

cerebral convolutions with a realizing sense of the iniquitous sinuosities and exacerbating tergiversations which so horriperently characterize the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. May your delectable anticipations during your allotment of terrestrial vitality be environed with the maximum of uninterrupted sub-celestial felicity, and may your mellifluous suspirations waft your apotheosized and apothegmatical fame to the empyrian altitude so complacently occupied by Walt. Whitman and Oofy Goofty. Direct, I imploringly solicit you, the damnatory fulminations of your incandescent genius to the rectification of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. Even bear in mind the obligatory duties enjoined upon you by the words of the classic poet—*damnatus est, per sæcula, Lodgibus Gran tiosa de Hamburg.*

"The rest of this eloquent oration we could not hear, on account of the terrific applause which took place. However, Simons kept on —on—and would have kept on until daylight, if it had not been for the fact that he sank from physical exhaustion just as he was thundering out something about the 'Grand Lodge of Ham——,' and the sentence remained uncompleted.

"This coronation differed very materially from that of the present gracious Queen who rules over the destinies of our ancestral land and who has proved herself to be the best monarch whose brow was ever graced by a coronet. In her case we are told that she wept —ye, wept—to wear a crown;' but in this case the weeping was done by those who didn't have a chance to wear the crown. The recipient of this honor responded meekly and modestly to the overwhelming compliment tendered to him, although we could see that his natural diffidence and innate modesty prevented him from more fully expressing his gratitude.

"Much discussion arose as to the meaning of the cabalistic characters, 'C. O. D,' which occupied so prominent a place in the coronal adornment. Some said they stood for 'Crown Of Delight.' Others contended that they should be read backward,— 'Doc,' thus symbolizing the profession of the wearer. Dr. Mackey stated that he had often met those hieroglyphics in his investigations of the Eleusinian Mysteries, and that they were intended to insinuate that he who had received the crown had fallen into 'Deneed Ornary Company.' But the learned Dr. Creigh declared that in the Aryan language, in which, as he says, the early records of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania are written, these obscure initials stand for 'Corson's Own Doing.' However, the subject is involved in so much obscurity that a committee of investigation has been appointed to inquire into, and settle, the matter.

"The heralds blew their trumpets —all of them having been selected for their skill in *blowing*—and made the proclamation—Microscope Patton, of Mississippi, proclaimed it in the South; Quo-Ad Hornor, of Louisiana, proclaimed it in the East; Saint Gouley, of Missouri, proclaimed it in the West; Tabular Statement Drummond, of Maine, proclaimed it in the North—that *INXONATA CLARISSIMA* was crowned as Poet Laureate of the masonic fraternity, throughout the broad domain of these great United States, Canadas, Rhode Island, and other territories and dependencies thereunto adjoining."

With love, the heart becomes a fair and fertile garden, with sunshine and warm hues: and exhaling sweet odors; but without it, it is a bleak desert covered with ashes.