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DREAM MEMORIES

I could not catch my dream; it was so fleet,
Only a fragment, yet enough to know
That there are times when earth and heaven meet,
Moments when all of heaven seems below.

Oh, golden moments of the vanished years,
Oh, radiant flashes of the coming dawn,
Ye show us out, through mists of blinding tears,
The light that beams a little farther on.

I could not hold my dream; it was so large,
It crowded all my present cares away.
My heart was like a heavy laden barge,
Freighted with bliss, with joys that might not stay.

I tried in vain to span, to catch, to clasp
That overflowing rapture of delight,
But, visionlike, it floated from my grasp,
And left me in the darkness of the night.

I cannot paint my dream; it was so bright,
So fraught with dazzling radiance to me,
It threw a glamour over my widened sight,
And left me blinded by its ecstasy.

My longing soul essayed in vain to soar
Beyond the shining path of sun and stars,
But all too soon she languished as before,
Panting and worn, behind her prison bars.

I cannot tell my dream; it was so sweet,
And yet 'twas such as many hearts have known,
Woven with tender memories, replete
With words of love, dropped in the years ago.

A fond caress, a dear, familiar tone;
A gentle whisper and a low reply;
It was but waking, yet not thus alone,
The all of love and life that never die? —Chicago Post.

HOW CHINESE GAMBLE.

Games of Guessing on Which Their Money is Staked.

One of the most common ways of betting in China is with oranges. This goes on at the fruit stalls and also in private houses. The bet is on the number of seeds in an orange. Sometimes it is as to whether the number is odd or even and at others as to the exact number of seeds the orange contains. If at a fruit stand, the dealer will pay the lucky guesser five times his bet, but the loser must pay the value of the orange and also five times as much as he has wagered.

Quarrel fighting is done on a table with a little flag about its edge. The fighting sides are rice or wheat are laid before them, and they at once begin to fight over them. They are trained for the purpose, and a good fighter is worth £20 and upward.

It is the same with the crickets. Their prize rings are little bowls. The crickets have been trained. They seem to understand their master's word, and they are urged on to the combat with straws. Some of them are very fierce, and many will fight until they die. Those which chirp the most loudly are considered the best fighters.

The Chinese understand how to feed and groom the crickets for the fray. They give them honey, boiled chestnuts, and boiled rice and certain kinds of fish. They do not allow any one to smoke near them, for they think that tobacco is injurious to them. If the crickets grow sick, they feed them upon mosquitoes and red ants.

In a cricket fight the crickets are weighed before they are put into the ring. They are matched as to size and color. The betting is done just as carefully as at an English horse race. The stakes are held by a committee, which deducts a certain percentage for those who own the fighting houses. During the fight the gamblers grow excited. They scream and yell and hop up and down as one insect gets the better of the other and go almost mad when one wins.

The Chinese have all sorts of games, but mostly games of chance. Even in kite-flying the boys and men—for even the men fly kites—will try to see which has the strongest string, forcing his string against the strings of the others to break them. In such contests the strings are often soaked with glue and dusted with powdered glass that they may cut or saw the better.

At every feast, however, there are games of guessing upon which money is staked.—London Mail.

VEST'S TRIBUTE TO THE DOG

Showing the Effect, Eloquence Will Have Upon a Jury.

One of the most eloquent tributes ever paid to the dog was delivered by Senator Vest of Missouri some years ago. He was attending court in a country town, and while waiting for the trial of a case in which he was interested he was urged by the attorneys in a dog case to help them. He was paid a fee of \$250 by the plaintiff. Voluminous evidence was introduced to show that the defendant had shot the dog in malice, while other evidence went to show that the dog had attacked defendant. Vest took no part in the trial and was not disposed to speak. The attorneys, however, urged him to make a speech, else their client would think he had earned his fee. Being thus urged, he arose, scanned the faces of each juror for a moment and said: "Gentlemen of the jury, the best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him; perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer. He will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is a constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death."

Then Vest sat down. He had spoken in a low voice, without a flourish. He made no reference to the evidence or the merits of the case. When he finished, judge and jury were wiping their eyes. The jury filed out, but soon entered with a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$500. He had sued for \$200. It is even said that some of the jurors wanted to hang the defendant.—Nashville American.

TALKING BIRDS.

Singular Language of So Called Dumb Animals.

Next to those heaven bestowed powers of intellect and reason that mark out the higher and nobler development of the human as apart from the brute creation comes the no less divine gift of speech, that priceless medium of intercommunication between man and man, the articulate expression of his thoughts, impulses and emotions. Is it not a little singular that, while the so called dumb animals have all some language of their own, a method by which each species can hold converse with its kind, it is in the feathered world alone that we find any creature capable of being taught to use the speech of man?

The monkey tribe, in spite of its grotesque resemblance to the human form, chatters in unintelligible gibberish, and the dog, man's nearest and most faithful companion—who does not know the wistful expression in the eyes of some canine favorite, the eager, upturned look into his master's face, that seems to understand so fully all that is said, though denied the power to reply?

Certain birds, however, not only are capable of producing articulate words and sentences, but it would really appear from many well authenticated instances as if they possess in some measure the reasoning faculty which enables them to apply their acquired art of speech with peculiar aptitude. The raven, the jackdaw, the magpie and the jay may all be trained to imitate sounds and to utter words and even sentences distinctly, but more familiar to most people are talking birds of the parrot tribe, which acquire the gift of speech in far greater perfection than any other of their species.

The voice of the parrot is also much more human in its tones; the raven is too shrill. But there are modulations in the parrot's notes when speaking that are sometimes absolutely uncanny in their weird resemblance to the "human voice divine." This superiority is due to the construction of its beak, its tongue and head. The parrot, too, has a wonderful memory and rarely forgets what it has once thoroughly learned.—London Lady.

ARE THE FRENCH LATIN OR CELT?

It may be of some interest to inquire in what sense the term "Latin" can be correctly applied to the French, whom almost in the same breath many people are apt to describe as a "Celtic" people. One thing surely is certain—that in blood the French cannot be at the same time both "Latin" and "Celtic." Yet the inconsistency does not seem to strike people.

I think that, although outside Provence the French have little or no Latin—i. e., Italian—blood in their veins, the explanation of their being described as a "Latin" race is to be found in the fact that their language and civilization are both Latin. It seems no longer permissible to hold that the French are mainly "Celtic" in blood, the view being now generally accepted that the bulk of the population in France is of a pre-Celtic and probably of Iberian or Ligurian stock. And this view seems to hold good also of Ireland and Wales.—London Spectator.

ON A FEE.

"Doctor," said the stingy man, who was trying to save a fee, meeting Dr. Sharpe on the street, "what do you think of this? Very frequently I get severe pains in my feet. What's that a sign of?"

"I should say that was a sign of rain," replied the doctor.—Philadelphia Press.

THE INGRATE.

This is an ungrateful world. It not infrequently happens that the man who laughs the loudest at the mother-in-law jokes at the vaudeville show is the man who lives at the expense of his wife's mother and depends upon her to supervise the cooking, perhaps to do it.—Boston Transcript.

NO OLDEST RESIDENTS.

Turning to the picturesque resident, the man from the east, with a praiseworthy desire to be pleasant, asked:

"Have you lived here long?"

"Naw!" replied Lariat Lem, carelessly shifting his gun from one hand to the other. "Nobody lives here long."—Chicago Herald.

THE BOSTON BOYS' RANCH.

A western cattle ranch belonging to the children of some Boston people has been named by them "Focus," because it is where the sons raise meat.—Boston Transcript.

True merriment may be distinguished from false by the fact that it bears reflection. We can think of it with pleasure next day and next week.

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The modesty that a man has is only bashfulness in a woman.

GLORIOUS NEWS.

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He is poor indeed who cannot live without riches.

A LIFE AND DEATH FIGHT.

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Lenoir	"... 10:45 am	1:45 pm
N. Winton	"... 11:45 am	4:30 pm
Hickory	"... 12:00 pm	5:15 pm
Hickory	"... 12:15 pm	5:30 pm
Lenoir	Arrive... 1:15 pm	7:50 pm
Southbound	Passenger	Mixed
Lenoir	Leave... 3:30 pm	5:30 am
Hickory	"... 4:30 pm	6:45 am
Newton	"... 5:30 pm	7:30 am
Angola	"... 6:30 pm	8:15 am
Gastonia	"... 7:30 pm	9:15 am
Toryville	"... 8:30 pm	1:15 pm
Chester	"... 9:30 pm	2:30 pm

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4:35	..Horse Shoe..	Ar	12:13
4:55	..Etowah..	Ar	11:57
5:10	..Penrose..	Ar	11:40
5:30 Ar	..Brevard..	Lv	11:20
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