THE TURN OF THE ROAD.

There's a clump of rusted post,
And a bit of wire stained wall,
Of the lane a road or so,
Then a shattered roof hobbles low,
Then a gap in the fence and a
Then there bare and little red chard,
Then a black gnarled apple tree
Very dull and meager and sandy,
And the years' neglect look
With a sickening feel she knew
Would the hill broke to and fro,
But her steps will ever sing
On the turn of the road—
Never reach it, you might guess
That they hath for fathoms,
Yet you hear her story only
For the same: "The children all
Are away; while away
Years but since I walked there gay—
What day came glimmering cold
Round the turn of the road,
And I'm lonesome left behind;
In your place, fast or slow,
And they're coming home some day.
They'll come back to me, they said
But the more that's overload
It might chance for aught I know,
And that's always in my mind.
For I think it when I wake,
And when out of doors I creep
Toward the turn of the road,
Then a sigh I hardly make,
For I'm sure at all the while,
Yet unknown to myself I am
Here are three there, all three,
Coming home, you bets, to me,
Round the turn of the road.
Is a comer's there further on,
If it comes is where it closed
Like a relentless relentless a note,
And the hospital look I'd take
Her ought thirties on its white,
Is there I could be right,
Good all my days gone,
Yet I'd lose the thought that's right
Thy the distance day. And then
I'd find the house so still
That my heart begins to sink
Do my feet to run the hill,
Lest I meet I needs live,
If the ye angels near me yet
At the turn of the road."

—Jane Barlow in Bookman.

A FIGHT WITH CACTUS

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"Hist! What's that?" said our leader in a sharp whisper.

It was a clear moonlight night in the severe southwest of Mexico.

We were tracking a friend who conducted a large ranch and hacienda there.

A feud revolt had just been quelled in the neighborhood and a spirit of lawlessness still pervaded the atmosphere. Only the night before my friend had been fired upon and one of his circumstances killed by a band of Indians some fifteen or twenty strong. Early in the morning for us, under the leadership of our host, we set out upon the track of the robbers.

We were well mounted, and resting only a few hours at noon had followed half after them till nearly midnight. If we met them in a fair field we could give them hot quarters like enemies in a war, but we had no mind to run into a nest in the dark with fire against fifteen brave cutlers.

"Hist! What's that?" our leader had whispered. We had come to the edge of a dense woods, and across an open space, upon the brow of a low rural hill, clearly outlined in the moonlight against the sky, we had discovered a dozen or more half naked fellows, with their arms extended in every direction, engaged in some sort of a weird, fantastic dance.

We could not see their legs, for the trees of the tree behind the hill rose wide high, making a black background, but their arms moved slowly to and fro and we could easily imagine their legs keeping company.

"These are the thieves!" our host muttered. "I know them, even at night. You fellows just come to the edge of the wood, where they can see you without knowing how many there are of you, and I'll have them down here in no time."

He rode out alone to the foot of the hill.

It required no little courage, and we watched him with proportionate admiration.

The figures did not cease their dance at sudden him. Suddenly, with his rifle at his shoulder, he called to them: "I have you there! If one of you moves I'll shoot him dead!"

The wind had been blowing through the trees, so that we could not have heard their response, but fortunately at that moment it ceased, and in the deep silence which settled down upon the land in such a momentary lull we waited for the result.

Every Indian suddenly ceased his dancing and stood like a statue outlined against the sky.

"Come down here now," shouted our host. "Come quietly, too, for the first man who makes any trouble drops dead."

We could hear a sound, as of a hurried consultation of some sort, going on upon the hill for a moment, but the wind sprang up again before we could distinguish a single voice, and to our utter astonishment the fellows actually began their silent dance again.

"Come down or I'll shoot!" roared our host, but they kept on dancing and he did shoot.

Then there was commotion enough. A wild cry, followed by a cloud of dust, now from the brow of the hill.

"Fire!" yelled our host, and we responded with a well aimed volley, while he whipped out his heavy revolver and gave them another peppering.

There was a perfect bedlam of screams from the hill, and the dust hid everything from view. They were either coming down upon us in an unexpected horde or running for their lives.

For us it was either fly or follow. We waited irresolutely for the word of our leader, when the dust settled and there stood the Indians, silently going on with their fantastic dance as though we were a hundred miles away.

With a more speechless one our host pointed to his horse and dashed up the hill. We followed, without command, to find him upon the summit, sitting on the ground beneath a line of game and shrubbs prickly pears—the unpleasant cacti of Mexico.

They stretched along the brow of the hill their naked, skeleton branches spreading out in every noncommodious way and swaying sinuously in the breeze.

Among the pears a multitude of burrows, in every direction, showed where the cactus had been lying, half buried, and quietly sleeping; and it was their story yelp we heard when they were frightened away by our host's dust with the cactus.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Beatrice Hampton.

During the retreat of the army recently in Virginia the general in command, coming up to one of the new soldiers, asked him, "What is your name?"

"It is that a soldier has gone to do just what he's told by his superior officer, only nothing against the case," was the answer.

"All right, then; you take your cap, tell your comrades good by and go and drown yourself in that lake there. Look sharp!"

Tears glistened in the soldier's eyes; he gazed earnestly and piteously at his commander, turned suddenly about and marched off to the lake. He was on the very brink before he was overtaken and stopped by the sergeant sent to prevent the involuntary suicide.—Exchange.

When Death Is Welcome.

"There was great pathos," says a missionary in Honolulu, "in a story I heard from a friend who had just returned from a visit to Molokai. He suddenly heard the joyous shouts of a band strike up in the leper settlement. 'What is it for?' he asked. The answer was, 'Two lepers have just died in the hospital.'"—New York Tribune.

HOW TO TREAT SUNSTROKE.

How to Avoid and to Relieve Heat Exhaustion.

Dr. John A. Boyer, of the Samaritan hospital, Philadelphia, lays down the following rules for the treatment of heat exhaustion:

The treatment should be first to remove the sufferer to a cool, shady spot, placing him flat on his back, with head low. Loosen all clothes around the neck, but do not remove the clothing from the body, because in this condition the bodily moisture must be retained. Bathe the face with rags wrung out in ordinary cold water, and this treatment will be all that is necessary in nine-tenths of all cases of heat exhaustion, and the patient will be sufficiently recovered to be transferred to some quiet place for rest. Should the patient be slow in coming around and show signs of depression, becoming cooler, shivering, blue in the face, with an increasing roughness, then stimulation and the external application of heat are called for.

The best thing to give is hot water to sip, and it may be given in any quantities. Avoid alcohol in any shape, as it is positively detrimental.

The symptoms of vertigo, nausea, dizziness and general muscular weakness; the head feeling as though being pressed forcibly down on the body. When these signs appear all exertion should cease instantly and a cool place sought, where a lying down position is to be assumed. When the stroke comes on the skin of the body is red, dry, hot and burning, and the face is also flushed and red, the patient becomes unconscious, with a blowing, hurried breathing due to the nervous excitement, and in the majority of cases with no perspiration.

To prevent sunstroke alcoholic liquors should be strenuously avoided and plenty of water taken while at work, as it causes profuse perspiration, there being little danger of sunstroke as long as perspiration is plentiful.

How to Make a Chemical Barometer.

Take a long narrow bottle and put into it 3½ drams of camphor and eleven ounces of spirits of wine; when the camphor is dissolved add the following mixture: Water, nine drachm; saltpeter, thirty-eight grains, and muriate of ammonia thirty-eight grains. Dissolve these salts in water and mix with the camphorated spirits. Cork the bottle and wax the top. Then make a small hole in the cork with a reduced needle. Hang the bottle in a stationary position and changes in the weather will be prognosticated by the appearance of the mixture. In clear weather the mixture settles to the bottom. When a rainstorm is imminent the material clouds the whole bottle.

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How to Wash Windows.

Choose a dull day, or at least a time when the sun is not shining on the window, for then it causes it to be streaked, no matter how much it is rubbed. Take a painter's brush and dust the windows inside and out, washing all the woodwork inside before touching the glass. The latter must be washed simply in warm water and diluted ammonia—do not use soap. Take a small cloth with a pointed stick to get the dust out of the corners; wipe dry with a soft piece of cotton cloth—do not use linen, as it makes the glass lint and dry. Polish with tissue paper or old newspaper.

How to Treat a Watch.

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How to Milk a Cow.

If you don't know how, life some one that does or else sell the cow.

How to Get Fitted to a Shoe.

The first pair of shoes you try on after you take off the old shoes you have been wearing is likely to feel too small, because the foot is slightly swollen. After trying on a number of pairs the foot cools down and loses in sensibility, and herein arises the danger of getting shoes that afterward will be too small. You should stop at the second pair. If they seem to fit take them and you won't have to change them. Remember, your foot is in its normal condition at the second pair. Before and after it isn't reliable.

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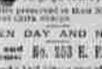

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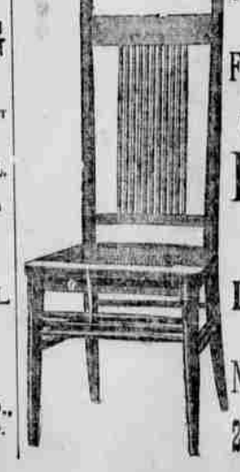

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