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ODE TO A LEAFLESS TREE IN JUNE.

BY SIR EDWARD BULWER.

Desolate tree! why are thy branches bare? What hast thou done To win strange winter from the summer air?

How Fashionable Women are Made Up

Startling Revelations by Madames Woodhull and Claflin—Artificial Women—The Secrets of the Toilet.

We premise that a fashionable woman in a state of nature is no more than any other woman—often not a tithes as beautiful as many thousands of the women—although she does look so like Juno and Hebe and Venus, and the rest of the pretty goddesses, when she put on her best set-off, and goes blushing with jewels into society.

GOES TO THE TURKISH BATH.

But, as wishing avails nothing she rings the bell, orders her carriage, and drives to the Turkish baths. Here she is boiled for half an hour in steam, and when well done she is doused with cold water until her skin assumes something like the glow and color of health.

THE MAN WHO ENAMELS THE LADY.

So my lady agrees, and retires into an elegant parlor, where there are long large mirrors set into the walls, with

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an easy chair opposite the largest of them, and in a position where the light is fullest. As there is no need of any display of modesty, in this purely business affair, she unrobes herself to the waist, regardless of the gentleman artist's presence; and gets him to help her, first of all, to weed out of her productive skin the stubble of hair which has shot up since the last wedding time, which done, the superfluous hairs are plucked out by the roots; and then she clips the soft hair around the temples and forehead to give to the latter an arched appearance, and not being quite satisfied with her hair-work, she gets her gentleman, whose hands drop with perfumes, to shave over the parts where she has been with her scissors.

NECK, ARMS, SHOULDERS AND BUST.

All being now ready, the serious business begins. The artist applies a very powerful magnifying glass to all the beauties of her face, neck, arms, shoulders, and—alack, alack! her bust, also, down to her waist. If he finds any hair there or gossamer fuzz, he exercises it with washes, soaps, liniments or tweezers. Strange to say, the artist's hand very rarely trembles over his work—he is not afflicted by any shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart or abiding of the nerves; and it seems to us that he must be a particularly enamored man himself, with a cuticle as thick as a rhinoceros' hide, or that he is wax man, and has no flesh and blood in his composition. All being now ready, he begins to overlay the skin that nature gave to her with a skin of his own composing. He applies the enamel to her yellow face, and then to her bust. The enamel consists chiefly of white lead or arsenic, made into a semi-liquid paste. It requires a good deal of skill to lay it on so that it shall be smooth, and not wrinkled; and two or three hours, and sometimes a much longer time, are consumed in making a good job of it.

A THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR JOB.

In this instance the lady was very exacting, for she had to pay three hundred dollars for the artist's work, and it was a long time before she was completely satisfied. But presently she rose from her making-place in all the glory of her regenerated body, and again looking into the glass, she held a vision of such surprising loveliness—compared with the old body underneath the arsenic article—that she fell upon the artist's neck and kissed him in the exuberance of her gratitude.

Bates.

At this very hour a scene is going forward beyond the ocean which cannot but thrill the average American breast with rapture. Between Glasgow and London, a distance of four hundred and four miles, there marches a procession bearing in its bosom the welfare and greatness of the American name and in its hand the American flag. It is not numerous. Nor indeed is it loud. We do not learn that it is accompanied by so much as a brass band. And yet it is impressive. It consists of Bates, Bates the pedestrian; Bates the patriot; Bates the Sergeant; than whom no purer patriot or more persistent pedestrian ever bore the flag and kept step to the music of the Upton. Through the United Kingdom—that barbarous and inhospitable clime—with his life in one hand and the oriflamme of the Great Republic in the other, end the merest half ration of Aase's pale ale in his coat-tail pocket, he fits like a beautiful dream that has to go slow to be appreciated. A bloated aristocracy and titled landed gentry behold the beautiful vision and shudder at its prophecy, while an oppressed and down-trodden people rise up as the word passes, "There goes Bates!" and salute his coming as the dawn of happier days.

Bates is doing this thing on a bet. Not that the bet is of any special moment to him as a patriot, and pedestrian; but, as they say to young men just entering upon the delusive game of draw poker, it serves to make it interesting. The amount of the bet has not transpired. Possibly it is two dol-

lars and a half, or something of that sort, to cover expenses. But the bet, as we understand them, and at every intelligent American will be glad and happy to understand them, are that he shall march from Glasgow to London bearing the American flag unfurled without molestation or interference. Notice the supreme confidence Bates has in the ability of his country to back him up. He knows that the first disrespectful word uttered toward the flag or the bearer will arouse the whole American people to avenge the insult and tear down over the heads of the royal family the walls of that city of sin.

And now within thirty-six hours the wires that vibrate through the watery waste between us have trembled with the news that Bates has reached Bolton, that he has been received everywhere with cheers, and nowhere been molested. Great news? We welcome it. Besides Bates the glories of the Geneva Conference pale their ineffable fires. The Sergeant has distanced the general. For look ye, while our Brig-Gen. Sobenck had to mine the capital of Great Britain, our Sergeant marched upon it with his flag unfurled and won his two dollars and a half without a struggle.

Bates is a genius. We remember that not long ago on a similar bet he marched with his flag—perhaps the same who knows?—from Texas to Tammany Hall, arriving at the latter place just in time to take part in the Democratic National Convention and be welcomed there with great enthusiasm. Bates has become a name. For, always roaming with a hungry heart—as well as with a flag, he has gathered in several wagers and been frequently mentioned by the Associated Press. What more could be desired? What is left for Bates to live for? Unless, indeed, his purpose holds to carry the flag beyond the sunset and the baths of all the western stars, until he dies, in which case we shall bid him a regretful farewell, embracing the opportunity to send by him our tender remembrances to Mr. E. P. Weston, the other great American Pedestrian, who, when last heard from, was walking in that direction "in good spirits and confident of success."

A Widowers Dilemma.

A young widower in an Eastern State, as we read in one of the papers greatly in need of a housekeeper, rode day after day in a vain search. At last, almost discouraged, he drew up in front of a small dwelling among the hills, and asked the customary question: "Can you tell me where I can get a woman to do the work of a farmhouse? Where are ye from?" asked the old man, viewing the handsome horse and buggy with a critical air. "My name is—, and I am from—." "Oh, yes! I've heard of you; you lost your wife a spell ago. Wall, I've got six gals—good gals, too, and you may take your pick among 'em for a wife; but they wouldn't none of 'em think of going out to work. I should fall as live you should take Hannah, because she's the oldest, and her 'chance ain't quite so good, acc' to her 'nigh-sighted, and can't hear very well; but if you don't want her, you can take your pick of the others." The young widower went in, selected the best looking one, drove to the Justice's and was married and carried his bride home that very night. He secured a permanent and efficient house-keeper, who proves thus far in every way satisfactory, with no question of wages and no limit to the work she is expected to do.

A great many complex relationships come about by marriage. We have heard of the mother and daughter who married brothers, and who thereafter addressed each other as sisters; and also of the young man who, on being asked by a judge whether he had a father and mother, said he wasn't quite certain whether he had or not; first, his father died, and then his mother died, and his father married again, and now he didn't know exactly whether they were his father and mother or not.

While yet a child, I learned that the head of the diligent maketh rich, and whether of wealth I have achieved has been due primarily to the habits of patient industry among the habits of my career. I soon learned that "waste makes want," and therefore saved what I earned, and by taking notice of things guarded against the loss which unavoidably attends upon neglect and want of foresight. It did not take long to learn that drunkenness was the greatest enemy that a man could have, and that the greatest crime which fell at the American people, and hence, shall be the cause of the greatest curse of the young, and the most deadly foe to domestic happiness and the public welfare.

Next, I observed that most of the shipwrecks in life were due to debts hastily contracted, and out of proportion to the means of the debtor; hence I always added debt, and endeavored to keep some money on hand, to avail of a favorable opportunity for its profitable use. With economy and industry it is easy to do this in this favored land, and in case the result has been that, amid all the financial revolutions through which I have passed, no obligation of mine has ever been a day in arrears. Debt is a slavery which every young man ought to avoid, or if assumed, ought not to endure for one day beyond the short time necessary to set him free. Blustering intemperance and debt, and practicing industry rigid economy and self denial, it was easy to be honest, and acquire such knowledge as the opportunities of this city offered in the days of my youth.

I was cheered, comforted, sustained and encouraged by the greatest of all man blessings, a diligent, wise, industrious, faithful and affectionate wife, aided by the earnest sympathy and active co-operation of my children, who justly regarded as the richest portion of their inheritance, that portion of my wealth which I desired to consecrate to the public welfare. Hence my last lesson for the young is to marry at the proper age, when, and not before, they can see their way to a decent and comfortable support, and thus fulfill the first law of nature with a high and holy sense of its happiness, and its duties, the greatest and most serious in the path of life. "Love and duty" I have ever found to be the "passwords" of all that is true and noble in life, and when they are separated, the fire on the family altar dies out, and life loses all its charms, never to be compensated by the false jewels which are often worn in the public gaze.

It is to be of any permanent value must be based upon personal virtue, no force; and it seems to me that the millennium will not be far off when each individual shall set about reforming himself, rather than society, and conforming his life to the great law of loving God and his fellow men.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORY.

The following curious passage of early New England history is, says the "Tribune," taken from the Memoirs of Deacon Jedediah Biglow of Wrayman, Mass., vol. 1, p. 23: "Now among ye godlie men on borde of ye Shippe Mayflower, there was one Jno. A Dixie, the which had beene a tax-gatherer in England, and on ye Shippe he bore ye bagge, and his soule delighted in ye jingle-jangle of ye pence there within. And when they were come to ye Harbour called Plymouth, he mounted straightway on ye Rocks quoy stood there, and spake, saying, 'As my soule leaveth exort; ye take mee ye Postmaster, I will get hence, and join ye other partie; towit, ye heathen salvages.' And they were sore afraid. And they made him Postmaster."

THREE THINGS.

Three things to love: courage, gentleness and affection. Three things to admire: intellect, dignity and grandeur. Three things to hate: cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude. Three things to delight in: beauty, frankness and freedom. Three things to wish for: health, friends and a contented spirit. Three things to like: cordiality, good humor and cheerfulness. Three things to avoid: idleness, lequacity and sipping jesting. Three things to cultivate: good books, good friends and good humor. Three things to contend for: honor, country and friends. Three things to govern: temper, tongue and conduct. Three things to think of: life, death and eternity.

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