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## The Blacksmith's Song

roughly the casement roseate dawn  
deals the shattering ray;  
urge, and wake the morn  
rous voice and jocund lay!

slow; and furnace, smoke;  
the glowing met soon!  
er, fall with telling stroke!  
to the anvil's merry tune,  
Pong, pong—  
rike while the iron's hot."

y stroke my hammer rings;  
ard! 'tis for your chubby boy  
is mother fondly clings,  
lls his cooing note of joy.

the sweat that bathes my face,  
as of learning he shall tread,  
lge make her dwelling place  
welling's fair young head!

ives ease

nected with a large pool, having equally  
high and muddy banks. To the left  
was a labyrinth of similar ditches. Some  
distance in front, a broader and  
straighter crack in the flat expanse  
showed where the river lay. The bank  
on which I stood was a foot or two  
higher than the opposite bank. I de-  
scribe the situation thus minutely in  
order to make the reader understand  
what afterwards happened.

Not liking to lose the prize so nearly  
in my grasp, I resolved to risk the  
jump. Laying down the gun, and tak-  
ing my coat off, I made the effort, and  
cleared the ditch, only, however, by a  
few inches. I secured the heron, and  
smoothing its beautiful plumage, but  
little injured by the shot, threw it back  
to the bank from which I had just come.  
Then, on looking around, I found my-  
self in a sort of *cul de sac*. The bit of  
firm ground on which I stood was an  
island, and the only way of escape was  
the one by which I had arrived. Hav-  
ing "to take off" from a lower level, it  
was much harder to get back than it  
was to come; but as there was no alter-  
native, it had to be tried. I did not  
leap quite far enough, and pitched  
with hands and knees together against  
the edge. There was no vegetation to  
hold of, and after hanging on the  
edge for a few moments, vainly  
struggling at the mud, I fell backwards,  
with a heavy splash into the water.  
Fortunately, I am a good swimmer,  
and at first, while treading water, the  
seriousness of the affair alone struck  
me; but when I began to see, that it  
would be difficult to get up those slimy,  
hanging banks, I must confess I  
felt frightened. It was impossi-

had cleared away, and the moon, near  
the full, shone brightly. Had it been  
dark, my courage must have given way,  
and I should most probably have sunk.  
As it was, I cannot say that I quite de-  
spaired of a rescue in some way or other.  
If I could only hold out till morning,  
some one might, I conjectured, come for  
the purpose of carrying away the turf  
sods, and might see my coat and gun,  
which would lead to a search. I had  
not much hope in any search from the  
village; I had started in the direction  
of the cliffs, my favorite evening haunt,  
and I fancied that would be the direc-  
tion the searchers would take. As the  
night wore on—oh! so slowly—with the  
moon so calmly gliding through the  
stars above me, I fell into a kind of  
stupor, and I can distinctly remember  
repeating scraps of verses totally un-  
connected with each other. From this  
state, I was aroused by the loud note of  
some night-bird, probably an owl, and  
found my arms were stiff from holding  
on to the root; while my legs felt like  
weights of lead suspended beneath me.  
While trying to change my position I  
fancied I heard the gurgling sound of  
running water, and that not far off. I  
listened intently, and found it was no  
fancy. Water was evidently running  
into the pool, and I saw by the root  
that I was clinging to that the water had  
risen some inches.

A cheering hope sprang up within me,  
as it flashed across my mind that the  
tide must be rising, and that the pool  
must have an outlet into the river.

The thought infused new life into me,  
and I struck out in the direction of the  
sound. Then, to my intense joy, I saw  
distinctly in the clear moonlight, the

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## FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

Ex-Congressman Reeves, of Green-  
point, L. I., is a collector of very large  
and very small hen's eggs. The largest  
he has was laid by a cross-breed Brahma  
and is 8 5-8 by 7 1-2 inches around,  
weighing six ounces. W. H. Southard,  
living in Rockville Center, exhibits a  
hen's egg measuring five by 12 1-2  
inches. Mr. Reeves has one only 2 1-2  
by 2 1-4 inches. Mrs. L. W. Hudson,  
of Mattituck has a dozen, eggs laid by  
one hen in as many days, which weigh  
together only one ounce.

The tree which bears the Brazil nut  
is one of the finest in the South Ameri-  
can forests. It often rises fifty feet or  
more above the tops of the tree around.  
Gathering the yearly crop is an import-  
ant business to the natives, and occu-  
pies several weeks. The reason of this  
is, that the nuts cannot be picked, or  
at least if they are they will not keep,  
so the gatherers must wait till they are  
ripe, when they fall to the ground.  
They grow sixteen or eighteen in a sort  
of box, which is round and hard, and  
as large as a cocoanut. When these great  
objects fall, they come with great  
force, and often bury themselves six  
inches deep in the ground. Of course  
there is great danger of being hurt by  
them, for the ones that fall must be  
picked up at once. When the wind  
blows and many nut cases are falling,  
the people stay in the huts they have  
built there, which have very sloping  
roofs so that the nuts will glance off.  
They spend this time in breaking the  
cases and spreading the nuts to dry in  
the sun. The fresh nuts are said to be  
very nice to eat, much nicer than the  
dry ones that we get in this country.

Odentorwithes or toothed birds is the  
name which Professor Marsh has given  
to a most remarkable class of extinct  
animals, of which he has discovered  
numerous remains in the cretaceous  
rocks of Kansas and Colorado. The  
specimens so far discovered have been  
grouped into three orders, of which two  
are represented on our plains. Of one  
of these orders the Hesperomis, an  
aquatic bird, b  
nd a lon

## Official Oaths.

A comparison of the official oaths of  
several countries, apropos of the Brad-  
laugh affair, says a New York paper, is  
not uninteresting. France demands no  
oath, nor even any equivalent formality,  
before her legislators enter upon their  
duties. Even under the empire the  
deity was not called upon, the simple  
formula being, "I swear fidelity to the  
emperor and the constitution."

In Austria, also, there is no oath, but,  
in reply to a question from the presi-  
dent of the reichsrath, whether the new  
member "promises loyalty and obedi-  
ence to the emperor, inviolable obser-  
vance of the constitution, as well as of  
all other laws, and conscientious fulfill-  
ment of his duty," the new member sim-  
ply replies, "I promise."

The reason that members of the Ger-  
man parliament take no oath is that  
many of them are under an oath of alle-  
giance to their respective states in the  
German federation, and so a conflict of  
duty might arise if two oaths were in-  
sisted upon. The Prussian member of  
parliament takes an oath beginning, "I  
swear by God, the omnipotent and om-  
niscient," and ending "so may God help  
me." As if this were not enough, those  
who choose, it is provided, may add  
"through Jesus Christ to eternal bliss,  
amen."

The Spanish deputies are put through  
something of a catechism. The secre-  
tary asks them: "Do you swear to ob-  
serve, and make other the  
constitution of the Spa *JO uturay?*  
Do you swear fidelity to  
the legitimate king of  
XIL? Do you swear  
behave in the mission  
by the nation, always  
thing seeking the  
nation?" The ans  
"Yes, I do swear,"  
tion is, "If you do so  
you, and if you do n  
to account." In 1879  
Senor Castelar and  
the Bradlaughs of Sp  
jections were not base  
irreligious grounds.

In Italy the president  
of deputies says with