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## THE BURIAL OF MONKS.

By Nelson's lonely mountain,  
On this side Jordan's wave,  
In a vale in the land of Moab,  
There lies a lonely grave.  
And so many times the sepulchre,  
Or else the train go forth,  
For the angel of God turned the sod,  
And laid the dead man there.

That was the grandest funeral  
That ever passed on earth;  
But no man heard the trumpeting,  
Or saw the train go forth.  
Suddenly from the mountain's crown  
Came when the night is done,  
And the crimson streak on ocean's cheek  
Grew into the great sun.

Not a cloud as the spring-time  
Has crown of verdure wears,  
And all the trees on all the hills  
Open their thousand leaves.  
No, without sound of trumpet,  
Or voice of human weep,  
Slept down from the mountain's crown  
The great procession swept.

Purchase the bald old eagle  
On gray Bethlehem's height,  
Out from his rocky eyrie,  
Look on the wondrous sight:  
Perceive the lion, stalking,  
Still alone that halloing spot;  
For heart and bird have seen and heard  
That which none knoweth not.

But when the warrior dieth,  
His comrades in his bed,  
With arms reversed and unfiled drum,  
Follow the funeral car;  
They show the banners taken,  
They tell his battle won,  
And after him his masterless stand,  
While peals the minute gun.

Amid the noblest of the land  
Men lay the eagle to rest,  
And give the hard an honored place,  
With costly marble dress.  
In the great banquet hall,  
Where lights like glory fall,  
Along the banquet and the organ rings  
Along the banquet hall.

This was the bravest warrior  
That ever buckled on;  
This was the most gallant knight  
That ever breathed a word;  
And never earth's philosopher  
Traced with his golden pen,  
On the deathless page, truth half so sage  
As he wrote down for men.

And had he not high honor?  
To be in state while angels wait,  
And dark rock-pines, like tossing plumes,  
Over his lofty grave;  
And God's own hand, in that lonely land,  
To lay him in the grave!

In that deep grave without a name,  
When his unfiled sign,  
Shall break again, (most wondrous thought!)  
Before the judgment day,  
And stand with glory wrapped around  
On the hills he never tread.

And speak of the strife that won our life,  
With the incarnate son of God!  
O lonely tomb in Moab's land!  
O dark Bethlehem hill!  
Speak to these children of our race,  
And teach them to be still,  
God hath his mysteries of grace  
Which we cannot fathom.

He hides them deep, like the secret sleep  
Of him he loved so well.

## The Masonic Password.

Curiosity and timidity are the two important traits in the character of Ralph Sledge. The former quality, some years ago, made him desirous of learning the secret of the Masonic Fraternity; but as he had heard that the griddons and pugnacious goats with sharp horns are made use of during the ceremony of initiation, Ralph's timidity warned him that, as he was not copper-bottomed, he should first strive to ascertain, if possible, whether buck-goats and red hot spears and griddons formed indispensable adjuncts in the mysterious ordeal of Masonry. To satisfy himself on this point, he endeavored to "pump" an intimate personal friend, Jacob Sleeton, whom he knew to be a Mason.

"Now, Jacob," said he, during a conversation on the mysterious subject, "I would like to become a member of the fraternity; but, for doing so, I think you ought to tell me something about them. Do they really brand you with a hot griddon? and if so on what part of the body?"

Like all Masons, when such questions were asked, Jacob would smile, and say, "After you shall have taken the three first degrees, you will know all about it. I can't answer your interrogations."

For a long time Ralph tried to worm out something concerning the fraternity, but in vain. On every possible opportunity he would renew the attempt, until, at last, Jacob became offended at Ralph's persistency, and determined to punish him.

Early one morning as Ralph and Jacob were hurrying down Grand street to their respective places of business, the former renewed inquiries, "I'd give fifty dollars if I knew the signs and password. If you tell me about the password and grip, I'll promise never to ask you another question in regard to the secrets of Masonry."

Come, now, Jacob—you've known me since I was a boy, and you ought to be aware that I am a little curious. Never mind. Will you tell me! Surely you don't doubt your old school fellow? Out with the password, and I promise you that I'll never ask you another question."

Yes, it is for the sake of old friendship, Jacob would have long before put an end to such importuning queries; but having failed to do so, the inquisitive Ralph imagined that he would at last be successful in "pumping" his Masonic friend.

When Ralph had completed his last sentence, which was spoken in a loud tone, Jacob turned his head, thinking that the words might have been overheard by a gentleman who happened to be walking behind them.

This gentleman proved to be a Mr. Hinslow, who a few weeks before had been dismissed from his position as keeper in the B—- House, after being charged with stealing money. Although personally unacquainted with Mr. Hinslow, he knew him by sight; he had been pointed out to him by a member of the Common Council, of which body Jacob was also at that time a member.

The charges against Mr. Hinslow had not yet been proved; but a committee of the Common Council was to enquire into the case at an early day, and Jacob had been appointed a member of that committee.

The last question, propounded by Ralph, answered, Jacob, and as he turned his eyes and beheld the man who had stolen the money, an idea immediately entered his mind. He conceived

an admirable plan for punishing Ralph, and resolved to instantly put it in execution.

"If I tell you the password," said Jacob, purposely slackening his pace to allow Mr. Hinslow to pass before them, "if I tell you the Masonic password, you promise never to divulge it—not even to a brother?"

"Never!" exclaimed Ralph, exulting, thinking that at last his curiosity was to be satisfied, "Upon your soul, your swear it!"

"Upon my soul, I swear it!" responded Ralph, as he put his hand to his face and scratched his nose to hide a smile.

By this time Mr. Hinslow had passed on before them, leaving Ralph and Jacob about three yards behind.

"You'll never utter it, in the hearing of man, woman or beast!" asked Jacob.

"By the great God, I solemnly swear!" said Ralph, "I think that I can trust you. Well, Ralph, I am about to make known to you one of the great secrets of Masonry. When you wish to form the acquaintance of a Mason, all you have to do is to whisper in his ear the mysterious password. That password is—'spoons!'"

"Spoons! O that be—" ejaculated Ralph, as a smile on his face was displaced by a frown.

"I tell you truly—the Masonic password is 'spoons!'"

"Spoons! Ha! ha! ha!" and Ralph made a feeble attempt to laugh. "Spoons! that's a— of a password! You must think I'm a confounded fool!"

"I'm in earnest, Ralph. When Masons get into difficulty, and need assistance, they roar out the word 'spoons' three times. Were you to say 'spoons' three times, even here, on the public street, and a Mason should hear you, he would immediately rush to your assistance, thinking that you needed it."

Ralph did not believe him; and to show that he could not be so easily gulled, he roared out at the top of his voice—

"Spoons! Spoons! Spoons!"

Ere the second syllable had passed his mouth, Mr. Hinslow turned round and faced Ralph.

"You said 'spoons'—did you? Take that, and that!" As he spoke, Hinslow struck Ralph between the eyes, and then under the ear, the second blow lifting the inquisitive man off his feet, so that he staggered and fell to the pavement, completely stunned.

"I'll give you spoons!" roared the excited Hinslow, as he advanced and repeatedly kicked the prostrate man.

As Ralph made no effort to rise, the enraged Hinslow soon tired of kicking him, and slowly passed on, occasionally looking behind to see if Ralph was following to obtain satisfaction.

Ralph did not require satisfaction, thinking he might get too much of it—so he prudently postponed returning to consciousness until his enemy had disappeared.

As he rose to his feet he said to Jacob, in a subdued tone, "Why did that man strike me?"

You uttered the Masonic password, but could not respond to the counter-sign. He is a Mason; and as he is solemnly bound to do, immediately answered the password by making the counter-sign with his hand. You were unable to answer his counter-sign, and for that reason he knew you to be a clandestine Mason—a man who had learned the secrets in an improper way. Therefore, it was his duty to chastise you. Your life may be forfeited for that infraction."

"My life! By the great Jehovah, I thought you were only humbugging me when you said that spoons was the password."

"So-hi-hi! Beware!" said Jacob, putting his hand to Ralph's mouth. "Never utter that word again. Masons are ubiquitous, and you might lose your life. As it is, you are in danger; for all the lodges in the city will be immediately convoked to adopt measures that may discover who has betrayed them. My life, as well as yours, is in jeopardy. Promise me that you will never again utter the password."

"And as spoons is the password?" Ralph was at last convinced that his old friend had been telling the truth. "Well, may I be hanged with a red-hot towel, if ever I halloo spoons again!"

Ralph has most religiously kept his word. Should he need a spoon while at table, he now asks his wife for a "sugar shovel," fearing that if he mentioned the proper name of the article, some pugnacious member of the mystic brotherhood might respond to the Masonic password.

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