

961-2. Cf. Tennyson, *The Lotus-Eaters*, viii.: —

"to live and lie reclined
On the hills like Gods together, careless of mankind."

968. GOSSIPS: — Boon companions. Obsolete in this sense.

970. CI-DEVANT: — Former.

978. SIDDEN DARKNESS: — Tropical latitudes do not have the lengthened twilight of northern lands.

984. The old parish of Natchitoches in Louisiana covered an area of 10,600 square miles. Tobacco was a staple product.

1004-6. Cf. l. 285.

1009. CREOLES: — Broadly speaking, the descendants of white people born in the Southern States, Mexico, and the West Indies. In Louisiana, originally a native descended from French ancestors; later, a person belonging to the French-speaking native population of the white race. (*Century Dictionary*.) On the subject generally it will be interesting to consult Mr. G. W. Cable's writings, — *Old Creole Days*, etc.

1021. THE HERDSMAN: — Basil, now no longer "the blacksmith."

1030. A delicate simile. Note the purity and passion of the whole passage, to l. 1058.

1032. For a similar idea cf. Revelation v. 8: "Golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints."

1033. The CARTRUSIANS were founded by St. Bruno early in 1086 at La Chartreuse in the French Alps. One of their vows enjoined almost perpetual silence, — the monks might talk together only once a week. The name comes from the Latinized form of Chartreuse.

1044. See Daniel v.

1054. THE WHITTHORWILL is a small nocturnal bird, common in the Eastern States. Its name is derived from a more or less exact imitation of its cry.

1062. SHADOWY: — Note the force of this epithet.

1063-4. Cf. S. Luke xv. 11-32, and S. Matthew xxv. 1-13.

SLEEP . . . COMING. See ll. 834-43.

IV.

1078. THE MOUNTAINS are the Rocky Mountains.

1082. THE OREGON was formerly named the San Roque, and is now commonly called the Columbia. WALLAWAY is possibly an error for Walla-Walla, a small tributary of the Oregon.

1083-4. See any map of the State of Wyoming.

1085. FONTAINE QUE-BOUT: — Literally, "boiling-spring." A small stream in Colorado.

SIERRAS are mountain chains of jagged outline (Spanish, *sierra*, a saw). The name is common in the States of the South and West.

1091. AMORPHAS: — A species of plants having long, dense clusters of blue-violet flowers.

1094. An impressive line.

1095. ISHMAEL'S CHILDREN are the Indians. See Genesis xvi. 12: "He [Ishmael] will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man,