

POETRY.

THE OLDEST CHRISTIAN HYMN.

In Paed. Lit. III. of Clement of Alexandria, is given (in Greek) the most ancient hymn of the Primitive Church. It was then one hundred and fifty years after the apostles asserted to be of much earlier origin. It may have been sung by the "beloved disciple" before he departed this life. The following version will give some imperfect idea of its spirit:—

SELECT STORY.

THE PIONEERS.

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CONTINUED.

This conspicuous, aided by the characters of the host and hostess, gave the tavern an advantage over all its competitors that no circumstances could conquer. An effort was, however, made to do so; and at the corner diagonally opposite, stood a new building that was intended by its occupants, to look down all opposition. It was a two-story structure, ornamented in the prevailing style of architecture, and about the roof and balustrades was one of the three imitations of the mansion-house. Before the door stood two lofty posts, connected at the top by a beam, from which was suspended an enormous sign, ornamented with the initials of certain curious carvings in pine boards, and on its faces loaded with masonic emblems. Over these mysterious figures was written, in large letters, "The Temple Coffee-house, and Traveller's Hotel," and beneath them, "By Habakkuk Foot and Joshua Knapp. This was a fearful rival to the "Bold Dragon," as our readers will more readily perceive when we see that the same sonorous names were to be added to a newly erected store in the village, a hatter's shop, and the gates of a tan-yard. But, either because too much was attempted to be executed well, or that the "Bold Dragon" had established a reputation which could not be easily shaken, not only Judge Temple and his friends, but most of the villagers also, who were not in debt to the powerful firm we have named, frequented the inn of Captain Hollister, on all occasions where such a house was necessary.

On the present evening the limping veteran and his consort were hardly housed after their return from the academy, when the sounds of stamping feet at their threshold announced the approach of visitors, who were probably assembling with a view to compare opinions on the subject of the ceremonies they had witnessed.

For ten or fifteen minutes the different individuals, who intended either to bestow or receive edification, before the fires of the "Bold Dragon," on that evening, were collecting, until the benches were nearly filled with men of different occupations. Dr. Todd and a slovenly-looking, shabbily gaited young man, who took to lace profusely, wore a coat of imported cloth, cut with something like a fashionable air, frequently exhibited a large French silver watch, with a chain of woven hair and a silver key, and who, altogether, seemed as much at home in the company as he was his inferior to the real gentleman, occupied a high-backed wooden settee, in the most comfortable corner in the apartment.

At length the common third being in some measure assuaged, conversation of a more general nature became the order of the hour. The physician, and his companion, who was one of the two lawyers of the village, being considered the best qualified to maintain a public discourse with credit, were the principal speakers, though a remark was hazarded, now and then, by Mr. Doolittle, who was thought to be their inferior only in the enviable point of education. A general silence was produced on all but the two speakers, by the following observation from the practitioner of the law.

"That 'Far. Av.' means oatmeal, in English." The lawyer in his turn was a good deal embarrassed by this display of learning; for, although he actually had taken his first degree at one of the eastern universities, he was somewhat puzzled with the terms used by his companion. It was dangerous, however, to appear to be outdone in learning in a public bar-room, and before so many of his clients; he therefore put the rest of the matter, and laughed knowingly as if there were a good joke concealed under it, that was understood only by the physician and himself. All this was attentively observed by the listeners, who exchanged looks of approbation and the expressions of "longues man."

"Old John and Chingchook were very different men to look on. In the 'forty-eight war' he was in the middle of a man, and taller than now by three inches if you had seen him, as I did, the morning he beat Deskan, from behind our log walls, you would have called him an ascony-a-red-skin as you ever set eyes on. He was naked all in his breech-cloth and leggings, and you never seed a creature so handsomely painted. One side of his face was red, and the other black. His head was shaved clean, all to a few hairs on the crown, where he wore a tuft of eagle's feathers, as bright as if they had come from a peacock's tail. He had colored his sides so that they looked like an atomy, ribs and all; for Chingchook had a great taste in such things; so that, what with his bold, fiery countenance, his knife, and his tomahawk, I have never seen a fiercer warrior on the ground. He played his part, too, like a man; for I saw him, next day, with thirteen scalps on his pole. And I will say this for the 'Big Snake,' that he always dealt fair, and never scalped any that he didn't kill with his own hands."

"Well, well," cried the landlady, "fighting is fighting anyway, and there is different fashions in the thing; though I can't say that I relish mangling a body after the breath is out of it; neither do I think it can be upheld by doctrine. I hope, sergeant, ye never was helping in such evil work."

"It was my duty to keep my ranks, and to stand or fall by the halibonnet or lead," returned the veteran. "I was then in the fort, and seldom leaving my place, saw but little of the savages, who kept on the banks of the river, and skinned and made, however, to have heard mention of the 'Great Snake,' as he was called, for he was a chief of renown; but little did I ever expect to see him enlisted in the cause of Christianity, and civilized like old John."

"Oh," he was christianized by the Moravians, who were always over-intimate with the Delawares," said Leather-Stocking. "It is my opinion that, had they been left to themselves, there would be no such doings now, about the head-waters of the two rivers, and the two nations would have been kept as good hunting-ground by their own, who is not too old to carry a rifle, and whose sight is as true as a fish-hawk's."

He was interrupted by more stamping at the door, and presently the party from the mansion-house entered, followed by the Indian himself.

"There's that quart, pint, half-pint, Gill-pot, half-gallon, and a dozen more. Here's a health to the barley mow. My brave boys, Here's a health to the barley mow." Some little commotion was produced by the appearance of the new guests, during which the lawyer slunk from the room. Most of the men approached Marmaduke, and shook his offered hand, hoping "that the Judge was well," while Major Hartmann, having laid aside his rifle and wig, and substituted for the latter a warm, peaked, woollen nightcap, took his seat very quietly on one end of the settee, which was relinquished by its former occupant. His tobacco-box was next produced, and a clean pipe was handed him by the landlady. When he had succeeded in raising a smoke, the major gave a long whiff, and, turning his head toward the bar, he said: "Petty, prig in ter todgy."

Judge, I g'n my brother Tim a hundred dollars for his bargain; but then there's a new house on't, that cost me sixty more, and I paid Moses a hundred dollars for chopping, and loggin', and sawin'; so that the whole stood to me in about two hundred and sixty dollars. But then I had a great crop of on't, and as I got twenty-six dollars and a half more than it cost, I conclude I made a pretty good trade on't."

"Yes, but you forgot that the crop was yours without the trade, and you have turned yourself out of doors for twenty-six dollars."

"Oh! the Judge is clean out," said the man with a look of sagacious calculation; "he turned out a span of horses, that is worth a hundred and fifty dollars of any man's money, with a brand new wagon worth fifty dollars in cash, and a good note for eighty more; and a side-saddle that was valued at seven and a half—so there was just twelve shillings betwixt us. I wanted him to turn out a set of harness, and take the cow and the sarge trough. He wouldn't— but I saw through it; he thought I should have to buy the tacklin' afore I could use the wagon and horses; but I know'd a thing or two myself; I should like to know of what use is the tacklin' to him! I offered him to trade back ag'in for one hundred and fifty dollars. But my woman said she wanted to churn, so I tuck a churn for the change."

"And what do you mean to do with your time this winter? you must remember that time is money."

"Why, as matter has gone down country, to see his mother, who say is going to make a die out, I agreed to take the school in hand till he comes back. If times doesn't get worse in the spring, I've some notion of going into trade, or maybe I may move off to the Genesee; they say they are carryin' on a great stock of business that-way. If the wust come to the wust, I can but work at my trade, for I was brought up in a shoe factory."

"To be continued."

CHAPTER XIV.

"The latest in BRIC-A-BRAC." A pretty and old paper holder for the desk is two pairs of open shears held a short distance apart by a rod of steel. Imposing and attractive is an umbrella receptacle representing an old brass cannon held upright by three massive shot.

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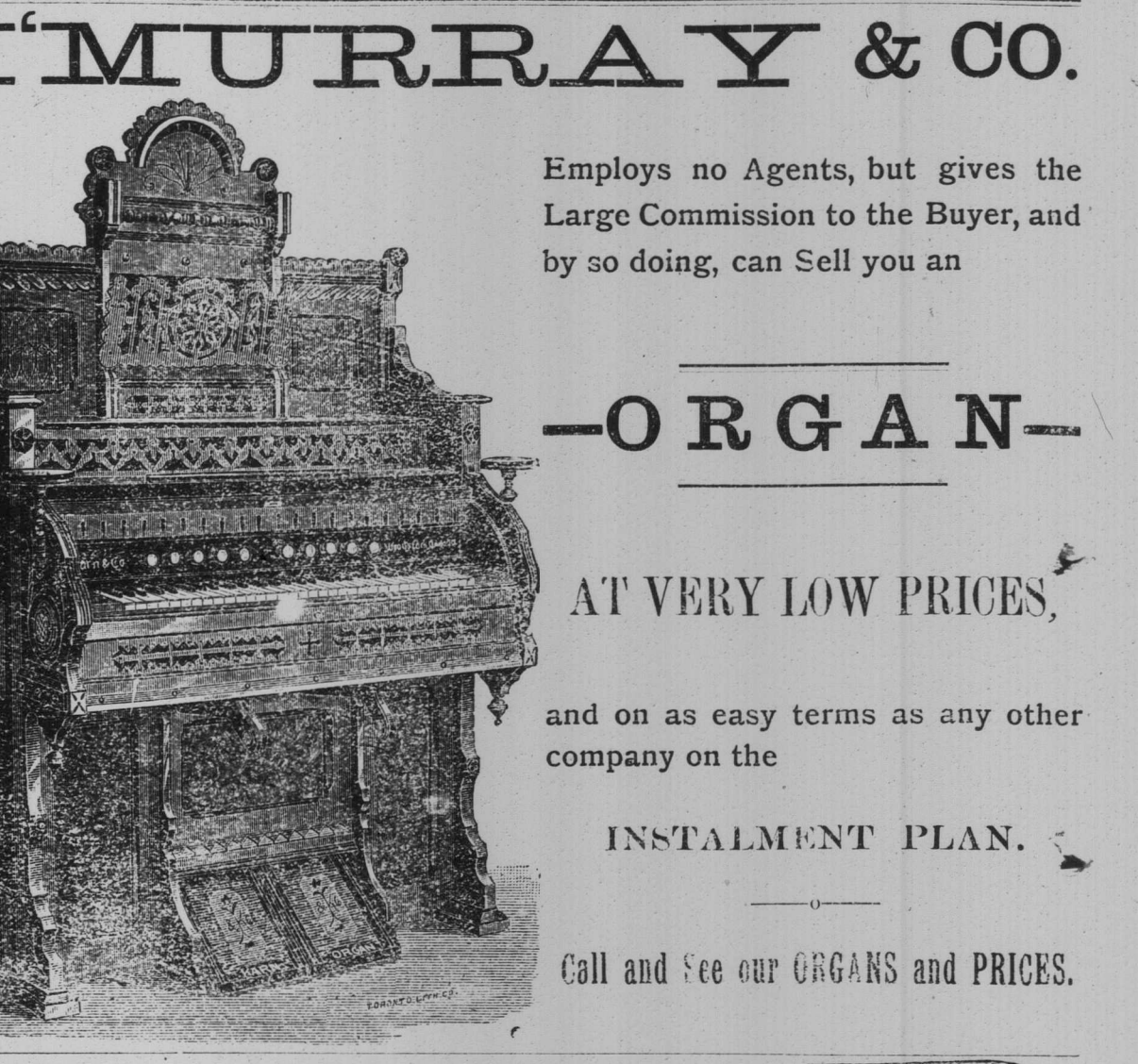
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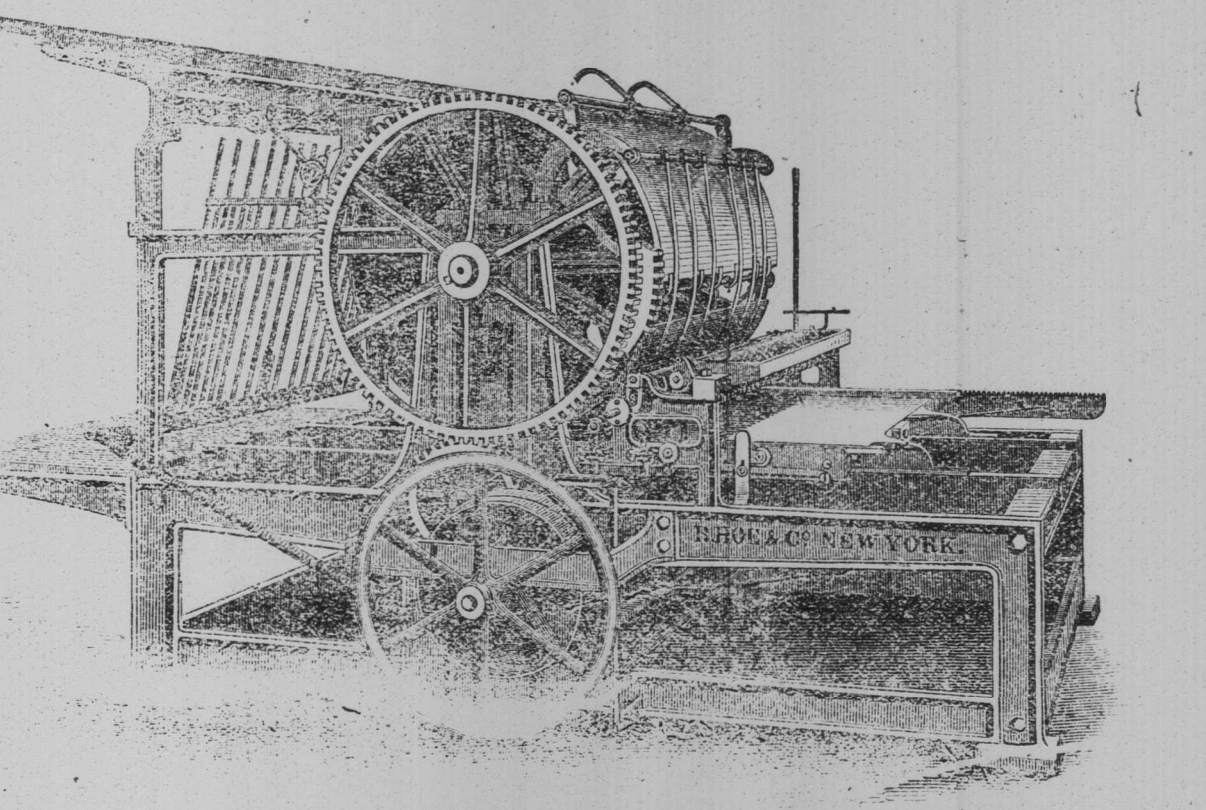
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