

LITERARY.

Canadian National Hymn.

The following is the Hymn which has been composed by Lord Lorne, and dedicated to Canada.

God bless our wide Dominion, Our fathers' chosen land; And bind in lasting union Each ocean's distant strand. From where Atlantic terrors Our hardy seamen train, To where the salt sea mirrors The vast Pacific chain

O bless our wide Dominion, True freedom's fairest scene; Defend our people's union, God save our Empire's Queen.

Fair days of fortune send her, Be thou her Shield and Sun! Our land, our flag's Defender, Unite our hearts as one! One flag, one land, upon her May every blessing rest! For loyal faith and honor Her children's deeds attest.

No stranger's foot insulting, Shall tread our country's soil; While stand his son exulting For her to live and toil. She hath the victor's nature, Her's are the conquering hours, No foeman's stroke shall hurt her, "This Canada of ours"

O, Giver of earth's treasure Make thou our notions strong; Pour forth Thine hot displeasure On all who work our wrong! To our remotest border Let plenty still increase, Let Liberty and Order Bid ancient feuds to cease

May Canada's fair daughters Keep house for hearts as bold As their's who on the waters Came hither first of old. The pioneers of nations I praise, They showed the world the way, 'Tis ours to keep their stations And lead the van to-day.

Inheritors of glory, O countrymen! we swear To guard the flag that o'er ye Shall onward victory bear. Where'er through earth's far regions Its triple crosses fly, For God, for home, our legions Shall win, or fighting, die!

SNOW DRIFT OR THE ELOPEMENT.

'Oh Archie!' she exclaimed, as the Verdel diamonds, lay shining and gleaming on their beds of velvet before her. She took up the necklet; and held it in her hand a few seconds, looking at it dreamily, as if she did not see it; then it dropped upon the floor and lay there, a mass of light, as she turned to me and laid her head against my breast. 'Archie,' she whispered, 'I do not care for them, I do not care for anything but you and your love. Are you quite sure, darling, that your old dream has gone?—that you love me, only me, with all your heart?'

'My darling, I cannot tell you how much I love you,—too much, I sometimes think, May; and as for Maud—why I will take you to see her, and convince you that I do not love her one bit, now if you like.'

It is four years since I wrote the above, and we have long been at Castle Romdon. We have not been quite without sorrow, as the coffin in the ancient family vault can testify;

but the sunshine of a perfect love shines through all and over all. If some raindrops must fall into each life, never doubt but that beyond the cloud and beyond the sky the sun is still shining.

A DUEL.

Simply because the man who stands behind the bar of a certain saloon is a pleasant faced smiling old gentleman, certain parties came to the conclusion that there was no fight in him. They therefore cooked up a plan to play upon his fears and make him "set 'em up," for the crowd, Three red nose men called upon the old man, in a body yesterday, and business was opened by one of them saying:

'When I was in here last night you handed me a glass of beer with a fly in it. No gentleman would do that. You meant it as an insult, and now I demand satisfaction. You must meet me on the field of honor.'

'Ish dot possible? Vat field ish dot?' exclaimed the astonished bartender. 'You must go out with me and fight a duel!' 'Good gracious! ish dot drue?'

'Yes, it is. I'll go out and leave my two friends here to settle the details with you. I must either have blood or ample apology!'

When the belligerent had retired one of the others said: 'See here, old man; I'm afraid you've got yourself into a bad box. That chap is a sure shot, and he'll wing you.'

'How will he put some wings on me!' innocently inquired the beerjerker. 'Now, listen: you insulted him. 'You must fight a duel with him or apologize; and set up the beer.'

'What ish duel?' 'Why, you will go outside the city and pace off ten paces and shoot at each other. Now, then, will you do that or set up the beer and beg his pardon!'

'Vhell, I dells you,' replied the old man, as he lifted a big navy revolver into sight, 'If I sets up dre peer I losses fifteen cents; if I go oudt und fight some duels, I kill him stone det!'

'And you'll fight!' 'Yaw, I vhill—it is sheaper.' 'Don't you know,' said the man, after a blank silence, 'that you'll have to fight all three of us!'

'Yaw, I s'pose I vhill. I shall now fight mit you two and take der odder one to-morrow.'

He thereupon changed his pistol for a club, danced around the the bar, and the way he rushed 'em out was painful to see. The belligerent was waiting on the corner, and as the pair came dusting out, he called:

'Did he set 'em up?' 'Set 'em up! shieked one of the limpers, as he came to a halt, 'is knocking a man over two beer-kogs and table-setting 'em up?'

Asleep for Twenty Years. For more than twenty years the extraordinary case of Miss S. Godsey, better known as the 'Sleeping Beauty,' has puzzled the most eminent physicians at this country and Europe. She was born in Obion county, Tenn, just across the State line, about six miles from Hickman, Ky. Her parents were extremely poor and lived in a small log house containing only one room. Until eight years of age the girl was strong and healthy, and seemed in no wise remarkable. At that age, however, she was stricken with fever, but was attended by a experienced physician, who soon checked the disease. The girl sank into a slumber which lasted an unusual long time, and finally awoke weak but well. To the surprise of the family and physician, she remained awake but a few minutes, when she again went to sleep. From that time forward a period of over twenty one years, she has never been awake for more than three minutes at a time. The lethargic state invariably lasts a certain number of hours. She awakes at 6 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock and eight o'clock each night, never varying one half minute from the regular time. She takes but very little nourishment and that only twice in twenty-four hours. During the time in which she sleep she does not appear to breathe, and a mirror held against her nostrils remains untarnished. Her breathing, if indeed she breathes at all is not sufficient to stir the lightest down suspended against her nostrils by a silken thread. When her remarkable condition became known, physician flocked from all parts of country to see her. None were able satisfactorily to account for the phenomenon although many theories were advanced. The true cause has

never to this day been determined, although the woman may still be alternately sleeping and waking with the regularity of clock work. One physician, who visited her continually for sixteen years, frankly confessed that he could form no opinion regarding the case.

She is described as rather under medium size and with the exception that she is sometimes troubled while awake neuralgic pains in her head and neck, and that one arm is slightly paralyzed, enjoys, as far as she can enjoy anything, good health. One remarkable feature of case is, what while her hair has grown to a great length, her finger nails have not grown since she was stricken. Far from anything repugnant in her appearance, even while animation is suspended, she would be considered a very pretty lady by those unacquainted with her condition.

She retains what knowledge she possessed at eight years of age, but has not been awake enough since then to learn anything more. She knows her relatives and friends, and converses with them in her conscious moments. Before falling asleep a slight cough or choking sound proceeds apparently from her throat. She then so quickly becomes insensible that she is unable to finish a sentence or even a word while talking. A short time since a committee of five physicians were appointed to watch the subject, and found the case was just as it had been represented to be.

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