Poetry.

The Swell's Soliloquy on the War.

I don't approve this hawid waw;
Those dweadful bannahs hawnt my eyes;
And guns and drums are such a bawe
Why don't the pawties compwamise?

Of cawse, the twoilet has its chawms,
But why must all the vulgah cwowd
Pawalat in spawting unifawms,
In cullaws so extwemely loud?

And then the ladies—pwecious deahs!
I mawk the change on ev'wy bwow;
By Jove! I weally have my feahs
They wathah like the hawid waw!

To fwesh the chawming cweatures twak,
Like patwons of the bloody wing,
Of waw and all its dawty wawk—
It doesn't seem a pwappah thing!

I called at Mrs. Gweene's last night,
To see her niece, Miss Mary Hertz,
And found her making (cwushing sight!)
The weddest kind of flannel shirts!

Of cawse I wose and sought the daw,
With fury flashing from my eyes!
I can't appwove this hawid waw;
Why don't the pawties compwamise?

—*Vanity Fair.*

Miscellany.

The Guano Birds Thousands of Years Older than Man.

M. Boussingault has presented to the Academy of Science an interesting paper on this valuable manure, from which we learn that deposits of guano extend from the second to the twenty-first degree of south latitude along the coast of Peru. Those which lie beyond those limits are much poorer in ammoniacal compound than the former, and are therefore less valuable as manure. Guano is generally found deposited on small promontories or cliffs. It fills up crevices, and is to be found wherever birds seek shelter. The rocks of this part of the coast consist of granite, gneiss, sienite, and pyric sienite. The guano deposits are generally covered with an agglomeration of sand and saline substances called caliche which the laborers remove before beginning their attack on the guano. In some places, as at Pabbellonde Pica and Punta Grando, the deposits lie under a mass of sand descended from the neighboring mountains; on which subject De Rivero makes an extremely curious observation, viz: that at the places above mentioned, the lowest guano deposits are covered with a stratum of old alluvial soil; then comes another layer of guano, and then a stratum of modern alluvial soil. To understand the importance of this fact, it must be borne in mind that the age of modern alluvions does not extend beyond historic times, whereas old alluvions date from the period immediately preceding that at which man first began to inhabit the earth; so that the guanos or cormosants, and other allied birds which deposit guano, must have existed thousands of years before man, seeing that the lower layer of guano is sometimes fifteen or twenty yards in depth, while the old alluvial crust above it has a thickness of upwards of three yards.

To explain the immense accumulation of guano in those regions, M. Boussingault observes that there has been a combination of circumstances highly favorable to its production and preservation, among which are to be reckoned a dry climate, a ground presenting a vast number of cliffs, fissures and caverns, where the birds can rest, lay their eggs and hatch them, without being disturbed by the strong breezes from the South; and lastly, an abundance of food suited to them. No where else are fish so abundant as on this coast, where whole shoals are often cast upon the shore, even in fine weather. Antonio de Ulloa states that anchovies especially are in such abundance here as to defy description, and gives a graphic account of the manner in which their numbers are diminished by the myriads of guanas which are sometimes seen flying in countless flocks intercepting the sun's rays like clouds, and darting into the sea to catch their prey. According to M. Boussingault's calculation, one hundred kilogrammes (the kilog is equal to two and a half pounds) of guano contain the nitrogen of six hundred kilogrammes of sea-fish, and as the guano deposits, before they began to be worked, contained three hundred and seventy-eight millions of metrical quintals (the *quintal metrique* is 1 cwt., 3 qrs., 24 lbs., 8 oz.) of guano, the birds must have consumed 2268 millions of quintals of fish.

Keeping Apples.—If you want your winter apples to keep well you must carefully observe the four following things:

1. See that the surface or outside of your apples are perfectly free from moisture before you store them away.

2. Avoid putting them in a damp place where moisture will have access to them.

3. Exclude them from the air by burying them in dry earth, the drier the better, or covering them in the cellar with such earth.

4. Keep them in as cool a temperature as possible, but so as to avoid frost; for heat, air and moisture are the three active agents that must, when acting in concert, soon heat and rot your apples. And the same is equally true of winter pears and also of all our root crops, such as cabbage, carrots, parsnips, beets, turnips, potatoes, &c.

— He is the happy man, not whom other men think, but who thinks himself to be so.

— Why is it dangerous to flirt in a hay field? Because there are more rakes than beaux there.

— He who takes an eel by the tail and a woman by the tongue, is sure to come off empty handed.

— A teamster may do a good business, but a wheel-barrow man carries all *before* him.

— A Question—Whether the "old wine" so much prized, is older than *elder* wine?

— When is charity like a top? When it begins to *hum*.

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