

Poetry.

The Conqueror's Grave.

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Within his lowly grave a conqueror lies, And yet the monument proclaims it not, Nor round the sleeper's name hath e'er been wrought.

The emblem of a time that never dies; Iry and amaranth in a graceful braid, Trined with the laurel's fair imperial leaf.

Here in the quiet earth they laid away, No man of iron mould and bloody hands, Who sought to wrack upon the covering lands.

The passions that consumed his restless heart; But one of tender spirit and delicate frame, Gentle in mien and mind, Of gentlest womankind.

Timidly shrinking from the breath of blame; One in whose eyes the smile of kindness made Its haunt, like flowers by sunny brooks in May.

Yet at the thought of other's pain, a shade Of sweetest sadness chased the smile away. Nor deemed that when the hand which smoulders here, Was raised in menace, realms were chilled with fear.

And armies mustered at the sign as when Clouds rattle on clouds before the rainy East— Grey captains leading bands of veteran men, And fiery youth to be the victor's fate, Not thus were waged the mighty wars that gave The victory to her that fills this grave.

Alone her task was wrought, Alone the battle fought, Though that long strife her constant hope was staid On God alone, nor looked for other aid.

She met the hosts of sorrow with a look They faltered not beneath the frown they wore, And soon the lowering brood were tamed, and took Meekly her gentle ray and frowned no more, Her soft hands part the assaults of wrath, And calmly broke in twain The fiery shafts of pain.

And rent the scales from her path. By that victorious hand despair was slain, With love she vanquished hate, and overcame Evil with good, in her great Master's name. Her glory is not in this shadowy state, Glory that with the fleeting season dies; But when she entered at the supper gate, How joy was radiant in celestial eyes!

How Heaven's bright depths with sounding well come rung, And flowers of heaven by shining hands were flung! And he who long before Pain, scorn and sorrow bore, The Mighty Sufferer, with sweet aspect, Smiled on the timid stranger from His seat; He who, returning glorious, from the grave, Dragged death, disarmed, in chains, a crouching slave!

See, as a lily here, the sun grows low; O! calm are murmuring that the night is near, O! gentle sleeper, from thy grave I know, Consoled though and in hope and yet in fear. Brief is the time I know, The warfare scarce begun; Yet all may win the triumphs thou hast won. Still flows the fountain whose waters strengthened thee.

The victor's names are yet too few to fill Heaven's mighty roll; the glorious army, That ministered to thee, is open still.

Miscellaneous.

Delhi.

The modern town, distance 900 miles from Calcutta, is called by the English New Delhi, and by the natives Shahjahanabad, in memory of its founder, Shah Jehan. It is the greatest of the Mogul Empires. It is favorably situated for purposes of commerce on the banks of the Jumna, a tributary of the Ganges, and contains a population, according to recent accounts, of about 300,000, of which number somewhat about 300 Europeans. To the south of the new town, and beyond the site of the celebrated gardens of the Shahjahan, lie the ruins of the ancient capital. These are said to occupy the prodigious space of eighteen miles in length, by six in breadth, and exhibit an inveterate and magnificent of once splendid palaces, mosques, and minarets. These dimensions, however extraordinary, need not excite surprise, when we remember that the several portions of the ancient city were not strictly contemporaneous, but built by successive monarchs, who, like all eastern, and particularly Mohammedan rulers, preferred increasing rather than their own, to man's memory or reputation of their predecessors. We remember, indeed, to have been forcibly struck by this infatigable characteristic of a Mohammedan regime, when lately visiting the city of Cairo. Here the number of decaying mosques is beyond belief, and equally in excess of the religious requirements of the people; but each serves to commemorate the name of a Sultan or a pacha, just as churches in Roman Catholic countries, preserve those of the saints to whom they are dedicated.

On such occasions to cease himself to be weighed three times in golden scales—the first balance being of gold pieces, the second of silver, and the third of rich perfume; and at the conclusion of the ceremony, these were all distributed among the coadjutors and nobles present. Nor was it on these occasions alone, but those to exhibit the reverence of his treasury. Magnificence was the character of the court, and he lost no opportunity in peace or war to indulge his passion for display. His hunting establishments alone included five thousand elephants; and when he travelled, except on very distant expeditions, he was furnished with an equipage, by which, even in the midst of the desert, he was surrounded with the pomp and luxury of his imperial palace— And round him lived the burning mass he saw Fruits of the north in full freshness there, And could his thimble hold the glow Of India's sun, with turns of Persian snow.

Harper's Gazetteer of the World says: The principal European structures are an arsenal, a church, a college, a printing office, and the dwellings of the British functionaries, who exercise the real authority of Delhi. The Mogul emperor receiving a Yearly stipend of £150,000 from the Indo-British government. The vicinity is fertilized by the canal of Ali-Merdan, reopened by the British in 1820. Delhi has manufactures of scarfs, embroidery, harness, and ornamental goods in great variety; and its bazaars are furnished with most of the produce of the east.—Irish Literary Gazette.

Though it may at first seem a little out of place, let us anticipate here, for the sake of the illustration which it affords, one of the sections of the other great division of our subject—that which treats of the fossil animals. Let us run briefly over the geological history of insects, in order that we may mark the present light which it casts on the character of the ancient flora. No insects have yet been detected in the Silurian or Old Red Sandstone Systems. They first appeared amid the hard, dry, flowerless vegetation of the Coal Measures, and in general suited to its character. Among these the scorpions take a prominent place—carnivorous arachnids, and other insects, which were found in the same strata, and fallen trunks, and in general suited to its character. Among these the scorpions take a prominent place—carnivorous arachnids, and other insects, which were found in the same strata, and fallen trunks, and in general suited to its character.

Some time in the month of September, I happened again in the office, when who should enter but our old friend, farmer B. "How do you do, Mr. B.?" said the editor, extending his hand, and his countenance lit up with a bland smile; "take a chair, sir, and be seated; fine weather we have."

"Yes, sir, quite fine indeed," he answered, shaking the proffered paw of the editor; and then a short silence ensued, during which our friend B. hitched his chair backward and forward, bit his thumb abstractedly, and in a profane manner, "Mr. D., I have brought you the proceeds of this hen."

When at the wagon the farmer commenced handing over to the editor the products of the hen, which, on being counted, amounted to 18 pullets, worth a shilling each, and a number of dozen eggs, making in the aggregate, at the least calculation, \$2.50, one dollar more than the price of the paper.

"No need," said he, "of men not taking a family newspaper, and paying for it too. I don't miss this from my roof, yet I have paid for a year's subscription, and a dollar more. All fully, sir; there is no man but can take a paper; it's charity, you know, commences at home."

"But," resumed the editor, "I will pay for what is over the subscription. I did not intend this as a means of profit, but rather to convince you, I will pay for it." "Not a bit of it, sir," a bargain is a bargain, and I am already paid, sir—doubly said, sir. And whenever a neighbour makes the complaint I did, I will relate to him the hen story. Good day, gentlemen."

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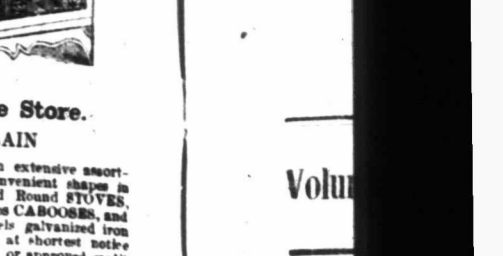
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