

A VOICE FROM AFAR.

Keep not for me—
Be still, as I am, in gloom,
The stream of life that flows home,
The light of heaven and free life,
Joy in the Father's house, and
Nor miss my face, dear friends!

I still am near—
Watching the smiles I prize on earth;
Your converse mild, your blameless mirth;
Now, too I hear
Of whispered words the tale complete;
Low prayers and music sweet.

A sea before
The throne is spread—its pure still glass
Pictures all earth scenes as they pass,
We, on its shore,
Share in the bosom of our rest,
God's knowledge, and are blessed.

—Cardinal Newman.

HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

A QUEER LADIES MAID.

The lovely little village of Bexley, in Kent, has recently been startled by a strange discovery. A lady, whose staff includes several female servants, was visited by a detective, who requested permission to see and examine the members of her household, as he was searching for a suspected character. The request, though considered very extraordinary, was at length complied with, and each servant was interviewed in turn. After the last one left the room, the man from Scotland Yard appeared puzzled, and pointedly asked the lady of the house if he had seen the servants. She assured him that he had, but added as an afterthought, "I have not called my ladies' maid, as she has been with me two years, and I know that there can be nothing against her." The detective, while politely informing the lady that he quite believed all she stated, pressed her to permit the ladies' maid to be called, which was done. Directly after the girl entered the room, and, without a moment's hesitation, the detective slipped on her wrists a pair of handcuffs, saying, as he did so: "Well, Bill, we have run you to earth at last." The trim ladies' maid turned out to be a man in disguise, who had been "wanted" for some time, and it is fair to mention that he, or "she" had always conducted "herself" admirably, and knew "her" duties remarkably well.

SOMETHING BETTER THAN A DOWRY.

Dowry is an antiquated provision for daughters, behind the genius of the age, incompatible with the dignity of American men and the intelligence and freedom of American women. Besides, there are very likely to be two, three, four or more daughters in a house; how could a man of moderate means save for all of them? And what would become of the sons? The father who gives his children a loving, sensible mother, who provides them with a comfortable home, and who educates fully all their special faculties, and teaches them the cunning in their ten fingers, dowers his daughters far better than if he gave them money. He has funded for them a provision that neither a bad husband nor an evil fate can squander. He has done his full duty, and every good girl will thankfully so accept it.—Mrs. Amelia E. Barr, in *The North American Review*.

THE KITCHEN.

OYSTERS.

Fried à la Monroe, they are drained, seasoned with a trifle of cayenne, rolled in crumbs, then in a mixture of beaten egg and cream, again in crumbs and fried a few at a time in boiling fat. Another way to fry them is to have a hot griddle lightly buttered; lay on the oysters which have been fried in a clean towel, and as quick as they brown slightly turn with a broad-bladed knife or pancake turner. Serve on a hot dish and pour over them a little melted butter.

Oysters, à la Villorci, make an elegant fish course. Put a gill each of cream and veal both over the fire in a large shallow pan and when hot lay in three dozen oysters, first draining them well; let them get scarcely hot through when drain and return the liquor or broth to the pan, thickening it with a tablespoonful of flour wet with cream. Add two beaten egg yolks, salt, pepper and mace or nutmeg; simmer for a minute, taking great care not to curdle the eggs, lay in the oysters, mingle thoroughly and pour out into a broad flat dish to cool. When cool join the oysters in pairs, masking them well with the sauce, roll in crumbs, then in egg and again in crumbs; fry in hot fat and dish on a napkin laid on a hot dish. Garnish with lemon, parsley and stoned olives. French cooks send round with this dish a boat of tomato sauce.

Oysters are breaded and fried plain, in hot fat as every one knows, and as many know also the result is often lamentable. The mistakes commonly made are in not having the fat hot enough and in serving the oysters insufficiently drained. Each oyster as it is lifted from the hot fat should be drained for a second on a piece of brown "kitchen paper." They also should be thoroughly drained and dried before rolling in egg and crumbs. The test of the heat of the fat, if you have no thermometer, is to throw in a bit of bread; if it browns almost instantly the fat is hot enough. Fried oysters should be served at once with sweet butter, salt and pepper, a dish of cress or cut cabbage and thin sandwiches of white and brown bread and butter.

In the ordinary way of arranging oysters in layer with crumbs, a common error is to use too many crumbs and thus make a sort of pudding, quite at variance with the true idea of scalloped oysters à la Soyer. Soyer's method is superior to any other. It is as follows: Scald two dozen oysters in their liquor; drain and catch the liquor, which return to the fire, thickening with a tablespoonful each of butter and flour rubbed together; stir it over the fire until thickened, season with salt, cayenne or white pepper and a second tablespoonful of butter cut in bits. Butter some scallop shells or a small baking dish, sprinkle with crumbs, put in the oysters and sauce, sprinkle crumbs over the top and brown in a quick oven.

Mr. Parnell's Home.

Avondale, Mr. Parnell's home in Ireland, (the *Speaker* says) of semi-classical architecture, with pillared portico, and in of that cream-white colour which is apt to look like worst with the master a long time away, and at the end of a wet summer the garden is no prospect from the front of the house. Within is a great

hall, with many doors, carved in Ionic style, of the Irish oak. Overhead is a curious gallery, balustraded and framed in, also of oak. It is eerie with its great empty fire-place and the dark pictures of still life, and with all that dark wood about it; even the cheery Philistinism of the gilt frames, or the hundred and one addresses to Mr. Parnell, which have overflowed into the hall, and the gay illumination, do not take from the eeriness. By the fireplace is a great basket heaped with wood, but the grate looks long fireless. The library seems to be the only room in use. It should be a beautiful room, with its bow windows looking over the valley, its arched recesses for bookshelves, its fine mantel-piece and decorated ceiling. That is the desk at which Mr. Parnell writes when he is here, and in the window seat, a heap of reviews and newspapers, dating, perhaps, from his last visit, for the dust lay upon them.

GREAT STORMS.

And Loss of Life at Sea—An Unknown Schooner Lost with all Hands.

St. JOHN, December 3.—The recent cold snap, during which the mercury got down to 10 degrees below zero, is followed to-day by a heavy snowstorm, and unless rain sets in there will be fine sleighing to-morrow. Word comes from Moncton that several schooners are likely to be frozen in on the Petitcodiac river. A Newfoundland schooner is frozen in at Point du Chêne. A terrific northwest gale and high tide at Cape Tormentine yesterday swept the breakwater and cleared off everything movable except the hoisting engine. Lumber and car rails, ties, tools, etc., were swept off, and the contractor's loss must be heavy. Three lobster factories, owned respectively by Job Allen, Whallen and Millego Trenholm, were wrecked. Job Allen's loss is fully one thousand dollars. Trenholm's five hundred and Whallen's one hundred. The dikes were swept and six hundred tons of hay destroyed. This, with the short crop, will be a serious blow to the farmers there.

Intelligence was received to-night of a fearful disaster in the Bay of Fundy off Harbordville, Cornwallis, a topmast schooner being capsized and going down with all hands. The disaster occurred at one o'clock Monday afternoon, two miles distant from the shore, being witnessed by parties on the land, who, in the heavy storm, was unable to render assistance. The vessel sank ten minutes after turning over. She was running on a lee shore before a northerly gale, carrying a two reefed main sail, the whole fore sail and jib. The identity of the schooner is unknown, but wreckage began to wash ashore two hours after the disaster. This consisted of chain boxes, painted yellow; broken dories, painted the same color; cabin doors, the galley and the box cover for patent steering gear. She had two jibs and looked like an American fishing schooner, an impression that seems to be borne out by the wreckage cast ashore. There is no name on any of the wreckage. If the unfortunate vessel was a fishing schooner she no doubt had a large crew. Those who witnessed the disaster think the vessel was making for Parrsboro.

In Prince Edward Island fifty vessels were reported frozen in and numerous disasters announced as occurring on the Atlantic coast. Numbers of wrecks took place at St. Pierre Miquelon. The steamer "John Davis" was wrecked at Toney Island, Pictou, N.S.

The Land Purchase Bill.

LONDON, December 2.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Balfour moved that the Irish Land Purchase bill pass its second reading.

Mr. Ellis moved an amendment, declaring that the bill was an unsafe measure as regarded the Imperial exchequer and was unjust to the occupiers of the land.

Mr. Gladstone said he found nothing in the changes made in the bill since last session that was likely to render its character more satisfactory. There was a removal of the twenty year's limit, with a proposal that the county ratepayers have power to vote whether or not the county funds should become liable for sums borrowed in the purchase of lands. Did Mr. Balfour recognize the probability that the ratepayers' vote might stop the purchase of land in many districts?

Mr. Balfour nodded assent. Mr. Gladstone reminded the House that as particular circumstances prevented the presents of the Irish members it would be a great mistake to pass a land bill that was opposed to their desires and convictions. The want of Irish authority went to the root of the whole matter and impelled every true friend of Ireland to oppose the bill. Mr. Chamberlain asked Mr. Balfour

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if he had calculated the amount required under the bill and by what area it was limited. The estimate, he said, placed the total at less than \$100,000,000. He advised Mr. Balfour to withdraw the concession removing the twenty years' limit but to adhere to the ratepayers' plebiscite.

Mr. Balfour replied that he estimated the total amount required to complete the purchase at \$95,000,000. The bill in providing for an advance of \$23,000,000 would make a great impression and would greatly simplify the problem. He would reconsider the question of the twenty years' limit. The ratepayers' plebiscite scheme he considered a valuable alteration to the measure. Referring to evictions which might arise from default of the tenants in buying the land Mr. Balfour denied that the state would become evictor. That process, he stated, would be undertaken by the land commissioner, acting in the interests of the local authorities.

Expansion of the Empire.

It is highly interesting news that the dominions of Queen Victoria are to be extended through the operations of the British cruiser now engaged in discovering a suitable route for the new cable across the Pacific, between the colonies of Australia and British Columbia. The commander of this cruiser, the Egeria, is hoisting the British flag on all the islands in the Pacific that are not under the protection of any foreign power. The commander of the Egeria has been cruising over thousands of miles of those parts of the Pacific in which they are multitudinous islands that have not been "under the protection" of any European Government, that he is cruising there yet. After leaving New Zealand last year he struck northward and ranged through the Fiji group, where he found scores of sunny and sea-girt islands that seemed to be waiting for the British flag which he hoisted over them. From the Fiji group he went still further northward this year to the Phoenix group, where his previous experiences were repeated under the British flag. At the time of our latest advice he was moving eastward from the Phoenix group through Polynesia, and it cannot yet be told how many other unprotected islands he will take under British protection before he reaches British Columbia in North America. The Foreign Office of British Government is, of course, fully apprised of this British commander's remarkable operations in the annexation of islands, with the assistance of the British cruiser Egeria; yet no allusion to these new and important territorial acquisitions of Great Britain was made in her Royal and Imperial Majesty's speech sent to Parliament last Tuesday.

The commander of the British cruiser Egeria is extensively and actually engaged in the work of exploring the bottom of the Pacific for the purpose of finding a bed for a new telegraph cable; but at the same time he takes occasions during his cruise to perform some other interesting exploits in her Majesty's service among the islands that rise above the surface of the Pacific. In these times there seem to be new conquests waiting for the rule of the British Crown in Polynesia as well as in Africa and Asia.—N. Y. Sun.

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Somewhat Rundabout.

The Quebec Correspondent of the Gazette, says that a gentleman was visiting at Riviere Ouelle, a family with whom he was acquainted, when he heard the mistress of the house, Madame Pinze, a venerable, white-haired lady of 90 years, utter the following remarkable sentence: "Ma fille, was dire a ta fille que l'enfant de sa fille pleure;—(my daughter, go and tell your daughter that her daughter's is crying). This aroused his curiosity, and on enquiring he found that there were five generations living under the same roof. Mme. Boucher is the daughter of Mme. Pinze, Mme. Lizotte is the granddaughter and Mme. Beaulieu the great grand-daughter, and it was the child of the last-named that was lying in the cradle.

Legal Tinkering.

So far over a hundred bills have been introduced in the Quebec Legislature this session. At least 60 per cent. of the whole are designed to alter the existing law, very often to suit some private case. This disposition to tinker the statutes and the codes has long been a public grievance against Quebec law makers, but it was never evinced in such degree as this session. It suggests that those were wise ancestors who ordained that whoever proposed a change in the law of the state should present himself with a halter around his neck, to be put to use if his idea failed to commend itself to the wisdom of his fellows.

A Grave Rumor.

LONDON, December 2.—Arnold Morley, Sir George O. Trevelyan, Campbell-Bannerman, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Earl Granville and Shaw-Lefevre assembled at Gladstone's residence to-day and conferred for an hour with the ex-Premier.

The subject discussed was the retirement of the Liberal leader. It was decided to convoke a meeting of the Liberal peers and members of the House of Commons to hear a statement by Mr. Gladstone.

Gatherings of carpenters should be governed by plane rules.

In legal matters we often hear the expression, a lengthy brief. This shows what law is.

A Russian lady proposes to form a corps of Amazons. It is a happy thought. A few choices Russian epithets and names hurled at the enemy would put the boldest to flight.

THE FARM.

IMPROVED STOCK.

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BREEDING UP.

If the best farming does not always pay, poor farming never pays, says W. W. Stevens, in "Stock Farming," this month. So it is with stock; if the best stock does not always pay, poor stock never pays. So there is no longer any excuse for breeding common scrub stock in any civilized community, for improved stock on every farm is sure to pay better than scrub stock. Then it behooves every farmer, large or small, to grade up to full-blood sires all the farm stock and then to get the full-blood stock as fast as possible.

CELERY.

Probably no class of people suffer more with rheumatism than farmers, says an exchange, and yet the remedy for this dreadful disease is, or should be, right at hand, says a paragraph in the London Horticultural Times. If celery were eaten freely, sufferers from rheumatism would be comparatively few. It is a mistaken idea that cold and damp produce the disease—they simply develop it. Acid blood is the primary and sustaining cause. If celery is eaten largely, an alkaline blood is the result, and where this exists there can be neither rheumatism or gout. It should be eaten cooked. Cut it into bits and boil until soft in as little water as possible. Add to this half as much milk as there is water in the celery, thicken with flour and season with butter, pepper and salt. If you cook it nicely and give it a fair trial, I am sure you will see soon leave potatoes out of the daily bill of fare as celery. It is nice as a sauce for any kind of cold meat or fowl, or for roasted poultry or game of any kind. Children will like it poured over boiled potatoes, or it may be drained from the sauce, mixed with mashed potatoes, formed into little cakes and browned. A ready-witted woman will find numerous ways of serving it.

Late by 100 Years.

Some years ago a newspaper, published in Newcastle, Eng., commemorated its centennial by reprinting its first issue. It was a very small sheet, so a copy of the reprint was folded inside every one of the current number. During the afternoon of that day a middle-aged couple called at the office and informed the clerk that they had come in answer to the advertisement in the morning's paper, which directed applicants to inquire at the office of the paper for particulars—the man to attend to cows and the wife to act as general servant in the house. The clerk could not remember such advertisement but, to oblige them, as they were evidently from the country and very positive, he went with them through the advertisement columns, but nothing of the sort could be found. But they repeated they had both seen it in the morning's paper—both noticing to him to look at the reprinted copy of the 100-years-old paper, and there he found it. It was with some difficulty that he convinced his disappointed visitors that they were exactly some 100 years too late. Certainly this was "something new under the sun."

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