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St. John, April 29, 1853.

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January, 20, 1854.

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10 Hhds } Muscovado Molasses very superior
20 Tierces }
10 Barls }

March 4, 1853. ROBT. ARMSTRONG

Poetry.

MAIDENHOOD.

Maiden! with the meek, brown eyes,
In whose orb a shadow lies
Like the dusk in evening skies!

Thou whose locks out shine the sun,
Golden tresses, wreathed in one,
As the braided streamlets run!

Standing with reluctant feet,
Where the brook and river meet,
Womanhood and childhood fleet!

Gazing, with a timid glance,
On the brooklets swift advance,
On the rivers broad expanse!

Deep and still, that gliding stream
Beautiful to the must seem.
As the river of a dream.

Then why pause with indecision,
When bright angels in thy vision
Beckon the to fields Elysian?

Sweet thou shadows sailing by,
As the dove, with startled eye,
Sees the falcon a shadow fly,

Hearest thou voices on the shore,
That our ears perceive no more,
Deafened by the cataract's roar?

O, thou child of many prayers!
Life hath quicksands—Life hath snare!
Care and age come unaware!

Like the swell of some sweet tune,
Morning rises into noon,
May glides onward into June.

Childhood is the bough, where slumbered
Birds and blossoms many-numbered—
Age that bough with snows encumbered.

Gather then each flower that grows,
When the young heart overflows,
To embalm that tent of snows.

Bear a lily in thy hand;
Gates of brass cannot withstand
One touch of that magic wand.

Bear through sorrow, wrong, and ruth,
In thy heart the dew of youth,
On thy lip the smile of truth.

O, that dew like balm, shall steal
Into wounds, that cannot heal,
Even as sleep our eyes doth seal;

And that smile with sunshine, dart
Into many a sunless heart,
For a smile of God thou art.

Select Reading

Discretion of the Better Part of Valour.

(Freely translated from the Charivari.)

Orloff! . . . . Sire.

They tell me that the English fleet is at hand, commanded by the revolutionary demagogue, whom they call Sir Charles Napier.

They say so.

And that hostilities, in spite of my old friend may really be perpetrated by that anarchist.

There is too good reason to fear it.

In this grave conjunction what ought I to do? Those Quakers whom I introduced to the Emperor have not been of the slightest use. They made themselves and me ridiculous. The dear, good, excellent Aberdeen, my old friend of 40 years' standing, does everything in his power. But *que voulez-vous!* The good old soul is in his dotage. The Court is with me, I know, but Albert must be circumspect. I expected something from Cobden. I took five hundred of his Pamphlets, at two shillings a piece, with a discount for ready money. He offered me another five hundred at half price, with a short-hand report of his famous speech on tea, coffee, and cakes. I declined. For five hundred of Cobden's Pamphlets are, after all, no joke. My admirer, Earl Grey, and the Reverend Mr. Bright (I wonder why they call him reverend,) have undertaken to try the "Christian" dodge, and enlist religious feeling in my favour. The worst of it is, the Atheists have got hold of the story of the Nuns of Minsk, of my persecution of the Lutheran, of my persecution of the Catholics, of my dragonades, bastonades, and wholesale conversions to the orthodox Greek Church, by the knout, at the cart's tail. What is your opinion, Orloff?

Your Majesty overwhelms me.

No doubt my ships could blow the English out of water. Still if they don't, and are blown out themselves, the road to St. Petersburg is open. Orloff, I feel a strong desire to decamp—to cut, as I have heard those English say, to cut my Imperial stick.

Sire, that is the word. Cut your Majesty's stick. We will both cut our sticks.

Wait a bit, Orloff. Let us talk the matter over.

Sire, we can do that as we go. The discussion would be safe as well as interesting.

Wait! There are two ways of decamping Orloff—a vulgar and an Imperial one. When the House of Romanoff cuts its stick imperially. Do you recollect the scene where Berthrand and Robert Macaire helped *a sick man* out of the world? When Berthrand and Robert perceived the police, Berthrand, like ourselves, felt an irresistible impulse to make the best of his legs. Stay, said Robert. Shall we decamp thus? interjected that great man. The police is a splendid institution. I respect it, and cannot make myself scarce without sincerely complimenting it.

Sire, I always thought that scene ridiculous and unnatural.

Because you have a vulgar mind. I think, for my part, I shall wait for Napier, and offer him a pinch of snuff.

For God's sake, Sire, don't. You are dreaming of Dundas. He, I am aware, is a friend of our friend and would fire a salute in honour of your Majesty, and invite us to a cold collation. But Napier is a coarse John Bull. He was appointed by Palmerston, in spite of the good Aberdeen. Let us cut our stick. Don't think of the pinch of snuff.

There is much force in what you say; if I could only get ten minutes' conversation with my excellent old friend, I would make all right, and arrange the affairs of the sick man to and I talked of, to my perfect satisfaction. Ah! if we had only Dundas here, instead of this sanguinary demagogue.

Your Majesty is right. Let us cut our stick. The first impulse is usually the true one. Sire, we will cut our sticks.

Orloff, your opinion coincides with mine. But an idea strikes me.

Sire!

What will Europe say, Orloff?

Whatever it pleases, Sire. Let us cut our stick.

Right, Orloff, perfectly right. My first duty is to think of my subjects, and to preserve myself for them.

Then your Majesty will cut your stick?

Yes, I will think only of my subjects. And, in fact, whatever Europe may say, I will preserve myself for it—I am its sheet anchor.

You are, your Majesty.

If a bullet carried me off what would become of civilization? What would become of society?

Ah! sire, what indeed?

Who would protect religion?

Who? Sire.

Who would restore (as my journal the *Times* pointedly and piously expressed it) the finest regions to a pure faith, and a mild and benevolent sway?

Capital, sire, capital! Who would save property from red republicans, demagogues, and destructives?

Bravo!

Who would secure peace and prosperity from the eternal enemies of order?

Hurrah! Let us cut our stick.

We will, Orloff. The more I consider it the more I am convinced of taking that step. It would be absolute impiety and downright sacrilege to expose myself to the slightest chance of the wind of a ball.

Your Majesty's courage is only surpassed by your Majesty's imperial wisdom. We will definitively cut our stick.

Orloff, they tell me that these English revolutionists have projectiles of extraordinary force. I hear they have shells that would suffocate a regiment, and cannon of prodigious range!

True, Sire, these wretches have tremendous engines of destruction. Cut your Majesty's stick.

What was that, Orloff? Did you hear a report? Do you smell anything particular?

I do smell something, Sire; but the smell is not unfamiliar to me. Your Majesty *must* cut your stick.

Certainly, Orloff, certainly! This very instant! *Allons!*

This Conversation, the accuracy of which is evident, will explain the announcement that the Imperial Family are expected hourly in Moscow. DELTA.

THOMMASTOWN QUARTER SESSIONS.

These session commenced on Friday, the Chairman of the County, N. P. O'Grady, Esq. having opened the court at seven o'clock.

When Mr. Cadogan's turn came to be sworn, that gentleman commenced his accustomed exhibition with his usual interrogatory, "what book is this?"

The Barrister asked whether that was the person who was in the habit of interrupting the proceedings every session?

Mr. Cadogan said he was the person who, from conscientious motives, always objected to be sworn on the Protestant Testament, as it was a corrupt version of the Scriptures.

The Barrister directed the juror to stand forward, and told him in an impressive manner that he had a great respect for conscientious opinions; but he had a greater respect for the law of the land than for any private scruples which might be put forward with a view of gaining notoriety. He would carry out the law, and commit any party refusing to be sworn. The book tendered to him was not objected to in that court by the most eminent Roman Catholic divines, and when recently such an objection was made by a clergyman at the Revision Court in Dublin the objection was overruled.

Mr. Cadogan said he had brought his own Testament, by which he was willing to be bound. If compelled to swear on the Protestant Testament he could consider it no more binding upon him than a piece of stick.

The Barrister—Sir, the obligation you take is binding irrespective of the object on which you may be sworn. If you appeal to the Almighty God to witness the truth of your declaration, it would be just as obligatory upon you when taken upon a piece of a stick as a book; but the rule is to use the Testament, containing those truths which all Christians of every religious denomination, believe in. You say you have your own Testament there. Pray did you read and compare it with that to whom you object since last sessions?

Mr. Cadogan—I did.

Barrister—What part of it?

Mr. Cadogan—The entire, from Genesis to Revelations!!

Barrister—What difference did you find?

Mr. Cadogan—This is not the place for entering upon that. My conscientious scruples deserve to be respected as much as those of a Turk or a Jew, neither of whom you would compel to be sworn on that book.

Barrister—I would swear a Sock on the Koran, because that book contains the principles of the religion in which he believes, or a Jew on the Old Testament for a like reason. But you profess to be a Christain, and you have no right to object to a version of Christ's Testament upon points which you do not understand. If you wish to apply to me as a Turk, I will allow you the privileges of a Turk. (A laugh.)

Mr. Cadogan—I demand liberty of conscience. I have a right to have my conscientious scruples respected as a Ro——(correcting himself) as a Catholic, as much as——

Barrister—Ah! silence, sir; this is ridiculous affectation. Let this man be sworn, and if he refuses, you, Mr. Sheriff, know your duty.

Mr. Cadogan—Very well, but I protest against it as a corrupt version, and I'll let every one know that I will consider the oath no more binding on me than if I was sworn on my hat.

Barrister—Then I can only tell you, sir, that if you do not attend to your oath on such a plea as that, you will be as bad as the worst perjurer who ever set in the pillory.

Mr Cadogan—That is only your opinion, your worship.

Barrister—Every Quarter Sessions you are disturbing the court, making an ostentatious display here; if this be persisted in I will at once commit you.

Mr. Cadogan—I make but a conscientious objection.

Barrister (peremptorily)—Sir, I will hear no more from you—(in a lower tone)—this man's ignorance is only equalled by his presumption. *Kilkenny Moderator.*

LIGHT AND DIRECTORY READING.—Some weighty remarks, which fell from Sir James Stephen, at Exeter Hall, the other day, deserve serious attention at the present time. There was considerable danger, he apprehended, to the intellectual character of the people of England, from the habits which they have of late years been notorious for—getting, of superficial reading, and useless speculation on almost every subject of human inquiry. It was now the almost daily practice—and he must plead guilty to it himself—to enliven the breakfast table with a canter through the *Times*, touching upon all the chief topics of of the day in a cursory and superficial manner. Then, in the case of many London gentlemen especially, a walk was taken, directly after breakfast, to the Club, where the entire range of tables were covered most thickly with reviews and magazines, which in their reading required no strain upon the intellectual powers and were, therefore, on that very account, as well as others, exceeding attractive, and at the same time, they had a powerful tendency to repel the mind from those solid and more difficult studies which had been the delight of former ages. Let them go next from the club to the railway station where they would behold book-stalls loaded with light and amusing, rather than solid and instructive literature. The system extended itself still further, as the numberless popular lectures advertised, in connexion with mechanics' and other institutions abundantly testified; and by the position he that night occupied, it might be said, perhaps, that he was lending his aid to the same direction. This conspiracy, however, as he would call it of newspaper critics, railway readings, and popular lectures was designed to have the effect of making men wise at the smallest possible expenditure of mental labour; but it might be as certainly affirmed, that such a system would very rarely qualify men for any of the more serious duties of life. These remarks, he said, were not prompted by any morbid feeling of dislike to this English literary revolution of the nineteenth century; but, from a jealousy of the undue advancement of a system which could not fail, in his estimation, to be most injurious to the intellectual growth of his fellow-countrymen, not only of those excellent gifts, reason and conscience, which were in some sort and degree common to all, but of those special gifts of political and moral power which, at the present moment, were possessed by Englishmen alone.

HINTS TO DINNER-GIVERS.—How many do we see sacrifice all their domestic comfort, and eventually their prospects in the foolish pursuit of society, believing most fondly that they are making hosts of friends, and that all the shaking of hands and after dinner speeches are beautiful and affecting traits of friendship, and the crowds who come and eat their dinners, and dance their wax-lights to a snuff, are their staunch friends? No such thing; friendship is not made to music; dinning opens the mouth, not the heart; after-dinner affection is only a voice from the cellar; the people who swear eternal friendship over the dinner-table, must not be called upon the next day to fulfil their promises. As long as people give good dinners and grand soirees, so long they will find a host of diners and dancers, who will have a great esteem for their feeding and their music; but, as to any personal esteem, they have no more than the pastry cook who brings the supper, or the man who plays on the cornopean. "I weaned my friends," said an old eccentric friend, "by hanging a piece of stair carpet out of my first-floor window, with a broker's announcement affixed. 'Cad it had the desired effect. I soon saw who were my friends. It was like firing a gun near a pigeon-house; they all forsook the building at the first report, and I have not had occasion to use the extra flaps of my tiny dinning-table since."

Alfred crowquill, in *Bentley's Miscellany.*

THE CHRISTIAN WIFE.—Cheteaubriand discourses beautifully on this theme:—

'Man, in uniting himself to her, regains a part of his substance; his soul, as well as his body, is incomplete without his wife; he has strength, she has beauty; he labours in the field; he does not understand the details of domestic life, but his companion prepares the repast, and her smiles sweeten existence.—He has his crosses and the partner of his couch is there to soften them: his day may be sad and troubled, but in the chaste arms of his wife he finds comfort and repose.—Without woman man would be rude, gross and solitary. Woman spreads around him the flowers of existence, as the creepers of the forest decorate the majestic oak, with their odoriferous garlands. Finally, the pair live united, and in death are not separable; in dust they lay side by side, and their souls are united beyond the limits of the tomb.'

A passenger on the mail boat from Louisville, not in the habit of "indulging," found himself somewhat under the influence of "OLD KING AL." being asked how he came to drink so much, he replied, 'why, fact is, gents, (hic) the river has got so low, (hic) the captain has forbid the use of water as a beverage, there is none to spare.'

A COMPLIMENT.—When the celebrated George Buchanan was in France, the King took him to view his picture gallery. At length they stopped before a picture representing the crucifixion. George requested an explanation. "That, sir," said the King is our Saviour; the one on the right, is the Pope, and the one on the left is myself." "I am obliged to your majesty," replied George, "for the information you have given me, for though I have often heard that our Saviour was crucified between two thieves, I never knew who they were before.

A man out west, whose house was recently destroyed by fire, published a card, in which he thanks his fellow citizens for making an unsuccessful attempt to save his furniture, and expresses a hope that he will soon have in opportunity to reciprocate the favor.'