

# THE TORONTO WORLD

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## THE MOUNTAIN MINSTREL.

The English poetical works of Evan MacColl, author of "The Mountain Minstrel," with a biographical sketch of the author. Toronto: Hunter, Rose & Co.

The name of Evan MacColl is, and has been, a household word in Scotland and Canada, and many who have become familiar with some of his fugitive productions will gladly welcome an edition of his collected English poems. A similar edition of his Gaelic works is promised, and when it appears it will doubtless meet with a hearty reception amongst the bard's highland compatriots in this country.

The biographical notice prefixed to this edition is from the pen of Mr. McKenzie, the editor of the Celtic Magazine, in which periodical it was published a few years ago. From it we learn that MacColl was of the Celtic lineage; that he was born in 1808 at Kenmore on the shore of Loch Lomond; that his father, a tenant farmer there, was a typical Celt of splendid physique and well versed in Gaelic folk-song; and that his mother, a sister of the Cameron clan, was a woman of fine natural gifts including that of improvisation.

There is nothing surprising in the early development of the poetical faculty in a youth raised amidst such scenery and associations as those which surrounded Mr. MacColl during his early life, even though his education was performed neglected, and his introduction to the English tongue was of the most disagreeable kind. In the midst of the ordinary vocations of the farm and the equally unpropitious work of road making he continued to cultivate the muse, and when the family emigrated to Canada in 1836 he remained behind to publish his first volume of poems, part in Gaelic and part in English.

The appearance of this collection, which was entitled "The Mountain Minstrel," elicited very favorable comments from some of the most noted critics of the day, and two years afterwards he published the Gaelic and English poems separately, the collection of the former bearing the title of "Clarsach Nam Beann." In 1839 Mr. MacColl came to Canada on a visit to Canada in 1839 he was induced by the late Hon. Malcolm Cameron to take a similar post at Kingston, Ontario, where he has ever since resided. He retired from the public service in 1850, and has since that time been engaged in collecting and preparing for publication his fugitive poems in both languages.

It is impossible in a brief notice of this kind to do anything like justice to productions of such variety and intrinsic merit as those in the volume before us. Whatever may be thought of the form of the poems, there is no possibility of mistaking the true poetical spirit which everywhere pervades the book. Love and appreciation of nature breathe in almost every piece, while humor and pathos, the blending of which is absolutely essential to any high quality of poetry, abound on almost every page. The poet's temperament is a joyous one, and though the wrongs of his evicted countrymen can rouse him to scornful denunciation of the instrument of tyrannical landlordism, the side he usually shows to his reader is a kinder one. Many of his love lyrics remind the reader of those of Burns, though not in the way of suggesting a desire to imitate, for what else he may be, Mr. MacColl is a thoroughly original poet.

A considerable proportion of the poems in this edition of his works were written in Canada, and not a few of them are of the kind known as "occasional." To some of the latter are appended dates and explanatory notes which are so useful as to make the reader regret their infrequency. A few of the Canadian pieces are quasi-political, but most of his productions of that class the author has wisely excluded from the present volume. It is to be hoped that they will yet be collected and published, however, with explanations of the occasions which give rise to them, for some of the author's most spirited and best-known effusions were of the class referred to.

It is only necessary to add that appended to the volume are some highly readable extracts from Mr. MacColl's "Notes of a tour through the north of Scotland" in 1838-39. These show the writer to be a keen observer as well as apt at describing what came under his notice. The mechanical execution of the book is in the usual excellent style of the well known publishing house whose imprimatur it bears.

## AN ADULT THEFT.

Galligan's Messenger, Dec. 11 says: A Spanish priest, Senor Soriano, returning from the Amsterdam exhibition, where he had been representing the interests of the province, made his preparations for leaving Paris last week. He had in a large portmanteau some very important papers, nearly 5000 francs in gold, and several artistic objects to the value of 20,000 francs, which he had purchased in Holland and France. He was accompanied by a friend, and the baggage was placed upon the roof of a small vehicle holding four persons, whilst proceeding to the Orleans terminus, where the Boulevard Moreland, the coachman suddenly cried out and stopped the conveyance. One of the trunks, it was found, had slipped and struck him in the back, and replacing the package he saw to his astonishment that the straps had been cut, and that the largest trunk had disappeared. The theft had been cleverly effected that neither the driver nor his two fares had noticed the abstraction. Senor Soriano immediately advised the nearest commissary of police of his loss, and suspicion was at first directed to the coachman as an accomplice in the robbery. Inquiries however satisfied the police that the driver was altogether guiltless in the matter, and the trunk must have been taken by parties who were well cognizant of its valuable contents and the dispositions made by the owner.

"Nerve," said Tarnum, "why, he's just full of nerve! Why, when he caught my killing his wife he wasn't at all embarrassed."

## THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A genuine Rembrandt has arrived in Paris, and is pronounced to be superior to the one in the Louvre, valued at 500,000 francs. It was sent to M. Leon Chotteau, by M. Henri Olivier of Bordeaux.

In the middle of the main street of Aberdeen, Mass., are several small squares apart which supply the city with water. Every well is covered by a large pagoda, and the ground beneath is paved. The water runs from spouts into troughs, then passes off underground.

A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says: "A novel incident occurred at Harvard college on Monday evening, Dec. 17. The Premier, Mrs. Gladstone and the Misses Gladstone were going to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Banks at Southport hall (Mold), where they were to meet the Duke and Duchess of Westminster. The premier's coachman was unable to drive, owing to indisposition, but an able substitute was found in Lord Aberdeen. His lordship put on coachman's attire, drove the distinguished pair to their destination, and returned with the carriage to the castle."

The library of Harvard college contains the first two drafts of Longfellow's "Excelsior." The first is written on the back of a note addressed to Longfellow by Charles Sumner, and is endorsed "Sept. 28, 1841, 3.30 o'clock, morning. Now in the hands of the second shows various alterations. For instance, the line "A youth who bore 'mid snow and ice'" was written four times before decided upon: "A youth who bore in snow and ice." A youth who bore a pearl of price, and "A youth who bore above all price." The inception of the line "A tear stood in his bright blue eye" was "A tear stood in his pale blue eye."

Buda-Pesth intends, like Vienna, to celebrate her deliverance from the Turks by series of popular festivities. The event occurred three years later than the raising of the siege of Vienna, namely, on September 6, 1686. A committee of the citizens and a committee appointed by the Hungarian historical society have taken the matter in hand and have drawn up a program. A record of the history of Buda-Pesth in 1686 is to be written, and a commemorative medal will be struck. The members of the imperial and royal family, as well as representatives of all those Austrian, Hungarian, and foreign families whose ancestors assisted in the reconquest of Buda-Pesth, are to be invited to the celebration.

Twenty-three ostriches stalked up to the New Orleans Times-Democrat reporter and began to peck at his coat buttons. Mr. L. J. McElrath explained that he had imported the birds for breeding. The ostriches, which are the best that the American ostrich company's agent could find in South Africa. They were brought in padded ostrich stalls, 24x44 feet and 3 feet high, and arranged in the ship's hold as houses are in a city, and in pleasant weather the birds were exercised four at a time, in the streets thus formed. For food they were provided with 1100 pounds of cut forage, 1000 pounds of barley, 2000 pounds of oatmeal, 1000 pounds of crushed bones, 1000 pounds of rock salt, 1000 heads of cabbage, 800 bunches of carrots and 800 of onions.

The following letter on the question whether hanging is a painful appears in the Pall Mall Gazette: "The following facts, as related to me by a late distinguished officer who died high in rank in her majesty's service, may be of some public interest. Many years ago, when a fag at a public school, he was ordered by his master to get his silk stockings ready for a party, but, unfortunately, only one could be found. Vain were the excuses offered by the poor little fag, his master, in a rage, threw the silk stockings round his neck and held him suspended in the air a sufficient time to produce unconsciousness, and to make it a doubtful matter if vitality could again be restored. He therefore experienced all the sensations of being hanged, but he suffered no pain, and used to say he had no recollection of anything happening to him from the moment the stocking was thrown round his neck until he felt life returning."

## VENTRILUISM.

Ventrilism is declared by an expert to be very largely a humbug. There is no such possibility as throwing the voice to a distance. The old stories of Witches, the wizard, in which he figured as exploiting such ability in the midst of a crowd, were necessarily fiction. What passes for ventriloquism consists simply of mimicry and facial immobility. The performer must be some distance away from his audience, or he is powerless. Whenever he wishes to make them believe that his voice sounds at a distance he lowers it and imitates the direction for their imagination to take. He can deceive them sideways, upwards, and backwards, but he never undertakes to produce the effect of a speaker at his rear. To a listener close by no ventriloquist can be in the least deceptive. Nor is there any truth in the theory that he talks with the top of his gullet, or that he ought to have the organs intended by nature to be vocal. By holding his lips as fixed as possible, and avoiding such words as cannot be pronounced without palpably moving them, he assists the delusion. But no man is so foolish that he can get on without a screaming mousethroat.

## BEAUTY'S DUTY.

One of the first duties of a woman is to always look as pretty as possible.

It goes without saying that wives, mothers and maidens should be good-tempered, skilled in housewifery, true-hearted and kindly-tempered. Leaving the greater matters of the unwritten laws of life, however, among the minor ones is that which makes it an instant with beauty to adorn herself. A bit of ribbon here, a touch of color there, charm of face and figure, shapely hands and pretty feet, comely waist and supple neck; here, there and everywhere about beauty's person, from the curve of the dainty little pink ear to the slope of the shoulders and the carriage of the person, there is one manifest voice to be heard—"I am trying to look my best." And, what is more, woman ought more to neglect trying to look pretty to the end of her days than she ought to neglect to do her duty.

Who does not know the dear old grandmothers, whose sweet, wrinkled faces gleam with clean dress and lavender-scented lace collar carry one back to childhood's days? There are years there, and the experience of trouble, the sadness of losses, memories of brides and of graves, and a rapid approach to those silent churchyard gates to which we must all walk whether we will or not.

But grandmother is pretty still, and will always be pretty till the white hands are dropped over the quiet breast, and she goes home to those who want home before her.

A woman, no matter how poor she is, and how deep the cares of family ought to take more and more pains with her dress as time rolls on. A young girl may wear what she pleases. A matron, however, who has lost the first plump charm and has lost the beauty of youth has to be careful. —English paper.

A snow-bawl—"Hey, mister! Want your sidewalk shoveled off?"

## THE MARCH'S LIEUTENANT.

Sketch of the Man Who is Believed to be Assisting the False Prophet.

The Paris Figaro gives some interesting details respecting a Frenchman named Squille, who is believed to be the March's right hand man and to have taken a leading share in the defeat of the Egyptian force under Hicks Pasha. Squille is described as having haunted the cafes and beershops of the Quartier Latin some seven years ago. He was then a young fellow of about 24 years, very dark and witty, loud in talk and exuberant in gesture. He was from Algeria, where his family still reside. When the war broke out his family, dreading lest his adventurous spirit should lead him into danger, summoned him home to the Algerian capital, where he does not appear to have pursued any settled occupation.

Devoted with implicit confidence to his mission, he endeavored to find a vent for the fury of his temperament by the most perilous exercises of the aerobal and the circus rider. On his return to Paris about seven years ago he attended the lectures of the school of mining engineering and found him, and he returned to Algeria, where he wrote letters to friends in Paris, breathing a violent hatred to England and the English. Then he conceived the idea of having Germany as an instrument to crush France.

One fine morning he disappeared, and his friends were at a loss to know where he had become of him, when they suddenly heard that he had joined Arabi, to gratify his passion by fighting the English. After the collapse of Arabi he was seized by Kairouan, and subsequently joined the False Prophet, in whose operations he is believed to have taken a leading part. The story, as told by the Figaro, may be true, but there is this foundation for it, that there are many adventures with the False Prophet, and that many of them there is a Frenchman named Squille, beyond a doubt.

The Colonel Sartorius, whose name is now so prominently before the public in connection with the operations at Suakin and the opening campaign against the False Prophet must not be confounded, says the Figaro, with the Frenchman, who is the officer of the same name rank and name who so distinguished himself in the Ashanti war. The Sartorius of that campaign, who gained his Victoria cross on the west coast of Africa, is at present with his regiment in India. A third Colonel Sartorius, and also a Victoria cross man, the brother of the Ashanti hero, was the son of the senior admiral of the British fleet.

## UNLUCKY WEDDING DAYS.

From the Boston Globe.

"I dreamed last night my brother was dead," said one of two shop girls tripping down Winter street. "That's a sign there's going to be a marriage," said the other, who had just married. "Did you cry?" "Did I? My goodness, I should think so. Who wouldn't?" Then you ought to have counted the tears, and just as many as I shed, it's just as many days before you'll be married."

## DEATH.

BUGG—At his late residence, 58 Grenville street, at 10.30 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 3, 1884, at the residence of his wife, Mrs. Bugg, at 2.40 p.m. Friends will please accept his invitation.

## BOARD.

BOARD—A FEW RESPECTABLE boarders wanted; terms moderate. 438 BATHURST STREET.

## TO LET.

MONTAGUE HALL—FOR ASSOCIATES, or private parties; dining room in connection with the hall, corner of Shuter street, near Garrison. For particulars, apply at the Albemarle. For particulars, apply at the Albemarle.

## PERSONAL.

AT 72 QUEEN STREET WEST—THE biggest price paid for cast-off clothing, carpets, &c. Parties wanting to get rid of their old goods, or to buy new, can do so by dropping a card. Cleaning and repairing done. —ANVET.

## MR. THOMAS BENGUOILL WILL ORGANIZE AN ADVANCED EVENING SCHOOL.

At the residence of Mr. Benguill, 101 King street west, on Thursday, the 10th January, 1884, at 8 p.m. Elementary Shortland Club will be held. For particulars, apply at the Albemarle. For particulars, apply at the Albemarle.

## ATTRA LIFE.

Railroad companies are held responsible for heavy damages for injury to passengers, because it is their business to carry them safely. So it is every man's business to carry his family safely through the period of their dependence, and to provide for their future, by putting them to unnecessary hazard, it is to incur a very grave responsibility. When a man does his best, there still remains risks enough, but he who neglects a reasonable precaution against dangers that are well known.

When one goes on board a steamship, and sees the fire-breathing and the life-boats, and the life-preservers, and then reflects how seldom there is any occasion to use them, it seems like a waste of money—a provision against danger for all to have, and which only a few will ever use. Thousands of passengers are carried every year and not one of them uses a life-preserver, the life-boats rot at the davits; but who would wish to travel on a steamship that neglected to provide such things? The truth is, when we think of the need of it as a matter of life or death, and the people realize that it is better to provide for all than to have a few who are not prepared to face the consequences of neglect, they will find that it is not a waste of money, but a prudent investment.

But no large company of persons journey through the world before some of them feel the need of life insurance. They see the shadows of death fall upon the homes and hearts of more or less. It is only reasonable precaution for all to have, and which only a few will ever use. Thousands of passengers are carried every year and not one of them uses a life-preserver, the life-boats rot at the davits; but who would wish to travel on a steamship that neglected to provide such things? The truth is, when we think of the need of it as a matter of life or death, and the people realize that it is better to provide for all than to have a few who are not prepared to face the consequences of neglect, they will find that it is not a waste of money, but a prudent investment.

OFFICE: Room 9, York Chambers, Toronto.

## NEW YEAR'S FURS & ROBES

At Manufacturers' Prices FOR CASH.

Sealskin & Astrachan Jackets. Fur-lined Jackets & Dolmans. Ladies' Muffs, Capes and Caps of every kind. Gents' Fine Persian Lamb Coats \$150 to \$175. Buffalo and Fancy Sleigh Robes.

COLEMAN & CO., 71 KING STREET EAST.

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HELP WANTED.

Twenty-five hat finishers. Also, a few more for straw sewing machines, steam power; 20 cents to \$1.20 per day. Also, a few more for straw sewing machines, steam power; 20 cents to \$1.20 per day.

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