

THURSDAY, MAR. 30, 1899.

MY OLD HOME.

(Written by a Lady of Ninety-four Years) (Boston Transcript.)

I shall once more my natal day, Still in my element of joy.

With many favors blest, Now he who placed the structure here Can prop it up another year.

Long hath it stood, through storms and rains, And braved life's fearful hurricanes.

But now 'tis weather-worn and old, The summer's heat and winter's cold Pierce through the walls and roof.

Like a garment so worn out, To mend there seems no whetabout, So gone is warp and woof.

The tottering pillars are all weak; The poor old masts no longer speak; The windows, too, are dim;

These slight discomforts we'll let pass, For, looking darkly through a glass, We catch a hopeful gleam.

Nature and reason tell us all, This withered frame ere long must fall, When, where, or how's unknown.

We'll leave that to the Architect, And trust His wisdom to direct The taking of it down.

And when you see it prostrate lie, Let not a tear bedim your eye, The tenant is not here.

But just beyond time's little space She finds some quiet resting-place, No more to date her year.

And though she walks with you no more, The world will move just as before, 'Tis need it should be so.

Let each his house in order set, That he may leave without regret, Whenever called to go.

A PRAYER.

In a little book, "Great souls at Prayer," recently issued in London, is the following prayer by the late Robert Louis Stevenson:

"We beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, folks of many families and nations gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of Thy patience.

A New Anecdote of Paderewski.

Paderewski, while in this country, became such an idol of the matinee girls and of women generally that he was overwhelmed with requests by mail for his autograph and photograph.

When the laughter of the Paderewski party had subsided, his secretary proceeded to indite a reply, which ran as follows: "Dear Madam—M. Paderewski directs me to say that it affords him much pleasure to comply with your request.

"We didn't have time to stop, so we bought a lunch and ate it as we drove along." "Ah, I see, you dined a la cart."

"I rise for information," shouted an excited politician. "I am very glad to hear it," said a bystander, "for no man wants it more."

Gen. B Second, the well known contractor of Towanda, N. Y., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for a long time and have found it superior to any other."

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"How did he happen to marry her?" The young woman to whom the question was addressed shrugged her shoulders. It was her bias that she never spoke ill of her friends, and she was determined to live up to that ideal.

"You can see for yourself that he wears goggles," she said.—Chicago Post.

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EYE TO BUSINESS.

The doctor hurried in and called the druggist to one side.

"I've just been called to attend the Croons baby," he said, "and I've given a prescription that calls for nothing but paragon. When they send it over here you'll find it will take at least an hour to put it up and the cost will be \$3.50.

"You say," remarked the pedestrian, "that you have vainly wished for work." "Many a time," answered Meandering Mike.

RULES FOR DUELING.

Some Old-Time Directions for Conducting an Adair of Honor.

To the subjects of Queen Victoria it is, happily, a lost art, says the Navy and Army Illustrated, but 65 years since dueling was sufficiently in vogue to induce an anonymous writer to publish a book containing much useful information.

The author advises "all my countrymen who go abroad to use the pistol instead of the sword when they have the choice of the weapon, as the balance of killed and wounded is now much in favor of the French, who, upon the termination of the late war, amused themselves by occasionally splitting some half dozen of our traveling young fashionables before breakfast."

"On 'the chances' he writes: 'Many a poor, long-armed, straggling fellow has received the coup de (sol) cour (or fatal stroke) who might still have been in existence had he known how to protect his person in the field, the necessary protection consisting in standing sideways and drawing in the stomach.'"

"The combatant is told 'not to allow the idea of becoming a target to make him uneasy, but to treat the matter jocosely.' He is to laugh away the evening over a bottle of port, and play a rubber of whist, but he must avoid drinking to excess or taking 'any food that tends to create bile,' because 'bilious objects are not seen either distinctly or correctly.'"

"No wonder our author recommends him at this point to draw in his stomach. 'If he dies, he is to go off with as good grace as possible.' On the other hand, if he hits his antagonist, he is to take off his hat to him and express regret.

"A challenge is not to be in rhyme, such as 'a certain poetical, brandy-loving major general of marines' wrote to a brother officer who ran off with his wife:

"The wounded man's only cured with steel. An Irishman is not to be chosen as second, for nine out of ten have such an innate love for fighting they cannot bring an affair to an amicable adjustment; and the first duty of a second is to prevent the affair coming to a serious issue.

"The man who falls in a duel and the individual who is killed by the overturn of a stage coach are both unfortunate victims to a practice from which we derive great advantages. It would be absurd to prohibit stage traveling because occasionally a few lives are lost by an overturn; and unless men endeavored to destroy each other they might live to a patriarchal age, and multiply so rapidly that the soil would soon be insufficient to supply them with nourishment—with which reductio ad absurdum the volume may well be put back on the shelf.

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