OUR KIND OF A MAN.

Put an Apollo with some wine hand,
A virtue sinner, nor yet too blind,
Set a barrel of gold all through and through,
And limit not to mediocrity, too—
Our kind of a man!

Or, one who, walking the world's broad ways,
Sees little to blame and much to praise
Has clear and aim for the weary throng,
And will encourage for the bitter wrong—
Our kind of a man!

Yes, one who, throwing inner walls,
Lives for home and the good of friends;
Whom, self forgotten, leads a nobler life,
A star in the glory of the time—
Our kind of a man!

Who not for theories but the Book,
Clothed with apostle, with love for creeds,
The world's hero pointer, after God's pace,
In healing and teaching he leads the race—
Our kind of a man!

—E. S. Thompson in Frank Leslie's Newspaper.

Strange Recovery of a Diamond.

Some time ago the household of a gentleman well known in commercial circles of Gravenhurst, Ont., was very much upset by the loss of a valuable diamond ring belonging to a guest—a lady from New York. Suspicion at once fell on a servant, who was employed as housemaid, but upon her emphatic and earnest denial of the theft she was retained, as the gentleman, from a sense of justice, did not wish to discharge her on mere suspicion. A few days after the ring disappeared it was found under the lady's window, with the solitaire stone, however, missing, having been pried out of the setting. It was supposed that the thief had removed the diamond to keep it from being identified.

The mystery was solved, however, recently in a most unexpected manner, by the cleaning a chicken for dinner the cook discovered a small metal object in the crop, which, on being cleaned, was found to be the missing diamond. The supposition now is that the ring fell from the lady's hand while she was in bed, and, the clothes being shaken next morning, it fell from them into the yard, where it was found by the hen, which, picking the stone from the setting, swallowed it.—Philadelphia Times.

What It Costs to Murder in Tibet.

I had arrived at Kanze in an evil hour in the midst of the festivities of the 6th of the fourth moon, when the people from far and near congregate there and the chief review their men, and when drinking and fighting are the order of the day. In Tibet nearly every crime is punished by the imposition of a fine, and murder is by no means an expensive luxury. The Kanze authorities, in the social standing of the victim—120 bricks of tea (worth a rupee a brick) for one of the "upper ten," eighty bricks for a person of the middle classes, forty bricks for a woman, and so on down to two or three for a pauper or a wandering foreigner, as I knew. Lo Ming very kindly informed me. He said that there was hardly a grown up man in the country who had not a murder or two to his credit, and later on Mgr. Rizzi, the bishop of Tachienlu, corroborated this statement.—Lord Rosebill in Century.

The Sea and Her Children.

An entertaining house game called the Sea and Her Children is thus described in Good Housekeeping: Ten players, with the exception of one seat from the room, must be seated in a circle. The person having left will represent the sea. All others must now decide on an assumed name, which is also the name of a fish, for example, trout, eel, snapper, pickerel. This done, the sea returns and walks slowly around the outside of the ring, calling her children one after another by the different names they have selected until all have risen and followed her. Then the sea must run with a varied motion, sometimes rapid, sometimes slow, continuing, "The sea is troubled! the sea is troubled!" Suddenly she seats herself, and her example is followed by her children. The unfortunate individual who is unable to secure a chair becomes the sea, and the game is continued as before.

Storing Ice in Antiquity.

In old times ice was brought from the mountains and stored away in pits dug in the earth, and was covered with straw or other substances that proved non-conductors of heat and also protected it from the air.

Mention of this fact is made in the Proverbs of Solomon, and it is frequently alluded to in the writings of the ancient Greeks and Romans. It is still in vogue in Italy, where snow gathered in the Apennines is brought by peasants to the principal cities and stored in cellars made especially for that purpose.—Detroit Free Press.

He Was Safe.

A western justice of the peace, who was more noted for severity than knowledge of law, was much annoyed one day by an attorney who was in the habit of pleading his legal love and making the justice appear at a disadvantage. At last the justice was enraged, and he shouted, "Be quiet, sir, or I will commit you." The lawyer seized the book of printed forms, which was the sole reliance of the justice in making out his commitments, and as he walked out of court he shouted derisively to the justice, "Now I defy you to commit me."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Origin of the Word Sterling.

The origin of the word "sterling" is very curious. Among the early mintmen of note in northern Europe were the dwellers of eastern Germany. They were so skillful in their coining that numbers of them were invited to England to manufacture the metal money of the kingdom. The strangers were known as "Easterlings." After a time the word became "sterling," and in this abbreviated form it has come to imply what is genuine in money, plate or character.

It seems useless to expect that European spiders will ever live together without falling upon one another, and so the idea of turning their produce to profitable account must be abandoned. If only this was not the case no doubt a lucrative business could be done in rearing them for the purpose of making use of their silk.

A certain Presbyterian brother had a stereotyped expression which sometimes applied rather inappropriately. Once, while preaching a funeral sermon, while the corpse lay before him, he exclaimed, "Here, brethren, we have before us a living witness and a standing monument of the frailty of human hopes."

An egg was a few years ago given to the infants of Spain which cost the sum of $1,000. On the inside of the shell was written the gospel for Easter day. It also held a miniature bird of enamel which when a secret spring was touched would warbly sing twelve different operatic selections.

Business of State Delayed.

Anent Lord Granville's devotion to what there is the following well authenticated story:

One afternoon, intending to set out for Paris, he ordered his carriage at Graham's at 4. When it came around he was playing whist. At 5 o'clock he sent word to say that he should not be ready for an hour or two yet, and that the horses had better be changed. Again six hours went by, and the coachman appearing was ordered to change them again. Three times at intervals of six hours were fresh horses put in before he was ready to start. When the party rose they were up to their ankles in cards, and the ambassador, it was reported, was the loser to the tune of $5,000 to $10,000.—Boston Globe.

The Man Who Held the Fort.

It was Gen. Cheney's bravery which led to the origin of Sankey's famous hymn, "Hold the Fort." He was an officer on Sherman's staff, was one of his fire eaters in during and won an affection from old Tecumseh that lasted till death. You, perhaps, have heard the story of his defence of Allatoona Pass; how with a mere handful of men he held the place most stubbornly against tremendous odds; how he pushed, even after every commanding officer was wounded and he himself thrown senseless for an hour by a rifle bullet in the head; how the signal flashy waved from Sherman to "hold the fort," and how the plucky Chief replied in language more emphatic than religious that he would do so, and how he lived up to his word. They could not put the soldier's language into the hymn, but they embodied his sentiments there. It is, by the way, somewhat of a coincidence that the signal officer who waved that historical message from Cheney to Sherman passed away a few days before the event figures in the story.—Boston Letter.

Iceland's Hot Springs.

The hot springs in Reykjadal, though not the most magnificent, are perhaps the most curious among the numerous phenomena of this sort in Iceland. On entering the valley you see columns of vapor ascending from different parts of it. There are a number of apertures in a sort of platform of rock. The water is 212 Fahrenheit, and it rises two or three feet into the air. A river flows through the valley, in the midst of which is a jet of boiling water issues with violence from a rock raised but a few feet above the ice cold water of the river.

Not far from this is the grotto or cave of Surt, which is so large that no one has penetrated to its inner end.—Murray's Magazine.

Thought He Had No Show.

A girl was one of a pair who had reached the gate. How soon the gate is reached when it marks the end of a walk with your girl! She lingered. She was a girl of sense, and she knew Brown wanted to get it off his mind. Brown made a mere excuse and slipped his hand along the fence till it came in contact with hers. Then he started, turned up his coat collar and second about to depart.

"What did you say?" she asked, beafing him off.

"Yes—oh, yes—certainly," gulped Brown, but he turned down his coat collar and leaned against the gate. Silence.

He shuffled his feet. Then he slipped his hand along the fence till it came in contact with hers. Whereat he started violently, slipped his hand away, but turned down his coat collar and leaned against the gate.

She owned to herself that he wasn't worth it. Then she wheedled. "You were talking about getting married."

He wasn't, but he said, "Certainly," with some fortitude, and shuffled his feet. Silence.

He slipped his hand along the fence till it came in contact with hers, whereat he started violently and turned up his coat collar.

"And I was thinking," she began, and paused. He turned down his coat collar and leaned against the gate. She slipped her hand toward his along the fence. Then she lost her patience and shouted, "What an idiot you are!"

"Certainly!" he cried, jumping in the air. Then he turned up his coat collar and fled.

An hour elapsed. The moon had risen. A dark form crept to the gate, turned down its coat collar, and, leaning against the gate, said, "If she give me a chance I'd tell her."

Then the form sighed, slipped its hand along the fence, started violently, turned up its coat collar and went away.—New York Sun.

Powerful Emotion.

An old colored man who used to tell stories to the children on an Arkansas plantation before the war had one story which the children were very fond of hearing, which ended, "An' when de innocent and accuse man got 'quitted in de co't, fo' de judge an' fo' de jury, dey all in de co't room sobered aloud!"

The idea that many people "sobered aloud" always had a thrilling effect upon his young hearers, although they had very little idea how it was done. Years afterward one of the children asked Uncle Jeff what he meant by it.

"Dat's de way 'twas tole to me, chile," said he, "way back in Allyhumpy."

"But how could people 'sobered aloud?' persisted his inquisitor. "Don't you suppose they all sobbed in the court room?"

"Go long, chile," said Uncle Jeff, with offended dignity; "what kind o' sorrowful sobbers does dat 'spose I tell you what it was, and no 'stakin' it, dey all in debt'room sobered aloud!"—Youth's Companion.

Washington's Fugacity.

It is related of John Adams that when Stuart exhibited his portrait of Gen. Washington Mr. Adams went to see it. After gazing at it for several minutes he exclaimed, "That's the portrait of a man who knew how to hold his tongue, which this old fool never did!"

The portrait does indicate that the original could be reticent, but it also shows that he could control himself. The square, massive jaw, the full, broad based nose, and the compressed lips express poignancy and passion, such as require a strong will to keep them in subjection.

Sometimes even Washington allowed his passion to have sway.

When Glover's Marblehead fishermen and Morgan's Virginia riflemen were engaged in a rough and tumble fight Washington hoped his horse over the bars of the camp fence, dashed among the rioters, threw himself off, seized two brawny riflemen by the throat, and shaking them at arm's length subdued not only them, but the whole band.

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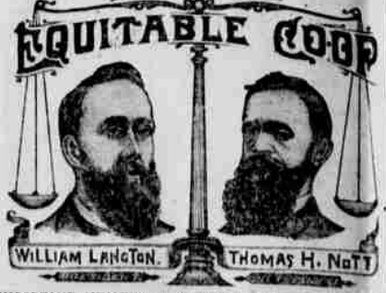

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