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## Let Us Make the Best of It

Life is but a fleeting dream,  
Care destroys the rest of it;  
Swift it glides, like a stream—  
Mild you make the best of it!  
Talk not of your weary woes,  
Troubles or the rest of it;  
If we have but brief repose,  
Let us make the best of it!

If your friend has got a heart,  
There is something else in him;  
Cast away his darker part,  
Cling to what's divine in him;  
Friendship is our best relief—  
Make no heartless jest of it;  
It will brighten every grief,  
If we make the best of it!

Happiness despises state;  
No use to us experience;  
Simply that the wise and great  
May have joy and merriment,  
Rank is not its spell refined—  
Money is not the test of it;  
But the calm, contented mind  
That will make the best of it!

## Trust in the Power above

Which, sustaining all of us  
In one common bond of love,  
Binds great and small of us  
Whatsoever we befall—  
Sorrow, or the rest of it;  
We shall overcome them all,  
If we make the best of it.

## Love in a Cottage

I—THE LOVER.  
Oh, can you live on cottage rolls,  
And oases from the brook?  
Will kisses, dear one serve for sauce,  
Or shall we miss the cook?  
With never sigh, my gentle girl,  
To fetch our humble cock;  
But when we're very close of cash,  
Will live on cottage rolls?

## Oh, can you sup on turnip tops

Or sigh for higher state,  
When that within our cottage walls,  
May chance to be our fate?  
Will never dream, thou tender one,  
Of balls and draper's shops;  
Will thou be cheerful smile put on,  
And sup on turnip tops?

## II—THE LADY

Yes, I will live on cottage rolls,  
With love, and joy, and thee;  
My heart will seek no other bliss,  
Than that thy own hand be to me;  
For well we know that all who breathe  
For joys must pay some toll;  
So I will with thee my only love,  
Will eat our cottage rolls.

## Oh yes, I'll sup on turnip tops

And oases from the spring;  
And from our o'er to gaudy scenes,  
My heart will not be torn;  
Nor fancy dainties tempt me then,  
Nor fancy dainties tempt me then,  
But all on love and sighs we'll live,  
And smile on turnip tops.

## Question for Astronomers

Is the dog star  
A sky terror, or merely a terror in the sky?

The age of a young lady is now expressed according to the price of skirts, by saying that the eighteen springs has just passed over her head.

When may the sea be compared to a laundress washing summer trousers at a tub? When it makes clean breeches over a vessel.

Dancing taught in one lesson—Drink a bottle of Scotch whiskey, and you will be able, without any further instruction to perform a Scotch reel.

A country party, announcing a new work on 'Money of all nations,' by a printer's error, gives the title as 'The monkeys of all nations.'

A 'big Indian' strayed away from camp, and got lost. Inquiring the way back, he asked, 'Indian lost?' 'No,' said he disdainfully, 'Indian no lost: wigwam lost, striking his breast; Indian here.'

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has asked and been refused permission to visit her husband in Fortress Monroe. It is said that some friends in Washington are collecting funds to aid her.

A sensible Lunatic.—A lunatic, confined in an asylum for life, being asked how he came there, answered, 'By a dispute. The world says I was mad, and I said that the world was mad, and they carried it against me.'

Lord Campbell, it is well known, was fond of a joke and sometimes had the tables turned upon himself. A few days before his death he met a harpist, who had grown very stout of late, and remarked, 'Why, Mr.—you are getting as fat as a porpoise.'—'Fit companion, my lord, for the great seal,' was the ready retort.

A remarkable ugly and disagreeable man sat opposite Jerrold at a dinner party. Before the cloth was removed Jerrold suddenly broke a glass. Whereupon the ugly gentleman, thinking to wit his opposite neighbor with great effect, said, 'What, already, Jerrold? Now I never break a glass.' 'I wonder at that,' was Jerrold's instant reply, 'you ought whenever you look in one.'

An irrelevant paragraph says that it is related of Jonah, when he took up lodgings in the whale's belly, he wrote home to his father to come down immediately, as he had discovered a splendid opening for the oil business. The next day telegraphed to the old gentleman as follows:—'Father don't come, I'm badly soaked in. Plenty of oil but no market.'

A MODEL TEMPERANCE MAN.—Old Deacon Johnson, a great temperance man, sets a good example of total abstinence as far as he is seen. Not long ago he employed a carpenter to make some alterations in the fire-place, it was found necessary to remove the window, when lo! a discovery was made which astonished everybody. A brace of deacons, a tumbler, and a pitcher full of ice-water, were coolly reposing there, as if they had stood there from the beginning. The deacon was summoned, and as he beheld the bottles he exclaimed, blushing, 'Well, I declare that is curious, quite enough. It must be that old Balaam left 'em when he went out of this 'ere house thirty years ago! Perhaps he did,' returned the carpenter; 'but Deacon, the inn in the picture must have been his mighty hard to stay that the next would be so good.'

## Spare the Toad

Dr. Thimble, the famous entomologist, makes the following remarks concerning this much despised creature:—'The toad is a jewel in his head, and that is his tongue, which like a flash of lightning, takes in bugs and other plant pests. The toad is a funny creature, and if you look at him like a philosopher should, without being angry, because he is ugly looking and sometimes eats strawberries, you can get a great deal of amusement in him. I have seen animals go backwards into their burrows, but except the toad, I have never seen any make their burrows backwards. Find one a little belated in the early morning—confront him—and watch sharply as if you suspected he had been eating strawberries or lady-bugs, and his eyes will begin to blink; soon his head will be averted, as if he felt ashamed, but all the while he is settling away, going down as a canal boat does when about to leave a lock; his feet have been throwing out the earth from the bottom of his burrow, and the description of the first entrance—a grassy hill, with the water getting out from under.

Toads are fond of strawberry beds. They partially burrow beneath, and the broad Hoveys above, the hosts of insects and ripening fruit around make such a residence comfortable. I know a little girl, a great admirer of toads, who has a great many of them. She watches the fruit, some very large ones are taken in the evening and carefully examined, but not being quite ripe they are allowed to remain. In the morning they are gone. She asks why? I say it is hard to know. Near by is a mutilated strawberry; the mark of a bite is plainly to be seen, and close by under a broad leaf, I observe the eyes of a toad. Could that concave wound in the strawberry be brought in juxtaposition with the convex mouth of that toad, there would probably be found a remarkable resemblance between the two. But nothing is said about it, for the little girl thought enough to express her admiration of the toad's eyes, and not to discover the jewel in the toad's head.

When young, I was told if I killed a toad the cows would give bloody milk; being fond of milk, the fear of such a catastrophe saved the toad. Like the snake, the toad sheds its skin annually, the manner of which is very interesting. He begins by stretching himself out, and then he starts under the head, and then by drawing himself through a tight place, strips it off—thus skinning himself alive—the cast off garment being left for curiosity collectors. The toad works at his skin with his mouth, first tugging off the skin, and then his pants, and then he eats them both. The curculio, from other hostiles, I have found in his stomach.'

## Pritchard the Poisoner

The dismal story of Dr. Pritchard is ended at last. He made a fine end, and spent to gentlemen in his distressing position to come purpose. About the latest words he uttered were, however, to acknowledge the justice of his sentence—an acknowledgment which is more than before out by an autobiographical sketch which he had written in prison, and before his trial. He has thus described his own life and the illness and death of his wife in terms which coupled with the confession which he put forth led the reader inevitably to the conclusion that he was one of the most finished hypocrites. One of the most disgusting features of the case is the intense anxiety which certain portions of the public have exhibited to possess themselves of relics of the murderer. Even the step of the door of the house in Southview-street has been chipped away by enthusiastic relic hunters.

## The Wimbledon Rifle Prizes

Lord Elcho, as each winner came up, explained the conditions of the prizes and the particular excellence of the competitor's shooting who won it. The first notable case was that of Mr. Peterkin, of Cambridge University, the winner of the prize given by Mr. Ross, who had run 500 yards, fired twelve shots, and made eleven bulls eyes and one centre in one minute, or only one less than the highest possible score. When it came to Mr. E. Ross's turn to appear, as winner of the first stage of the Queen's Prize, Lord Elcho referred to the fact that he was the only volunteer who wore both the gold and silver badge of the association, as being a winner of the gold badge, and as being a member of the association. Mr. Peterkin, of the Victoria, also a Queen's Prize man, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Sharman, were warmly observed for having made the highest possible score for the prizes they had won. The Harrow boys were very warmly received on account of their having carried off the Ashburton Change Shield, the prize in succession, and because one of those who came forward to receive the shield on behalf of the school had also won the silver cup which Lord Spencer gives annually for the highest individual score in the public schools competition. Col. Lindsey, of the St. George's, receiving as usual, the St. George's Challenge Cup and the prize attached to that competition, said the winner, Sergeant Penner, of the 4th Staffordshire, had won the gold jewel last year out of 400 competitors, and this year out of 800. In handing over the Dragon Cup to Private Hamerton, of the 12th Middlesex, the gallant Colonel said that it was in fact a second stage of the prize, and that there was a third and not less agreeable stage, the presentation of the entries after payment of all expenses. In the first year he (Col. Lindsey) had the pleasure of handing over ninety-five such sovereigns, in the year following a hundred and five, last year one hundred and eighty, and on the present occasion two hundred and twenty (cheers). He hoped they might go on until he had exhausted all the Dragon sovereigns that could be got (laughter and cheers). The youthful Earl of Aberdeen, who appeared splendidly during the entire meeting was deservedly applauded as he came forward for the Dudley Prize, which he carried off against all the crack small-bore shots in the country.

Lord Elcho presented the Elcho Challenge Shield to Capt. Bland, Lieut. Bland, and Mr. Fletcher, who appeared on behalf of the English eight. Lord Elcho briefly alluded to the case of the disputed centre, which if given in favour of the Scotch would have made the Scotch winners, expressing his opinion that Capt. Bland had done wisely in taking the score at the firing point as final.

After such a splendid match there was no dispute as to either side in having been beaten. It was the best competition that had ever taken place at Wimbledon, and he hoped that the next would be so good.

## In referring to the China Challenge Cup

(value \$250) won by the county of Somerset, Lord Elcho intimated a desire to send to China for the cup, but it seems no decision on the point has yet been arrived at. Private Sharman was loudly cheered in being called up to receive the Queen's prize. He had selected a very beautiful tea and breakfast service by Messrs. Hancock, of Broad-street, and it is satisfactory, as showing a true volunteer feeling, to find a gentleman winning this, the prize of the meeting, has again preferred a lasting memorial of his success to a mere purse of money. On the winner coming up to receive his prize, Lord Elcho said he believed no country deserved to take the prize more than Yorkshire, for there was no more hearty body of volunteers than in the ridings of Yorkshire. This concluded the actual business of the presentation. Standard.

## The matches at Wimbledon every imaginable form of rivalry

in the national contest between England, Scotland, and Ireland, matches between the Universities, between Public Schools, between counties—all had a place in the fortnight's proceedings. Cambridge has partly consoled herself for her defeat on the water and in cricket by her success in the field, and Harrow has asserted a superiority to her rivals in this as in the older sports. Even the most personal of all the matches, such as that for the Queen's Prize, are enhanced in excitement by the rivalry of the various corps, and the successful shot in the great prize of the year is as enthusiastically 'hoisted' by his fellow volunteers as the successful players in the Kton and Harrow match by their schoolfellows at Lord's. The numerous forms, again, which the competition may be made to assume furnish an endless variety of interest. Enfield and small-bore shooting, long ranges and short ranges, shooting at morning and evening objects, these and a hundred other variations diversify a pursuit at first sight monotonous, and give play to every peculiarity of eye, nerve, or muscle. The present meeting has developed a new species of contest, which must hold a place among the severest of physical trials. An old dandy, who has controlled the introduction on Wimbledon common, of some of the hardest characteristics of that great sport. Rifle shooting ordinarily is no child's play, but to run five hundred yards within five minutes, and fire twelve shots from a muzzle-loading rifle into a space not much bigger than a hat is a feat of skill, strength, and endurance which any sportsman in England might be proud of.—Times.

## The Horatio Ross prize brought forth a series of exciting contests

The Horatio Ross prize brought forth a series of exciting contests. The competitors had to fire, load, run fifty yards, and fire again. If they used a double barrel they were allowed four minutes; if a single barrel, five. The time was a quarter of the distance 120 yards. Lord Aberdeen made 36 in eleven shots. Mr. Peterkin then scored 41. Lord Aberdeen tried again, and made 42, when Mr. Peterkin went in and made 11 bulls eyes or 44 in eleven shots. Lord Aberdeen, not to be beaten, made 47, and Mr. Peterkin topped it by 47.

## Canadian Annexation

(To the Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.)

Sir,—I have read several communications and articles in the Tribune, and in fact all the leading city journals, in reference to the so-called annexation movement in Canada. These articles invariably tend to show that such a movement exists, or did exist, but never yet have I seen any satisfactory or reasonable proof to sustain the flimsy assertions that such a movement exists, or did exist, in that interest it must have some leader or leaders; but no one has yet appeared as the happy champion, unless it be Mr. Consul General Potter. Will you, Sir, or any Canadian correspondent, be so kind as to give me the name of any Canadian of respectability, who has done this, or who has been a member of the United States, and if any public speech or written article has ever appeared in that interest, I should very much like to see it, or a fair extract from it. I have read the leading provincial papers, and failed to find anything in them favouring such a course. By Canadian, I mean a native of Canada, and not a resident here, and not such quasi subjects of Her Majesty as O. S. Wood, an employee of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and a native of New York, who had the audacity to write a letter to Mr. Potter, which was read at the Detroit meeting, giving his views as those of the 'Canadian people.'

As for the great majority of the Canadian correspondence of the city papers, I know it to be a gross misrepresentation of facts. The Herald, on Saturday, with all the pusillanimity for which it has ever been distinguished, attempts to throw a slur on Messrs. Howland, Brown and Macdonald, members of the Cabinet, simply because they were a political squib which appeared in the Toronto Leader, a paper in politics opposed to these gentlemen, and which is capable of saying anything against its opponents.

The only class in Canada in favour of annexation are the American residents here, and they no more represent the people of Canada than the English residents in the United States represent the American people.

As for Mr. Potter's very absurd idea of coining the Canadians into annexation, I need only say that the Province has with itself the elements of a great nation, and if the reciprocity Treaty is not renewed, it will (while temporarily injuring them) necessitate the Confederation, and construction of the Intercolonial Railway, which once accomplished, renders them totally independent of the United States, and places them on the high road to prosperity, with a much better start in the world than these colonies had in 1776.

The American people do not seem to understand the Canadians in any respect, and so long as correspondents persist in serving up such gross misrepresentations as these-fourths of their opinions now contain, the misunderstanding is likely to continue. I am, Sir, with respect,

A CANADIAN.

New York, August 7, 1865.

The Boston Journal says that the hearty ovation accorded to Gen. Grant by the people of Canada is very gratifying to the United States and will materially tend to increase the good will and amity which ought always to subsist between the two.

Mr. O. S. Wood.—We learn with great satisfaction, that the Montreal Telegraph Company has accepted the resignation of Mr. O. S. Wood.

## The Atlantic Cable

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THE EXPEDITION.

St. John's, N. S., August 18. The following is a brief abstract of the report of the cable expedition from the 2nd of August—the time of the breaking of the cable—until the Great Eastern party company with the Terrible.

A and, a memorandum in the annals of the Atlantic telegraph.

After midnight the wind, arose, accompanied by heavy showers of rain and dense drifts of fog, and increased to a strong gale to the southwest; the ship scarcely felt it, and went on paying out the cable with its usual regularity. At about day-break, seven knots an hour, the wind suddenly shifted to north-west, and a light breeze, and at 4 a.m. the current was set to north-west by west-half-west, the following.

At 5:55 a.m. ship-mast, the paddles were stopped, and at 5:55 the ship was stopped by orders from the electrician's room. In fact, at eight a.m. Greenwich time, or a minute after, the electricians were passing the first of the half-hourly signals, and at the same time, the galvanometer suddenly detected a flow of electricity, which indicated a serious fault. The test gave no result as to locality, for the fault was very varying; but it was believed not to be far from the stern of the steamship. It appears that while Mr. Cyrus Field was on the watch in the tank, a little before the time of the accident, a grating noise was audible as the cable flew over the coil strainer. One of the experienced hands immediately said, 'There is a piece of wire,' and called to the lookout man above to pass the information at once.

But no notice appears to have been taken of this circumstance, until after the ship was stopped and the remainder of the first day paid out, a piece of wire was seen projecting out of the tank, underneath that of the cable, and was supposed to exist, and on one of our men taking it in his fingers and trying to bend it down the wire broke short in his hand, and he immediately laid it down, and he had evidently been of hard, light metal, which had fallen out through the threads in the tank. The discovery was in some measure a relief to the men's minds that one certainly and, possibly, the second of the previous fault might have been the result of this fault.

It was remarked, however, that this fault occurred in a grating noise, as the cable flew over the coil strainer, and as there was a difficulty in detecting its situation, preparations were made to get the picking up apparatus ready.

Previous to doing so two cables were made in the tank, and at eight minutes past noon, the cable was again started, and between the main and the fore tank, it ran all right. The second was run three miles on board, which showed the fault to be overboard. The rope and the chain were secured to the cable forward, which showed a maximum strain of twenty-three and a half tons; and at eight minutes past noon, the cable was again started, and between the main and the fore tank, it ran all right. The second was run three miles on board, which showed the fault to be overboard. The rope and the chain were secured to the cable forward, which showed a maximum strain of twenty-three and a half tons; and at eight minutes past noon, the cable was again started, and between the main and the fore tank, it ran all right. The second was run three miles on board, which showed the fault to be overboard. 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