THE TOUCH OF A VANISHED HAND

Oh, our should the world seem strange,
With its beauty around us still
And the shade the form of my dreaded pain
Seem suddenly all spirit?

I had gone, with a buoyant step,
Where I meant to my way,
How could I believe as I did
Could have to be still a prey?

And wherefore? Because the hand
That had been my guide
Whose touch was a benediction such
As only the blest have known—

Was sought by the riotous hand
Of an angel, with upward eyes,
What hope, what comfort, what guidance
Are

Since the step of my life is gone?

"But a stranger is left to me,"
Some comforting whisper saith—
"The arm that shall carry thee safe to life
When thou crossest the river of death."

If Christ in His mercy here
Shall send of the chosen lovely
To watch with thee through the weary
Hours
Of life amid Bethlehem,

Oh, marry His tender heart
With pity and confidence
That speaketh reprisal, too deep for
words,
For the "voice of the vanished hand!"
—Margaret I. Preston in Harper's Bazar.

All for a Kiss.

"Just as we were about to start from the ferry," said a car conductor, "a handsome little woman carrying a girl about four years old entered the car. The little girl, who was amusing herself with a coin, soon fell fast asleep, leaning it loosely in her hand. When later the woman beckoned me to stop, and shook the child gently to awaken her, the coin fell to the floor. Then the little girl began crying like a young Niagara. 'What's the matter, dear? the fond mother coaxed. 'I want one penny,' was all that could be distinguished between the yells.

"'Never mind, dear, I'll give you another,' replied the mother. 'No, I want my own penny,' answered the little one, crying harder than ever. To stop the row I moved a number of the passengers forward and lifted the matting, and, finding the coin, handed it to the little one. The search, however, delayed us two minutes, and behind us was a string of carmalmost a block long, and we had to bring the whip into use to gain lost time."—Brooklyn Citizen.

A Learned "C" Guard.

One of the best Greek scholars in New York is a guard on the Sixth Avenue Elevated road. Not long ago a famous professor in one of our leading universities published a volume on certain features of the ancient Greekish dialects, of interest only to scholars. The L guard referred to above wrote to a New York newspaper, pointing out several errors made by the professor. He signed himself "Sixth Avenue Elevated Guard, No. ——." For a month I watched the badges of the guards on that road as I made my daily trips back and forth.

One morning I was rewarded by finding the learned man I sought. "How does it happen," I asked, showing him my card, "that you, a Greek scholar of first rank, should be doing such work as this?" He looked at me sadly, and his red face grew more flushed than usual. "I was the best Hellenist of my year at Dublin," he said. "My Greek is still what it used to be, but my career has been ruined by my own recklessness."—New York Cor. Pittsburg Leader.

Rebuked.

Mistress—Bridget, I can't get into the parlor.

Bridget—Sure it's mouth knows that; an' ye won't, for I have the key in me pocket!

Mistress—Open the door immediately.

Bridget—Will ye go in if I do?

Mistress—Certainly I will!

Bridget—Then you don't get the key.

Mistress—Open the door immediately! What do you mean?

Bridget—Sure it's by your orders! Ye said yesterday, "Don't let one soul down stairs in the morning an see any thing that on the parlor furniture." So I put into the key in my pocket, an ye L "Thus she won't!"—London Tit-Bits.

An Overly Regimental Pet.

Many years ago the Twenty-fifth King's Own Borderers possessed for a regimental pet a handsome deer. One fine morning this deer, in a fit of light heartedness, so far forgot himself as to gin his commanding officer against a wall with his horns. The gallant c. o. was promptly removed from this undignified position, more startled than hurt; but so flagrant a case of "insubordination, accompanied by personal violence," could not be passed over, and the rash deer suffered the extreme penalty of the law.—London Art Journal.

Americans should watch the course of the legal investigations that grow out of the railroad disaster in France. Railroad officials and employes in Europe are held to a much stricter accountability than they are in America. The outcome of the French trials may afford some object lessons to us in America on railroad accidents.

Confirmation of a fable is made over the fact that the Church of England, from its various endowments and state taxes, receives $60,000,000 annually. That is nothing in America, where the churches do not depend on the state at all for their maintenance, the central income of the various denominations from more voluntary contributions amounts to $100,000,000. Our way is certainly best. A church that cannot be supported by the voluntary contributions of its members has no right to live and ought to die.

Forty or fifty ladies in the peach district. Make the most of them. They does not seem for occasions merchants to come too much out of them.

The strict examinations to which American food animals and meat products are subjected by the government before leaving our shores are already telling in our favor in Europe, especially in the case of pork. First Germany, then France, followed the exclusion against American hog products.

Why People Get Married.

Though it is very common to speak of bachelors with their coffeeys, and spirits and maids as if single blessedness were a misfortune, yet many married people have seen fit to offer apologies for having entered into what some profane wag has called the "thirty bands of gold lock." One man says he got married to get a home-keeper, another to get rid of bad company.

Many women believe they got married for the sake of a home; for no knowledge that their mother was to get a husband. Gottlie averred that he got married in order to be "respectable." John Willoe said he took a wife "to please his friend." Wyldwife, who expressed his sentiment, said he did it to "settle his relations."

A widow who married a second husband said she wanted somebody to confide with her for the loss of her first. Another, because she thought a wedding would "amuse the children." Another, to get rid of incessant importunity from a crowd of suitors.

Old maids who get married invariably assure their friends that they thought they would be "more useful" as wives than as spinsters. Nevertheless they give it as his opinion that nine-tenths of all persons who marry, whether widows or widowers, spinsters or bachelors, do so for the sake of—getting married.—London Tit-Bits.

The Lumber Business of Three States.

The value of forest products, not mostly manufactured at the mill, in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, 1890, aggregates $21,429,194, value of mill products, $115,869,036, value of manufactures, $25,111,645—making an aggregate value of products in these states of $162,357,875. The capital invested to produce this value was $270,153,012; men employed in forests, 19,370; women, 95; children, 19, aggregate, 19,484. In the mills the product required the labor of 81,359 men, 641 women and 633 children.

The amount represented in operation of machinery and steamed appliances, 1890, was $21,535,334; the expenditure of steam and water power was reported as sufficient to lift 2,500,000 tons one foot in one minute; 1,384,121,195 cubic feet of merchantable timber were removed from national grounds; $7,800,554 were invested in vessels and other means of transport, and $20,000,256 were expended for wages, provisions, supplies and miscellaneous purposes.

The aggregate increase of product since 1880 is reported as by 29.66 per cent. in quantity and 13.32 per cent. in value.—Harper's Weekly

An Odd Use for the Pie.

An old one that the pie was put to long ago was that of reminding the inhabitants of the English St. Dunstan conceived the idea of dividing the measures out of which the liquor was drunk into eight equal parts, each part marked with a silver pin. The cups were generally of pewter, holding two quarts. Consequently the quantity from pin to pin was half a pint, and the regulation was that the drinker "stop at a pin."

Reformers, however, prevented the purpose of good St. Dunstan and established the rule of "good fellowship," by which the drinker was to stop only at a pin. If he drank beyond he had to go on to the next week. As it was difficult to stop exactly at a pin the rare efforts always carried much mirth, and the trial usually ended with the draining of the tankard.—Table Talk.

A Man Who Had Eighty Overcoats.

There are dozens of New Yorkers who have a passion for buying clothes, and they count their suits by the hundred. Pierre Lorillard was a great sportsman of clothes, and so was A. M. Dodge, the latter probably having as varied a collection of garments as any gentleman in the city. None of the fashionable set has ever satisfied the late W. L. Scott in the size of his personal wardrobe. Mr. Scott was known to have had eighty overcoats.—New York Sun.

A scientific writer says that the common idea that the American desert is a desert in the absolute sense, has been so in it at all. It is composed of particles of dust perfectly dry and in the finest possible state of pulverization. The dust is many times would make a most fertile soil, under proper conditions. The desert is simply a desert from lack of water.

It is quite the thing now for the rare of decaying, degenerate, enervated European nobility to ally themselves by marriage to vigorous American families that have made themselves millionaires by their own exertions. It is all very well for the physically and mentally debilitated families of the European aristocracy thus to bolster themselves up with the infusion of warm, rich young American blood, but it is rather tough on the Americans.

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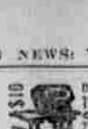

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