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Stonewall Jackson.
 BY MARY ASHLEY TOWNSEND.
 The following poem was read by Mr. Edwin Marks, at the recent unveiling of the statue of Stonewall Jackson, in New Orleans:
 Comrades, halt! The field is chosen.
 Neath the Southern stars,
 Where the Southern roses blow,
 We will bivouac to-day.
 Here no foe will draw our sabres
 In the turbulence of war,
 Nor will drum beats or bugle
 Wake the old pain in a scar.
 All is rest, and calm—around us
 Beauty's smile and manhood's prime;
 Scents of spring, like ships, go sailing
 Balmey seas of summer time.
 Flags of battle, hanging rounder,
 Flutter not at strife's increase;
 On their pulses lie the fingers
 Of the Great Physician—Peace.
 In the marble camp before us,
 Silence paces to and fro—
 Specter of the din that once was,
 Hard fought in the long ago.
 While he marches, from the meadows,
 Over the heights, around the curves,
 Come the men of many combats—
 Death's Grand Army of Reserves.
 In the swift advancing columns
 Many a battle-buzzed name,
 With Stewart, Ewell, Hays and Ashby,
 Bears the honor cross of Fame.
 Down the spectral line in battle—
 Glorious symbol of reward
 Won when all the world was looking
 Unto Lee and his array.
 From the war graves of Manassas,
 Fredericksburg and Malvern Hill,
 Carrick's Ford and Massanutton,
 Past the shadowy regions dim,
 From the far-off Halleluiah,
 From the red fields of Cross Keys,
 Gettysburg—the Wilderness,
 From defeats and victories.
 Tired trooper—wearily marcher—
 Grim and sturdy cannoneer—
 Steady and soldierly straggler,
 Hasten to encamp them here.
 From the mountain and the river,
 From the city and the plain,
 Sweeping down to join their leader—
 Stonewall Jackson once again.
 There he stands, alive, in granite!
 By the hand of fate, he stands,
 Once again to rise before us,
 Waiting for his "Old Brigade,"
 Chief—Herald—Christian—Soldier—
 King of men, and man of God!
 Crystallized about his forehead
 Greenness marks the path he trod.
 Soldiers! Ye who fought with Jackson
 Through the days and nights of strife,
 Bringing from the fields of battle
 But the bitter loss of life,
 Ye whose lips have only tasted
 Ashes apples from the fray,
 Every wound ye bear beside him,
 Knights ye on this field to-day.
 Army of our old Virginia!
 Would ye write a legend here
 That shall live from age to age,
 Honor's reverential tear?
 Trace ye then upon this granite,
 With imperishable pen,
 Words that shout their own hosannas—
 "Stonewall Jackson and his men."
OBSERVATIONS.
 If a man would take care of his health, he must take air.
 A small object may cast a large shadow, and the hue of a man's nose reflects his whole character.
 Properly referred: Neighbor's pretty daughter—
 How much is that for bread? Of this she is
 Dependent "sponges" on her!—"Only one kiss." N. E. D.—
 "I will take three yards; grandma will pay."
 Boston Transcript.
 Boarding house brilliant: "Sweets to the sweet,"
 said the funny young man, as he handed the waiter girl a faded bouquet. "Beats the best," returned the girl, as she pushed him a plate of the vegetables.—Detroit Chat.
 A cruel miss: "There's my hand!" he exclaimed in a moment of courage and candor, "and my heart is in it!" She glanced at the empty palm extended toward her, and wickedly replied: "Just as I supposed; you've got no heart."—Brooklyn Eagle.
 A gentleman saying a number of miscellaneous little rogues in the act of carrying off a quantity of fruit from his orchard, without "leave or license," bawled out, very lustily, "What are you about, you rascals!" "About going," said one, as he seized his bag and scampered off.
 "I desire," said the husband to the wife, as they were walking along the shore, "that when I die I may be buried in a plain, stained pine coffin, without expensive trimmings." "But, my dear," said she, "how much more respectable and fashionable it would be to have a bid in walnut and silver." "Possibly," he said, "but I was thinking of that for you."
 A celebrated German physician has advanced a new theory, and that is that all food should be eaten raw, instead of being cooked; and he claims that his instructions are carried out, and meat and vegetables are eaten in their natural state, and there will be no more sickness, and people will live out old age instead of a temporary one. The thing looks feasible, but we should like to see the German doctor try his own theory on bologna sausage, and have to catch his dog.
Fortune's Freaks.
 It was a remarkable coincidence that at the moment the imposing ceremonies connected with the raising of a monument to Gen. Morgan at Spartanburg were in progress, an unsuccessful appeal in behalf of his destitute great-granddaughter was made to a cabinet officer by a justice of the Supreme Court. Miss Minnie Heard, the young lady in question, highly educated and refined, with a mother and sick sister dependent on her, has managed by a few scanty dollars picked up here and there by teaching, barely to keep wolf from the door. Lately she has had but one pupil, the daughter of a justice of the Supreme Court. His sympathies were enlisted in her behalf, and he secured her more profitable employment, but only of a temporary nature, and the young lady is now without any income. On the day of the unveiling of the Morgan statue he went to the Treasury Department and made an earnest appeal to Secretary Windom to give her a position, but the secretary said that he was unable to do anything for her. The President will be appealed to in her behalf, and it is sincerely to be hoped that he will respond.
What Postmaster-General James has Saved.
 The following is a statement in detail of the net annual saving in the cost of star route and steamboat mail service under the administration of Postmaster-General James: For the month of March, \$215,490; for the month of April, \$284,531; for the month of May 1 to 13, \$112,013; total, \$412,034. This saving has been effected without in any way crippling the service or curtailing its efficiency, and has been made on exact information gathered by inspectors of the department, who have carefully examined the various routes. Much of the reduction is the result of the labors of the honorable Secretary of the Star Route, Mr. W. H. Mumford, who has been successful in ramifying from that point. A very considerable additional reduction will be made on the 30th of June next, when useless service will be allowed to lapse, thus saving the one month's extra pay which would be due to contractors were the service to be discontinued at present.
A Good Place to Live.
 Wilmington Star.
 An observant gentleman informs us that there is a bell running through Granville, Wake and into Harnett which lies between sandstone and granite formations, in which people live up on an average longer than elsewhere, where the hogs never have cholera, and the cattle do not suffer with diseases that prevail among them elsewhere. We tell the story as it is told us.
ADVERTISING CHATS.
 It has become so common to write the beginning of an elegant, interesting article and then run it into some advertisement, that we are tempted to suggest to our friends to be careful and simply call attention to the merits of their goods in plain, honest terms as possible, and do not know their value will ever be anything else.—Providence Journal.

"OUIDA" AND HER DOGS.
 The Peculiarities of the Most Famous Female Novelties of the Age.
 Philadelphia Telegraph.
 Private letters from Florence report that the most famous inhabitant of the foreign colony in that city, namely Ouida, is beginning to look her age, which must by this time be on the shady side of 40. She has cut her hair short—that "amber hair" of which she was once so proud, and which she used to wear in a loose mane down her back, she has elaborately coiffed in front. Her amber is alloyed with silver now, I hear. The famous novelist drives about Florence in a lofty drag, holding the reins herself and driving with such recklessness and lack of due precaution that she lately ran her steeds straight into a baby wagon.
 In olden days she used to go about Florence on foot, accompanied by a train of fourteen dogs of various dimensions that kept their mistress fully employed in settling their quarrels and in keeping them out of mischief. The canine train is now diminished to some two or three individuals, but as may be seen in her recent novels, Ouida is still very fond of dogs. She has a full friendship and "Loris" in Moths, were drawn from two of her recent canine favorites. Her weekly receptions are always enlivened by the presence of two or three of her dogs, which like spoiled children, obey her far more than their share of notice, both from the hostesses and her visitors.
 One of Ouida's countrymen recently called on her by permission, being quite proud of being allowed to pay his respects in person to so famous a literary woman. He returned to the hotel at which he was staying not altogether charmed with his visit. "Well, what did you do at Ouida's?" queried one of his lady friends, dog of dog with him. "And what did she say?—what did she do?" "Nothing," she said, "she did the dog, too." So the interview seemed to have worn a wholly canine and bunny aspect.
Ingersoll on Whiskey.
 Col. R. G. Ingersoll thus powerfully arraigns King Alcohol.
 "I am aware that there is a prejudice against any man engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcohol. I believe that from the time it issues from the cooled and poisonous worm in the distillery until it enters the hell of death, dishonor and crime, that it demoralizes everybody that touches it, from its source to where it ends. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against that liquor that kills. All we have to do is to think of the wrecks on either bank of the stream of death, the destitution of the little children tearing at the weary and faded breasts of weeping and despairing wives asking for bread. Of the suicides, of the insanity, of the ignorance and poverty that it has produced, the talented men of genius that it has destroyed, the men battling with imaginary serpents, produced by this devilish thing, and when we think of the jails, the almshouses, the asylums, of the prisons, of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against this damned stuff that is called alcohol."
 "Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It breaks the fond father's heart, bestrays the loving mother, extinguishes natural affections, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachments, blights parental hope, and brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports the pestilence, and embraces consumption. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds the penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the scaffolds. It is the life-blood of the gambler, the elements of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman, and the support of the assassin and midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences fraud, honors infamy, defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue, and slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the mother to massacre his wife and the child to grind the parrietal axe. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life, curses God and despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, debases the jury box, and stains the judicial ermine. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman and disarms the patriot.
 It brings shame, not honor; misery, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, not happiness; and, with the malevolence of a fiend, it calmly surveys its frightful desolation, and dissatisfied with its havoc, ruins morals, blights confidence, dissolves friendship, justifies the thief and the murderer, and curses the world, then laughs at the ruin it has accomplished.
 "It does all this and more—it kills the soul. It is the sum of villainies the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy."
The Anti-Monopoly League on Stanley Matthews.
 At a meeting of the Anti-Monopoly League of New York city, Saturday evening, a resolution was adopted denouncing the confirmation of Hon. Stanley Matthews as an associate justice of the Supreme Court as a "signal and alarming proof of the purpose and the power of corporate monopolists, and of their purpose to pack the Supreme Court with judges who will reverse its decision in the Greater cases, affirming the right of the people through their Legislatures to control corporations—of their power to secure the confirmation of their candidate in defiance of the popular will manifested through the press, and against an almost unanimous report of the statesmen and lawyers of both parties constituting the Senate committee on the judiciary."

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