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THE LAST DESIRE.

"When the time comes for me to die,
Somewhere or some other day,
If God should let me make my will
"What would it be?" I think I say:

"Oh, that the world was great and fair,
To give me to linger in it awhile,
Not one more with things that were,
And things that might have been!

"I loved and toiled, there I'd be with—
Loved certain parts and toiled in part,
Not quite as to that most to be desired,
Where all things are large!

"For others, land, the peopling free,
The home-earth, the ocean, the palm;
For me, the dark of all desires
In overlooking calm."

—London Academy.

Royal Flute Player.

Frederick the Great made generous presents to all musicians except flute players. He played the flute himself very well himself, and his performances sometimes led to acts that caused disappointment to his brother artists. A famous Italian once visited Potsdam and asked permission to play the flute, hoping that Frederick would show his appreciation of his skill by some value his gift.

Frederick received him graciously, and listened attentively while he played a different piece.

"You play very well," he said, "and I am very glad to have heard a virtuoso of such ability. I will give you a proof of my satisfaction."

He ordered he left the room. The musician waited, guessing at the probable nature of the "proof."

Presently the king returned with his own flute and played the same piece which had just been executed for him. Then he bade his visitor good day, saying:

"I have had the pleasure of hearing you, and it was only fair that you should hear me."—Youth's Companion.

How the Continents Attract Seas.

The effect of gravitation in heaping up the sea waters upon the shores of continents is one of the most interesting, as well as the most curious and unexpected, facts in connection with old ocean's history. Thus the sediments are all situated at tops of great hills or mountains of water, and to cross the Atlantic or the other ocean the ship has to first go down the sloping sheet, cross the valley and then climb the mountain of water on the other side before it safely reaches a harbor.

In this connection the interesting calculation has been made that in raised ocean on the Atlantic the depression is about three-fourths of a mile below the level of the water at coast line, while a ship in traveling from San Francisco to Yokohama, Japan, must cross a valley at least a mile in depth.—St. Louis Republic.

A Storage Battery Locomotive.

A storage battery locomotive has been put into operation in Wurtemberg, running from some paper mills at Ravensburg to the station on the steam railroad, about 2½ miles away. This locomotive, which hauls passengers as well as freight, weighs eight tons and carries 100 cells of a gelatinous storage battery, which supply current to the motor. The cells weigh two tons. The line has no very heavy grades. The locomotive makes on an average four trips daily and hauls a load of twenty tons between the two points in twenty minutes. It seems to do the work.—New York Telegram.

W. C. T. U. Deserving Suffrage.

Mrs. Lizzie Hill Mills, president of the Orange county (Cal.) W. C. T. U., writes: "We are 'demand' suffrage. Our local W. C. T. U. meets every week, and has given this last month entirely to suffrage and will give the coming one to the same topic. We are taking up the United States constitution and state laws. We send out written invitations to those who are not members of the union, and people are getting aroused and enthusiastic."

Where the Proof Was.

Lawyer—Of course I don't know what his defense is, madam; but we can soon kim for breach of promise and see how we come out. The proof of the pudding is the eating, as they say.

Aggrieved Fair One (tenderly, but businesslike)—The proof of the pudding, sir, is these love letters.—London Tit-Bits.

Never Poultice the Eye.

It is the prevailing custom among ignorant people to put a poultice on an inflamed eye, a thing which should never under any circumstances be done. It is sad to see the vast numbers of men, women and children made blind for life by this one thing.—Jerome Miller Blind Institute.

The Delights of a Honeymoon.

She—Look here! This is the third handkerchief I have wet through with bitter tears!

He (very coolly)—Nothing but useless expense! That's how the washing bill runs up.—Pepole Romans.

Do not draw a check unless you have the money in bank or in your possession to deposit. Don't test the courage or generosity of your bank by presenting or allowing to be presented your check for a larger sum than your balance.

Mr. Stanford has endowed the Leland Stanford Junior university, which is really a sort of home school for four children, with property and money amounting to about $10,000,000.

A certain duration of a luminous impression is necessary to produce an effect on the retina; hence it is that we do not see a very rapidly moving object, such as a bullet fired from a gun.

Without its atmosphere, which serves as a corselet to protect it against the fearful cold of space, the surface of the earth would be frozen like that of the arctic moon.

LIGHTNING HAIR CUT

A FLASH OVER THE WIRES BURNS OFF AN OPERATOR'S HAIR.

The Rare and Thrilling Experience of a Wandering Telegrapher Who Was in the Seed of a Barber's Manipulations. Rapid Work of a Thunderbolt.

Lightning and electricity have since the days of William Penn always been synonymous. To the uninitiated the most dangerous spot during a thunderstorm is a telegraph office, but statistics will substantiate the fact that no place is safer. Many and varied are the stories told of the freaks performed by heavenly currents, but advice is there a facility attached to the tale.

Between the manufactured and natural electricity there appears from close observation to be a sort of affection, and more over of the slightest storm mutual exchanges of confidences are usually indulged in by them.

Modern devices, of course, have brought about this state of affairs, but the most persistent sceptics cannot overthrow the force of this fact. Seldom believed will the veteran telegrapher fill his hand from the key upon which he is spelling out the mystic signs of the Morse alphabet when the approach or presence of the heavenly visitors, while the young acquaint for telegraphic force will an through a storm with beating heart rather than leave the wide feather to his companions by deserting his post.

It frequently happens that the dense humidity prevailing just previous to a storm, coupled with a heavy downfall of rain, will entice the strongest electrical currents from the wires, and for the time being "skiffs" their medium. It is during one of these storms that the electric waves are felt, coming and going, and what danger there is to them most imminent. It was during one of these bills in business, up in the big operating room of the Western Union telegraph office recently, that several expert telegraphers gathered around one of the "quad" tables and began exchanging experiences with thunderbolts, fireballs and other electric phenomena by transference to another.

One of the numerous stories told had for its central figure a telegrapher named Reynolds. "Bogy," as he is called for short, is known in the telegraph profession from Boston to San Francisco and from New Orleans to Toronto, Canada. He possesses a varying disposition and a mind that was blank as to the value of money. Although "Bogy" at one time was one of the finest operators in the business, these doubts kept him always on the trump, and from attaining any position of trust or prominence. Poor "Bogy" is now in a Chicago hospital, rounding up a career that should have been a bright one.

The following occurred in the days when "Bogy" was in his prime. He had recently been "fired" from the New York office, and for bread and butter had drifted out to a railroad centering in Pittsburg to pick a new start. He was always careful of his personal appearance, but, while he could shave himself the cutting of his own hair was an impossibility. Pittsburg, some thirty miles from the little station he was at, was the nearest place he could have the temporial feat performed. His hair grew, the weather became hot and he fretted and fumed. The comments of the railroad men didn't add to his comfort.

Late one afternoon after a very hot day a thunderstorm of remarkable intensity came up and the lightning played hide and seek among the relays, sounders and switchboard in "Bogy's" little 10 by 12 office. Every minute the storm increased in intensity and the electrical display was grandly sublime. As the cracks of the bolts on the switchboard became more frequent and the Bedlam more boisterous "Bogy," as a last frenzy, resolved to put the cut out plug in the switchboard and thereby save the instruments from burning up in case the lightning became too strong.

On the instant he applied the plug a bolt of lightning struck a telegraph pole about fifty feet from the office and the surplus electricity came in the switchboard over the wire and "Bogy's" head was wrapped in flame. The shock threw him on the floor and for a moment stunned him. Shaking himself together he congratulated himself upon his lucky escape. There was a peculiar odor in the room that "Bogy" could not clearly account for, but concluded it came from the burned wire and was that made up the covering for the office wires.

He had just succeeded in putting his office to rights and had returned to it, after making a temporary connection where the bolt had struck, when a train drew up for orders.

"Jee-rusalem!" shouted the conductor as he caught sight of "Bogy." "Where's your hair?"

"Bogy," in affright, clapped his hands to his head and with a startled ejaculation rushed for the little mirror hanging in a rear corner of the office. Once he was enough, "Bogy" hadn't so much hair as a one-month-old baby, and strange to relate the electric flame had not faced his scalp in the slightest. The knockdown blow old Jupiter had given him had driven the thought of his hair for the moment out of his mind, and until the conductor's surprised cry had reached him he thought his hair still needed cutting.—Washington Star.

A Great Gosser.

Boarders in a Newburyport (Mass.) house contemplate a blackboard every time they enter the dining room. It is behind a glass door and on it are chalked the names of boarders who have failed to pay their board for two weeks. When they pay up the names are rubbed out.—Yankee Blade.

Self Evident.

He—Have I got to tell you that I love you?

She—Oh, no. I guess you've been making a fool of yourself long enough to satisfy pops.—Life.

Again the Williams-Wallace.

A couple of darkies talked considerable excitement Saturday night by declaring that they had seen the ghosts of William Wallace, or whatever it is that has been prowling around here for two or three weeks past. A big crowd turned out armed with guns, sticks, guns, etc., but after a thorough search failed to locate the varmint.—Talladega (Ala.) Advertiser.

An Uncanny Monster.

The people residing along Pelicoto creek, South Carolina, as well as those for miles back in the "slashes," are highly excited over the appearance of a strange and smooth creature in that vicinity. The beast is described as being a creature that for minions has nightmares of the mythologists. It is equally at home in the water, on the land or among the tall trees of the neighborhood, where it has been most frequently seen. The general contour of the beast reminds one of some gigantic serpent with this exception: The vessel terminates in a bulbous, monkey head kind, which much resembles the physiognomy of some gigantic ape. From the neck down, with the exception of some fin shaped flipses, which extend from the nose to the tail, the creature resembles a seal, only that the toes and fingers are armed with claws from two to six inches long.

Tracks made by the beast in the soft mud around Pelicoto lake have been taken to Downer's Grove, where they are kept on exhibition in a druggist's show case. Those who have seen the beast thing time to face say that it is a full nine feet in length, which could hardly be believed only for the fact that the tracks mentioned above are within a small fraction of fifteen inches in length. Fishermen who surprised the monster sitting slowly on a mass of driftwood declared that its head looked like a human face, and that it had a central locomotion a third long, which forked like the tail of a fish.—St. Louis Republic.

Little Short of Murder.

The neighbors were startled in the corner of Ann street were alarmed on Monday night by loud moans issuing from a closely curtained carriage that stood on the corner. A driver sat upon the seat. One of the neighbors came out and approached the horse to ask what was the matter. Before he reached the corner the driver caught sight of him, and whipping up the horses drove rapidly off. The folks were deeply alarmed, and after a good deal of anxious talk asked a policeman to call at the house on the corner and ascertain who was hurt, or if any mystery was in the matter. He talked with an excited woman who came to the door, and also with a man who wiped his eyes with a handkerchief, while the neighbors stood across the street in suspicious silence. The officer came over the street and told them that the old family dog, the hero of dozens of fights and of a dozen years, had been carried off to die by a bullet. The dog evidently understood his fate, for he began to moan and moan as soon as they took him from the house.—Lewiston Journal.

Relics in the World's Fair.

Two well known Swedish scientists, M.M. Hjalding and Kullenstein, arrived at St. John's, Newfoundland, yesterday. They are accompanied by the geographical and geological societies of Stockholm to explore the shores of Davis's sound, in the Arctic regions, to collect specimens of the flora and fauna of the district and to take astronomical observations. They will sail from there to St. John's for their voyage, from which they expect to return in September. Information has been received that a party of Americans is coming to explore Labrador and visit the Great Falls, which were discovered but four years. Another American party leaves here soon in order to transport for the World's fair at Chicago three villages of different tribes of Eskimos, with all their belongings, and also a village of Indians inhabiting the mountainous districts in the interior of Labrador.—Newfoundland Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.

A Bolt of Fire on a Steamtop.

During a severe electrical storm this evening the Crescent oil refinery was struck by lightning and caught fire, but the flame was extinguished without much damage. The house of Parkinson & Brunner was struck by a bolt of electric fire, which exploded with tremendous force. A fire alarm was turned in, but the electrical display turned itself out without even setting fire to the house. Eyewitnesses say it was the most remarkable sight they ever witnessed. An enormous electric globe of fire lodged against the peak of the house, where it hung, burning and spitting flashes of fire until exhausted. Every inmate of the place was more or less severely shocked, the air being heavily charged. All watches and clocks on the premises were stopped and other electrical phenomena occurred.—Bradford Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

Bed Demolished, Occupants Unharmed.

A strange freak of a bolt of lightning occurred at Jeannette during the heavy storm last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harper were sitting in a rocking chair in their room. Close to the Catholic church. They were in bed and asleep when the storm began to rage. Suddenly their bed was torn from its castors and reduced to splinters. A bolt of lightning had struck the house and passed through the wall into the room occupied by them. The people were not hurt.—Pittsburg Post.

A Queer Story of Two Apple Trees.

About sixty-four years ago Thomas Carr, living near Modoc, in Jackson county, set out an apple orchard on his farm, about one-half mile southeast of Middletown, and having two apple trees left he gave them to his son, John F. Carr, G. W. The boys set these trees out along the fence, near the orchard, and they both grew well. John was the first to bear, and when he died his tree fell to G. W. Bond to be an old man, became known as a colonel, was chairman of the convention that framed the present constitution of Indiana and died only a few days ago at Crawfordsville. It is a coincidence that his tree also fell on the same day he died.—Indianapolis Journal.

Food for Hot Weather.

The foods that are converted into heat—that is, keep up the heat of the body—are starches, sugar, and fat; and those that more particularly nourish the nerves and muscular system are the albuminous and salts. The second proportion of nourishment should consist of green vegetables, cooked or as salads; white or lean meats, such as chicken, game, rabbits, venison, fish, and fowls.—Dr. R. E. Yorke Davies in Popular Science Monthly.

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