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POETRY.

The Wind Harp.

The following exquisite little poem is from Temple's "The Wind Harp" almost as pretty as the sentiment. I set my wind-harp in the wind, And a wind came out of the south; Soft, soft, it blew, with a gentle coo, Like words from a maiden's mouth. Then like the stir of angel's wings, It gently touched the trembling strings; And O, my harp gave back to me A wondrous heavenly melody.

I set my wind-harp in the wind, And a storm from the north blew loud— From the icy north it hurried forth, And dark grew sea and cloud. It whistled down the mountain's height, It smote the quivering chords with might; But still my harp gave back to me Its tender, heavenly melody.

Ah, me, that such a heart was mine, Responsive, tuned and true, When all was glad, when all was shrill, Or when storms of sorrow blew— That so, 'mid all the fret and strife, The jarring undertones of life, My life might rise and be as true, One long, harmonious symphony!

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The New Dominion has no prouder government, the liberality of its representatives or the taste of its architects than is to be found in what are known as the Parliament Buildings. With the exception of the Capitol at Washington there is nothing in America with which they can be compared, and even in this instance the contrast as regards the picturesqueness of the situation, the beauty of the surroundings and the conveniences of the edifices is entirely in favor of Canadian enterprise. I shall not endeavor to give elaborate details, but rather from a birdseye view to convey a general idea of the structures, to the end that the reading public may realize that whatever may be the rigors of climate in these northern regions the people know how to provide and enjoy substantial comforts and poetical luxuries.

The buildings in the center of the city of Ottawa, about a mile below the Chaudiere Falls, on a prominent rocky point jutting out into the Ottawa River, at an elevation considerably higher than the city and in the vicinity of the locks, are known as Barrack Hill and in many respects is the counterpart of the citadel at Quebec. In front is a precipitous embankment running almost perpendicularly 250 to the river. Encircling the whole face of the cliff and about half way up, is a picturesque terraced path, embowered in foliage and supplied with rustic seats. This is known as the "Lovers' Walk," and is the favorite resort of the lads and lassies who love the bread and butter joys which antedate matrimony. At one end the ramparts find themselves overlooking the eight granite locks that lie in the broad rocky chasm which constitutes the entrance to Rideau Canal. Passing onward, the waters of the Ottawa come more boldly into view, with glimpses of fine scenery among the hills, the Quebec side of the stream. Reaching the northern point the summer view is superb. The mighty river, crowded with steamers, barges and rafts, rolls swiftly along in whirling eddies. Opposite rises the city of Hull, with its mills and millions of feet of lumber covering acre upon acre down to the water's edge. Further up the stream rises the spray of Chaudiere Falls, and beyond the noisy cataract the river comes tumbling among the rocks and islands on its way through the rapids of Duchesne. Such is the spot on which are located

THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

These are three in number, and are respectively known as the Main (or Parliamentary) Building, the Eastern and Western blocks. The two last named are used for departmental purposes. Beyond the Main building, in a general appearance they correspond with the main edifice, it is unnecessary to dwell upon them longer. The three buildings are so placed as to form three sides of a quadrangle, the front of which is bounded for a distance of 1,750 feet by Wellington street, a splendid boulevard 100 feet in width. I may add here parenthetically that immediately opposite the central gate is the handsome Rideau Club, which recent members of Parliament and their friends. It is a charming place to visit, for you not only find the representative men of the Dominion from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia—a territory 5,000 miles broad—but a generous current of Canadian hospitality that never runs dry. The President of the club is Mr. J. M. Currier, M. P. Further down the street is the Carleton Club, which is equally popular among the M. P.'s, and gentlemen attached to the civil service. But to resume. The government grounds that occupied consist of twenty-nine acres, of which nine and a half are covered by the three public structures referred to. They are handsomely laid out with asphalt and wooden pavements, and in the center of the broad beautiful terrace which overlooks the plaza—there has been constructed the basin of a

fontain, which when summer time arrives will be lifted into its place. Visitors to the Central Exhibition will perhaps recall the elegant design. Before I finish you will find that these Canadian gentlemen, even though they are supposed to live in a hyperborean region, do nothing by halves. They want the best of everything, and spend money lavishly to get it. Withal everything seems to be honestly done, for the most microscopic scrutiny is applied to the work of the public men and public employes who have the handling of the public funds. I ought not to neglect to state in this connection that as one ascends the broad steps leading to the terrace two great guns frown upon the visitor. These were captured from the Russians at Sebastopol, and one of them, curiously enough, bears upon its muzzle the rounded imprint of a British thimble. A third gun is fired every day at precisely high noon, whereat all citizens who are the happy possessors of watches proceed to regulate the same. Such has become the force of habit thus required that I verily believe if a man were at prayer he would step in the midst of the most solemn invocation to investigate the honesty of his timepiece. But I am gossiping again, and return once more.

HANDSOME STRUCTURES.

The Parliament buildings are all constructed in what is called "the pointed Gothic style" of architecture, with modifications to suit the climate of Canada; and from the bold, broken outlines they present near and afar their numerous towers and windows, high pitched, variegated slate roofs, pierced by dormers and surrounded by ornamental wrought iron crests and terminals together with the quaintness of the carved figures, combine to produce an imposing and picturesque effect. The outer facing of the walls is of a light colored sandstone, obtained about twelve miles from the city; the dressings, pinacles, gables, &c., are from Ohio; the arches over the door and window openings are of a reddish sandstone from Potsdam, and the slates, which vary in color, are from Vermont. Seen in the mellow light of the dawn or sunset, and especially when the clouds are rich purple, there is not a pointer in the world who can produce the gorgeous coloring which these buildings present. It is a beauty that is simply indescribable and inimitable by any power but Nature herself. The front of the Main (or Parliament) Building is 472 feet in length and its depth 370 feet. The main entrance is under a central tower, the spacious arches of which admit the largest carriages. This tower is 200 feet in height and is surmounted by a crown-shaped cap and flagstaff. The roof is an elaborate carved over the door. The piers which support this massive work are ornamented with Arrapric marble and richly cut sandstone. We now enter a large vestibule supported on sandstone columns with spacious stairways leading right and left to the House and Senate. I notice here a horse-reel ready for instant use, and the office of the old Dominion Telegraph Company. Ascending to the left we are in a broad corridor, where is located the Post office.

THE COMMONS.

This is a handsome hall supported by polished marble pillars, and hung with portraits of the former speakers. Other corridors embraced the House, as it were, in a hollow square, and on the sides of two of these are arranged closets neatly marked in alphabetical order, where the legislators hang their wrappings and deposit hats and shoes. The Chamber itself measures 82 by 45 feet and is 50 feet in height. The ceiling is open with handsomely carved rafters of unpainted Canada pine filled in with heavy ground glass, above which large skylights admit a soft light to the room. The gas is pent from the ceiling in several circular jets, and is ignited by means of electricity. Galleries for the accommodation of 1,000 people are provided, with reserved places for Senators, ladies and others, that for the press, an able and eminently courteous body of gentlemen, being directly over the chair of the Speaker. I must confess, however, that the acoustic properties of the house are exceedingly faulty. Electric wires extend from the House to every part of the building for the purpose of calling absent members from refreshment to labor and enabling them to feel at ease during the social enjoyments that are to be had in the several refreshment saloons.

OTHER APARTMENTS.

Leaving the Commons we pass long rows of committee rooms, a reading room, in which are on file hundreds of papers, the Speaker's apartment, and a smoking room, where the members club together to buy clay pipes and tobacco. Almost every one smokes a penny duodec. Down stairs are refreshment saloons, where you may buy anything that you can order at Delmonico's, and at one third the price. The best bread is only ten cents a glass. The lavatories, bath rooms and ward-rooms are models of neatness and ventilation. In each of the six angle towers, situated as high as they will permit, are tanks holding 12,500 gallons, or in the aggregate 75,000 gallons of water, making it impossible, with the distribution of hose and hydrants throughout the building, for fire to obtain a moment's headway. Heat and ventilation are

supplied by an elaborate system of boilers, fans, steam engines, &c., and located in the basement. Of the former there are six, each twenty feet long and five in diameter. The aggregate length of the air ducts is four-fifths of a mile.

THE SENATE SIDE.

I do not materially unlike those which I have already described, but the Senate chamber is far superior in style and beauty to the House of Commons. In fact I do not recall its equal among all the legislative halls of the country. This room contains the throne, a fine statue of the Queen and busts of the Prince of Wales and the Princess Alexandra. There are also large pictures of King George III. and Queen Caroline. The Senators, seventy-eight in number, are appointed for life, and correspond to the British House of Peers. They sit facing each other on a series of steps or platforms, and what with their venerable aspect, most of them being white haired and bald headed men, the elegant furniture, graceful clusters of marble columns, the crimson carpet, the "dim religious light" stealing through the rich tracery of the colored windows, the noble mien of the President, as robed in black, he sits in front of the golden throne, reminding one of an ancient Druid, there are few more impressive sights to be witnessed on our continent. Apropos of this body, it is a fact worthy of record that in Canada divorce can take place only by act of Parliament, and it is a tribute to the Spartan-like control which these old gentlemen exert over their native impulses that of all testimony concerning discordant couples—the sweet morsels which the public most enjoy—is taken by a committee appointed for the purpose and no member is supposed to "know how it is yourself."

THE LIBRARY.

It is likewise a remarkably beautiful and unique structure, being polygonal in shape at the base without and circular within. It has a diameter of ninety feet, a dome 208 feet above the level of the terrace, and contains about 60,000 choice selected books, which are arranged in a series of projections from the circumference toward the center of the room, like teeth on the inside of a huge cog-wheel. These are three tiers in height, but is already a question how the new books are to be provided for as they are needed. The librarian, Mr. Alpheus Todd, is reputed to be one of the most learned men in the Dominion, and has been in the government employ since he was a boy. He is the author of a standard work known as Parliamentary Practice.—Y. Y. Herald.

Pius IX. seen in his Palace.

[From the Boston Post.]

STRONG AND ACTIVE, BUT WITH A STOOP AT EIGHTY-FIVE; THE WONDERFUL VIGOR OF THE AGED MAN MOTICED WHEN A BOY, WAS VIEWED AS TOO FRAGILE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE GUARDIA NOBILE.

The cable despatches announcing a renewal of the fainting fits to which the Pope has long been subject will cause to read with unusual interest the following sketch of the venerable head of the Church, as seen in his palace in February last:—

In front of this group walk the Pope. Over his long white dress is thrown a scarlet cloak, and his slippers, of course, are of the same hue, but he wears on his head a small white skull cap, his scarlet hat being carried by some one behind him, in case of need. He leans rather heavily on his stick, and he has lost, to a great extent, the nobly erect carriage which distinguished him but a few years ago. In fact, he stoops now. His voice, too, is weaker, and his articulation less strikingly distinct. It is five years since I last saw him. He was then 80 years old, and at such an age five years cannot pass by unnoticed. But at 80 the Pope was as strong and vigorous and hale as are most strong men at 65. Even now his eyes are wondrously bright and keen, and his mobile features change with every variation of thought. His memory, too, is as tenacious as ever. He remembered on what subjects he talked to me five years ago, glided from Italian into French, and from French into Italian, just as he did then, and his whole face brightened when his lips framed, as of old, the ready wit, in which he has never in his sorest trials been known to fail. The outeness of his questions as to affairs in the East proved how strong is the interest he still takes in questions of the day, and his jokes about the conference, and especially the Sultan, brought from his beneath the joular surface there lurked a substratum of astrew observation. Following the little procession to the next room, I found the Pope blessing a number of Franciscan friars, with whom was a parish priest from Lecce. He had brought from his Calabrian home a present by which he hoped the Holy Father would set some store. His gift consisted of a box of snuff of peculiarly rare quality. The case was worthy of the contents. It was no ordinary box, but it was covered with blue velvet, and made in the semblance of a book, the gold lettering on which set forth in quaint Latin the beneficial results of the letter press within. It was touching to see the good old priest's face as it rose from the ceremony of kiss-

An Old Republican Speaks.

WENDELL PHILIPS DENOUNCES HAYES, HIS CABINET, AND HIS POLICY.

From his Speech at Philadelphia on Monday Evening.

What the South needs to-day is the element which Charles Sumner, William the Conqueror, and Cromwell contributed to their times—the heavy hand and fearless grasp which holds disorderly and struggling forces quiet, until peace tempts and wins to action the elements which would our modern civilization, capital, labor, commerce, education, hope and equality before the law. Half of what Grant gained for us at Appomattox, Hayes surrendered in Washington on the 5th of March. We need only the inaugural and Cabinet of Hayes from which to forestall his future. The Cabinet of Lincoln was one made of Trimmers, Except Stanton and Cameron, every member believed in whitening down justice to suit customers. Grant's Cabinet was one of Medicorites. He seems to have shrunk from consulting with first-rate men. Hayes's Cabinet reminds one of a story of Turner, the English painter. He had hung up at the exhibition a painting subdued in color. As he studied it on the wall the canvas seemed to fade out of sight in the presence of his bright rivals. After gazing awhile Turner flung a drop of bright red on the center of his piece, and the picture glowed into startling effect. So I can see Hayes gathering his Cabinet. There is Sherman, who will leave a name linked to no measure or deed—his only record that he entered Congress poor and leaves it rich. Evans reminds one of the Protestant riots in London, when men chalked on their closed shutters "No Popery" to conciliate the mob. One timid citizen, anxious to stand well with both sides, says up "No Religion." Amid this death grapple between Caste and the Declaration of Independence, Evans writes on his flag, "No Principles." Key brings in Tilden and secession. Then comes Schurz, the Swiss soldier always to let. Suddenly Hayes remembers Slave-bound Vedder—once into noticable infamy, when, with his own hands, he put chains on Thomas Sims and dragged him down State street. And he makes the Slave-bound Cabinet represent every element of our politics except the element which Blaine, Morton, and Butler stand for. This only—the Hamlet of the piece—is the President. The President has contained only the forces represented in the Cabinet, Hayes would dwell quietly to-day in Ohio. Blaine and the bloody shirt led to our President.

Palmistry.

[FOR THE CHRONICLER'S POST.]

The ability to forecast future events by the lines, wrinkles, or lines on the palm of the hand, is considered to be a lumbug, and correct is the surmise; but the form of the hand as an index of character is a science founded on certain defined axioms. A part of any organized animal resembles the human system is constructed on the immutable laws of nature. The hand is part of the human frame, designated by the Creator for man's use to supply his wants and protect him. The hand possesses form and the form indicates the character. This fact is sufficient in all science and holds good in the reading of character, that form is the only channel through which we may understand any object in nature. The form of the letter, the form of the tree, the apple, animal, or anything, is object or creature in nature, is the means we use in describing differences and defining their character. We are unable to find two hands that are alike, and even if you examine any person you will find a difference in the lines of the hand. Now, if two persons with the same character. The greater difference in hands held in contrast will be the characteristics. A few descriptions will be given to illustrate our ideas. The knuckle joints which sufficiently large enough to spread the fingers and extend the ability in man to handle tools, in woman the needle; it also indicates large joints in all parts of the body, also heavy bones. In character it is index of large continuity, the love of fish and great endurance. It assists to spread the fingers and extend the artist, mechanic, or any workman that achieves success, possesses this form of hand.

In England an organization has been formed under the title of the "Sanitary Estate Association," which propose to erect towns on the most approved sanitary principles. Already a site has been selected for the first model town—a "city of health"—on the Sussex coast, within easy reach of Brighton, Arundel, and other towns. Some of the houses will be built in flats, with a connecting tower, from which meals can be supplied; and small houses at low rents, will bring pure air and sea-side relaxation within the reach of many who have been deprived of such luxuries. Ninety acres of ground will be appropriated to public gardens, ample provision will be made for bathing, and a thorough system of drainage adopted. A vigilant supervision will be exercised over all the sanitary arrangements of the city.

Gwendolen.—The original Gwendolen as George Eliot's "Daniel Deronda" is, according to the London correspondent of the Cleveland Leader, a London woman. She was formerly worth about \$1,000,000 but went to the continent, because addicted to gambling and lost most of her money, even parted with her necklace, as the book states. During her infatuation she was narrowly watched by George Eliot, and by a wealthy gentleman living to-day in Manchester, and so interested did he become in "Gwendolen" that he offered to make good her losses if she would cease to play, but was refused. The lady now lives in London on an income of about \$1,000 a year, all that is saved from the wreck. She is 25, unmarried, and said to be very handsome, and, what adds interest to the tale, is the fact that she is the grand-daughter of one of England's greatest poets.

This body is a society that has been formed for the defense of family principles. This body confers special privileges on those who are the fathers of three children, and it has just awarded its civil crown to a lady named Mrs. Boultie, who has just given birth to her thirty-sixth child.

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New Season's Kaisow Congous.

LOGAN, LINDSAY & CO. ARE now receiving the first instalment of new TEAS, for the Spring Trade, consisting of the following lots:

100 1/2 chests Kaisow Congou, Ex C. L. 141; 1/2 chests Kaisow Congou, Ex C. L. 151; 100 1/2 chests Kaisow Congou, Ex Teviot, 25-29; 154 1/2 chests Kaisow Congou, Ex Teviot, 25-29; 120 1/2 chests Kaisow Congou, TE. 91; 120 1/2 chests Kaisow Congou, TE. 41; 200 boxes new season's new make Congous...

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The New York Herald strongly advocates the extermination of the Mormons from their stronghold in the far West, and thinks that the implication of Brigham Young and the other leaders in the crime for which Lee suffered by Lee's dying confession affords an excellent cause belli, and that, therefore, war to the death should be waged against them...

Paris has still its horrors. A few mornings ago in the Faubourg, St. Antoine, Mm. Lachaud was found dead in her apartments, with her legs tied and her apron fastened over her head, thieves having, apparently, got in by the skylight and rifled the room...

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Current Clippings.

THE LEGISLATURE of Rhode Island is endeavoring to make education compulsory throughout the State. AMONG the new parascopes is one of black silk, trimmed with a deep lounce of lace, and having a gaily colored butterfly embroidered on it.

THE GRECIAN knot at the back of the head is seldom seen now. The hair is rolled in many puffs like on the head. The Grecian was a style becoming to few, making pretty girls look plain and plain ones positively ugly.

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Cheap Sale of Silks.

W. D. MAIN & CO'S. AMHERST, N. S. DURING MONTH OF MARCH. 560 YDS BLACK SILK offered at 20 p. c. from marked price. 6 FANCY SILK DRESSES, 15 yards length, offered at half price.

A LARGE LOT of REMNANTS of DRESS GOODS and PRINTS, lengths suitable for children and misses, offered at much less than cost. THE GRECIAN knot at the back of the head is seldom seen now.

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Sheriff's Sale!

To be sold at Public Auction, on the second Saturday in June next, at the Court House, in Dorchester, between the hours of twelve and five o'clock in the afternoon:— ALL the Right, Title, Interest, Claim, Privilege and Demand of Ebenezer Bower, his executors, Rights and Rights of Entry, both at law and in equity, of in and to the following Lands and Premises:—

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