

POETRY.

THE PASSING BELL AT STRATFORD.

Sweet bells of Stratford, tolling slow In summer gloaming's golden glow, I hear and feel thy voice divine...

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

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But the heart of Marmaduke was too much softened to admit his cavilling at trifles, and, without regarding the confusion of the other, he replied: "I thank thee, thank thee, Oliver; as thou sayest, it is almost too horrible to be remembered. But come, let us hasten to Bess, for Louisa has already gone to the rectory."

The young man sprang forward, and, throwing open a door, barely permitted the Judge to precede him, when he was in the presence of Elizabeth in a moment. The cold distance that often crossed the demeanor of the heiress, in her intercourse with Edwards, was now entirely banished, and two hours were passed by the party in the free, unceremonious and confidential manner of old and esteemed friends.

At length, Edwards, after repeating his intention to do so for the third time, left the mansion-house to go to the rectory on a similar errand of friendship. During this short period, a scene was passing at the hut that completely frustrated the benevolent intentions of Judge Temple in favor of the Leather-Stocking, and at once destroyed the short-lived harmony between the youth and Marmaduke.

When Hiram Doolittle had obtained his search-warrant, his first business was to procure a proper officer to execute it. The sheriff was absent, summoning in person the grand inquest for the county; the deputy who resided in the village, was riding on the same errand, in a different part of the settlement; and a regular constable of the township had been selected for his station from motives of charity, being lame of a leg. Hiram intended to accompany the officer as a spectator, but he felt no very strong desire to bear the brunt of the battle. It was, however, Saturday, and the sun was already turning the shadows of the pines toward the east; on the morrow the conscientious magistrate could not engage in such an expedition at the peril of his soul; and long before Monday, the venison, and all vestiges of the death of the deer, might be secreted or destroyed.

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"That for his rifle!" cried Billy; "he'd no more hurt me with his rifle than he'd fly. He is a harmless creature, and I must say that I think he has as good right to kill deer as any man on the Patent. It's his main support, and this is a free country, where a man is privileged to follow any calling he likes."

"According to that doctrine," said Hiram, "anybody may shoot a deer." "This is the man's calling, I tell you," returned Kirby, "and the law was never made for such as he."

"The law was made for all," observed Hiram, who began to think that the danger was likely to fall to his own share, notwithstanding his management; "and the law is particular in noticing parjury." "See here, Squire Doolittle," said the reckless wood-chopper; "I don't care the value of a beesting for you and your parjury too. But as I have come so far, I'll go down and have a talk with the old man, and maybe we'll fry a steak of the deer together."

"Well, if you can get in peaceably, so much the better," said the magistrate. "To my notion, strife is very unpopular; I prefer, at all times, clever conduct to an ugly temper."

As the whole party moved at a great pace, they soon reached the hut, where Hiram thought it prudent to halt on the outside of the top of the fallen pine, which formed a chevaux-de-frise, to defend the approach to the fortress, on the side next the village. The delay was little relished by Kirby, who clapped his hands to his mouth, and gave a loud halloo that brought the dogs out of their kennel, and almost at the same instant, the scantily-covered head of Natty from the door.

"Lie down, old fool," cried the hunter; "do you think there's more painters about you?" "Ha! Leather-Stocking, I've an errand with you," cried Kirby; "here's the good people of the State have been writing you a small letter, and they've hired me to ride post."

his mirth in peals of laughter, that he seemed to heave up from his very soul. "Well done, old stub!" he shouted; "the squire know'd you better than I did. Come, come, here's a green spot; take it out like me, while Jotham and I see fair play."

"William Kirby, I order you to do your duty," cried Hiram, from under the bank; "seize that man; I order you to seize him in the name of the people!" But the Leather-Stocking now assumed a more threatening attitude; his rifle was in his hand, and his muzzle was directed toward the wood-chopper.

"Stand off, I bid ye," said Natty; "you know my aim, Billy Kirby; I don't care your blood, but mine and yours both shall turn this green grass red, afore you put foot into the hut!"

While the affair appeared trifling, the wood-chopper seemed disposed to take sides with the weaker party; but, when the fire-arms were introduced, his manner very sensibly changed. He raised his large frame from the log, and, facing the hunter with an open front he replied: "I didn't come here as your enemy, Leather-Stocking; but I don't value the hollow piece of iron in your hand so much as a broken axe-head; so, squire, say the word, and keep within the law, and we'll soon see who's the best man of the two."

But no magistrate was to be seen! The instant the rifle was produced Hiram and Jotham vanished; and when the wood-chopper bent his eyes about him in surprise at receiving no answer, he discovered their retreating figures moving toward the village at a rate that sufficiently indicated that they had not only calculated the velocity of a rifle-bullet, but also its probable range.

Natty entered the hut, and soon reappeared, bringing with him the desired testimonial; and the wood-chopper departed, as thoroughly reconciled to the hunter as if nothing had happened. As he paced along the margin of the lake he would burst into frequent fits of laughter. "By this time the summer of Hiram; and, on the whole, he thought the affair a very capital joke."

The lawyer fastened his eyes in astonishment on the youth, but, as his wonder gave way to the thoughts that were commonly uppermost in his mind, he replied: "No laughing matter, let me tell you, sir; the forty dollars of bounty, and your six months of salary will be much reduced before you can get the matter fairly settled. Assaulting a magistrate in the execution of his duty, and menacing a constable with fire-arms at the same time is a pretty serious affair, and punishable with both fine and imprisonment."

"Imprisonment!" repeated Oliver; "imprison the Leather-Stocking! no, no, sir; it would bring the old man to his grave. They shall never imprison the man, sir; the forty dollars of bounty, and your six months of salary will be much reduced before you can get the matter fairly settled."

Some five years ago there was born in the Southern hemisphere a little stranger, to which has been given the name of Falcon Island. It was in the neighborhood of the Tonga group, and the Tonga islanders who went off to inspect the stranger, reported that it looked "like a one-sided heap thrown up by the sea." That is to say, one side of the island was high, and the other was low, and the high side was toward the leeward by the wind. In 1880, H.M.S. Egeria was sent to inspect and report upon the four-year-old, and the following facts are gained from Mr. Lester who went on the vessel.

Falcon Island was found to be in two distinct parts. There is a first-appearing, conical hill, with sides sloping at a gentle angle of six degrees, and presenting one almost like the end to the sea. This part of the island is a symmetrical oval, and its greatest height above the sea about one hundred and fifty feet. The other part is a plain, spreading away from the base of the hill to the north, and about ten or twelve feet above high-water level.

Least were the islands presented the general appearance of a bare heap of brown ashes, but the structure could be perceived in the cliff distance. There was a distinct whiff of sulphur in the air, and the distant parts appeared to be shrouded in a thin blue fog.

On the plain there is a small lake of salt water, which rises and falls with the tide. The thermometer when placed in the pool registered 113 deg. Fahr.; and when thrust in among the pebbles at the bottom, 121 deg.

THE M'KINLEY BILL.

A despatch to the Toronto Mail from Washington says: Commercial agent Smyth at Huddersfield, England, in his report to the department of state on trade with the United States, says that the action of the house of representatives on the tariff question has had the effect of creating widespread alarm among the manufacturers there. The operation of a new tariff law with increased duties on textile fabrics will, it is believed, seriously check the export trade of Huddersfield. This applies particularly to the woolen and worsted trade, so strongly entrenched there. There has been a general move on the part of exporters to anticipate the results of legislation by large shipments for future demands, the main object being to clear the custom house in time to escape the provisions of the new law.

Legitimate trading has thus been pushed to a point where it took a speculative turn, resulting in a large increase of exports. In regard to the anti-tariff agitation in Sheffield, Mr. Smyth says that "while certain political and mercantile influences have been set to work among them, the manufacturers and exporters of this district, who are much more vitally concerned, maintain a respectful attitude, and await calmly the enforcement of a policy which is the natural and legitimate offspring of principles and conditions to which communities in England as a rule seemed absolute strangers. The general hope is expressed that the tariff legislation and the whole chimerical system of protection will soon be wiped out altogether."

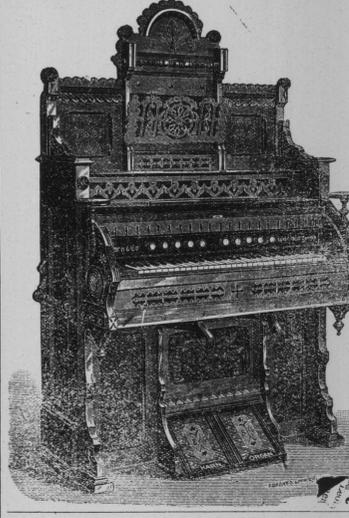
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