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In a Cottage Garden.

Betwixt our apple boughs, how clear
The violet western hills appear,
As calmly ends another day
Of Earth's long history!—from the ray
She with slow majestic motion
Wheeling continent and ocean
Into her own deep shade, where through
The Outer Heavens come into view,
Deep beyond deep. In thought conceive
This rolling Globe whereon we live
(For in the mind, and there alone,
A picture of the world is shown),
How huge it is, how full of things,
As round the Royal Sun it swings,
In one of many subject rings—
Carrying our cottage with the rest,
Its rose-lawn and its martin's nest,
But, number every grain o' sand,
Wherever salt wave touches land;
Number in single drops the sea;
Number the leaves on every tree;
Number earth's living creatures—all
That run, that fly, that swim, that crawl;
Of sands, drops, leaves and lives, the count
Add up into one vast amount;
And then, for every separate one
Of all these let a flaming Sun
Whirl in the skies, encircled each
With its own massy worlds. No reach
Of thought suffices.
Look aloft—
The stars are gathering. Cold and soft
The twilight in our garden croft
Purples the crimson-folded rose
(O tell me how so sweet it grows)!
Makes gleam like stars the cluster'd white;
And beauty, too, is infinite.
—*Athenæum.*

OBSERVATIONS.

Women resemble flowers. They shut up when they sleep.

The youth who permits his sweetheart to rule him is a miss-guided young man.

"Married.—In Chillicothe, September 12, Herbert L. Rollingstone and Emma J. Moss." Thus does one familiar proverb receive a deathblow.

A tramp woke up suddenly with cold sweat standing in great beads upon his forehead. "What's the matter?" asks his companion. "A frightful dream. I dreamt I was at work!" "I told you that last mince pie would give you a horrid nightmare."

"Do you want to kill the child?" exclaimed a gentleman as he saw a boy tip the baby out of its carriage on the walk. "No; not quite," replied the boy; "but if I can get him to bawl loud enough, mother will take care of him while I go and wade in the ditch with Johnny Bracer!"

"I believe, after all," exclaimed Peterjohn impatiently, "that a man is never so happy as when he is making a fool of himself." "I must needs respect your superior wisdom," replied Fred quickly. "And, great Scott! how you must have enjoyed yourself thro' life, Peterjohn!"

In horse language it is reported that Maud S. "left her feet" twice while trotting at Chicago, and of course did not make her best time. When Maud is so forgetful as to leave her feet, she should quit trotting and come into the garden.

Any Reason Better Than None.—Tourist—"I say, boy, what's the name of that hill yonder?" Boy—"Dunno." Tourist—"Don't know? What! lived here all your life and don't know the name of it?" Boy—No; the hill was here afore I comed."

KING'S MOUNTAIN CENTENNIAL.

Important Omissions Pointed Out—North Carolina's Share.

To the Editor of The Observer:

The King's Mountain centennial has come and has gone! In common with the many thousands of deeply interested spectators who witnessed it, I am prepared to say it was *a success*—worthy of the cause and the occasion it represented. It is not my purpose to enter upon a history of the King's Mountain battle, and the many thrilling incidents connected therewith, but simply to point out one or two omissions and erroneous statements which transpired during the centennial exercises.

It will be recollected by those who heard the speaking on centennial day that Col. Coward, president of the association, called attention to the presence of Mrs. Dickson, "the only living child of any of the soldiers who fought on that day." This erroneous statement is repeated in THE OBSERVER of October 9, and by other papers copying from it. Now, it so happened that the writer went to the centennial, accompanied by Capt. A. E. Forney, a son of Major Abram Forney, who gallantly participated in the brilliant victory achieved at King's Mountain. During the several days of the centennial celebration, Capt. Forney was frequently seen pointing out to numerous persons the movements of the different colonels in surrounding the mountain, closing upon the enemy, their final capture, and last, though not least, the particular spot, or "bull pen," as he humorously styled it, where the prisoners—British and Tories—were huddled together and carefully guarded during the night—(wonder if the prisoners that night slept much and had pleasant dreams!). Among the prisoners, Capt. Forney states his father recognized one of his neighbors, Simon Hager, who, in the early part of the war, had acted with the Whigs, but shortly before the King's Mountain battle was over-persuaded by some of his Tory friends to join the royal forces. At the court martial which held next day, when thirty of the Tories were condemned to be hung, Major Forney interceded for his neighbor, who promised that in the future he would act with the Whigs. True to his promise, Hager afterwards joined the Whigs, and marched to the battle of Guilford, where he performed a soldier's duty.

Again, the grave near the speaker's stand, pointed out as being that of Ferguson, Capt. Forney says is not correct. He says his father frequently stated in his presence that Ferguson was buried near the branch, and that he assisted in digging the grave. It has been asserted by more than one hero of this battle, as transmitted to us by their descendants, that there was a great scarcity of burial implements. Excavation of sufficient depth for a grave on the rugged mountain itself was found to be exceedingly difficult, and hence a spot near the branch, in more yielding soil, was chosen. For further particulars of the military services of Major Abram Forney, see Hunter's "Sketches of Western North Carolina."

Again: Dr. Wm. McLean, who settled in the South Point neighborhood of Gaston county, was assistant surgeon at the battle of King's Mountain. He still has four sons living, two of them (twins)—Dr. J. D. McLean, of South Point, and Major Augustus McLean, of Lincolnton—aged about 85 years.

And again: John Wilfong, an old and worthy citizen of Newton, the county seat of Catawba county, is a son of John Wilfong, who participated in the battle of King's Mountain. He retains in his memory much revolutionary history as narrated to him by his venerated father.

It is unfortunate the association did not invite, not only the surviving sons of patriotic sires who fought at King's Mountain, but also the sons of other revolutionary heroes who performed a soldier's duty in the day which "tried men's souls," and who, by the grace of God, may be permitted to linger a few years more among us.

It is proper here to mention that although many Tories were found among the German population, yet when they became Whigs they exhibited the firm, persistent character for the fighting qualities of their fatherland, and made the best of soldiers. Of such material were the Bambrights, the Forneys, the Dellingers, the Wilfongs, and others of Lincoln county.

It is not generally known that North Carolina furnished more than half the troops engaged in the battle of King's Mountain, this side [illegible] reaching nearly to the battlefield, embraced the present counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, and one half of Cleaveland. It is unfortunate, too, that these counties, which sent to the battlefield some of their bravest soldiers, were nearly ignored by the association in making its appointments. The names of the heroes inscribed on the headstone near the branch—Chronicle, Mattock, Rabb, and Boyd—were all from old Lincoln. But let me say, in conclusion, that the centennial of the King's Mountain battle was *a grand success*, and may the centennial or 1980 be attended with the same degree of order, patriotism and good feeling!

C. L. H.

Sensible Views on Farming.

Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Robert Bruce, of Great Smeaton, Yorkshire, was awarded, in the early part of last month, the highest prize offered for an essay on the subject of "How Farming can be Made to Pay in Great Britain." Mr. Bruce was the better equipped for a discussion of this subject from the fact that he had just returned from a visit to the United States, where he had made himself acquainted with our "great resources and go-ahead farmers." As the result of his investigations he is "not at all despondent," he says, "as to the future of British farming" if the antiquated land laws and the restrictions imposed upon tenant farmers are done away with. But to be successful the system of farming at present in vogue must be radically changed. The course laid down by him for the British farmer to pursue, as a means of deriving a profit from his soil, notwithstanding he has to compete with the great West in the matter of breadstuffs and provisions is so entirely applicable to our own farmers in the older Atlantic States, who also suffer from Western competition, that it is well worth noting. Without going into the reasons he presents for the advice he gives, we reproduce the four rules he lays down for making the occupation of farming profitable. These are:

"Firstly, by greater attention to the cultivation of the soil, working more as the gardeners do, in thorough manner. Greater attention must also be given to the quality of the different seeds sown, making sure that the best obtainable are put in the soil, and that the kind sown suits the soil and climate.

"Secondly, by greater attention to the live stock kept, making determined efforts to keep only stock of good quality, and breeding more from good sires; keeping them better and more comfortable, and getting them ready for the butcher at an early age.

"Thirdly, by paying greater attention to dairy produce, making sure that the most is made of it, and that what is made is of the best quality.

"Fourthly, by greater attention to so-called little things, such as fruit, poultry and bees."

Every one of these rules are as deserving to be followed by our farmers of the seaboard States as by those of Great Britain. Putting roughly the cost of transporting grain from the far West to Baltimore at 50 cents per 100 pounds—the present rates from Kansas City being 47 cents per 100 pounds for corn and 52 cents for wheat—they start with a margin of 30 cents per bushel in their favor. With such tillage as Mr. Bruce recommends it would not be difficult to raise at least 30 bushels of wheat to the acre, the largest product of the great Dakota farms does not exceed 25 bushels to the acre. The difference, therefore, under such cultivation to the Eastern farmer would be saving of 30 cents per bushel in transportation, and an increase of 5 bushels in the yield per acre, with other crops in proportion. He has also in his favor a monopoly of the market for hay and wheat, rye and oat straw, which will not bear transportation for long distances. The soil that will bring 30 bushels of wheat to the acre will produce, in a fair season, at least two tons of timothy, with the promise of a similar crop from the same field for several years in succession. It is doubtful whether it will pay, with us, to raise live stock for market; but there is always a ready sale for dairy produce, and at high prices if it is of the best quality. Finally as Mr. Bruce points out, the profits of a farm may be considerably increased "by greater attention to little things," and he cites as among these, "fruit, poultry and bees." On these heads he remarks: "If we consider the immense amount of money annually paid to foreigners"—outsiders, we might more properly say, as far as we are concerned—"for butter, cheese, eggs and fowls, and then reflect that our own farmers could easily supply all the people's wants, we at once see there is a profit to farmers here which slips, year by year, through their hands unnoticed." All this is so true that we commend it to the thoughtful attention of those farmers who complain of Western competition, and who have failed to discover that they have many sources of profit with which the West cannot compete, and that, even in respect to Western grain, they have, under any circumstances, a difference of 30 cents per bushel in their favor.

What It Means.

The New York "Demonstration" to welcome Gen. Grant, on Monday night, seems to have been a queer affair, while no doubt a splendid spectacle. According to one account there were sixty thousand men in line and three hundred thousand spectators. The parade was not, however, it would appear, a demonstration in favor of the Republican nominees, Garfield and Arthur, but of Gen. Grant, who is, or ought to be, an entirely private person by this time. The mottoes on the flags, banners and illuminations did not celebrate Garfield's virtues and accomplishments, but Grant's performances during the civil war. The bands played "Marching Through Georgia" and other military reminders, and the mottoes were quotations from Grant's pithiest speeches, such as "Push things," "No man can afford to be lukewarm," &c. They did not, however, quote Grant's remarks about Hancock, and the New York *World* suggests that the Roman legend "Hail, Cæsar, about to die, we hail thee!" was also neglected. Such demonstrations may be all right as far as politics is concerned, but pacific-minded citizens will fancy there was too much Grant and too much of the pomp and circumstance of war about them to please. Like Sir Hugh Evans they will dread such thin disguises, and "spy the beard under the mumer."

Another Sesqui-Centennial.

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 12.—To-day the 150th anniversary of the settlement of the Cumberland valley by the Presbyterians occurred at Oakville, about thirty miles southwest of this city. Rev. Conway P. Wing, of Carlisle, gave an interesting history of the important event. Amongthose who delivered addresses was Rev. Navayan Shehadri, of Bombay, India. The number in attendance was about one thousand, nearly

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