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The Throstle's Mission.

A STORY FOR CHILDREN.
Throstle—whose other name was song-thrush, sometimes mavis—opened one eye, and took a sleepy peep at the world as viewed from his perch, under the iron-dark branches of the ten-foot hedge. He shut his eye again, more from habit than anything else. Then opened it a second time, and wider than before.
The world he viewed was not the same world he had seen overnight; not the same at all. His drooping eye had closed upon a world of soft tones and undertones; of greens and silver-greys, of chocolate, and of pigeon-wing blue. He awoke to an unbroken, steady, relentless white gaze, as terrifying in its silence as in its elemental mystery.
But "silence!" I said. Even as the thrush listened under the lowering lead sky, two sounds broke into that petrified white dawn at one and the same moment. The first was the beautiful, mellow ringing, pealing of bells calling the faithful to prayer; the second a peculiar, soft, almost human sound of air being expelled suddenly but quietly through the nostrils.
Now, there are a few occasions in life when it is advisable to act first and think after. This was one. The thrush fell from the perch where he roosted as if he had been shot dead, down, and fled. That was why the cat, with the pink ribbon and the red heart, creeping along the bough only just behind him, simply claved his thigh instead of his head. It was the cat who had made the odd, sniffing noise, by the way. A few cats do when the scent meat; 'tis an eccentricity, I guess.
The thrush, having acted, blundered through the white morning, and in his own little white avalanche fetched up on a laurel bough across the garden. It was then he did the thinking. His right leg would not work, and a warm drop that had fallen from it was slowly widening in a brilliant scarlet dot on the snow where he stood.
Being a bird, he did nothing—only mooped. He stuck his head down into himself, ruffled his feathers to a great "fatness," stood on one leg, and mooped.
By the time Throstle had finished mooping it was high noon—though you would not have guessed it by the semi-dark—and the snow on his perch was scarlet where he stood. But even Fate, it seems, must eat, and a thrush could not go on breathing "Kismet" for ever. Moreover,
claw-wounds alone do not kill, as a rule. Accordingly he flew down to a spot at the foot of a maple-tree close by, which he had just seen a wandering wood pigeon vacate. The maple is the warmest tree in all the woods, and the snow about that tree's feet was melting. This the pigeon had noticed, though he had gone there for seeds and beech-mast. The thrush, however, found a sufficiency of food, chrysalis and caterpillars, buried, a little small cemented in—cracked by Throstle on a discarded beer-bottle—and one worm half dead.
True, Throstle had evidently not yet got the hang of negotiating snow on one leg. (One can imagine there are easier means of progression). He did it on his back as often as not; but he had got back his spirit. He even flew up to a branch to sing, but the song was only "Inward melody," barely audible a few yards away, and it ended on the wing as he charged down upon another half-frozen song-thrush, who, seeing Throstle's success, made bold to prove the warmth of the maple, too.
The fight that followed was intricate. It is not easy to administer a blow with a short dagger against a foe covered by two shields, which was about the position of the thrushes, with their guarding wings. Wings, be it said, used as clubs, too. Still, it was not all mere fuss, as it appeared to be, that fight. Both birds got in a stab, and each stab left a little blue-red puncture hidden under the feathers.
It was the pink bow that did it. The black cat caught his second right-hand claw in the pink bow as he rushed, and it checked him for just the merest fraction of a second. It was the shortest division possible of time, but was enough—for the wild birds. They parted like sparks, like sparks shot upwards, and like sparks, stopped dead.
The man laughed as he came from behind the tree and took them, very much dishevelled, out of the net; laughed still more at the lack of delay in the amazed cat's departure. The man had removed the snow from the maple's feet to attract the birds, had set his nets all around to catch the birds—for what? For a Christmas pie—all save one.
That one was Throstle, destined to sing in a cage to the man's little crippled daughter—the crippled bird as friend and consoler to the crippled child. He is there now, our Throstle, quite old, but, I think, happy enough.—Answers.

A Great Sporting Event. Anniversary of Halifax Explosion.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the coming Charity Running Matches to be held in the Prince of Wales Ring on Monday night next. A large number of contestants are nightly practicing at the rink and some closely contested events will be the outcome. Bell, Kavanagh, Walt Robertson, Hill and Hennebury are contestants in the five mile race for the Championship of Newfoundland. There will be a relay race between a City team and one from the Regiment, both teams will run two miles each. The C. C. Band has been engaged for the occasion, and spectators are assured a good night's enjoyment. The following is a list of the entries for the different events:—
8.15, 3 Mile Junior Races: 1, G. B. Burden; 2, Chas. R. Butler; 3, T. Eddy; 4, W. H. Ross; 5, C. Puddister; 6, T. Lynch; 7, D. Oliphant; 8, R. Evans; 9, J. Norris; 10, A. Hennebury.
8.40, 2 Mile Relay Race: CITY—1, J. Bell; 2, J. Kavanagh; REGIMENT—1, E. Robertson; 2, H. Hill; 3, Wm. Wall; 4, A. Hennebury; 3, T. Ring; 4, T. Butler.
9.30, Wrestling Match; Hammond v. Hennebury.
10.00, 5 Mile Championship for Newfoundland:—1, E. Robertson; 2, J. Bell; 3, Wm. Wall; 4, Harris Hill; 5, Ern Spry; 6, T. Ring; 7, T. Butler.
Gold medals for first place and silver medals for second are the prizes to be competed for. These have been kindly donated by Messrs. W. J. Higgins, N. J. Vinnicombe, C. J. Fox, and Miss Kitty Furlong.
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S.S. Runa is scheduled to leave New York to-day, with a general cargo for this port.
S.S. Meigle, with a cargo of coal, leaves Sydney to-day for Flaccatia.
S.S. Rosalind, scheduled to sail at 10 o'clock last night, did not get away till 7.30 this morning.
Schr. Uranus has arrived at Gibraltar after a good run from Little Bay Islands.
Tug John Green will leave to-day to tow down the schr. Admiral Drake from Fermeuse.
Schr. Fabrics has finished loading fish at Goodridge & Sons, and will sail for the Mediterranean as soon as the weather is favorable.
Schr. Ester Hankinsen, Primus and Union Jack, on their way north to load codfish for Europe, are still held at Seldom, owing to rough weather.

Obituary.

CORNELIUS O'DRISCOLL.
Mr. Cornelius O'Driscoll, aged 49, passed away at Clarenville, T.B., on Tuesday, Dec. 4th. For nineteen years an invalid, Mr. O'Driscoll suffered greatly from spinal disease, and in the last two weeks of his illness his physical pain was very hard to bear. Mr. O'Driscoll was for many years an employee of the Reid Nfld. Co., having been one of the pioneer railroad men to construct the line across country. It was while putting a bridge across the Exploit's River that he contracted the disease from which he died. Left to mourn him are a wife, three sons, (two of whom served overseas), one sister and three brothers. To them the Telegram extends sincere sympathy.
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