

The Spirit Anchor.

AN IDYL OF THE SEA.

Composed in my idyl moments.

Did you ever hear the story told
Of RALPH, the redhand rover bold,
Who in an evil moment sold
His best bower anchor, all for gold?

This RALPH, the redhand rover brave,
Sailed gaily o'er the dancing wave,
Nor thought the 'reckless daring knave
His fate should be a watery grave.

He swept the main and scoured the seas
In search of merchant ships to ease
Of cargoes rich. He loved to freeze
To other people's goods like these.

The breeze soon freshened to a gale,
And RALPH, the redhand, shortened sail,
Low on the winds was borne a wail
That made the bravest there turn pale.

The wild winds whistled loud and shrill,
Weird chords among the cordage till
The soul of RALPH began to fill
With strange forebode of coming ill.

"If we can ride this awful sea,
And round the rocks upon our lee,
We still may hope for life," said he,
That wild wail shrieked, "It shall not be!"

"And who art thou?" the rover groaned—
Above the roar of tempest, moaned
A voice distinct, but yet low-toned.
"The best bower anchor thou once owned."

Then RALPH the rover clasped his hand
Upon his brow; he called his band
Of gallant men, and bade them stand,
And wait for death on yonder land.

Thus met these valiant knaves their luck,
They died like men of iron pluck,
And when their good ship ran amuck,
They for the first and last time struck.

But RALPH himself was saved by quite
A fluke, for there to his delight
His best bower anchor floated right
Before him, and with all his might
He struggled on in eager fight
'Gainst angry billows, crested white,
At last he gained that anchor bright,
And seated on it grasping tight,
Was cast upon a rocky height,
The anchor then dissolved from sight.—
RALPH lives there yet—an anchorite.

Historic Anecdotes.

FROM THE FORTHCOMING "MEMOIRS OF LORD SNOGGLETHORPE."

I was once at a dinner party at which the Duke of WELLINGTON engaged in a lively discussion with Sir ROBERT PEEL on the Irish question. "It always seemed to me," said the Iron Duke, "that the landlords rather than the tenants, should engage in riotous and hostile demonstrations against the peace of our sovereign lady the Queen, her crown and dignity." "Why so?" observed Sir ROBERT, fixing his mouth for a laugh at the anticipated *jeu d'esprit*. "Because," replied His Grace, "they are the proper rioters, d'ye mind." The greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

During the reign of LOUIS PHILIPPE I was attached to the embassy at Paris, and one day when I had been granted an audience our conference was interrupted by the entrance of the official printer, who had come to receive instructions about the issuing of a royal proclamation. "How now, minion?" said His Majesty, somewhat vexed at having our interview disturbed—"Mais sire," replied the worthy craftsman, "s'il vous plait je ne suis pas minion au contraire je suis bourgeois." His Majesty felt in his pocket for a *louis d'or* to give the witty printer as a mark of esteem, but finally concluded to bestow upon him the Cross of the Legion of Honor. It came cheaper. Shortly afterwards he was guillotined by the populace as a bloated aristocrat.

It was the same magnanimous ruler who when kindly enquiring after the health of

Prince METTERNICH, was informed that the latter was prostrated by an attack of gout. "En bien, chacun a son gout," was the royal reply. The audience remarked "Ha, ha!" This piquant observation created a profound sensation in diplomatic circles, and is believed to have averted serious complications.

I have numerous other anecdotes of this stripe on hand, collected in the course of a lengthened public experience, which I am prepared to furnish to enterprising journals at fifty cents per anecdote—a liberal discount being made to clubs. If desirable they can be brought down to our day and applied to modern personages. A few rare BEACONSFIELD stories on hand in assorted lots to suit Grit or Tory purchasers as desired.

Different Views of the Judicature Act.

THE GOVERNMENT.

We must do something, so we will copy the English Land Reform Bill. It is very long and will show well before the country.

THE OPPOSITION.

We have not yet quite read the act through—but being introduced by MOWAT it must be wrong in most points. We therefore will make some great objections to it. The old names of the Courts should not be kept—it isn't original—it must be opposed.

THE LAWYERS OF THE HOUSE.

We think it will increase litigation, and occasion a number of judgments before any one knows what it means. Its general principles are good.

THE FARMERS OF THE HOUSE.

We don't understand it, and don't want to. We'll go with MOWAT—or MEREDITH.

THE HON. WILLIAM MACDOUGALL.

If I were there I would show them a wrinkle or two about that bill.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

It looks as if the Fusion were going to turn out Confusion.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES, NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Fort Ellice, Touchwood Hills, Prince Albert and Edmonton.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES, SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Fort Walsh, Fort McLeod.

Flour,	132,800 lbs.	Whiffletrees (for ploughs)	130
Tea,	6,736 "	"	
Sugar,	5,075 "	Whiffletrees (for harrows)	16
Tobacco,	3,999 "	"	
Bacon,	30,166 "	Scythe Stones,	144
Beef,	15,000 "	Sickles,	258
Pork,	20,850 "	Grain Cradles,	135
Woolen Shirts,	250	Scythes for do	135
Stout Trousers,	250	Flails,	202
Canvas Shirts,	250	Hose (steel)	
Canvas Trousers,	250	Garden,	458
Moccasins,	500 prs.	Do (10 in. turnip)	178
Ploughs,	21	Shovels (steel),	58
Harrows,	45	Do Scoop,	28
Scythes,	209	Blacksmiths'	
Snaths,	209	Tongs,	23
Hay Forks,	132	Pick Axes,	36
Axe,	865	Do	23
Hoes,	1,134	Shingle Nails,	2,500 lbs.
Spades,	572	Borax,	92
Grindstones,	18	Blue Stone,	400
Cross Cut Saw		Fanning Mills,	22
Files,	144	Pit Saw Files,	180
Hand Saw Files,	120	Pit Saws,	24
Carts,	29	C. C. Saws,	24
Cart Harness,	29	Hand Saws,	96
Light Waggon,	6	Hammers,	12
Double Harness,	6	Augers,	120
Plough Harness,	38	Rakes,	171
Plough Harness,		Nose Bags,	84
Ox,	56	Plough Lines,	40
Do Pony,	54	Tool Chests,	22
Sweat Collars,	88	Frogs,	28
Ploughs, break-		Single Barrel	
ing,	125	Guns,	45
Plough Points,	360	Double do do	45
extra,		Gun Caps,	800
		Ammunition and Twine.	

- 4 Hand Saws 26 in. } Equal in quality to 5 x 5.
- 4 Rip do 28 " }
- 4 Jack Planes, ordinary C. S., double irons with stand.
- 4 Steel Squares, 24 by 18, divided to 8ths.
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- 4 Adzes, handled, (house carpenters best C. S.).
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- Chisels (socket firmer) with ringed handles 1 1/2 in., 1 3/4 in.
- Chisels, 1-1 in., 1-1/4, 1-1/2. 1-2 in. socket, cast steel handles.
- 4 Oil Stones.
- 4 Oil Cans.
- 4 Scratch Awls.
- 8 Gimlets 1/2, 1/4.
- 4 C. S. Compasses or Dividers.
- 4 2-Foot Rules, 4 fold arch joints.
- 4 Shoeing Pincers.

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By order,
L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Department of the Interior, }
Indian Branch, }
Ottawa, 28th January, 1880. } xiv-12-4t

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LAKE OF THE WOODS AND EAST OF IT.

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