

Poetry.

The Truth Doth never Die! Though kingdoms, states and empires fall, And dynasties decay; Though cities crumble into dust, And nations die away; Though gorgeous towers and palaces In heaps of ruins lie, Which once were proud of the proud, The truth doth never die!

We'll mourn not o'er the silent past; Its glories are not fled; Although its men of high renown Be numbered with the dead, We'll grieve not for the earth hath lost, It cannot claim a sigh, For the wrong alone hath perished, The truth doth never die!

Miscellaneous.

British America.

If British America cost us ten millions a year, no doubt it would be immensely appreciated. This might happen through a war once in five years with the States, or through a fiscal system compelling us to furnish Canada produce; or we might suppose the Canada a grand depot of convicts and juvenile offenders, costing us the above sum. In any such case we should survey the property which frequently recalls the figure at which it stood in the bill.

The Bottom of the Sea.

By the use of proper leads we now know the structure of the bottom of the sea along the North Pacific, as well as along the Atlantic. The most peculiar thing in the North Atlantic is a ridge from Newfoundland to England, which is called the telegraphic plateau. The deepest part of the ocean is about two miles. Having learned this, we must next get some plan to prove to the people that we had reached the bottom of the sea, and knew its composition and geography. We tried to bring up the shot to which the wire was fastened, but the wire was not strong enough, and if we could not get the wire to bear for the shot to sink down. Hence we have the invention of Brooke's excellent apparatus. The shot is hollow, with a long reed running through it; there are quills in this reed; now, the shot is left at the bottom, but the quills and reed are drawn up. The apparatus is so arranged that the moment the end of the reed which extends six or eight inches beyond the ball touches the bottom, the shot falls off, and the reed can be easily drawn up. Provided with these instruments and facilities a ship was sent out to the ocean to take soundings, and it discovered better than gems and pearls at the bottom of the sea—it discovered the telegraphic plateau which is to unite the Old and New World.

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Water in the Desert.

As I may not be nearer to the Desert of Sahara for some time to come, I will here add, that under the direction of a French General of Algiers, a boring has been made in the desert for water with the most complete success. The artesian well is 180 feet deep, and the spring furnishes about 1000 gallons of water a minute, which is clear and of an excellent quality. The engineer who conducted the work exhibited great energy and resolution. For thirty-nine days and nights the work went on without the least interruption, notwithstanding the thermometer sometimes stood at 115 degrees!

Should the same process be followed in the desert between Mount Sinai and the Holy Land, the water, which would well and fountains in the day, the Israelites, though in some places puddles of brackish water are found, which neither men nor animals can drink, probably the same success would follow, and travellers be saved the necessity of carrying water in skins for about twenty days' march. Perhaps water could be found in the great American desert by the same operation, and thus an immense well be made inhabitable to millions of human beings. At any rate it is worth while to make the experiment.—Boston Transcript.

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