

## WELCOME HOME.

On the return of President O. Hyde, from the Legislature, on the evening of the 27th of February last, 1870, fatigued with his journey and weary with cares, he retired early to rest; and at a late hour of the night, male and female voices, accompanied with various instruments of music, broke the silence that reigned in and about his habitation, by pronouncing the following words in a sweet and heavenly air, also other original pieces:

"We hail thee, noble veteran,  
And bid thee welcome home,  
To wear the crown and laurels  
You earned in days since gone;  
Oh! may your life be lengthened  
To reap the great reward  
You've earned by toil and labor  
In serving Christ, your Lord!

"For truth you have been valiant,  
And stood up for the right,  
And gained a host of friends  
By love and not by might;  
And they will rally round you  
When enemies press you sore,  
And drive the foe before them  
And shield you as of yore.

"You now have spent a lifetime,  
"E'en from your days of youth,  
And borne it very bravely,  
Sustaining God and Truth;  
Long may you then continue  
To battle for the right,  
And in the end be saved,  
And crowned with endless light."

AN EAR WITNESS.

## BREVITIES.

A man at Danbury, Ct., boasts of a moustache nine inches long.

It is said that during the rebellion Winchester, Va., changed hands eighty-seven times.

It will take 1,000 vessels to carry away the ice packed on the Kennebec River this winter.

It is said that \$7,000 worth of pine-apples can be raised in Florida on an acre and a half of land.

Owning a yacht in England is a certificate that the possessor thereof enjoys an annual income of £3,000 to £5,000.

A North Carolina minister has invented a peanut separator, which gives great satisfaction to the farmers of that State.

One who says he has had experience, gives the following simple method of exterminating bed bugs. Take glue and water, at the rate of a pound of the former to three pints of the latter. Simmer until the glue is dissolved, when, with a brush, well smear all crevices infested by the vermin and they will give no further trouble.

Bestow thy youth so that thou mayest have comfort to remember it when it hath forsaken thee, and not sigh and grieve at the account thereof. While thou art young thou wilt think it will never have an end, but behold, the longest day hath its evening, and thou shalt enjoy it but once, it never returns again, use it, therefore, as the spring time, which soon departeth, and wherein thou oughtest to plant and sow all provisions for a long and happy life.

An ice merchant in Greenwich, Conn., who had been watching his pond all winter with almost powerful interest in hopes of a freeze, visited it recently after a sharp, cold night, stepped on the ice, and finding it would bear him, exclaimed, "Thank God!" Going still further on the pond, he exclaimed, more fervently, "Thank God!" But on venturing a trifle further, and going through up to his neck, he ejaculated still louder and heartier than ever, "D—n the ice!"

The latest method of curing consumption is that practiced at an establishment on the banks of the Rhine called the "grape cure." Patients have excellent quarters, plenty of fresh air, and every day go into the gardens, each one carrying a basket, which is filled under the watchful eyes of the doctor. The patient then retires to a pleasant arbor and slowly sucks the grapes. A fine orchestra enlivens the curing process with excellent music. It is claimed that permanent cures are effected in from four to six weeks.

An important discovery in connection with submarine cables has recently been made by Sir William Thomson, the well known electrician. He states that he has discovered a method by which a very trifling fault or flaw, in the coiled part of a cable, on shipboard, otherwise inappreciable, furnishes a sudden and positive indication of its existence, after it has passed out of the tank, and before it reaches the pulley at the stern, over which the cable is turned. By paying out the cable slowly, time is given to detect any flaw of the kind referred to, and immediate steps can be taken to remove it.

A stingy christian was listening to a charity sermon. He was nearly deaf, and was accustomed to sit facing the congregation, right under the pulpit, with his ear-trumpet directed up toward the preacher. The sermon moved him considerably. At one time he said to himself, "I'll give ten dollars again he said 'I'll give fifteen.' At the close of the appeal he was very much moved, and thought he would give fifty dollars. Now the boxes were passed. As they moved along his charity began to ooze out. He came down from fifty to twenty, to ten, to five, to zero. He concluded that he would not give anything. 'Yes,' he said, 'this won't do—I am in a bad fix. My hopes of heaven may be in this question. This covetousness will be my ruin.' The boxes were getting nearer and nearer. The crisis was upon him. What should he do? The box was now under his chin—all the congregation was looking. He had been holding his pocket book in his hand during this soliloquy, which was half audible, though in his deafness he did not know that he was heard. In the agony of the final moment he took his pocket book and laid it on the box, saying to himself as he did it, 'Now squirm, old natur.'

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