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I will not wake the sleeping lyre;
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The sweetest fruit of all desire
Comes its own way, and comes unsought.

Though all the bards of earth were dead,
And all their music past away,
What Nature wishes should be said
She'll find the rightful voice to say!

Her heart is in the shimmering leaf,
The drifting cloud, the lonely sky,
And all we know of bliss or grief
She speaks in forms that cannot die.

The mountain peaks that shine afar,
The silent stars, the pathless sea,
Are living signs of all we are
And types of all we hope to be.

William Winter.

HUMOROUS.

A lady had a pet calf that she named after her beau—and now she goes home alone.

A German farmer disputed his tax bill. He said, "I pays the state tax, the county tax, and the school tax; but, by tam! I pays no total, and never had any."

"Oh, yes," she said, "I'm *very* fond of little boys;" and as she tripped on a string stretched across the pavement, she added, "I feel as though I could eat a couple of them this moment, roasted."

"Why does lightening so rarely strike twice in the same place?" a professor asked the new boy in the class in natural philosophy. "Because," said the new boy; it never needs to." And it is a little singular that no body thought of that reason before.

"There are no circumstances under which honesty and integrity of purpose will not stand a man in good stead," says some philosopher; but we would like to know how it will help the man who finds himself suddenly forced to associate with a bulldog in an orchard with a high wall round it.

A young man objected to the young girl that his rich old uncle wished him to marry. "You musn't be so particular," said the exasperated uncle. "I tell you she's well enough."—"So she is uncle," responded the nephew; "and you know you've always taught me to leave well enough alone?"

One afternoon, while a tight-rope walker was going through his performance, a boy about twelve years old turned to an acquaintance of the same age and remarked, "Tom, don't you wish you could do that?"—"Yes, I do," sadly replied Tom; "but my folks made me go to school, and are determined that I sha'n't never be anybody?"

"Doctor," said a lady, "I want you to prescribe for me."—"There is nothing the matter, madam," said the doctor, after feeling her pulse, "you only need rest."—"Now, doctor, just look at my tongue," she presisted, "just look at it—look at it! Now say what does that need?"—"I think that needs rest, too," replied the doctor.

"Mr. Smith, you said you once officiated in the pulpit. Did you mean by that that you preached?" "No, sir; I held the light to the man that did preach." "Ah! the court understood you differently. It supposed that the discourse came directly from you." "No, sir; I only threw light upon it."

A French journalist, fonder of fun than of fighting, on being challenged accepted the cartel with: "Of course I claim the choice of weapons. I wish to do my best to kill you. Good. I have in my house twenty loaves of siege bread, which I have kept for souvenirs. We will sit down and eat against each other. One of us is sure to die." Knowing by experience the nature of seige bread, the challenger did not care to run the risk involved in such a contest, and, like a sensible fellow, laughed, and shook hands.

A day or two since a quiet and dignified gentleman was walking the street when he was startled by a woman who rushed up to him, all out of breath, and seizing him by the arm gesticulated wildly and panted out: "Whistle! sir, whistle!" He looked at her in amazement, and while he stared she again urged him: "Whistle! whistle!" He finally found breath to tell her that he wasn't much of a whistler, but if she would nominate the tune he would do the best he could. Her eyes flashed and she showed decided anger. With one arm stretched out towards a retreating street car she shook him off and said something which sounded to him like: "Confound a fool that can't whistle for a horse-car to accomodate a lady."

Too Much for Him.

The court and jury, as well as the spectators, generally enjoyed the scene when a lawyer, in an attempt to badger or browbeat a witness, comes off second best in the encounter. A correspondent recalls an amusing instance of this sort, which happened a few days ago in an Albany courtroom.

The plaintiff, who was a lady, was called to testify. She got on very well, and made a favorable impression on the jury under the guidence of her counsel, Hon. Lyman Tremaine, until the opposing counsel, Hon. Henry Smith, subjected her to a sharp cross-examination. This so confused her that she became faint, and fell to the floor in a swoon.

Of course this excited general sympathy in the audience, and Mr. Smith saw that the case looked badly.

An expedient suggested itself, by which to make the swooning appear like a piece of stage trickery, and thus destroy sympathy for her. The lady's face in swooning had turned purple red, and this fact suggested the new line of attack. The next witness was a middle-aged lady. The counsel asked:

"Did you see the plaintiff faint a short time ago?"

"Yes, sir."

"People turn pale when they faint, don't they?"

A great sensation in the court, and an evident confusion of the witness. But in a moment she answered, "No, not always."

"Did you ever hear of a case of fainting where the party did not turn pale?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you ever see such a case?"

"Yes, sir."

"When?"

"About a year ago."

"Where was it?"

"In this city."

"Who was it?"

By this time the excitement was so intense that everybody listened anxiously for the reply. It came promptly, with a twinkle in the witness's eye, and a quiver on her lip, as if from suppressed humor.

"'Twas a negro, sir."

Peal after peal of laughter shook the court-room, in which the venerable Judge joined. Mr. Smith lost his case, not to say his temper.

"Sound," said the school-master, "is what you hear. For instance, you cannot feel a sound." "Oh, yes, you can," said a smart boy—"John Wilson," retorted the pedagogue, "how do you make that out? What sound can you feel?" "A sound trashing," quickly replied the smart boy.

GERMAN NOTES.

The *North German Gazette* states that on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Czar's accession to the throne the Prince of Wales is expected to be amongst the number of distinguished personages who will go to St. Petersburg.

It is believed here that the object of the recent interview between Prince Bismarck and the Crown Prince of Germany, previous to the latter's departure for Italy, was to consider the limit of the concessions that might be made to the claims of the Vatican, and the attitude the German Government ought to take up when the question should be brought forward in Parliament.

The *Istok* writes as follows: "In order that the disturbed relations between Servia and Austria should not grow worse, it is indispensable that on both sides everything should be done to settle existing differences. In consequence of recent events in the East, during which Servia was the ally of Russia, the opinion prevails in Austria that Servia is bound to Russia and hostile to Austria. That is quite a mistake; for, whatever may be reproached with a single act of hostility towards Austria, it is perfectly clear that the maintanance of friendly relations with a neighbor like Austria is a necessity.

The Montenegrin Government has ordered 4,000,000 cartridges from Austrian manufacturers, a portion of which have already been delivered at Cataro. The Albano-Montenegrin difficulty is suffered to lie dormant for the present, but there is intelligence at hand showing that the elements of a conflict are increasing. One report states that Moukhtar Pasha has been obliged to withdraw his troops some considerable distance, as they were threatened by the Albanians. It is beyond doubt that both the Montenegrins and Albanians are acting upon advice coming from abroad. Had it not been for foreign interference their differences would have been settled some time ago.

According to the *Nord*, Russia has nothing to do whatever with the difficulties by which Austria is beset in the matter of the Servian railways. If the Austro-Hungarian journals drag Russia into the affair it is solely for the purpose of finding an excuse for calling up the spectre of Panslavism, and of thus increasing their recriminations against Servia. The question of the Servian railways belong to the economic duel of which the Balkan Peninsula is the theatre, and in which the principal actors are on the one side the Western Powers—and in particular England—and on the other Austria and Germany.

The Augsburger Zeitung, in a long article, states that, ever since the conclusion of the Treaty of Berlin, England has done her utmost to secure the adoption of plans for railways destined to connect Servia and Bulgaria with a port of the Adriatic, and to place obstacles in the way of those whose object it is to link these principalities with the Austro-Hungarian section. The same journal asserts that Mr. Gould, Minister of Great Britain at Belgrade, is using every possible effort to place the English at the head of railway enterprise in Servia. "It is to be hoped," concludes the *Nord*, "that journals of Vienna and Pesth will profit by this study of the *Augsburger Zeitung*, and in future leave Russia in peace in their polemics on the Servian railways."

Germany has been for many years the most warlike country of Europe. Until 1866, when the Confederation which included part of Austria was dissolved and Prussia placed herself at the head of the country, Germany never had an army of more than 300,000 men in time of peace, although Prussia, which had risen by her military constitution, had an organization of her own entirely distinct from that of the other Federal States. This organization, which was partly forced upon a reluctant country during the constitutional crisis that lasted from 1860 till 1866, consisted in universal compulsory service for from two to three years in standing army, and for twenty years in the reserve called Landwehr; with such facilities for mobilization as to render it an easy thing to put the entire army on a war-footing in less than a fortnight.

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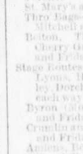

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Thro' Bags—Hatter Sutherland, Mitchell and Seaforth	..	12 15	4 15	.. .. 6 30
Exeter, Thorndale (daily), Cherry Grove, St. Pete's (Tues and Friday)	..	1 15	..	.. .. 6 30
Stage Routes—Between Aylmer, Lyons, Harrisville, Morley, Dorchester Station and Mossley	6 00	1 15	..	00 1 30 ..
Byron (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)	..	2 00	..	11 30 .. ..
Crumlin and Evelyn (Tuesday and Friday)	..	2 00	..	1 00 .. ..
Ancaster, Rockwood, Cheltenham, Erindale, Lake Nasin (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)	7 00	..	..	.. .. 6 30
Avon, Burr, Elginfield, Masonville	7 00	..	..	.. .. 6 30
Brownsdon, Devizes (Wednesday and Saturday)	7 00	..	..	.. .. 6 30
Ethrick, Telfer, Vanneck	7 00	..	..	.. .. 6 30
Lucan	7 00	1 15	..	11 00 .. 6 30
London East	7 00	12 00	2 00	8 00 12 00 4 00
Arkin, Petersville	30	..	..	.. 2 30 ..
Parkhill and Strathroy stage (Tues, Thurs and Saturday)	6 00	1 15	..	.. 2 30 ..
Belmont, Nilestown and Derwent	..	1 15	..	11 30 .. ..
London, St. James' Park and Delaware (daily)	..	2 00	..	11 .. ..

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