that species of fire arms I was Are the parties ready?" we are all hable to a reverse of fortune in this life. No man's earthly pilgrimage is free from vicissitudes. To-day he may be swimming exultingly upon the full-tide be swimming exultingly upon the full-tide bad a settlement. With a full heart I took I went upon the field. The distance we of prosperity, to-morrow he may be plung- had a settlement. With a full heart I took I went upon the field. The distance we ed into the deep gulf of despair and penu- my departure for the West. And who, fought was eighty yards. The first fire no yer." ry. It has been the lot of some to pass through life partaking more of its sweets when about to leave the place of his nativity was now asked if he was satisfied, to which features looking as if he had received many. through life partaking more of its sweets when about to leave the place of his nativity than its bitters; but with the mass it has to take up his abode in a land of strangers; he replied in the negative. This I confess hard who in this wall of take up his abode in a land of strangers; he replied in the negative. This I confess hard who in this wall of take up his abode in a land of strangers; he replied in the negative. been far otherwise, their measure has been filled up with cares and sorrows, with dis
to take up his abode in a land of strangers; he replied in the negative. This I confess hard rubs in this vale of tears.

Yes, at such a time memory, in spite of our caused a chill to run through my system, as "The defendant is ready," he said. appointments and misfertunes; if they have efforts to the contrary, will revert to the past appointments and misfertunes; if they have a thousand pleasing associations crowd must do but to load up again and take our fall some missivings. But my alient are alient as a lient a experienced prosperity at all, it is only to —a thousand pleasing associations crowd must do but to load up again and take our felt some misgivings; but my client soon render the troubles of adversity more distressing by the contrast. Alas! the mutability

word fire, I blazed away, and as the smoke conversible.

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We feel the dearest ties are to be severed; word fire, I blazed away, and as the smoke conversible. of all things. O tempora! O mores! With me of sorrow and the heart sickens with gloom curld from before my eyes, what did I heof all things. Otempora! Omores! With me the frown of fortune was withering. Bright prospects were clouded in a day. From one who had enjoyed the reputation of a bid farewell to my native State and was off to penetrated the left breast, and he expired in the final ocen constantly end once, and from having been constantly e one who had enjoyed the reputation of a bid farewell to my native State and was off to penetrated the left breast, and he expired in distinguished physician, and who was just my place of destination as fast as steem and a few minutes. This duel created considerdistinguished physician, and who was just on the eve of taking a young and lovely wife, I found myself tumbled down to the wife a pleasant one to me with the events being a stranger without friends, I soon found a few minutes. This duel created consider what I could prove. My witnesses were labeled up, and swore to the hog, and the wife a pleasant one to me with the events of the hog and the wife. I replied very politely that I base cognomen of a quack, with all my tion of an occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn of an occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn of an occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn of an occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn of an occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn of an occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn of the learn occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn occurrence which I must be many and could learn to the learn occurrence which I must be most happy to give any business connubial anticipations blighted. The fact tion of an occurrence, which I must here myself surrounded by many, and could learn that I was spoken of as a brave and clever.

The defendant's witnesses now took the he should please to favor me with my most of having lost caste as a physician did not grieve me, for my ignorance of the profession deservedly entitled me to such a fate;

In the tact with the first of the should please to favor me with my most stand, and swore point blank that the hog belonged to Mr. Jones, and described prescribed by my first client. He was a sion deservedly entitled me to such a fate;

In going down the grizzly-bearded old fellow of rather an ir-

sion deservedly entitled me to such a late; outward appearances. In going down the grizzly-bearded old fellow of rather an irbut the love-sick heart—the loss of the fair Mississippi I was an heart the loss of the fair witnesses had done. It was a singular case. Gull) celated his case, the facts of which Mississippi, I was on board the boat three ritable disposition, and seemed to be willing I saw, however, a small discrepancy upon were these: That a certain Mr. Plunk had loved, yes, deeply loved, and it was no loved, been in the habit of visiting his house for a loved, yes, deeply loved, and it was no induced, by the solicitations of an old man, what he conceived to be his rights violated. My witnesses had described two curls in long time to see his haughter Jane; that he cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully realwho seemed a perfect gentleman, to take a cruel fate had given me. I now fully reala cruel fate had g game of cards for the purpose of dispelling a whole-hog story. He told me he knew Jones' witnesses had sworn to but one. worked upon the affections of his dear Jane; ennui. There was with him a very genteel his hog from a pig, and every mark about it; Spoony, I saw, did not notice this, and afthat she pledged him her heart and hand; young man, who said he would like also to that his daughter Sally had riz it in the ter he had made a long, boring speech, that after they were engaged and the day take a hand if we could get a forth person kitchen upon slops until it was big enough which produced no excitement, and tired set apart for their nuptials, Mr. Plunk ceased

But there was one thing which calmed my other gentleman who was standing by to be "Now," says he, "Mr. Lyyer, the fact is about the value of pork and hog meat in learned that the rascal was about to be sorrows and brought consolation to my my partner for a few games at euka; having jist this, some five or six weeks afore last general, then branched off upon Bonaparte's married soon to a Miss Nancy Stiggins; drooping spirits, and that was, as I thrust consented, we all sat down to play, at first, Christmas, I missed my hog and couldn't career, the exploits of Alexander the Great, that his poor Jane had heard it also and my hands into my pockets there I found merely for drinks. My partner and myself find him high nor low; so going along one came down to our Revolution, spoke of was nearly distracted by disappointed love; the thousand dollars filched from the cre- in the outset beat every game until we had day through neighbor Jones' plantation, jist Washington and the American Government. that she would not eat, could not sleep, and dulity of my very estimable patient Mrs. won more grog than the whole party could afore hog-killing time, I stopped at his pen At every pause the squire hollowed out, seemed almost to be going mad. He wanted Goodwell. This was more money than drink. The old man now proposed, as we to look at the hogs he had up fattenin', and bravo! I now told him I had a tale to un- to know if there was no law in the land to I ever possessed at any one time before. had liquor enough, to play for a dollar or I'll be chawed up by varmints if there wasn't fold. The learned gentleman had overlook- punish the villam, and what I thought best I thought that out of it I could yet make two, so as to make the game more interest- my hog, as fat as he could waller. I know- ed the important fact which my witnesses to be done. When the old man had finmyself a man, and that my case was ing. This we readily assented to, thinking ed the minute I clapped these peepers on had sworn to, that my client's hog had two ished, with the tears trickling down his not so hard after all. So, riding along, that we had the skill of our adversaries, and leaving behind the village B—— and my sweet Ida, forever, I revolved in my mind many plans and schemes by which I could man's suggestion, we increased the game to ten dollars. little black and sandy spots all over his your honor doubt now how to decide? No,

scend to nothing low and grovelling. I had fifty dollars. This was a big hole into my got my hog in his pen. He said he had believe that justice is on my side. Yes, sir! succeeded pretty well in one of the learned finances. I felt excited almost to madness not; very well, says I, we will see. So I so long as the star-spangled banner shall in if not paid until end of the year, 2 00 professions and determined to try another, at my losses, and determined, so soon as I goes home, brings Sally, Bill Shanks, Perry triumph wave over this happy republic, just swallowed my dinner, to play higher and Grub, and Sam Doolittle, all who knowed so long will those two curls prowdly wave as great for practising humbuggery and de-take the chances of coming out even or the hog and swore it was mine. Mr. Jones over that hog's back—emblems of the pu-ADVERTISEMENTS.—\$1 per square for three insertions—14 lines of small type or 16 of large type to constitute a square—25 cents for every subsenot marked on the advertisement it will be pub- and under the majesty of whose influence situation, informed me that I was in the to him like a bear in a canebreak, but Bill Some said "Mr. Nonsuch was a smart fellished until forbid, and charged accordingly. A one is enabled to fleece the people out of hands of two of the most notorious Shanks stopped me. Well, says I, that hog low"—others exclaimed, "Didn't he put it liberal deduction made to those who advertise by their hard earnings. The more I thought gamblers who travelled the river, and that I will have if it costs me every cent I can to Spoony like a bruiser." The 'squire, in

the place in safety I had selected for my lo- "Very good, sir," was my reply, "I shall decision, and the false oaths of Hardbot-

into each of which I looked, but could find nothing like the word 'plevy. However, from trying the hog case. So throwing termination of the year.

I must fight, though it went much against The hour for commencing business had

"Well then, gentlemen, proceed to trial. always show your title." "Yes, sir; Mr. Spoony here is my law-

to make up the game. I proposed to an- to run out.

gan to talk loud about corrupt judge, wrong which ended in a regular pitch battle between the parties and their friends, the terminated I did not wait to see, but in the

midst of the malee, mounted my horse and and what was worse I did not know where pretty soon had many cases in the magisto look to find it. I had but a few books, trates' courts, and succeeded in all very well from the fact that no lawyers of any standing practised in those courts. With rigid determined this should not prevent me economy, by this saddle-bags practice, I made out to make both ends meet at the I had now by this time made many ac-

the public. Just as I was wishing for something to do, in walked, one day, a man and asked me to draw him up a deed. He said he had just purchased a track of land from one Mr. Slippery, for which he was to pay

"Mr. Simple. Now lawyer draw it well." "O yes, sir! Everything shall be right." Mr. Simple took his leave, and I began to goods and chattles. Ah! here it is, I thought, Feeling full of the law, I informed my the grain. I was a good deal alarmed, too, now arrived. The squire took his seat lar bill of sale for the land, without any affiple called and I gave him the deed, for which he paid me the fee specified. He asked if he must leave it at the cierk's of-

"Oh no, sir! Keep it locked up, it will

Mr. Simple now lest me and I rejoiced over my money. I had not as yet tried a and that my time would come round after