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### Reason in Duelling.

A country banker, whose property depended chiefly on his own exertions, had a violent dispute on politics with a certain captain of fifteen hundred a year, who belonged to the handsomest phrean and pair that had ever been seen in the place. The captain, argued in a rude knock-you-down style, and displayed the ignorance to the highest advantage. The banker kept his temper for a long while, till the morning of the other, became so insolvent and overbearing, and his arguments so consequently inconsequential, that the banker could stand it no longer, and called him a bullet-headed fool.

The captain, being much the stronger party, was about to use personal violence, but those who were present interfered, from a general feeling that the epithet exactly illustrated the fact.

Next morning the banker received a challenge, written in a lightning-like hand, upon thunder-colored paper, and sealed with red and black wax. It was far from being legible, but as it smelt strong of powder there was no misunderstanding it. So the banker buttoned up his coat, and went straightway to the captain.

Sir, said he, I am not at all ashamed to confess myself wrong in using the expression which has given you offence, and I am come to apologize for it.

You must meet me all the same, sir, replied the captain, had I knocked you down at the moment, an apology might now be accepted; but, as I was prevented, it comes too late.—Name your time and place, and go home and settle your affairs.

The banker considered a while. Very well, sir, if it must be so, meet me to-morrow at two o'clock, in the large field north of the town, with a friend and two pistols!

Enough, said the captain—and they parted.

The parties met as agreed. The captain was accompanied by the senior major of the regiment, a man old enough to have known better—and the banker by a gentleman attired in rusty black, of the equestrian profession, who on this occasion was his second.

As they approached, the major suddenly stepped before his principal, and addressed the banker's second in a hasty, though very gentlemanly tone:—Sir, what can be the meaning of this? It was perfectly understood between the parties that pistols were to be the weapons employed on the occasion, and you have brought a blunderbuss under your arm!

I beg pardon, major, rejoined the other, drawing it forth, it is a telescope.

The major was ready to laugh at his mistake, had suddenly checked himself. I sincerely trust, sir, that is not meant as an insult, explain yourself in a few words.

Hereat the banker stepped forward—informed the major of his previous and present readiness to apologize, and assure him and his principal that no sort of offence was intended, and that he was anxious to explain. The apology was declined, and the explanation demanded.

In the first place, said the banker, I earnestly beg that you, captain, will condescend to look through this telescope!

I, said ejaculated the captain. Gracious devil! exclaimed the major, adjusting his sword knot, what formality!

It is most serious and important to the question, interrupted the banker's second.

I request then, said the banker, the major will so far oblige me—I am sure that I cannot give the satisfaction he demands unless this is complied with, and I put it to your feelings, as a gentleman and officer, if there is any offence in the request.

Nay, sir, said the major, with an air of courteous remonstrance, I did not at present discover any distinct offence—but what a breach of all customary forms!

Here, sir, only an instant—there—in that direction!

Where? said the major, and carelessly applied his eye to the telescope.

Egad, said he, I see a very fine lady walking about a grass plot at the back of a house, with a little tot of a child in one hand, and two others pranking around her; but what is this to the purpose, sir?

Everything, responded the banker, with serious and severe face. That lady is my wife—those children are mine and here—and we are all mutually attached.

But what is this to me? said the captain, extending both hands like a freeman.

ing pinch of snuff to fill up the simile

I warned you, sir, to settle up your affairs! exclaimed the captain reproachfully and with all the rapidity of a certain bright thought.

True, answered the banker, but I could not settle my wife and children—I have settled every thing else!

His second now ventured to observe, that as the major had adapted the terms upon which the opponent parties met were very unequal, and as the captain had declared his opponent's wife and children to be nothing to him, he, the second, begged to state his opinion, that the terms should be made equal or as near so as possible, before the commencement of actual hostilities; and this could be effected in no other way than by placing his friend's wife and children in such a position as to be 'something' to the captain.

I grant, said the major, there's reason and all that sort of thing in what you say.

There is also justice and honour in it, major, in erupted the banker.

True, sir, true—but how in the name of Jove is it to be effected?

Nothing easier, exclaimed the little gentleman in rusty black. Your friend, the captain has an independent income of £1500 per annum, and no family; my friend here has property to be sure, but his income depends mainly upon his exertions, and he has a wife and three children. Now if the captain should shoot him he ought to make over five hundred a year to his family, and thus the parties would be on equal terms.

Putting affection out of the question, added the banker.

The major looked quite surprised; the captain all astonishment.

It would only be putting down your phrean, rejoined the banker's second.

Oh, sir! oh! yes, indeed! ejaculated the captain, redoubling up to the ears.

Now, supposing I accede to this most irregular proceeding, said the major, there is no time for it now, as I cannot withdraw my principal from the field without an exchange of shots.

That need not be, observed the banker solemnly, this gentleman is my attorney.

Whereat, quick to the word, the said personage whipped out a parchment ready filed up, and waiting nothing but the signatures.

The captain and the major exchanged looks of perplexed rage. The absurdity of this proceeding! exclaimed the captain; put down my phrean indeed—a pretty joke!

An attorney acting professionally instead of backing his man! muttered the major, and they both walked to and fro in high mood, adjusting their collars and things.

Major, said the attorney, with sarcastic composure, my client is a good client; he must not be lost so easily. I would rather see both of you shot while acting professionally.

All this the major paused, excessively irritated, fixing his eye upon the attorney; and if he had been a man of any mark or likelihood—that is to say if he possessed a fine portly body, a handsome black coat, an imposing air, and a strong voice, the major would certainly have called him out that instant.

Permit me to ask you, major, said our country banker, whether I may not justly consider it as something more than a merely absurd proceeding, pretty joke, to be put down and leave wife and children in peril? Give me leave to add, that I am perfectly aware the captain is a rare shot, and has snuffed many a candle without putting it out, which latter circumstance might not be suitable to my case. In what I ask there is nothing unjust, but every thing is equal & fair, as far as worldly matters are concerned.

Nay, I have still the worst of it, inasmuch as my wife may be said to be pitted against a phrean and a pair. Again, gentlemen, if I should be killed, my wife and children will absolutely need money, but if I kill the captain, his property is of no sort of use to him, after his funeral expenses are paid! Nor is the proposition without precedent—many a noble precedent, I am happy to say, for the credit of human nature. Upon these occasions, some men of refined honor and high courage have thought they could never do enough. When Best shot Lord Camelford, his Lordship, on his death bed left his antagonist, who was in so so circumstances, a handsome income, rejoicing no doubt, that he had lived long enough to do such an act of magnanimity and finished honor. I never fired at man or mark in my life. I am never to be shot.

Oh, but! yes but!—you, sir, ejaculated the captain.

Really, captain, said the major, biting his lips, I begin to think that, as men of finished honor, we must accede to the proposal.

The banker now flatly refused to fight on any other terms, putting it directly to the major as the most refined point of duelling honor that could be manifested on the occasion, and the two officers, though excessively provoked and annoyed could no longer refuse their consent. The parchment was handed to them by the attorney, who saw it

properly signed, and the principals took their stand at 15 paces distance.

The banker had the first fire. Not wishing to be banished from his country, or get into prison, or any other scrape, about so foolish a business, we may be sure he took care to aim at no particular object, and away flew the ball, like a humming bird over the fields.

Now! ejaculated the major in a quick undertone, his face reddening with excitement his eyebrows drawn close down, and his eye glistening and growing small and narrow with the sense of a keen aim—Now you've got him!

Got him! stammered the captain, his face turning blue, his mouth opening, his jaw falling, his eyebrows uplifted, and his eyes gleaming large, round and vacant, with the full sense of a fearful dilemma—Got him—hit him! put my phrean—pay five hundred a year for being called a bullet-headed fool and so prove it! Will you pay the money if I hit him?

Of course the captain missed his opponent—though, by the by, he was very near killing the lawyer, who had forgotten to have a similar agreement for himself in case of accident.

### POETRY.

For the Standard.

Of all the moons the year can boast—  
September moon delights me most;  
And farmers too, let me presume,  
With rapture view this harvest moon.

As soon as solus ends the day,  
And from our landscape past away,  
Then she appears, and shines most bright  
Throughout the long autumnal night.

The faithful peasants of old time,  
This moon distinguished by the "Nine  
Nights soon she rose," about the fall,  
To stook the sheaves then was their tale.

'Tis strange that they could not see true,  
What group of more exalted view  
Were so long puzzled to divine,  
Why this full moon should claim the nine.

Astronomers of modern times,  
Now tell us truly by the signs  
In which the sun and moon are in,  
When opposition does begin.

As he through Virgo, Libra goes,  
In Aries, she does him oppose,  
In Pisces also we're told,  
Her silvery rays she does unfold.

What condescensions! say with me  
How kind to man's the Deity!  
In giving him this bright light,  
To make amends for shortening day.

Come hail this lovely Queen of night!  
Behold her! what a glorious sight!  
Her radiant lustre all unfeigned,  
She pours upon this earth-world.

Now with one heart and mind,  
With faith and hope, and tongue refrain'd,  
Our vesper upwards let us raise,  
That God may bless us all our days.

Digdeguash, 21st Sept. 1844.

### AGRICULTURE.

BREVOL, August 24, 1844.  
To the Agriculturists of the neighbouring Counties.

GENTLEMEN.—The great and growing importance of Guano as manure, and the knowledge that its high price has induced some parties to deceive you by adulterating the article, and others to sell you sample by the analysis made for another, induces me to write you on the subject, to point out what precautions I have adopted to prevent imposition in those cases where my analysis of a sample has been required:—First, I have requested the sample to be inclosed in a bottle, labelled, with the name of the vessel, and the time of import. Second after the analysis has been made I have sealed down the cork, and with the same seal have affixed a certificate in my own hand-writing, with the value of the sample according to my experiments. You will thus be enabled, as far as the eye can judge, to buy the same sample which I have certified the quality of, if you only take care to look for the label, the affixed certificate, and the perfect seal. In all future cases, I shall write the name of the vessel and date of import on the bottle with a diamond, and in the certificate, I shall state its fertilizing qualities as so many times more than farm yard dung, taking the value of the latter from the analysis of Bousset's guano. Now, as being four parts of fertilizer, and 1000 parts of dung; thus a sample of guano with 10 per cent. of nitrogen will be considered as fertilizing 25 times as much as farm yard dung, and one of 12 per cent. of nitrogen as 33 times and so on.

cannot close this letter without calling your attention to a very prevalent error in the use of guano as a manure; in the districts where alkaline dressings are used, that is, where they manure with lime, wood-ashes, &c., farmers frequently mix those substances with guano before spreading them upon the land, reasoning thus—that if lime is good, and guano is good, therefore they will be better mixed, whereas nothing can be more erroneous; the guano is spoiled by it, and the lime is injured, because the principal fertilizing ingredient of the guano is its nitrogen, great part of which exists in it as ammonia, and this flies off, producing a very disagreeable smell, as soon as lime or any other alkali is added to the guano, leaving the manure so far impoverished, while the acid which retained the ammonia in the guano goes to the lime, and reduces its value as a manure. I hope this communication will be received in the same spirit as I make it. I do not mean to dictate to the scientific agriculturist, who will be already aware of the truth I advance, but it is meant as advice for the "million," who cannot be expected to know chemistry; so I would not have it understood that the precautions I have taken to prevent fraud is because I suspect all who sell guano, but to give the agriculturist confidence in the manure he depends upon for his future crop.

I am gentlemen, yours, &c.  
WILLIAM HERAPATH.

Agriculture.—How they do things in Prince Edward Island affords sometimes a favorable contrast to the management in this Province. The Island Legislature appropriated at its last Session the sum of Twenty Pounds as a bounty for the procuring during the last Spring any quantity of Guano from the Bird Islands or any other place in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and placed the same at the disposal of the Agricultural Society, by whom the manure was to be sold or applied for experimental purposes to Agriculture within the Colony. The result of this encouragement may be seen in the following Resolution of the Central Board of Agriculture:—

Resolved.—That Mr. Braddock having deposited Two Tons of the said Guano, with the Secretary of this Board, in compliance with the foregoing terms, it is the opinion of this Committee that Mr. Braddock is entitled to the said Bounty of Twenty Pounds, and that application be made for the same in the usual manner accordingly, to the Colonial Secretary.

Our Legislature have not stirred in the matter, and the question may be asked with much propriety:—What have our Central Board of Agriculture done?—*Hullfax Times.*

Rain Colour.—In one of the New England parishes since the commencement of the return to temperance, at a meeting held for the transaction of business, a proposition was introduced and carried for painting the meeting house. Of course it was necessary to decide what color it should be painted.—One gentleman proposed white, another green, another yellow, another red, and reasons were offered for each. At last says one:—Mr. Moderator, I move that it be painted rain color. And I will give a reason. There is Col. —, who sits near you, has had his face painted rain color these 15 years; and it grows brighter and brighter every year.

Another Journal.

A New York paper adds.—If the meeting house should require re-painting as often as the Colonel's face, rain colour would be an expensive that the parish would be filled with puppers, by the heavy taxes necessary to raise funds to purchase.

Revenge.—It is natural for children to take revenge, when they have been injured by a playmate. They seem to think it dishonourable peaceably to bear an insult, and obey the injunction of the Saviour, "forgive your enemies."—Now, children, think a moment—will it not be for your advantage, to take no notice of the conduct of those who injure you, except it be feelings of pity? As they see your forgiving disposition, they will try to imitate it and displease you no more. It is remarkable to see when an effectual kind and forgiving temper in a youth, has upon the whole circle of his acquaintances. It calms their angry feelings and brings them to see the value of this heavenly disposition. Do, children, endeavour to please your Maker by possessing a gentle and even temper; by never permitting revengeful feelings to enter your breast, and as true as there is a God, he will smile approvingly on your conduct and bless you with his love.

Newspaper.—The newspaper is the chronicle of civilization, the common reservoir into which every stream pours its living waters, at which every man may come and drink; it is the newspaper which gives to liberty a practical life—its coast at observation—its perpetual vigilance—its unceasing influence. The newspaper is a daily and simple watchman, that reports to you every danger which menaces the institutions of your country, and its interest at home and abroad. The newspaper informs the legislature of public opinion, and it informs the people of the acts of legislation; thus keeping up that constant sympathy, that good understanding between people and legislature, which conduces to the maintenance of order, and prevents the stern necessity for revolution.—*Sir E. L. Buheer.*

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Pray, Mr. Shepherd, said the fellow, how far have I to go now?

Just two mile farther, replied Donald.

Indeed! how do you go that, man?

Because they are putting up a gallows to hang two knaves there, an' I'm mist'en if ye're no one of them.

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JAMES W. STREET,  
St. Andrews, June 25 1844.

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