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POETRY.

We clip the following piece of Poetry from the Carlinville FLASHER; and think it is beautiful.—Ed.

THE UNFINISHED PRAYER.

"Now I lay"—say it, darling;
"Lisp me," lisped the tiny lips
Of my daughter, kneeling, bending,
O'er her folded finger tips.
"Down to sleep"—"To sleep," she murmured
And the curly head drooped low;
"I pray the Lord," I gently added,
"You can say it all, I know.
"Pray the Lord"—the words came faintly,
Fainter still—"My soul to keep;"
Then the tired head fairly nodded,
And the child was fast asleep:
But the dewy eye half-opened,
When I clasped her to my breast;
And the dear voice softly whispered,
"Mamma, God knows all the rest!
O the trusting, sweet confiding
Of the child-heart! Would that I
Thus might trust my Heavenly Father,
He who hears my feeble cry.

The following criticism on "Learned Ladies" by Bettie, we consider good, and would be pleased to hear from her farther, as we are persuaded she can write, from the fact that she handles her criticism with the ease of one who is AN EXPERT in "Strictures severe."

WHO ARE LEARNED LADIES

BY BETTIE.

The question is one that has gone through a series of revo-

lutions in mind since having read the article in the STAR called 'Learned Ladies,' by which I think the Author fell far short in her prescribed limit of their true standard. I will unhesitatingly say she was every thing but an impartial judge. Oh! I beg her pardon, she certainly was an impartial judge to the Learned Gentleman. My main object is not to criticise but rather to counteract in a measure, the prevalent and erroneous ideas that prevail in regard to what woman should be, and in which the spirit of the piece called 'Learned Ladies' somewhat partakes. I heartily coincide with part of her ideas advanced in which I think she portrays them quite beautifully as well as truthfully, and yet I cannot digest why a "lady should appear to think well of books, rather than speak well of them." How are we to know if she thinks well of books if she does not speak of them? Can we know whether she is intelligent if she has not the privilege of criticising Literature, and I would ask why "criticism sits awkwardly upon her," when the stern duties of real life thrusts them constantly before her and if she fails she is put in the back ground. All generous, earnest, true men, like to have wives and mothers of culture, for well they know that such only are truly capable of making home pleasant, for the stern realities of life has taught them that the only place to find true enjoyment is home, hence Gentlemen like Ladies appear just as they are and they abominate one that affects to know, just as much as one that affects to be more than she is. Genuine praise is

pleasing to persons of both sex; those that stoop to utter anything else is unworthy the name of true womanhood and manhood. None but fops and tyrants require an acknowledgement of superiority, and no girl true to self will stoop to "fawn like simplicity," and men who get wives of that stamp may rest assured they have caught a Tartar.

Carlinville, Ill.

Friend Palmer:—I see by your little paper that you have heard of my "Horse-whipping" in Bloomington, I managed that affair in a "masterly manner." I find that upon the sacred grounds over which the Star-Spangled Banner is acknowledged as National Bunting—that it is necessary for a man making a living by his brains, to have ECLAT; No matter how it is gotten, he MUST HAVE IT, and I took the only sure method. I knew of, to give myself an advertisement and the Pantomograph an ITEM. Your little paper is the only one I am just now interested in, outside of a monied interest, and it is doing me much good where ever it is read. I sent you three subscribers from Jacksonville and will further interest myself for you. I send you this week a SQUIB which you may entitle "A DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS BETWEEN LAWYERS AND STATESMEN," please send me six copies of your paper containing the article.

P. S. I use the above medicinal term in compliment to my medical friends in Dwight.

Louis Da Silva.

GOOD LAWYERS MAKE POOR STATESMEN.

It has been urged that it is dangerous to enlighten the