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Poetry.



The World would be better for it.
If men cared less for wealth and fame,
And less for little felicities of life;
If men had more honest hearts, a man
Seem'd better in song and story;
Men, instead of nursing pride,
Would learn to hate it and abhor it;

If more tried.

On Love to guide,

The world would be the better for it.

If men cared less in stocks and bonds,

And more in bonds and debts trifling;

If men had less of the willing hands

To link this world to other worlds;

If men shamed up Love's oil and wine;

And no bruised human hearts would pierce it;

If "years" and "youth"

Would come condign;

The world would be the better for it.

If more would act the play of Life,

And fewer spoil it in reversion;

If more would make their home,

Till good became more universal;

If more pray with more grown;

Had less hating men to name it;

If all stood alone.

In truth alone,

The world would be the better for it.

If men were wise in little things—

If more would fill their stores;

If more had lower rates, strings;

If more knew their kind feelings;

If more knew how to bear the Right;

Would stand together and restore it;

If Right made Might

In every right,

The world would be the better for it.

Miscellaneous.

A MAGAZINE STORY.

ETNA: A THRILLING TALE.

Among the wondrous sights on the earth, the volcano of Etna will hold a just pre-eminence. Renowned by past and present history, sublime by its elevation, its form, and the awful seeriness of unknown terrors which lie concealed within its bosom, the Sicilian volcano will always be viewed with the deepest, the most solemn awe.

It was with such feelings and with such thoughts as these, that I began to ascend the cone, after the patient and hardy ponies had been dismissed. I had been an invalid, and the fatigues of climbing up the steep and rocky declivity might well have daunted me. But after many restings, I was able to attain the summit.

The summit! Good heavens! can I ever forget the delirium, the transport of joy, which the boundless prospect there awaked within me? Can I ever forget the glances which I first caught of all the glories and all the horrors of nature mingled in such fearful union?

Far away on one side spread the fertile plain, the green meadows, and the gentle valleys of Sicily. There were streams glancing and flashing in the sun as they wandered to the sea, with ten thousand labyrinthian turnings; lakes whose glassy surface showed not a ruffle, not a ripple; the wide terraces upon the sides of a hundred hills, where vineyards were planted, and where the trellised vines passed along, all green, all blooming; there were groves of orange trees, amid the dark green foliage of which the golden oranges peeped forth like the flashes of phosphorescent light in a mid-night sea; there were long avenues of cypresses, of acacias, of noble trees of many kinds, amid which kingly assemblage at times could be seen the noble summit of some stately palms, as it towered on high above the others.

And the sun—the wide, the boundless, deep-blue Mediterranean—there it spread away, on the other side, as far as eye could reach, spreading away as far as thoughts could run—glorious as

The dashing,

Silver-flashing,

Suns-of-Salvador."

But turn aside—and there beneath, lies an abyss like that of which Milton has sung in sublimest mortal strains.

I paused upon the brink, and shuddering, I gazed down—down! The thick and funeral volume of tortuously-ascending smoke came seething upward as from a

cauldron. It escaped from a myriad of crevices in the rocky, precipitous sides; it poured forth from behind projections, and united with the vast mass which came suddenly upward from the unfathomable depths.

Here, upon the sandy, rocky edge, where sulphur, and crumbled lava, and pumice-stone, were all mingled together to form a horrid soil, here I sat and looked down. From the scene beyond, from that gloom of earth, which made it seem like heaven; from that vision of all that was most lovely and all that was most overpowering to me, and all that was most overwhelming to me, I threw my left arm beneath his, my right I passed over his neck and around upon his back, thus seeking to press him to the earth.

It was a moment of horror, such as no mortal tongue could ever tell. A struggle ensued exceedingly, and turned around. The place where I had been sitting was a perpendicular projection of the cliff, which formed a rock, while three miles beneath lay the abyss of unuttered horrors! At this hour, my heart beat more forcibly even as I think upon the fearful time.

Involved in a thousand thoughts I sat there, thinking myself alone, when a sudden grating struck my ear. I was startled exceedingly, and turned around. The place where I had been sitting was a perpendicular projection of the cliff, which formed a rock, while three miles beneath lay the abyss of unuttered horrors!

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