WIND LYRICS.

Through gates of pearl, with sapphire set, I great at dawn to fig. while yet The clouds with silver dew are wet, On wings that brush the morning star

From fields of frozen stars I blow, 2 hear the fragile flowers of snow That fail upon the earth below. With pure celestial lips to bless

Borest memories of the south I bring;
From hirds and blossoms pink that fling
To bray'n tileir gladness in an ecstasy
of melody.

Back through the gates of gold and rose, Where late the star of evening glows, 2 mbp, before the evening's close,

On whions woven of a sigh, has the night I seem to die. But, hush! The night will soon pass by. Before the lark, when morning breaks, Mar east wind wakes.

—Carrie L. Ward in Danaid.

FIRST AMERICAN PATENT.

Granted at Boston In 1648 and Called a Monopoly. To the general court of Massachu-

setts belongs the honor of granting the arst American patent. This was in 3648 and was then designated as a monopoly. It was confined to the region controlled by Massachusetts, and the one issue apparently included all the invention of the inventor connectand with engines that depended upon water for their motive power. The amit of the monopoly was 14 years, and the court not only retained power to forbid exportation, but to prevent exorbitant charges upon the public for their use.

The patent was issued in this form: "JENKES MONOPOLYE.

"At a generall Courte at Boston the ath of the 3th Mo 1648. The cor't conminings ye necessity of raising such manifactures of engine of mils to go by water for speedy dispatch of much works with few hands, and being sufficiently informed of ye ability of ye pethis to peforme such workes grant his petition (yet no Othr per sen shall set up or use any such new invention, ar trade for 14 yeares wthout ye license of him the said Joseph Jenkes) se fair as concernes any such new invention, & so it shall be alwayes in ye powr of this co'te to restrain ye exportation of such manufactures & ye prizes of them to moderation if occa-

sion so require." This inventor, Joseph Jenkes, or lenks, as it would now be spelled, came from Hammersmith, England, settled in Lynn in 1643 and died in MS2-83, aged 81. He was a blacksmith and machinist, made the dies for the coining of the "Pine Tree" money and built the first fire ergine in this country, altogether a man of great inventive genius and the ancestor of a large number of descendants. One of his sons removed to Rhode Island, where he built several mills.-Boston

An Absentminded Bridegroom. Robert Dewar, brother of Lord Wil-Man Dewar, the British scientist who was the first experimenter to liquely atr, is a remarkably absentminded man. It is said that on one occasion he left his home early one morning and repaired to the house of a friend, to which there was a fine library to which he had access. That afternoon his relatives and friends searched the neighborhood in vain for him. At length he was run down in this library. By his side was a new suit of clothes.

"It's a nice man you are," ironically said the spokesman. "What's the matter now?" returned

Robert irritably. "Your bride and the preacher are waiting for you this two hours. Don't you know this is your wedding day,

"I declare," said the groom, "I'd forgotten all about it! Wait till I dress, and Fil go along with you."-Saturday

A Just Rebuke.

A young and newly married couple were entertaining their friends, and among the guests was one whose continued rudeness made him extremely objectionable to the rest of the comparty. His conduct, although most unbearable, was put up with for some time, until at supper he held up on his fork a piece of meat which had been served to him, and in a vein of intended homor he looked round and remarked

"is this pig?" This immediately drew forth the remark from a quiet looking individual sitting at the other end of the table: "Which end of the fork do you refer 30 " Spare Moments.

Wave Clouds.

The atmospheric ocean surrounding the earth is frequently disturbed by gigzatie waves, which are invisible except when they carry parts of the air, charged with moisture, up into a colder atmospheric stratum, where sudden condensation occurs. In this manner song parallel lines of clouds some times make their appearance at a great height, marking the crests of a ripple of air waves running miles above our

Extent of His Superstition.

"Are you superstitious?" To a certain extent."

"What do you mean by that?" Well, I should hesitate to pass under a ladder if there was a man with a pot of paint at the top of it."-Chica-

Since time is not a person we can overtake when he is gone let us honor aim with mirth and cheerfulness of heart while he is passing .- Goethe.

it is in the cow's mouth that you and true equality. There you will see

KIDNEY DISEASE.

THE RESULT IS OFTEN A LIFE OF PAÍN AND MISERY.

Mr. David Crowell, of Horton, N. S. Was An Intense Sufferer and Almost Dispaired of Finding a Cure-Tells the Story of His Release.

The Acadien, Wolfeville, N. S. Recently a reporter of the Acadien was told another of those triumphs of was told another of those triumpis of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which are becoming very common in this vicinity. The fortunate individual is Mr. David Crowell, a highly respected res-

ident of Hortonville.

Below is his experience, in substance, Below is his experience, in substance, as he gave it to us:—"About two years ago, for the first time in my life, I began to realize fully what ill-health meant. The first symptom was a feeling of overpowering drowsiness which crept over me at times. Often I would be at work in the field when the drowsiness would seize me and I would find that it required the exercise of all my will-power to keep awake. of all my will-power to keep awake.

In a short time I was attacked by sharp, piercing pains, which shot through the lower part of my back. At first this did not trouble me back. At first this did not from the very much during the day, but at night the pain became almost unendurable, and often I would not close my eyes throughout the whole night. Gradually a nausea and loathing for food developed. Sometimes I would sit down to a meal with a keen appetite, but after a mouthful or so had passed my lips, sickness and vomiting would follow. I became greatly reduced in flesh and in a short time was but a wreck of my former self. The much during the day, but at duced in flesh and in a short time was but a wreck of my former self. The doctor said the trouble was disease of the kidneys, but his treatment did not help me. My mother who was some-thing of a nurse, urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and at last to satisfy her more than from hopes of being cured. I took up their use. After

being cured, I took up their use. After taking one box I seemed better and I resolved to try another. Before the second box was used my condition was improved beyond gainsay, and I felt sure the pills were responsible for it. I took two more boxes and before they were all used the pain in my back had wholly disappeared, my appetite had returned and I felt like a new man. For the sum of peared, my appetite had returned under I felt like a new man. For the sum of two dollars I cured myself of a painful disease. There cannot be the least doubt but that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was the sole cause of my recovery, and I consider them the best medicine Sold by all dealers in medicine or

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George II. for many years of his life read nothing but his Bible and prayer

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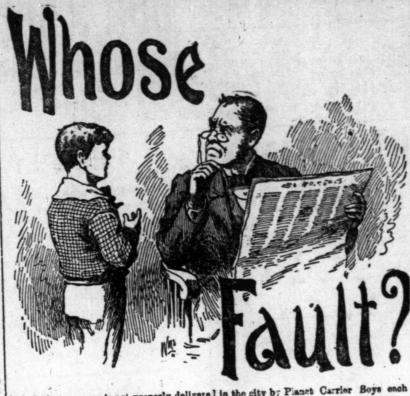
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The British disaster at Majuba on Feb. 27, 1881, would not have left the lasting impression on the minds of the British people that it did, had it not been for the fact that the troops engaged flagrantly disgraced themselves, and, worst of all, were never given another opportunity to retrieve the disgrace. British troops met with a worse disaster at Maiwand during the Afghan war, but the most of the artillery died with their guns and the Sixty-sixth regiment retired fighting to the last. At Majuba the Highlanders Fifth-eighth, and naval brigade, when once they broke, fled without firinganother shot. It was not the magnitude of the disaster, but the manner of it which made such an impression. There were only about 600 troops engaged, composed of detachments of the Ninety-second Highlanders, Fiftyeighth regiment and a naval brigade, the force actually opposed to them being only 450 strong. The panic was the force actually opposed to them being only 450 strong. The panic was the climax of a series of blunders for which everyone engaged seems to have been more or less to blame, though Gen. Colley was a strilly responsible. The Boers were encamped in a serition which was dominated by

sponsible. The Boers were encamped in a position which was dominated by a steep, rocky hill, which they occupied with a picket in the day time but left unoccupied at night. The Imquela mountain and Majuba Hill have been compared in formation to a couplest. mountain and Majuba Hill have been compared in formation to a couchant lion, the hill being the head. Gen. Colley advanced from Camp Prospect, where he left a strong force, and ascended the mountain on the night of Feb. 26, with 600 men. He left a company of Highlanders on Imquela mountain (which represented the back of the couchant lion) with instructions to entrench themselves. The rest of the little force climbed to the top of Majuba Hill (the lion's head) and when morning dawned they found themselves overlook,ing the Boer camp, which was immediately below them. In the centre of the flat top of the Majuba, there is a large hollow like an extinct crater. All round the sides of the hill drop steeply down and are almost inaccessible except by the path by which the British ascended in rear of the position. The force was distributed along the edges round the top of the hill, and the reserve took shelter in the crater. There seems to have been no plan of action and no proper supervision over the men. The force neither remained concealed as it could have done, nor did it take advantage of its position to fire down into the Boer camp. The men exposed themselves freely when morncompared in formation to a couchant

LIKES AND DISLIKES.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens had quite a falling out the other morning at berakfast. It was on the old question of whether Mr. Stephens should eat porridge or not. Mrs. Stephens took the affirmative; her lord and master the perative.

the affirmative; her lord and master the negative.

"Everything that's good for you you won't eat, and everything that's bad for you, you crave for," said Mrs. Stephens.

"H'm," said Mr, Stephens. "H'm," may mean anything ranging from scorn and contempt to wonder and delight. In this case it was meant to convey a mode-ste amount of polite, but eminently dignified interest.

"You like your eggs hard and your bread soft. You won't eat porridge, though you know the Scotch are—"

"Because the Scotch eat porridge does that say that it'll make me a does that say that it'll make me a Highlander if I eat it?" demanded

Mr. Stephens.
"It'll make you a deal healthier than yo mare," said Mrs. Stephens.
"But I don't like it," said Mr. Ste-

phens.
"Then you should like it, and there
"Then you should like it, and there is something wrong with you if you dont," retorted Mrs. Stephens.
"You'll be prescribing Dodd's Kidney Pills for me next," said Mr. Stephens with biting sarcasm.
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phens warmly. "They've cured better men than you of their dislike for wholesome food."

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"They won't get the chance to cure me," said Mr. Stephens.

"You're a fool," said Mrs. Stephens.

But we must excuse Mrs. Stephens.

Men are such unreasonable creatures at times.

BOER BEAT BRITON ing dawned, and at once alarmed the Boers, but the general gave orders not to do any firing. The Boers, after the first alarm at the discovery wore off, started up the hill to dislodge them. The hill sides were so steep that they served as a protection to the climbing served as a protection to the climbing Boers, and instead of getting over the Boers, and instead of getting over the the crest where they could see them, the British kept back from the edge of the hill and let them climb. A most unaccountable supineness, and indifference seemed afflict the whole force, officers and men alike. Suddenly a force of Boers reached the top, and, hiding below the crest, poured several volleys into the troops on the flat plateau. The line at that point fell back in The line at that point fell back in disorder about thirty yards, and hud-dled in behind some rocks. The Boers, still sheltered by the crest which now became a breastwork for them; shoved their rifles over the edge with one hand, and discharged them, without exposing themselves. It was imperative that the British should have immediately charged them with the bayonet, which could have been done at that time without much loss, as only a small force of the Boers had attained the lodgment, but though the men were ordered to fix bayonets, nobody ordered a charge. By this time the half-random fire of the Boers was beginning to tell heavily on the group huddled behind the rocks on the flat hilltop, and, what was worse, the sitbecame a breastwork for them, shoved hilltop, and, what was worse, the sit-uation at that part of the line was alarming the detachments distributed along the crest of the hill at other points, who could not see any Boers below them, but were afraid of being taken in the rear. The British officers taken in the rear. The British officers took no initiative, and in some unaccountable manner, discipline began to relax. While the group behind the rocks opposite the Boers' point of lodgment remained firing wildly at the rifle muzzles as they were thrust over the crest and discharged at them by the unseen for the men who still lined the edge of the hill at other points began to fall back in ones and twos and take shelter in the crater. The first of the men who thus deserted their positions at the crest, when or-dered back, alleged that they had been sent with ammunition for the men behind the rocks, or made some other trivial excuses, and while they were streaming into the crater, until the edge of the hill all round was nearly deserted, and the most of the troops were in the crater in the centre of the were in the crater in the centre of the flat top on the hill. The cause of this was that the men knew that there was only one narrow path of retreat down the rear of the hill, and the knowledge the rear of the hill, and the knowledge that the Boers had gained a lodgment at one point made them nervous. They were like a crowd on the roof of a building with only one fire escape, and the enemy had reached the edge and the enemy had reached the edge of the roof at one point and were shoving their rifles over and firing at them—to use a rather mixed simile. Soon the inevitable happened. The Soon the inevitable happened. The Boers crept up at several points around the edge of the hilltop, and poured withering volleys into the rear of the group huddled behind the rocks opposite where their comrades had established the original lodgment. With a wild yell of terror this mass of men broke and ran back into the crater with the rest, and then, like a panic-stricken crowd in a theatre, everybody bolted for the fire escape, via the narrow path leading down everybody holted for the fire escape, via the narrow path leading down the rear of Majuba pass. Almost at the same moment the Boers crowned the crest on all sides and ringed them around with fire. The British, who could not get down the path, flung themselves over the rear face of the hill. Those who did get down the path fled along the "lion's back" towards the redoubt which the Highlanders had built a mile or two in rear. But the Boer skirmishers were on the wooded side of the ridge also, and, as the fugitives streamed along on the the Boer skirmishers were on the wooded side of the ridge also, and, as the fugitives streamed along on the sky line, they shot them down like deer in a runway. Nor was this all. The company of Highlanders in the redoubt, who had been reinforced by a company of the Sixtieth rifles from the camp, instead of being withdrawn before the Boers reached them, or withdrawn under cover of a force sent out from Camp Prospect, were ordered by signal from the camp to retreat just as the pursuing Boers came on them. Their retirement was changed to a rout, and many were killed or captured. The British loss was 92 killed, 131 wounded, 59 prisoners—282 out of a total of barely 600 men. The Boer loss was one killed and five wounded! Gen. Colley was the last officer to retreat. He was shot in the back of the head. back of the head.

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