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THE VOYAGERS.

Ho! for Dreamland's happy harbor!
Who's for Dreamland, by the ferry?
Who's to board the ocean that bears us,
Round the lofty waves and foam?
Who is bewitching grows and grottos,
The the heavens blue—the waters
And the sailors, vagrs in features,
Are the dwellers of Dreamland?
Ho! for Dreamland! Ho! for Dreamland!
Who's for Dreamland, by the ferry?
Here are crystal jars with nectar!
Dealers that no more are merry!
Make whose lives were empty sorrow!
Carrots for life most heavenly!
Fairest pastoralry choosing
All the soil bought! Who's for ferry!
Bridges, palace, and, mansions—
With unwarded Ideals Elysian—
These for Dreamland! Come for Dreamland!
Bought for Dreamland, by the ferry!

Of their work, and of their wants,
Facing freely toward the ferry
Hidden hoard of that great treasure
Cloud that remains not for merry
Hands the ribbon Dreamland—
Brown wheat, Dreamland—
Apple and all sweet trees are varied
With a straight pine—Dreamland!
Ho! for Dreamland! Ho! for Dreamland!
Happy Dreamland, by the ferry!
—Edgar Fawcett in Independent.

TALKED TO DEATH.

Her Husband Saw That the Fact Is Plainly Set Forth on Her Gravestone.

Undertakers and tombstone manufacturers meet with strange experiences. This is well illustrated by an incident that occurred at the marble works of Pruslee & LeBel, of this city. A tall, hale man, with a tall, narrow head and a positive expression on a well cut countenance, entered the aforementioned establishment and intimated to the business manager that he wanted a tombstone for his wife. Manager LeBel, with one eye to business and the other adjusted to a proper expression of sympathy in his patron's bereavement, proceeded to show him the large array of designs in his establishment.

A suitable stone was soon found, and here the work began. His patron of positive countenance had clear ideas in with the inscription than with the style of stone. It must be just so. He must have cut on it just what he wanted and as he wanted it. He was willing to pay his money for what he wanted, but didn't want any assistance to say what that was. The undertaker tried in vain to suit him, but to no avail. He couldn't catch the spirit of his dream. Time was something in this case that outreached the rigid experience of many years. Finally the tall, lank patron said:

"Give me your pencil and I'll tell you what I want." And here it is: "Kiss me and I will go to sleep. Alice, first and last wife of Thomas Phillips. Talked to death by friends."

No date of birth, no date of death is given. The age is omitted. Thomas had but two purposes in his mind—one was to be sure that people knew that he would never marry again and the other was to let it know that his wife had been talked to death by the neighbors.

"There, now, I want it just as I write it; nothing more and nothing less. I propose to pay for just what I want."

Being assured that his wants would be strictly complied with, he paid for the monument and, giving directions where to place it, departed with the satisfied air of a man who felt that he had got even with somebody.

This story is an actual fact, and stands today in a cemetery near Boulder, in Clinton county, Ills.—Centralia Cor. Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Gold in the Center of the Earth.

Geologists are agreed that the interior of the earth is largely composed of metals. Whereas the surface matter of the planet weighs only about two and one-half times as much as water, it is known as a fact that toward the center the average weight of things is eleven times that of water. This is due to the circumstance that while this ordinary orb was cooling and condensing the heavier particles sought the middle. Therefore it is probable that the great mass of the sphere is iron.

But there are other metals more heavy than iron, and these would naturally form an accumulation immediately about the center of the globe. Among these may be mentioned, as most important, gold. Geologist Gilbert, of the geological survey, said the other day that he would rather expect to find a vast accumulation of gold at that point than anywhere else, his notion being that such of the yellow metal as is found on the surface of the earth is only an accidental deposit.

However, there are two or three substances known even more weighty than gold, and one of them is platinum, which has doubled in market value within the last year or two, owing to the increased cost of production.—Washington Star.

Changes in the Tea Trade.

It is not Ceylon and Assam only that are undermining the once undisputed sovereignty of China as a tea exporting country. Japan also finds her tea exports rapidly increasing, while those of her great continental neighbor are constantly declining. The increase appears to be progressing at a rate of more than three and a half millions of pounds weight per annum.

It seems to be a common quality of tea—at least such is the exported article—and the demand appears to be practically confined to the United States. Russia, according to Consul Troup, will have nothing to do with the "Japan Congous," and all Europe takes in a year only some 200,000 pounds. On the other hand, Canada imports annually upward of 8,000,000 and the United States nearly 12,000,000 pounds.—London News.

Tall Buildings.

It was Chicago that called the problem of want of space, or an obstacle at present the great cities. Chicago boldly began building up in the air, arguing that if there was not space enough upon the ground there was "all outdoors" up toward the sky. The belief of her citizens at the time of its emergence, and she left not building on the continent as well, was her magnificent Auditorium. Its fact high, containing seventeen stories. Immediately the older and more conservative cities began to throw vast skyscrapers into the upper air too.

The country saw the finish Chicago for the solution of two other problems. One of these was the question of a solid foundation for such vast structures. Pile driving was first tried, with varied success. Chicago, by reason of its swampy soil, was one of the worst spots in the world upon which to make a solid foundation. But the thing was at length successfully accomplished by making an immense mat from one to fifteen feet thick, and over all in any fact. This was made a secure, flat foundation, upon all parts of which the superstructure would press equally. This iron plate structure has been compared to a monolith, which holds up the weight of a man and enables him to travel firmly over a soft, spongy surface. Upon this then the buildings, so to speak, stand as securely any building however weighty. It is securely bound with steel posts and girders.

The other improvement inaugurated by Chicago builders was the steel inner frame. A great framework, a mere of steel columns, crossbeams and braces, rise like a stupendous skeleton into the air. The steel framework is filled in with brick or stone. In case of a monster skiller now projected in New York, the filling in will be of four weight brick cotta. The wall which formerly constituted the strength of a house does not count in this direction at all. The strength is in the steel structure.

Elaborating the Chicago idea, it is now proposed to erect in New York city a building 500 feet high, the tallest house in the world. It will also be the largest business building in the world. It will be twenty stories high to the tower, which will rise above, as near as I can guess, 500 feet. It is said that at Lock Lomond is so powerful that objects on the moon that are fifty feet high can be detected. If there are people in the moon, contrary to the usual opinion, and they have good telescopes, they will be able readily to see these tall houses in the United States of America.

Telltale Finger Tips.

In The Nineteenth Century Professor Francis Galton describes with considerable minuteness the system of identification by finger tips, which he has wrought out with scientific confidence. He tells us that every one of us bears on his body a visible token of identity that can never be destroyed, never be mistaken and never counterfeited. This token is found in the minute lines of ridges found in the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet. These wavy ridges never vary in the same hand in the course of a lifetime. They remain the same from birth till the body decays.

Imprints taken of the finger tips of Sir W. J. Herschel in 1860, and again in 1869, show this to be the case. Professor Galton, however, has fortified his position by measurements of many thousand specimens. He looks confidently forward to the time when criminals will be identified in this manner, deserters discovered and lost heirs assessed and returned to their homes perhaps even runaway husbands and wives tracked to their hiding places. He has invented a pocket instrument for printing finger tips in the way he suggests.

Professor Galton compares the tenuitiness of the fine ridges on the finger tips to the pattern of a piece of lace. The lace may be cut, worn threadbare, washed and scrubbed until or pulled on wide and long, but the pattern remains the same. It is conceivable, too, that the finger tips of as two individuals are ever precisely alike.

The destiny of the John Macdonald may change greatly the relations of the United States and Canada as far as trade and reciprocity are concerned. The new administration professes its willingness to negotiate for reciprocity in all articles not imported from England in large quantities. Besides, therefore, the "natural products," on which Premier Macdonald based a reciprocity agreement, the new schedule which has been submitted to the British minister at Washington includes all dressed meats and live stock as well as many manufactured articles, among them carriages, earthen and stoneware, shoes of all kinds and paper and paper manufactures. With this offer in their hands the Canadian agents who come to the October conference at Washington will hope to move the obstacle heard of the present administration.

We call it states' rights doctrine in the United States. In Germany they call it particularism, which is not half so good a word. But that is what is the matter with Bavaria. The Bavarians are so jealous of any interference with them on the part of the central government as a somewhat whisky distiller in the mountains of Tennessee.

Boston hopes Mrs. James E. Polk will be happy in heaven, or rather, lest it cannot quite forgive her for forgetting that she had ever been in that city.

Bobbie uttered many noble thoughts before he lost his mind through going up as a serious irritability. Here is one of his aspirations: "If the good that is in you whenever the remnant of it leaves your hand a jingler's and your heart a clown's, it is not a li-ly Gilder, be proud of that. And for the rest, all political economy, as well as all higher virtue, depends first on sound work."

The Eiffel Tower.

The cut was pretty well filled, but the bright band now who stepped in with her smile and and purple mantled members to squeeze to make room, when half asleep opened his eyes for a moment and gently for that night on. Whether it was the warm weather, or the falling speed of the car, or the remembrance of dreamy music, or of cleverly concealed forgiveness cannot be determined, but this is certain, that the young lady fell heavily asleep, and gently for head rest of on the shoulder of the old mitered man.

The passengers began to get out in a little while, and presently the two sleepers were the only occupants of their side of the car. How severely they slumbered, and how sympathetically the observer smiled until it became irresistible, and the smile broke into a laugh, and the laugh into the old fellow's dreams, and his great head slipped and fell upon her little one, and she awoke. He then was a study.—Washington Post.

The Emperor as a Business Manager.

When I think of the emperor as the business manager of a practical path and composition I am constantly inclined to look for the key to his success and popularity in Germany by quoting the humor opinion of him expressed by an American officer who was presented to him for the first time at the Baltic maneuvers in 1890. He came away from his audience flushed with enthusiasm and I expected a rhapsodic report from the fact that this officer had been drawing his impressions of Germany principally from Paris and St. Petersburg.

"What do you think of him, now?" I said.

"Immense; he has a genuine Yankee head on him."

It only need be added that this compliment was the highest in the court vocabulary of my fellow countryman.—Poultney Bigelow in Century.

A Serious Test of Speed on a Horse.

The late Archbishop Tait, of Canterbury, once made an effective use of a sermon. Driving down Holborn hill he was confronted by a runaway horse with a heavy dray, nothing straight for his carriage. He was seized by the fear. The horse was so bewildered by the flattering horses that it reared and paused, the driver regained control, the sermon was picked up, and the bishop proceeded on his way. "I don't know," he said to his companion, the present Archbishop of York, "whether my sermon did any good to the cheapen person, but it was of considerable use to myself."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Nice Things to Be Found Out.

A Londoner used to boast that he had never been within Westminster abbey, St. Paul's cathedral, the Bank of England or any of the recognized show places. An old fellow who had worked many years on a certain farm would greatly outdate on the slightest provocation, "I've worked for farther Giles forty year, an never 'ersel' more nor ten shillings a week!" Another old fellow, the shortest we, he whom home from the road was over a mile back, used to say, "For well nigh fifty year I've crossed the 'ead twice a day, morning an night, an I've never 'ere seed it!"—London Tit-Bits.

An Idea for a Bonfire.

Here is an idea for a small wildwooding show or bonfire: Tint the walls with soft colors thin, and then dress with lace and ribbons. Sunflowers, cornstalks and other decorations will add, as we all know, to an expensive. After turning them on the wall from the top with a flower stuff fifteen or eighteen inches in length, fix by veiling a curtain you will get the finished edge for the bottom of your flower. The effect is very pretty, and the cost is small, and forms a beautiful background for water color drawings. The white seam should be pasted on delicate or pencils with softly tinted china as a foundation.

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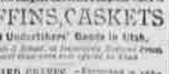

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