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POETRY.

INDOLENCE. Indolent! indolent! yes, I am indolent! So is the grass growing tenderly, slowly; So is the violet fragrant and lowly, Drinking in quietness, peace, and content; So is the bird on the light branches swinging, Idly its carol of gratitude singing,

Only on living and loving intent. Indolent! indolent! yes, I am indolent! So is the cloud overhanging the mountain; So is a tremulous wave of a fountain, Uttering softly its eloquent psalm; Nerve and sensation in quiet reposing, Silent as blossoms the night dew is closing.

But the full heart beating strongly and calm. Indolent! indolent! yes I am indolent! If it be idle to gather my pleasure Out of creation's uncoveted treasure, Midnight and morning, by forest and sea; Wild with tempest exultation; Lonely in Autumn's forlorn lamentation;

Hopeful and happy with Spring and the bee. Indolent! indolent! are ye not indolent? Thralls of the earth, and its usages weary; Toiling like gnomes where the darkness is dreary. Toiling, and sinning to heap up your gold. Stiffing the heavenward breath of devotion; Crushing the freshness of every emotion; Hearts like the dead that are pulseless and cold

Indolent! indolent! art thou indolent? Thou who art living unloving and lonely, Wrapped in a pall that will cover thee only, Shrouded in selfishness, piteous ghost! Sad eyes behold thee, and angels are weeping O'er thy forsaken and desolate sleeping; Art thou not indolent?—Art thou not lost?

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Knickerbocker. A COCK-FIGHT IN THE HAVANA. BY LLWYVEIN.

and to be feared.

er, glistened like gold, when contrasted with that if the bird resembled his master, he him in a bag. his black muzzle; and beneath the belaying. would prove a formidable antagonist; for

cussing the merits of the combatants in a just been claimed for them. certain cock-fight, which was to take place In a few minutes, the party had landed a cock-pit. on the island that day, and to which they and separated, the officers having gone to a ing, the day generally chosen by the Creoles body of men, whose appearance was such for their exhibitions of bull-fights, cock- as to render them little likely to receive infights, and similar rational amusements, and terruption from the majority of peaceably- for not a vestige of it remained; and to add lance to couch; so instead, he lowered his this, the said eagle had been tarred and feasion to witness the sport, in consequence of In about half-an-hour, they had reached a mixture of grease and blacking, until his and then precipitated himself with unerring cloud' had been converted into a creature who is striving to rise in the world, begins the enormous bets which had been staked the inclosure which contained the pit, and original color had been entirely lost. A precision on his adversary, making the feath- which, instead of soaring to heaven as the to exhibit superior powers, and the possesby the Spaniards and Creoles upon their fathey soon found themselves in the midst of loud shout of derision arose from the sp+cers fly, as he struck him a savage blow with presager of liberty, was running about a sion of true genius, he must hide the light vorites, and because it was so arranged that a motley assemblage, who were chattering tators at the impudence of the Yankee, in his sharp steel-gaffs.

Symptoms of impatience were becoming States. evident in the countenances of the officers Women of every shade of color, from hemisphere. observed a knot of sailors congregated at the outer side of the wall, with tables or of the Ohio, the secret was now record to the Ohio, the secret was now recorded. observed a knot of sailors congregated a- the outer side of the wall, with tables or of the Ohio, the secret was now revealed, 'Old Guard' deserted him at Waterloo; or ers' about the time they cease to bloom.— died a broom. He may see the time when will Glover, the hostswein a fine specimen some stages and soot, in spite of had 'Old Hickory' been seen scampering Nevertheless the girlish attire and innocent will not effort him much estisfaction Will Glover, the boatswain, a fine specimen cane, alligator-pears, mangoes, bell-apples, the clipped wings and chipped feathers, they away at New-Orleans; had anything in fact unconsciousness of the old eagle were not will not afford him much satisfaction. of an American sailor, approached them, and sapadilloes, and various other tropical fruits, perceived the eye of an old bald eagle, and utterly impossible happened to any body, sufficient to appease the wrath of the backtouching his cap, requested permission to while men and boys were seen parading the terrible beak and claws, which the sail- any body could not have been more com- ers of 'Satan;' and if they had been fallen take them ashore in the yawl instead of the about with every variety of that officious ors had almost managed to conceal by cov- pletely thunder-struck than was our dilapi- angels themselves, they could not have look- included and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and it may had been failed and the sail and the sai

The request occasioned some surprise, as the break of day, when nobody cares about chickens of some by-gone dinner. it was rather an unusual one, and the cap- hearing it. tain was on the point of refusing, when the The pit was surrounded by a large amphifirst lieutenant whispered in his ear:

wind; so let's see what it is about.' The quick-witted boatswain, however, Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spake again, had seen the impending refusal, and before And all went merry as a marriage-bell; well as in everything else.'

'Beside,' continued he, 'these yellow dev-

to fight one of the half-bred game-cocks a better cause.

if not paid within six months, 2.00. are perhaps unequalled in the world.' not marked on the advertisement it will be pub- whipped yet, although he has had worse their admiration.

Communications addressed to this office must are after,' replied the captain, good-natured- most extraordinary anachronisms.

taste a drop of liquor, you may go.'

ded by saying:

'I have good reason for wishing to pre- on the island. betray us. We have raised all the money we could on the ship, and have got a good was known to every one in the town as hav- which he found himself placed. cember, a few years ago, the Ohio lay swing. purse to put against the best cock that ever ing whipped the best birds the island had But if astonishment was ever depicted up- as a dentist would pull a tooth.

up like snakes preparing for a spring. bright, handsome countenance gave promise your bird, Sir. A slight breeze rippled the water, gently of more than ordinary intelligence and reso-

the field was open to competitors of all and yelling in a manner worthy of the gallead offering so miserable a creature as the antagoHad Mr. Pickwick heard an insinuation school-girl in pantalettes, with wide ruffles, ter him, trying to blow it out.

theatre, capable of holding an immense num-There is a lurking devil in Will's eye, ber of persons, and there, seated upon bench which shows that there is mischief in the es, raised one above the other, sat the beauty and chivalry of the Havana. There

of the old Done displayed upon little tables intention of getting into a fight, and as their door, twisted his neck into a most uncom- more laborious method of killing him, by killed more than it cured.

\$1.50 time to breeding and training, and which door, and shortly after the officers of the Beside the money which the men had brought would happen next.

worthy of all admiration; but unless histo- the other five he had managed to place ad- unwarrantable assaults without giving way favor of the American bird, and both officers Well, I do not know what mischief you ry is to be disbelieved, they were guilty of vantageously, at the rate of about one to to his temper, and although his feathers were and men immediately received from the

half of these men, that you will behave garded in the scenes there enacted, and the 'turning an honest penny,' by fleecing the Every time that 'Satan' struck him, a yell of of the ermine, Cuba had now become to the yourselves properly while on shore, and not very dead were brought from their graves ignorant Yankees. to fight for the amnsement of the inconside- Even the officers themselves at last caught the fate of the nondescript seemed inevita- cides of the seventeenth century—quite a Will touched his cap again, and in a min- rate spectators.

sailors sprang into it, and swinging round Quixote.

to the disfigurement, he was smeared with head and tail to a level, in imitation of one, thered until the majestic monarch of the A FACT.—Fanny Fern says, that when he lery of a third-rate theatre in the United nist of Satan,' the pride of the Havana, and against his courage; had a Yankee peddler or even more like one of those strong mindas they doubtless thought, the hero of an been discovered in the act of selling honest ed semales who pass their declining years

bird which always insists upon announcing ering them with feathers, taken from the dated old eagle at the impudence of this ed more ready to avenge the death of his ing large quantities of honey out of Sugar—

permitted the men to come ashore, as they tofore indulged in had always been conduc- The cry of 'unfair!' arose from all Post. dangerous when excited.

far to be stopped, and they had to content himself dodging Camanche rifle-balls in a and that they wanted nothing but what was it had time to leave the captain's lips, he had but nevertheless old and young, rich and themselves with relying on the prudence of Mexican swamp. It would be natural to right,' adding, however, parenthetically and themselves with relying on the prudence of Mexican swamp. told him 'that the boys had brought out in poor, seemed bent upon enjoying the sport, Glover. Although they knew that he was suppose that 'his eagle eye now lighted up,' 'sotto voce,' that 'if the judge did not know lic address, that he was seventy-four years the vessel a great fighting-bird, which they and the 'soft eyes' above alluded to seemed a perfect devil when his blood was up, they and that the rash chicken would instantly what right was, he would probably receive of age, and had yet to learn how whiskey wanted to match against the best game-cock quite willing to divide their lavors equally still knew him to be a man of his word, and have paid the penalty of his folly, but he some instruction upon the subject before tasted! on the island, being desirous of proving the between their cavaliers and the chickens. that he would not make a disturbance if he did not do anything of the kind.

But what kind of a bird have you got around the edge of the ring, and which they chief object was to make up their losses by fortable position, to take a bird's-eye view spurring and pecking at him, he had a perthere?' said the captain; 'you cannot hope won and lost with a nonchalance worthy of winning a pile of gold from the Habaneros, of the matter, and then calmly walking away feet right to do so. they quietly staked all the money they had from the irascible individual who had insul- Whether the judge had overheard the conwhich we have at home against the splendid Glover and his companions, on entering among those around them, generally, con- ted him, drew himself into as spherical a clusion of Will's remarks; whether he had

the amount of the bet one-half, in considers- a fury. lished until forbid, and charged accordingly. A enemies to encounter than these bilious- Gallant birds they certainly were, and tion of the poverty of Los Americanos, and Three times did the eagle receive these decision was certainly given promptly in

the infection. Unable to resist the pressing ble; but Glover and his companions main- warm place of residence, or to speak more ute disappeared down the hatch, while the Julius Cæsar was there, picking a quarrel offers of those around them, knowing the tained an imperturbable silence, their only plainly, 'too hot to held them.' officers stood wondering at the implicit re- with the Duke of Wellington; Plutarch was power of their champion, and feeling a gal- fear being that an unlucky blow of the spurs | The regicides had beheaded a king of liance which he seemed to have in the pow- strutting about with a large red comb in his lant pride in sustaining the character of their might reach a vital part before the eagle had England, and they had only beheaded a king ers of his bird, yet at the same time confid- head; Lord Byron, with bare legs and steel- national bird, they bet the last dollar they awakened to a sense of his danger. of the cock-pit; but the Cubans were as ing fully in the well known shrewdness of spurs, was seen running away from Chris- had with them, until the amount staked by But the time had now arrived when Ameri- likely to avenge the one as the Stuarts had the fellow, which they had often seen put topher Columbus; and Mark Antony was officers and men exceeded an hundred doub- ca was to assert her majesty, and the Ha- been to avenge the other, and therefore, like heard pronouncing an extremely tautologi- loons, and the odds given by the Cubans baneros were to learn the danger of trifling the man who was pitched out of a second-The yawl was soon lowered, a dozen cal oration over the dead body of Don had amounted to nearly three times this sum. with her eagle.

precious bird in a sack, and seizing the pain- countrymen, would 'lend him their ears;' few feet from each other, and amid the ac- him to the earth, as if he had been nailed the chap that carries a trident—an article, ter, swung himself lightly into the boat. but his style was certainly more terse and clamations of the Habaneros, the instant that there. By this time the officers had become as laconic, for his preface consisted of 'cock-a,' Satan' touched the ground, he threw himmuch interested in the proceedings as the his story of 'doodle,' and the conclusion of self into an imposing attitude, and uttered a enemy men, and as soon as they were seated, de- 'doo.' Such brevity should certainly have crow of defiance, which rang through the manded to see the contents of the bag. ranked with the 'veni, vidi, vici' of olden building, and was immediately answered by But Will assured them that the bird would times, and the 'Sevastopol est pris' of our a dozen of his neighbors outside the walls. and then-I blush to tell it-with his other fight so much better if kept in the dark un- day. But to return to our unfortunate bird, Black as a raven's wing, a more beautiful claw, deliberately pulled his head off! til the hour of combat, and pleaded so ear- who had been covered all this time with bird had never delighted the eyes of the Cuany of that description.

billow, like a beautiful thing of life, with name's not Will Glover; for their picayune ters. Incensed with the idea of winning as if to obtain a nearer view, and convince but sateastic pencil? from the segars of a few officers, who, dress- huge arms looked perfectly capable of per- the officers and the rest of the assembly, the reputation by an encounter with a common an emblem that they were bound by every fertile by rest, to abound with and spend most curious-looking specimen of the feath- prize-fighter; but there was no chance of tie of duty to have preserved intact. ered tribe that had ever graced or disgraced escape, and conscious that both the nobility A modern poem, which has been made sorts of weeds and wild herbs, that are unand democracy of Havana were awaiting his trite by its beauty, tells us that once upon a profitable, and of no wholesome use, even It was a bird about the size of a large movements, he concluded to kill his antago- time Freedom were to be conveyed in the captain's gig, livery-stable to procure a conveyance, and rooster, with no tail, no comb, and no steel nist at once, and extricate himself from the which had been ordered to be got ready for the stalwart form of the boatswain could be gaffles. Comb it seems he never had had, unpleasant predicament. He could not shout that purpose. It was a bright Sunday morn- seen rolling up the street, at the head of a and as for tail, if he had ever been blessed 'a Bayard!' or 'a Satan to the rescue!' for with such an appendage, the ruthless sailors his voice was only adapted to saying that must have 'clipped it short and driven it in,' eternal 'cock-a-doodle-doo,' and he had no and yet, without the slightest regard for all nation.-Montaigue.

vicious chicken. The officers now regretted that they had The few battles that the eagle had here- death of his name-sake.

Whenever a fine bird was exhibited and could help it; so hoping that their presence As the cock struck him, he slightly ele- Fortunately for the sake of peace, the exclaim, "Alas! poor soul!" matched against another, the ladies were would have its influence with the audience, vated his wings, as elderly gentlemen elevate matter was too plain a one to admit of much seen beiting with as much vivacity as the they drew still nearer to the boatswain, and their eye-brows when they hear of the mad dispute. 'Satan' had been fairly pitted a- Charles Lamb hit the hydropathists when wils win our money all the time with their men, although their stakes were more mode- then quietly awaited the issue. But their freaks of younger members of the family, gainst the nondescript, and if the nondescript, and i

Ohio arrived, and obtaining places a short with them, Glover had collected on the ship His curiosity upon this point, however, trived to leave sticking out of his pocket; Never mind that, captain,' answered Will; distance from the men, were soon engaged about thirty doubloons, twenty-five of which was destined to be very soon gratified, for and whether either had any influence in tions-12 lines of small type or 14 of large type 'we have a bird here that is known all over in making trifling bets with those around he had staked against fifty of the Signor's, 'Satan,' having once tasted blood, waived all bringing his mind to a just decision, are constituting a square—and 25 cents for every sub- the United States, and which has never been them, on such birds as happened to excite who had graciously condescended to reduce difference of rank, and flew at him again like points which, like many other gentlemen on

> three, among the audience, all of whom flying about and the blood trickling down stake-holders the full amount of the bets .ly; 'but if you will give your word on be- Time, place, and facts were utterly disre- seemed anxious to have an opportunity of his breast, he still seemed indisposed to fight. Still, not with standing the favorable decision delight broke from the Cubans, and to them sailors what England became to the regi-

Before proceeding farther, it was arranged The last blow the gallant cock was ever time to leave." to the gangway, sat silently waiting for the It is true that the eloquence of this Mr. that the birds were to be placed in the ring, to strike had been struck, and as the blood Not that the tars were really pitched out, officers; but a knowing smile might have Antony was not quite equal to that of anoth- and then both Signor and Will were to re- spurted from a deep wound made by the however, for although pitch and tar are albeen seen playing about each man's face, er of the same name, who once began an ad- tire, while the actual death of a bird was gaffs, the eagle, raised himself to his grand- most synonymous terms, yet there is a kind which broke into a cheer, as the sturdy boat- dress by making the unreasonable request alone to decide the victory. swain appeared on the monkey-rail with his that his friends,' as well as the Romans and The birds were accordingly set down a brave but doomed bird by the back, pinned ed about by any body except old Poseidon,'

For an instant he gazed upon his fallen stable or our grandmother's toasting-fork.

'With that stern pride which warriors feel In foemen worthy of their steel,'

nestly against taking him out, that they at sack-cloth, if not with ashes, and who had bans. He wore on his neck a natural ruff, thing to have one's head pulled off, even if but they had kept quiet a marvellously long last yielded the point, and contented them- been kept entitely in the dark with regard which looked like that once worn by Mary, one is a chicken; and when we take into time for sailors; so waiving their hats above selves with listening to an interesting but to these proceedings. Various contests had Queen of Scots, while his blood-red comb consideration what a chivalrous chicken this their heads, they gave three tremendous entirely fabulous history of 'The Unknown,' taken place, many a gallant bird had fallen looked still redder when contrasted with the was, that was so unceremoniously decapita- cheers, which fairly shook the building, and which the boatswain related with a serious- a victim to his bravery, and the interest of jet-black hue of the rest of his body. His ted, and how contrary such a proceeding then forming in line, marched out, straight ness that would have done credit to a fune- the audience was beginning to flag, when a tail fell gracefully to the ground, and it was was to the usual courtesies of the cock-pit, thro's crowd of men, who had collected at the Creole stepped into the ring, and offered to very evident to discriminating spectators the subject becomes a grave one. Such a door, as if for the purpose of impeding their As they approached the shore, he conclu- match a splendid bird which he held under that he would never show the white feath- foul innovation upon the rules of propriety exit, but who, when they found themselves his arm, egainst anything that had wings, er,' because he did not happen to possess was heretofore unknown among chickens; in actual contact with the sturdy tars, con-

and although it is true that 'Satan' had only cluded to let them strike a 'bee line' in any serve my bird's secret until the last moment, No one suswered, as the bird was the 'Cock-a-doodle-doo!' was all that he said, received what he had so often dealt out to direction they preferred. and although you will discover it the mo- most celebrated one in the Havana, and the and then looking round to see who he could others—death—yet he had always killed The officers soon followed the men, and ment he is pitted, I hope your honors will owner's efforts to find an antagonist seemed pick a fight with, he espied the American his adversaries, in a high-bred, chicken-like in a few minutes the yawl was bounding bird curdled up in a heap, as if very much manner, and had never conceived the horri- over the water, flying back to the chip like Signor Amingo's black game-cock, 'Saten,' annoyed at the embarrassing position in ble idea of pinning his enemy to the ground, a gull to its nest. and then pulling his head out of its socket. Many a bottle was cracked to the health

her tall masts tapering to the sky, her half- chickens will stand no more chance with neither money nor renown with his favorite himself that he was not deceived, and then Collins might have written another ode the laudable purpose of assisting the sailors clewed sails hanging gracefully in the sun, him than one of these fellows themselves bird, he at last offered to stake an hundred puffed out his breast, as if he considered it on the passions there displayed, or John to sing the praises of their champion. Hisand her bristling port-holes showing a row would with me, and I never saw any three doubloons against fifty, and no one accept- morrally impossible that he, the descendant Bunyan filled another 'Pilgrim's Progress' tory, with culpable negligence, has not transof teeth almost as formidable as the castle of them yet that I couldn't whip in a free ing his challenge, he was preparing to leave perhaps of a race that had crowed over with personifications from that scene. Death mitted to us the future fate of the bird; but the ring, when our boats wain sprang up, and Granada with Albamar, or who possibly had was there in the form of a headless chicken; if sailors ever die solvent, which is doubt-Having finished this modest assertion, his in very bad Spanish, a smattering of which even displayed their valor before Euric and victory in the shape of a burly boatswain; ful, or if they ever make wills, which is The beautiful quarter-deck shone like a eye glanced slightly at his powerful frame, he had acquired in his wanderings, asked his Goths, could be pitted against such a malice in the sinister looks of the enraged more so, depend upon it that as 'Vogelweide, well-polished table; the brass mountings of as if to say, 'judge for yourselves;' and in- him if he was willing to match him against dirty specimen of the 'canaille' as now stood Creoles; while dismay, chagrin, and vexa- the Minnesinger,' once did for the birds of 'long Tom,' a respectable sixty-four pound- deed it required little judgment to perceive a curious-looking bird which he had with before him. Had there been an eperture in tion were faithfully represented by the dis- Wurtzburg's towers, they will leave a conthe wall of the ring sufficiently large to have comfitted Signor, as he stood with the body siderable sum to be invested in government 'Against anything that has wings is my enabled him to stalk majestically away, it is of the deceased in one hand and the head in securities for the maintenance of that galpins lay sundry well-tarred ropes, coiled Will's clear blue eye, broad forehead, and challenge, proudly replied Amigo; produce probable that this scion of Granada would the other, looking first upon this picture lant old eagle. have declined the contest, in the same man- and then upon that.' Beside these beauti-Without further parley, Will untied the ner that we might suppose the 'Chevalier ful images-to the disgrace of the waggish As we see some grounds that have long wasting to leeward the smoke which issued lution, while his thick, brawny neck and bag, and produced, to the astonishment of Bayard' would have declined to sully his sailors—there was a sad transportation of lain idle and untilled, when grown rank and

'From his mansion in the sun Had called her eagle-bearer down, And given to his mighty hand The symbol of a chosen land:'

Satanic Majesty than they did to avenge the to which item Our Jim makes the follow-

were fearful that the artifice, if discovered, ted on the wing, and consisted merely in sides, and symptoms of a row were quite might lead to blows; and the determined his pitching into somebody with a kind of prevalent, when Glover sprang into the ring, ot says that he expects to grow fat as long character of the men rendered them very flying artillery, so that he was about as much and snatching up his bird, roared out with as he lives. Ah, yes! but when he dies, used to this kind of fighting as one of our a voice of thunder, that his comrades were will not the fat be in the fire?-Louisville Matters, however, had now proceeded too city-brigade inspectors would be if he found willing to abide by the decision of the judge, Journal.

they left.'

birds which these Creoles devote their whole the ampitheatre, took their seats near the triving to get heavy odds in their favor .- position as possible, and waited to see what perceived a curious fat-looking pistol, with six holes in it, which the fellow had con-

story window, they concluded that it was

by the way, that reminds us either of a cow And to this class our sailors belonged.

Had a due sense of propriety governed their actions, it is probable that we should have now seen them

'Fold their tents like the Arabs,

ing to-and-fro, under the guns of the Moro crowed in the Havana, and if your honors produced, and being still in his prime, no on the brow of a chicken, it certainly was O Cruikshank! why were you not in that Ohio that night, and it is supposed that would like to do a little betting, you can do one cared about losing a fine bird by match- depicted upon 'Satan's' at this moment.— vicinity then? Why has not that picture 'brandy-smashers,' to a considerable amount, Rising and falling on the breast of the it with perfect safety on this bird, or my ing him against this 'Cour de Lion' of roos- More than once he extended his long neck, been faithfully portrayed by your truthful to say nothing of 'gin cock-tails,' were con-

> their virtue in the product of innumerable so it is with wits, which if not applied to some certain study that may fix and restrain them, run into a thousand extravagancies. and are eternally roving here and there in the inextricable labyrinth of restless imagi-

cock-pit, looking very much like an old under a bushel, or else have all creation af-

A man says, the first thing that turned his

ATROCIOUS Pun .- We published, not ing addendum: "Let him bee !"-Boston

The editor of the New Hampshire Patri-

Peter, on reading the above, was heard to

marked cards and loaded dice, and we are rate than the immense sums which some fears were unnecessary: the sailors had no ducked his head like a goose entering a barn- cript preferred pulling his head off, to the deluge, only that the first great application