

## THE GHOST OF POHONO.

I mentioned the incident of an Indian woman and her child, being swept over the Po-ho-no, or Bridal Veil Falls. The stream has its source in a small lake twelve or thirteen miles above the cataract. The eastside of the lake is enclosed by a high semi-circular wall, which being at a great elevation, gives direction to the wind, so that the water is nearly always kept in the condition of a whirlpool. The Indians say that several of their people have lost their lives there; none who have fallen into the whirlpool have ever emerged alive, and in consequence of this alleged fatality, they call the lake, outlet and cataract by the sinister name of Po-ho-no; meaning Spirit of the Evil Wind.

It is related that an Indian woman, who was gathering roots and berries on the steep hill-side above the falls, lost her footing, fell into the stream and was swept over the awful precipice. This incident has given the simple people a superstitious horror of the place, they cannot be persuaded to camp or lie down to sleep near the dreaded Po-ho-no; nor do they dare to point or look towards it as they hurry past, on pain of some horrid misfortune, which will proceed from the malevolent and turbulent spirit.

They say that ever since the full of the moon, and always preceding violent storms, supernatural forms are seen moving backward and forward along the crest of the falls, leaping down with the foaming waters and again ascending with the spray. Strange noises, like the shriek of a woman, or the wail of a child are heard amid the thunder of the cataract; and when not a breath of wind disturbs the sombre branches of the pine or the sensitive leaves of the cottonwood, an invisible but mighty hand seems to seize the fan-like torrent, waving it from side to side like the foldings of a vast shroud. At intervals, near the top of the falls, a skeleton may be seen in the clear moonlight, climbing along the perilous rocks, holding the skull of an infant to her fleshless breast and thus leaping down the naked precipice where Ah-wah-ne and her child were lost.

For many years, none of the people have ventured near that ill-omened and horrible place, which is under the dominion of the "Spirit of the Evil Wind." They do not hunt near the lake, approach or even look towards the falls, but hurry past with averted faces, lest they provoke the fatal anger of the Po-ho-no. In their traditions, the ill-fated mother is still remembered with reverence and love, and they call the valley by her name, Ah-wah-ne, while the mighty rock, standing opposite, bleak, solitary and eternal in its loneliness, is named Tu-toch-ah-mulah, or Great Chief of the Valley. When the storm rages, and skeleton shapes leap into each other's embrace from the crest of the great fall, the lightning wreathes its fiery crown about the lifeless summit of the rock, where not even a stunted cedar or melancholy fern can find existence, and there, transfixed by conscience, and petrified with eternal horror, Tu-toch-ah-mulah is a perpetual witness of the place where perished the faithless, hapless Ah-wah-ne.—[McDonald's Letters from Yosemite.]

**DRY BUT WITTY.**—A good story is told of Professor Adams, of Amherst. He was very dry and witty, it is said, and the following is too good to pass by:

A student was called upon to describe the peculiar characteristics of the shark. He was a fluent speaker and answered at some length.

"Incorrect," said the Professor. Unwilling to acknowledge his ignorance, the student tried again.

"Incorrect."

"Well, to tell the truth, Professor, I don't know anything about it."

"Correct."

**SLIGHT MISTAKE.**—A curious mistake was made by a young deacon in Connecticut, a few Sundays ago. This deacon was a teacher in the village Sunday School; and having come into the presence of his class in that character, he put his hand into his pocket to seek his Bible, and gravely drew out a copy of "Hoyle's Games." The deacon apparently forgot that his Sabbath lessons were not according to Hoyle, but the merriment of the scholars speedily informed him of his little mistake.

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