

POOR DOCUMENT

THE BABY'S AUTOGRAPH.

They gave it to me at Christmas—the pretty new autograph album—and I was very proud of it; the binding was so gay, and the white, gilt-edged sheets were so spotlessly pure. I could hardly make up my mind who should have the honor of dedicating that album, or what verse was grand enough to inscribe on its pages; and before I had quite decided, baby found it! She had toddled into the parlor and taken it down from the table before we missed her, and was sitting cross-legged, like a Turk, with the precious book in her lap. That would not have been worth recording, and I should not value my album above price now if it were all. But she had a pencil—she dearly loved to scribble on bits of paper—and she had made her mark on the front leaf (the title page) of my beautiful book. She had made a dozen marks, criss-cross and zig-zag, and there she sat, her bright hair tossed down over her face, her little mouth pursed up, her blue eyes full of mischief, half-shy, half-defiant, and we three women looking at her.

"Oh, you naughty, naughty baby!" I cried; "you have just ruined my new book, you bad little thing!"

"Doesn't she make a picture?" said my mother; "doesn't she make a picture?"

"Whip her!" said Aunt Harriet, in a vindictive tone. She has no children of her own and knows just how to bring up other people's.

I was angry enough to do it, and had made one step forward intending to wrest the book out of the clasping baby hands, and then—what! beat my own child? I was saved that degradation by my own good mother, who shook her head at me over Aunt Harriet's shoulder.

How long is it since Christmas? Counting by heart-throbs, I should say years! It is only a couple of months, and to-day I would give, oh! what would I not give to have those little hands doing their sweet mischief. Peace, foolish heart! "He giveth His beloved rest." The baby is gone, but when I look at the short lines that dedicate my album—the sweetest, saddest lines to me that were ever written—soon ended like her little life—I am glad that I took her in my arms, kissed the rosebud lips, and put the book away without one reproving word—glad that I caused no angry feelings in that baby's heart, or left memories for myself that would now have power to wound!

That is why all the leaves of my new album are blank—pure, spotless, just as the fair page of her little life was; but you, who think these characters on the dedication pages unmeaning, have never had the key to them. Mothers can tell what they are. Angels will be glad over this record without blot or stain. There is no handwriting so fine that I would exchange it for the baby's autograph; as for us—

"Our lives are albums written through
With good or ill, with false or true.
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the bad with tears."
—*Detroit Free Press.*

APOSTROPHE TO THE STATUE OF A GLADIATOR.

Cold, pulseless fragment of the long ago, who sitest calm and passionless through scolding years! Thy beated snout, arched nostril, bearded with dust of passing feet, thy fractured bugle booming 'neath the twinkling stars, a gloomy looking of former grandeur tolls not of what hath thee betid.

Across thy scarred, cold breast no trouble rolls, and o'er thy brow yet frozen in dumb agony bestraght, the swift and sable clouds of night do struggle like an aged joke cast in the dust of an ancient amphitheatre.

Little thou reekest, in thy broken state, that thou art clothed with nothing but the wailing wren. Thy cold, hard cheek is still unclenched with shame, tho' in the chilly air might thy unbleeding fragments are exposed.

Who, gazing at thy busted brow and panic-stricken features, now would estimate thy prowess in the days agoest! Who, looking o'er thy unseeing intellect and cast-iron frame, knocked gaily west by time's effacing fingers, ere would give a passing thought to what thou'st been in previous years!

I trow, not one of all mankind would pick thee up to be the once proud snoozer of the Roman ring.

Misguided relic of an era past when men were muscled like an aged lion, and have men fought with cheese knives long and well, or gouged the lion's liver out and mixed it with the sand, while beautiful ladies smiled and munched the Roman caramel, he who would grudge thee pity now in this thy hour of need, would rob a pauper's grave to get the gold with which his teeth were filled.

Proud fragment of heroic days, in dreams no doubt thou livest on, and in the amphitheatre with quivering blade thou lightest still.

Metethinks I see thee in the dusty ring, straddling about and slashing right and left, filling the air with toe-nails and fresh gore. Again I hear the new laid joke as up against the galleries the fragments of thy foe are hurled.

Dream on, thou fractured warrior of yore! When time, and reck not one cold, careless clan that all thy limbs are knocked into a shapeless mass.

Forget the present in thy glorious past.

Live over still the days when in thy wondrous strength thou wast more deadly than the modern pie. Remember still the days of long ago, when he who banded these mistletoe faces and eyes got scattered o'er the dry and thirsty ground, and dusted off the quivering earth with his remains. Lose not thy grip, bold warrior of the fly-blown past. Brace up with memories of forgotten years, thou busted warrior of ye Roman time, for he who thus apostrophizes thee is busted, too.—*Laramie Boomerang.*

A COUNTY SEAT WAR.

MILBANK, D. T., Feb. 4.—[Special Telegram.]—The situation of affairs in Grant county is decidedly exciting just at present. The county seat fight between Milbank and Big Stone City, which terminated on Tuesday in the official declaration by the commissioners that Milbank is now the county seat is being vigorously opposed by an armed mob at Big Stone numbering three hundred men, who swear that they will shoot the first man attempting to remove the big safe containing the records of the county clerk and register of deeds. They have enlisted men from over the line in Minnesota, and also a number of Indians.

PORTENTIONS.

of hay bales have been thrown up in the streets of Bigstone to repel the Milbankers who are hourly expected to swoop down upon the little hamlet. Armed pickets are kept on duty day and night. Every county officer excepting the sheriff is being transacted here. The records of the county treasurer and district court were safely removed to the new county seat. Various questions connected with the pending fight have been thrown into the district court three different times since the election last November and decided each time in favor of Milbank. Over two-thirds of the votes at the last election were for removing the county seat to Milbank. The Bigstone folks have evidently made a big mistake in their course of forcibly and defiantly resisting legal processes when served by proper officers. Milbank has from the first determined to keep strictly within the law, even though it cause some annoying delay. In the meantime the citizens of this place are on the alert and ready for any emergency that may arise.

THE FIJANS.

Since everybody, including Judas and Nero, have their apologists, the Fiji cannibals are now declared not to be so black as they are painted. In the first place they had, in the way of flesh, nothing but each other to eat. Except flying foxes and rats there were no four footed animals on the islands. The present names of their domestic animals betray a European origin, *collie*, for dog; *puss*, for cat; *ose*, for horse; *seepi*, for mutton; *gati*, for goat; and *bullama kow*, for beef. The wooden spoons for human flesh, and cannibal forks, eighteen inches long with four or five prongs, are still in existence. A berry, resembling the tomato in shape and color, was the special and proper vegetable to be eaten with fiong pig." One of the chieftains lately said he would like to see a woman who wouldn't eat her full share, and declared that human flesh was ever so much better than pork. "Long pig" was sometimes made into puddings. When a friendly neighboring tribe visited another, the chief of the latter would make a raid among his enemies, and bring back women enough to make a feast for his visitors. Fifty and eighty people were served at some of these feasts. Formerly, when any one sneezed, they said "May you club somebody." Now they say, "Bless you," or "May you live long!" Chieftains were distinguished by the number of persons they had eaten. Before he was converted to Christianity, one of these had devoured forty-three of his fellows.

The wild water-fowl of Maryland will be astonished in a few weeks to find a sportsman among them, and they will be unable to tell him from any other goose. He is having a suit of rubber made with a head-piece in the form of a wild goose and furnished with magnifying glasses to enable him to see his way among the fowl.

Prospectus of the "Herald."

I offer THE HERALD to the public, believing that a journal, liberal in its opinions, independent in its tone, and prompt in the matter of news, will be well received.

THE HERALD will give prominence to local news, and by having upon its staff an experienced city editor, who will devote his whole time to the local work, it will be able to give a complete and reliable report of the events which happen in Fredericton and vicinity.

In the selection of general news, regard will be had to those subjects in which readers of THE HERALD can be reasonably expected to take an interest. Such news will not be given in condensed, terse form, so that much will be compressed into a small space. No effort will be spared to make this journal, as nearly as possible, a complete record of current events.

Long editorials will be discarded as a

rule, and in this department the subjects dealt with will be those of a present interest and which have some bearing upon the affairs of the people of Canada.

In politics THE HERALD will be LIBERAL. Canada is essentially democratic in sentiment. Their manner of living, their education, the example set them by their fathers, are such that self-government and equal rights must ever be the birthright of Canadians. It follows therefore that anything in the political constitution which impairs the exercise of the functions of government by the people, any system of administration which favors monopolies, or has a tendency to exalt one class above another, are antagonistic to public sentiment and the best interests of the country. An important epoch in the history of this country is not far distant. Changes in the political status of the Dominion may be brought forward to be dealt with practically at any time. THE HERALD will enter upon the discussion of such subjects as these with a determination to consider them from a Canadian standpoint, and to favor and advocate anything calculated to advance the material interests of the people.

In discussing the political issues now before the people, this journal will act in sympathy with Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Parliament.

The people of Canada cannot view with indifference the enormous expense attendant upon the administration of government. This is entirely out of proportion to the wealth and population of the Dominion, and as in a new country, seeking to build itself up by attracting immigration, it is all important that the rate of taxation should be kept low, THE HERALD will join hands with those who advocate a reduction in the cost of government. The expense of administration and the large debt of the Dominion compel the imposition of a customs tariff, which, in order that sufficient revenue may be raised, must bear so large a proportion to the foreign trade of the Dominion as to be necessarily "protective." The so called "National Policy" is simply the outcome of past and present extravagance, and cannot be justified by reference to any principle other than this, that the country ought to meet its engagements as they fall due. The people not being willing to have resort to direct taxation, it follows, as a matter of course, that whatever party is in power will be compelled to continue a high tariff. Nevertheless such alterations ought to be made in details as will make the burden of taxation bear as lightly as possible upon the staple industries of the country and the laboring classes. The nearer we can approach to free trade the better, in view as well as of the interests of our own people as of the relations in which the Dominion stands towards the other parts of the Empire and the United States.

Upon the Temperance question THE HERALD will occupy no uncertain position; but will give its assistance to any well devised attempt, either by legislation or otherwise, to suppress the use and traffic in intoxicating liquors.

THE HERALD will endeavor to keep its readers informed as to the progress of thought in the domain of religion and philosophy, without occupying any extreme or partisan position: neither publishing anything merely because it is novel, nor omitting to do so because it assails some generally recognized opinion.

The clergymen resident in the city will be requested to favor the readers of THE HERALD by permitting the occasional publication in *extenso* of sermons by them. A special effort will be made to keep a record of what is transpiring in the religious world. No prominence will be given to any one denomination over another, but it will be our constant aim in the matter of news to treat all classes, creeds and sects with even-handed justice.

THE HERALD will devote considerable attention in its tri-weekly issues to City matters, and it invites any of the rate-payers who may desire to do so, to employ its columns for the expression of their views on civic questions, with these conditions, that public men must be dealt with solely in their public capacity, and that all correspondence must be short, to the point, and deal with facts.

Correspondence upon all subjects of public interest is invited upon the same conditions.

The Saturday edition of THE HERALD will not be a simple reproduction of the tri-weekly editions. It will be made up by selecting the articles in those editions of most interest to the public generally, as well outside as within the city. In addition to this, the local and foreign news

will be brought down to the hour of going to press, and in this respect THE HERALD will stand alone among the weekly newspapers of New Brunswick. It will also contain all the Church announcements for the next Sunday and the ensuing week and such other features as may suggest themselves as calculated to make it a welcome visitor in every home, not only in this city, but along the valley of the Saint John. There is a field here for the right kind of a weekly paper, and THE HERALD proposes to try and occupy it.

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