

The Glory of the English Tongue.

Beyond the vague Atlantic deep,
Far as the farthest prairies sweep,
Where forest-glooms the nerve appal,
Where burns the radiant Western fall,
Our duty lies on old and young,—
With filial piety to guard,
As on its greenest native sward.
The glory of the English tongue.

That ample speech? That subtle speech!
Apt for the need of all and each:
Strong to endure, yet prompt to bend
Wherever human feelings tend.
Preserve its force—expand its powers;
And through the maze of civic life,
In letters, commerce, even in strife,
Forget not, it is yours and ours.

RICHARD, LORD HOUGHTON.—*From an Envoy to
an American Lady.*

Professor Bell's Kites,

Professor Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the Bell telephone, spends his winters in Washington and his summers near Baddeck, in Cape Breton, where he conducts experiments with his tetrahedral kites. The ordinary kite of course requires to be held by a string in order to make it sail, but Prof. Bell has been able to make his kites ascend alone into the air, mounting skyward against the wind without any string, and even turning a circle and rising higher, just like some birds.

"So much significance do I attach to the success already obtained with the free-soaring kite that I named it the 'Oionos,' as the ancient Greeks styled the 'birds of augur,' whose soarings their prophets watched from towers of observation," says Prof. Bell.

One of these kites was tested with a man weighing 165 pounds suspended from it, and it rose until he was thirty feet from the ground, and kept him there steadily. The kite and its attachments weighed 123 pounds, so the total weight supported by the wind was 288 pounds. These of course are only preliminary studies, and they do not mean that man is ready to fly; they are useful merely in enlarging scientific knowledge of how the wind acts on large surfaces exposed to it.

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Beaver Lake, Alberta. A. I. W.

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my old friend the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.
Cape Breton County. L. B. R.

The Ferns.

Deep in the woodland glen
The earth is white with snow,
And by the frozen brook,
With cowed heads bending low,
As if in prayer devout,
With mantles white and straight,
Like monks in silent row,
The ferns of winter wait!

Deep in the woodland glen
The old earth wakes from sleep;
The brooks with laugh and song
Spring down from steep to steep.
A gallant band of knights,
With pennons floating free,
Stand where the white monks stood,
A brave Green Company!

Every Other Sunday.

The full name of the city of San Francisco, as given by its Spanish founders, was "Mision de los Dolores de Nuestro Padre San Francisco de Asis,"—the Mission of the Sorrows of our Father St. Francis of Assisi. The sorrows of its stricken people have recalled the name.

It has been noted that the earthquake region, a belt that surrounds the earth at about thirty or forty degrees of north latitude, is the region of greatest fertility and most desirable climate, and therefore of the densest population, and the oldest civilization in the Old World. This seems to be equally true in the New World, if we add the Central American extension of the earthquake region to the northern belt.

In his book on Nature Teachings F. S. Wood says in speaking of cork: "So buoyant is this substance that a very efficient belt can be made by stringing together 3 or 4 rows of ordinary wine corks and tying them round the neck like a collar. In these circumstances it is simply impossible to sink, and though anyone may collapse from exhaustion, drowning is almost out of the question."

[It might be a safe plan for those who are timid about venturing on the water or who are indifferent swimmers to accustom themselves to the use of such a necklace—to test it well while swimming in water beyond their depth and wear it constantly while boating. Drowning accidents frequently occur because people "lose their heads" on being thrown into water. To become accustomed to the water and know just how to act in it is a great means of safety.—EDITOR.]