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> ice Thompson's first American or, Nicholas Thompson, settled Neur de Hundred in 1623. The was a fighting one, for both the multion and the War of 1812 knew ant officers from the family, and Thompson, when only 18 s of age, enlisted in the Confedearmy. We forgive him this, for terwards expressed his satisfacin the fact that slavery was a y the ruin of his family forwhich war had brought upon

shis biographer, I must tell that on was born in Faircame north to Crawfordsville, engineering, he was for some hiel engineer of the L. C. & S. e department of natural science, another, came to himille Maurice Thompson narried to Alice Lee, who perlice of Old Vincennes. In Into God's land." Democratic convention in

he was associate literary editnumber of that magazine pubsoon after his death was a on of the wonderful thoughts th his pen had given utterance ons of poetry, ol the sel, of literary criticism, and of no less interest, I wish I insert here in full; one brief

wish to quote : but it can translate you."

beautiful nature serials The Witchery of Archery"

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may be assigned to the first century led for almost two centuries, demonstrates that the daily routine of buswriter of this little story of This was his pertinent question

nuice Thompson's life would write "Why, if it be necessary to write the rhythmic lines which a and to read such books to underand of his life and works inspires, stand the evil and the evildoers of this is not possible I shall tell the world, is it not necessary to aslowing as closely as my sociate with such characters to learn mers of description will permit, how they live and what they do ?"

That Thompson was a conscientious and accurate collector of maexplorations of lakes and terial is evidenced in "Alice of Old and woods-this going deep in- Vincennes," as well as in "The King the life and the soul of the man, of Honey Island," his later novel, he has laid bare the soul some which deals with the war of 1812. It in his poems and studies of took four years of careful study to Here a confession must be collect and arrange the historical a having read "Milly," which material for "Alice of Old Vincenned to me crude and impossible, net without an excuse for being, for every important incident of this edet, with the promptness which story of Col. George Rogers Clark's heroic expedition of 1779. Alice herself is a child of Thompson's brain and heart-beautiful, wild and strong as his love for nature and purity could make her. While this is his most popular book, and in drama and story has won an enviable place in public favor, it is by no means his best work. Many of those Nature Studies which were a part of his own life, such as "Sylvan Secrets," "Bird Notes," and "My Winter Garden," appeal more strongly to the of my tardy courage is best literary taste and the sympathetic

> It was in 1873 that Maurice Thompson began writing for publication, and a poem forwarded to William Dean Howells introduced him to Boston and the literary world The first verse of this little poem is a breath of his outdoor world.

"I heard the woodpecker pecking, I heard the sap-sucker sing, I turned and looked out of my win-

And, lo, it was spring."

"The Lion's Cub," a descriptive poem of the relative positions of today and brought to your village, America and the mother country, is being a citizen. If you have anystrong and kind and true in its in- thing to say in his favor come with terpretation. This, with several him and tell me. See that you do other poems of equal merit, has been used by Edmond Clarence Stedman in his book of poetry makers of Am- wheat on the overseers of the granof the past, and he bore so erica. In "Wild Honey" Thompson aries in the village of Petne. his own writings.

'And what school-polished gem of month thought

Is like the rune of Nature caught? lad. September 9, 1844; he He is a poet strong and true ducated in Georgia, the former Who loves wild thyme and honey dew

at of his parents, and after the And like a brown bee, works and sings

as he had been educated for With morning freshness on his the nome by Epimachus, living in wings."

February 15, 1901, in the beautiful diread, but later practiced law fullness of his life and in the glory awlordsville; he was for four- of his literary career, the call which I have levied no contributions for years state geologist and chief Thompson voiced so beautifully for

But, hark, a gentle voice afar Calls me to go, I know not where; are some likeness to his dream Yes, past the sun and past the star

desire, consistent with his never abwhich nominated Mr. sent thought of nature-

But politics had little "So, when I fall like some old tree, his own life. For fifteen And subtle change makes mold of me There let earth show a fertile line, the New York Independent, and Where perfect wild flowers leap and

> -Mary Barrett Hogan in Seattle P.-I.

# Rolls of Old Parchment

Several rolls of old parchment, musty and crumbled, in the museums a cannot translate a Greek of the University of Pennsylvania, constitute the most interesting and Thompson's chief delight valuable exhibit to be found in any foring with his bow and paper collection in existence. These for with gun-the lakes and apparently insignificant rolls include, of Florida and Louisiana, as nearly as can be ascertained, the hills of Alabama, Mississip- oldest manuscripts of the new Scrip-Georgia. An English natural- tures now in existence, containing a him a commission to make part of the first chapter of St. Matcouthern states, and many of ond century.

The manuscript was found several en at this time. Thomp- years ago at Oxyrhinchus, 140 milesbeen called the "Apostle of south of Cairo, near the famous and many of his writings "Logia" or "Sayings of Jesus," and its date is placed by some ex- dates from the first century, A. D. sion to his keen delight in perts at 150 A.D. The papyrus be- 35... longs to the same class as the famsculiarly fascinating charactous Sinaitic and Vatican codices, bankments, contributors to which which we find in these and corroborates the texts of our ac-

us see with his eyes every The papyrus collection in the musto follow him in his interest- eum consists of twenty-nine fragfations into nature's won- ments. Besides the ones containing share in a slave Dioscorus also call-A pretty description of a parts of the Gospel of St. Matthew ed Dionysius, 30 years of age. It trip in Southern Indiana there is one fragment which con dates from the end of the first cenwith it the keen breezes, the tains a portion of the fourth chapter tury. ing trees, the birds' notes, of Thucydides, which, from a scientisign of the out-of-doors fic standpoint, is of even greater citizens, one of whom was called and containing a clock-face baromat enters so refreshingly in- value than the St. Matthew frag- Didymus, requests the agoranomes to a nature studies. The subject ment. This fragment forms a strik- free a female slave. little sketch was a lover of ing exception to the general rule was good and pure and beau- that papyrus texts, after the Pto- related to a cession of land, and still and was a merciless critic emaic period, are unimportant for another to the tax to be paid on a Den was wielded against purposes of textual criticism, and mortgage of forty arourae of land on

three columns of fifty to fifty-two and Gallistratus, lines each preserved in this fragment. may be assigned to the first century ied for almost two centuries, demon by the careful clerk in differenh cop- methods. ies collected by him. Others are

probably corrections in a later hand. Another interesting fragment gives

peror who lived longest. position is also of great interest, whilst a part of a MS. of Demos-146, 150) dating of the third century purchased it. written in small uncial and in which corrections in a second hand appear,

than the above, they are vet intensely interesting and of equal if not greater importance. Among these is an order for the transfer of a prisoner from one set of village officers to another, which reads as follows

"From the 'beneficiarius' on duty to the comarche of the village of Teruthis. Deliver up to my officer whom I have sent Pachoumis, son of Pachoumis, whom you have arrested not detain the officer."

Another is an order for payment of unconsciously describes the charm of An account of a cook for meat con-

sumed during a little over one An invitation to a wedding feast

in the third century, A.D. An acknowledgement to one Flavius Apion or his heirs for the loan

of one solidus to one Ptollion. An oath addressed to the scribe of

Probthis, is also of interest. "I swear by Nero Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus Imperator that any purpose whatsoever in the said

village and that henceforth I shall not become headman of a village; Found by Dawson Man Who Sent otherwise let me be liable to the consequences of my oath." Dates. There is a registration of cattle

with the agreement to pay tax or

An interesting letter reads as fol-

"Tryphon to his dear friend Amhe gives you the money give him the the following note; receipt and if you find a safe person "Medford, Or., Sept. 10, 1901. give him the money to bring the. My This box of apples was packed by

my property, as if in accordance an. with a legal decision. This note of whosoever produces it.

Another note cancelled with the ac knowledgement and repayment and the heart or in an attempt to flirt docket of the bank of Pamphilon

There is also a list of private emwere assessed in proportion to the value and extend of their holdings. A curious document relates to the registration of the sale of one-half

In another of the same date, two

Another fragment of the same date an immoral character. He has given rise to many serious distinct of Olymprodorus and on to excuse for them, how- cussions among scholars. There are other land in the district of Heracles

A casual examination of these an-The hand is a small, rather irregu- cient documents now deposited i lar uncial of an early type. It bears the museum of the University o many other marks of antiquity and Pennsylvania, after having been burinteresting owing to the presence of iness and the administration of dodouble readings, evidently by the or- mestic affairs differed not so much iginal scribe, some of which may be from the modern, and what we are regarded as variae lectiones found often pleased to term more advanced

Nice Pirce of Work.

Mrs. W. L. Jones, wife of Repreproclamation of the reign of Alex. sentative Jones, is the proud posses-Severus (223 A.D.) On the verse is sor of a most beautifully carved bread plate of Polish manufacture. gustus to Decius, in the first or sec- says the Washington Post. This and year of whose reign the list applate" was presented to Mrs. Jones pears to have been made. It also by Dr. M. Pietrzycki, of Dayton, gives the years of each reign, omit- Wash., who made her acquaintance ing, however, coeval reigns, the when he stopped on his way to Euyears of which are given to the em- rope to visit his old friends and rela. tives in Poland. It was while going A fragment of Euclid giving the through one of the bazaars of his nunciation and diagrams of II-5 and native city that Dr. Pietrzychi saw the last words of the preceding pro- and admired this plate. He passed it by at first, but his fancy could not get away from the plate, so the next thenes' Contra and Timocratem (145 day he returned to the store and

The plate is made of a solid piece of walnut, eighteen inches in diamis also worthy of note, although it eter, and carved and embossed on presents but one variant from known the bowl is a sheaf of wheat, and crossed back of this are the imple-The balance of the fragments are ments of the wheat-grower's tradeofficial or private documents bearing a flait and scythe. Directly below upon the daily life of the people and this design is a figure of a plow, bring it before one's mind so vividly and surrounding the whole are the that although they may appear of Polish words, "Czem chata bogata less sentimental or literary value tem rada," meaning in English "Welcome to what the house possesses." On the outer rim of the plate is an inscription, "Chloba maszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj," which means in good old English, "Give us this day our daily bread " Around the inner edges of the bowl are beautifully carved oak leaves and acorns

Became Petrified.

A stream with peculiar properties flows near Tucson, Ariz. Wood and vegetables and other soft substances thrown into it become petrified. It is customary for visitors to leave potatoes in it for a few weeks, inclosed in wire receptacles, and find them

# **ROMANCE OF** APPLE BOX

Oregon Girl Enclosed a Note in It

Her a Dollar-Who is the Flirt?

The following interesting history of a box of Oregon apples is furnished by Rev. J. J. Walter, who has just returned from a four weeks trip monas, also called Macer (?) Greet- in Southern Oregon. The box was ing-If you can, please worry Diocor- packed by Miss Delia Williams, Sepas and exact from him his bond. If tember 10, 1901. Into it she placed

salutations to all your household Miss Della Williams, of Central Point, Or. Will the person purchas-With this is attached a copy of ing this box please write me, stat-Diocorus' note, agreeing in case of ing price paid for the hox and connon-payment on the 30th day of the dition of the apples, and where purmonth Caesareus of the current third chased ?" The original letter was year of Nero, of 52 silver drachmae returned to Miss Williams, and she of imperial coinage received through received it on the 5th of March, the bank of Archibius, son of Arch- stating that the apples were puribius, to pay one-half more with chased in Dawson City, January 17, proper interest for the overtime, 1902; condition firstclass and cost For which you are to have the \$8. The writer also inclosed a dolright to levy upon me and upon all lar bill to the young lady -Oregoni-

The question is: Who is the Daw hand is valid wherever produced and son man who found the note and sent Miss Delia the dollar William, and did he do it out of enlargement of with the apple packer? It is up to him to come to the front and explain his intentions

First-Aid Lighthouse.

An ambulance in a lamppost is the latest idea in street contrivances Paris has just been endowed with several specimens of what is called a 'phare de secours." or first-aid lighthouse. "It consists of an ornamental bronze pillar about fifteen feet high, with a round, overhanging top resembling that of a lighthouse, eter and three transparent advertisements, revolved by clockwork, and lighted by gas from within. In the vase of the pillar is a letter box and in the shaft is a folding stretcher; with printed directions for affording first aid to the injured.

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