

Poetry.

THE SONG OF THE SHIRT.

With fingers weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
A woman sat in unwomanly rags,

A NIGHT'S SUFFERINGS.

A notice appears in the last Westminster Review of the poems of William Thom, a weaver of Aberdeen, and evidently a man of great talents, whose sympathies for the poor have been sharpened by the want to which he himself has been subjected.

he could not break through the rule. On rejoicing my little group, my heart lightened at the presence of a serving-man, who at that moment came near, and who, observing our wretchedness, could not pass without endeavouring to succour us.

BRITISH POWER IN INDIA.—The question of the occupation of the Punjab becomes more and more practical. Our last advices intimated that an army of 50,000 British, or rather more than one-fifth part of our forces in India, were collecting on the frontier of our north-western provinces;

It is, however, to be remembered, that Lord Ellenborough is under the control of the Home Government, and that a Governor-General is no longer the man he was in the days of Clive and Warren Hastings, or even in those of Wellesley and Moira.

THE JEWS IN RUSSIA.—ZURBURG, OR THE NIEMEN, Nov. 12.—The Imperial ukase, according to which all Jews living within fifty wersts from the western Russian frontier are to be executed.

ing these new emigrants. The governments of St. Petersburg, Finland, Esthland, Livland, Courland, Moscow, Smolensk, Pleskow, Twer, Novgorod, Olonez, Archangel, Wologda, Jaroslavl, Kostroma, Wladimir, Nishnei, Novgorod, Tambow, Kasan, Tula, Kaluga, Orel, Kursk, Woronesch, Ciew, Tschernigow, Pultawa, and the Ukraine of Slobod, are particularly cited as being excluded, and the Jews are also reminded that according to the general laws they are not allowed to emigrate to foreign countries.

MORE SHOCKING IGNORANCE!—A short time ago, Punch had occasion to horrify his readers by publishing the report of his select committee on education, which revealed the amount of ignorance of domestic matters prevailing among young men generally.

MISS MARY ANNE WATKINS examined.—Is the daughter of a private gentleman. Has several brothers and sisters. Is engaged to be married to a young surgeon, as soon as he can get into practice.

MISS HARRIET SOMERS.—Papa is a clergyman. Is unable to say whether he is a pluralist or not. He is a curate, and has but one curacy. Expects to be married, of course.

MISS JANE BRIGGS.—Is the daughter of a respectable tradesman—a grocer and tea-dealer. Looks forward to a union with somebody in her own station of life.

MISS ELIZABETH ATKIES.—Resides at Hampstead, with her parents. Papa is a solicitor; has offices in Gray's Inn. Will have a little money of her own shortly; when she comes of age.

PROGRESS OF GENIUS.—The chain of dazzling performances in the lives of men celebrated in literature and art will often be found to commence from some small link, some trifling circumstance, at first sight scarcely deserving notice.

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changing the grammar of one for that of another. But no difficulties or privations could chill the fire of his enthusiasm: his only time of study was after the conclusion of his work in the evening; still he persevered. At length he married; and the expenses of his new manner of life not only obliged him to undertake severe toil, but seemed also to call for the abandonment of his literary pursuits; his evening as well as his morning hours were to be devoted to the hammer and the saw.

THE SEA.—The mean depth of the sea is, according to La Place, from four to five miles. If the existing waters were increased only by one-fourth, it would drown the earth with the exception of some high mountains.

MECHANISM OF PIANOS.—In one of Messrs. Broadwood's most improved six and a half octave piano fortes (for which, we believe, a patent has been taken out), the mechanism connected with the "action" consists of about 3,800 pieces of ivory, ebony, cedar, sycamore, lime tree, mahogany, beech-wood, oak, pine, steel, iron, brass, lead, cloth, felt, leather, and vellum.

NEW ROOFING, FLOORING, PAVING, AND CARPETING MATERIAL.—Take a mass of croutchou, rough as imported, with the hard white earth of Singapore, or the upstate dry mud of Java still adhering to its coat; throw it, about the size of a man's body, into the masticator, a blunt toothed cylinder, revolving rapidly by the power of steam within an iron case, of perdurable thickness, and as it turns forcing and biting the caoutchouc until every drop of humor is expressed from it, and its matter is freed from every particle of foreign adhesion.

ORDER.—An orderly man arranges his book-shelf, putting the works of one kind, or treating of one subject, together. He goes away, contented with the idea, that now no effort of memory will be required to know where a particular book is, amongst a few hundred volumes, and no useless time will be expended in seeking, when he shall have forgotten the place of each individual work.

A METHOD TO CLEAN ICE FROM STONE STEPS AND FROM THE SIDE WALKS.—As the season of the year has arrived, when ice, upon door steps, in house yards, and on side walks, is troublesome and dangerous to walk upon, I will state, for information, a simple, cheap, and effectual means of melting ice at once, even while the cold is below the temperature of zero.

Those who have wrought great changes in the world never succeed by gaining over chiefs; but always by exciting the multitude. The first is the resource of intrigue, and produces only secondary results. The second is the resort of genius, and transforms the face of the world.—Napoleon.