

island-bestrewn lake. We got back in time for a good dinner at the hotel, and spent the rest of the evening in an animated discussion on the General's favorite subject of heredity, in which he upheld the contention of Herbert Spencer, namely, that acquired characteristics are transmissible, in opposition to the views of Galton and Weismann. It was one of our *noctes ambrosianæ*—a veritable feast of reason and a flow of—bowl, "Tam" would insinuate, but that's only like him, Philistine that he is.

Sometime in the dead of the night the Atlantic Express came along, and, seizing hold of "Waterloo," without appeal on the part of its serene and unconscious occupants, rushed into the darkness of the Laurentides.

Sunday, August 15th.—This day was spent in meditation, meet amid such scenes of desolation as the north shore of Lake Superior sometimes presents. It was the opinion of Hugh Miller that great tracts of America are still undergoing the grinding down and filling-up processes by which nature prepares the earth for the abode of man, and that man has prematurely invaded some of those regions; this may be one of them, but in these days man does not live by bread alone, he is after the stones more than ever before; hence we find traces of him here, for I need not tell you this is a great mining country. Towards evening we have many magnificent views of the Great Lake; looking down from the edge of lofty ridges the dark blue water is seen at a profound depth close up to the face of the rocky wall; at other places there are stretches of pebbly shore. At Fort William the scenery is solemn and impressive—the dark Indian-like Kaminiatiqua, Mt. Makay,