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Preferences and Treasures.

I'd rather drink cold water from the
brook,
Than quaff excitement from a golden
chalice.

I'd rather sleep on straw in a shepherd's
hut,
Than lie awake and restless in a palace.

I'd rather earn dry bread in lusty health,
And eat it with a sense of wholesome
pleasure,
Than feed without the zest of appetite
Off gorgeous plate and unavailing
treasure.

I'd rather have one true, unfailing friend,
Than fifty parasites to crave my bounty;
And one poor lass who loved me for
myself,
Than one without a heart who owned
a country.

Nature is kind if our desires are pure,
And strews rich blessings everywhere
around us;
While Fortune, if we pant in her pursuit,
Too often grants her favors to con-
found us.

Fresh air and sunshine, flowers and
health and love—
These are endowments if we learn to
prize them.

The wise man's treasures better worth
than gold,
And none but fools and wicked men
despise them.

[Charles Mackay in *Chamber's Journal*]

HORRORS AT SAMOA.

A LETTER FROM MR. JEHU NICHOLLS.

How the TRENTON WAS LOST AND
THE MEN SAVED.

By the courtesy of Mrs. Nicholls,
of this place, we publish below some
extracts from a letter from her son,
who was on the "Trenton" in the
greatest disaster:

APIA, SAMOA, March 25, 1889.

My dearest Ma:—I have in the
past week faced death perhaps an
hundred times, and am yet well and
enjoying most excellent health. But,
alas! the good ship "Trenton" is no
more. What is left of her now lies
one hundred yards from shore in
about 3 fathoms of water. We were
victims of one of the most terrific
hurricanes that it has ever been the
misfortune for civilized man to en-
counter.

Last Saturday we made prepara-
tions for a storm, by getting down
yards and masts, preparing anchors
and securing everything for sea, but
we had anticipated nothing so se-
vere. About 4 o'clock on Sunday
morning we had to get up steam and
steam against the heavy seas, which
were sweeping our decks.

I was on deck and saw that we
were driving pretty well; but when a
tremendous sea which looked like
a great mountain coming down upon
us, struck us it was more than the
Trenton could stand. The seas
went down our smoke stack and
extinguished the fires. We had already
lost our rudder, and then along
came a huge German man-of-war and
took away our propeller.

Then it was that I began to lose
all hope for we were practically at
the mercy of the wind and waves.
All hopes of again getting up steam
were gone, and the wind was even
yet increasing in fury.

I tell you, dear Ma, it was a sight
to harrow the most hardened soul.
When the morning sun broke upon
us, on every side were monster ships
battling with the furious tempest.

All the smaller craft had already
gone down, or been washed ashore;
and then the Vandalia went ashore
and we could see before our very
eyes and within easy hail, during
calm weather, men battling and
struggling for dear life in the terrible
waters.

All this time the Trenton was
slowly but surely drifting upon the
fearful reefs. We could see the
portly clad and naked men clinging
to the masts and rigging of the
Vandalia. A little nearer the shore
we could see the Nipsic, another
American man-of-war upon the beach,
and all struggling to get ashore.

And then that terrible and awful cry
from the boatwain's mate, "All hands
save life!" Every one assembled on
deck, a prayer was offered to heaven
by the Chaplain, and then all were
advised to keep cool. Some took to
the rigging, some to the tops, and
some remained on deck, all awaiting
that fearful and awful moment when
we should strike the reef, and then
death by drowning was as sure as
that we were living. But as by a
miracle we missed the reef, and then
began to drift to the wreck of the
Vandalia. A ray of hope gleamed
upon us. If we could strike nearer
the Vandalia, some of us could be
saved by clinging to the wreck. All
hands were called to man the pumps.

It was a night I shall long remember.

From Ringwood.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—I drop you
a few lines from Ringwood to let
you know what is going on in this
section. The railroad from here to
Enfield seems to have died as I hear
nothing of it. Is there no way to
resurrect it and get the road in opera-
tion? A railroad to Ringwood is
much needed; it would make this
one of the most desirable places to
live in the State; a railroad from
Weldon here would be much better,
and would pay much better, but we
would be pleased to get one from
any point. Mr. J. P. Tyree left
Monday for Avoca, where he will
spend several days enjoying fish, &c.

Mr. Paul Garrett is visiting friends
and relatives here, his home is at
Memphis, Tenn. Miss J. C. Gordon
returned from a visit to relatives in
Rocky Mount on Monday. Mrs. C.
A. Williams and family are visiting
Mrs. W. P. Simpson at Wilson. Mr.
W. T. Pullen (who is noted as being
the greatest bean in this section), ex-
pects to leave soon for Connecticut,
so I hear. Will Tom is a clever boy
and it is to be regretted that he is so
soon to leave us. Mr. J. J. Garrett,
who has been employed in Register's
office, has returned to Ringwood. He
says he is terribly afflicted with a
case of "can't help it" love. He
says it came on him instantaneously
while he was residing in Halifax and
despite his strongest efforts to ward
the monster off, Cupid succeeding in
transfixing his heart with a dart—a
certain young lady from Tarboro
seems to be the cause of the old
gentleman's case of heart trouble.

Cannot some one of your many
readers prescribe him? The recent
rainy and cold spell has hindered
farmers in their operations consid-
erably, very few in this section have
planted any cotton. A good deal of
guano is being used in this section
this season, whether it will pay the
farmer or not remains to be seen.

The "Exodus" fever seems not to
have struck the "coons" in this sec-
tion as we hear no talk of any leaving.
A great many white people think an
exodus of about three-fifths of the
negroes from this county would be a
great advantage to the whites. If
any farmer doubts this we will advise
him to sit down and with pencil and
paper or by heart calculate how much
clear money he has made in the
past twenty years employing
negroes and we think he will be
surprised to see how far he has re-
trograded in the other direction.

Lands worn out, buildings decayed,
stock half fed, and worst of all the
whole mortgaged for about its
value. Is not this the history of the
farmer who employs negro labor to
make cotton? Of course there may
be some exceptions but they are few.

There seems to be quite a squabble
here over the Post office which pays
about \$600 a year, more or less.

Mr. H. C. Matthews has put in a
strong application for it and will,
doubtless get it. To counter balance
this Mr. W. H. Jones the present in-
cumbent, who has held it for nearly
forty years, has sent up a petition
with many good names attached
setting forth that he is a capable
man and although he is a good Demo-
crat still he is not particularly an of-
fensive partisan; such being the facts
therefore he prays that the "rascal"
in this case be not "turned out"; it
remains to be seen what Mr. Har-
rison will do in this terrible dilemma.

There is a gentleman close here who
has a pig (Berkshire I believe) that
sucks a milk cow; the little fellow
sits on his haunches and pulls away
much to the gratification of the cow
which shows every sign of enjoyment.
I believe I have about told you the
news of the "burgh" and this sec-
tion so will bring my correspondence
to a close.

Yours truly,
"JUVENILE"

Bishop Lyman and the Peanuts.

We quote the following from the
Goldboro Register:

"Mark the similarities to the in-
imitable Dr. L. B. Lyman of Ri-
mond, *Christianity*. He says who has
many warm friends and admirers in
this city, gets off on the peanut issue
that the *Register* published a few weeks
ago from the Charlotte Chronicle. He
says: 'We see a letter in some
of our secular exchange signed
"Theodore Lyman, Bishop of North
Carolina," recommending parched
peanuts for insomnias. The "Bishop
of North Carolina" thinks a little
sweet milk along with them helps.
The "Bishop of North Carolina" has
immortalized either himself or the
peanut—or both. We hope this
pastoral production, promulgated
by the Protestant prelate, will pro-
mote, in proper places, a more pro-
lific production of pleasant, palat-
able and properly parched peanuts."

In a Dead Man's Pocket

Stephen A. Dike was a man who
was liked and looked up to by a
good many people. He was a hard-
working and a warm friend and a
good neighbor. The boys and girls
liked him because he never forgot
that he had been young once him-
self. He became rich, was made
mayor of New York city, and lived
to be very old. He lost his life in a
steamboat disaster. Those who
found his dead body found a scrap
of printed paper in his pocket book.
It was so worn with old reading that
they could scarcely make out the
words, but this was what was upon
the paper:

Keep good company or none.
Never be idle.

If your hands cannot be usefully
employed attend to the cultiva-
tion of your mind.

Always speak the truth. Make
few promises.

Live up to your engagements.

Keep your own secrets, if you
have any.

When you speak to a person look
them in the face.

Good company and good conversa-
tion are the very sinews of virtue.

Good character is above all things
else.

Your character cannot be essen-
tially injured except by your own
acts.

If any one speak evil of you, let
your life be so that none will believe
him.

Drink no kind of intoxicating
liquors.

Ever live (misfortune excepted,
within your income.

When you retire to bed, think
over what you have been doing dur-
ing the day.

Make no haste to be rich, if you
would prosper.

Small and steady gains give com-
petence with tranquility of mind.

Never play at any game of chance.

Avoid temptation, though far
you may not withstand it.

Earn money before you spend it.

Never run into debt, unless you
see plainly a way to get out again.

Never borrow, if you can possibly
avoid it.

Do not marry until you are able to
support a wife.

Never speak evil of any one. Be
just before you are generous.

Read over the above maxims at
least once a week.—*Typographic
Messenger.*

THE ARIZONA KICKER.

We take the following from the
last issue of the Kicker:

NOT A SUCCESS.

Last Saturday night, soon after 11
o'clock, some gentleman whose iden-
tity is unknown to us, fired a charge
of buckshot through the side window
of our editorial room directly at the
spot where our cot is usually placed.

Had the cot been there we should
have been inquested on and buried
there. But the cot wasn't there.
We are not party, but we are no hay-
seed. We haven't slept twice in the
same spot in the last twelve weeks.

We have learned the ways of this
community at considerable cost and
trouble and we don't propose to
plant ourselves as a midnight target.

We feel sorry for the gent who
wasted his energies and ammunition.
He doubtless went away from the
window feeling that he was entitled
to credit for doing a smart thing.
Come again old chap.

Monster Mississippi Bridge.

Work on the great bridge which is
to span the Mississippi river at
Memphis, Tenn., has been commen-
ced. The bridge proper is on the
candleover plan, and will consist of
a channel span 579 feet in length.
This is said to be the longest single
span of the kind in the world, and
its construction is a difficult piece of
engineering. The bridge will also
have two spans, each 525 feet in
length. The bridge will be 75 feet
wide, and will only cost \$2,000,000.
The bridge will be built at present the
strength of the bridge will be such
that two tracks can be laid. The
bridge will be approached from the
west over an iron trestle 529 feet
in length and an embankment 1839
feet long. The eastern approach is
over an iron trestle 1000 feet long.
The bridge will be 75 feet high, the
estimated cost is \$2,000,000.—*Ex.*

A CHIEF KIDNED.

Defending the South

REVEREND THOMAS L. ALEXANDER, Sec-
retary of the Southern States
Society, in his
speech at the
meeting of the
Southern States
Society, held at
the Old South church in
the Austin Texas Home for Dis-
abled Southern Soldiers. Col. Henry
Walker, Col. Higginson and Judge
Woodbury all spoke well, but Mr.
Dixon spoke as a Southern born
man and so had the advantage of
them.

Mr. Dixon is a North Carolinian
and is the typical Southerner in ap-
pearance. He is very tall with a
thin pale face and great dark eyes,
and he wears his abundant blue hair
brushed straight back in a great
wave from his high forehead. He is
said to be only 25 years of age, and
is a rattling temperance speaker.

Mr. Dixon made an eloquent
speech at the Old South church in
behalf of the helpless, suffering
Southern victims of the Civil War,
and when he had finished there was
hardly a dry eye in the house. In
the course of his speech he charac-
terized as idiotic the statement of
Chaplain McCabe that the young
men of the South were being reared
to hate the flag. He said he knew
thousands of young men who were
as loyal to the flag as Chaplain Mc-
Cabe. The audience applauded this
statement roundly.—*Formosa.*

Don'ts for Good Girls.

Don't allow yourself to be under
obligations to any man.

Don't discuss your family affairs
in general conversation.

Don't give your photograph to
men and don't ask them for theirs.

Don't make yourself conspicuous
at any time by loud laughing or talk-
ing.

Don't fail to always try to be frank
and just and generous, and above all
womanly.

Don't wear an evening dress to a
quiet afternoon reception; don't go
without a hat or bonnet.

Don't feel it necessary to bow to a
man you have met at a ball or party
afterward unless you want to con-
tinue the acquaintance.

Don't write, except when it can't
be avoided, to men. Make all your
notes acknowledging courtesies, etc.,
short and to the point.

Don't offer to shake hands when a
man is introduced to you, and don't
think it necessary when he says
good bye unless he first extends his
hand.

Don't allow any man to treat you
with anything but the greatest re-
spect. Resist as an impertinence
any approach to familiarity of speech
or action.

Don't boast that you do not read
the papers, as many girls do nowa-
days. Don't think it necessary to
read all the daily or weekly journals
contain but keep yourself posted on
art, literary, social, and political
topics of the day.—*Golden Texas
Monitor.*

A Witty Reply.

Mr. Pettigrew, of South Carolina,
was as famed for repartee as a legal
accuser. On one occasion he enter-
ed the Court of Common Pleas, Ab-
beville District, clad in a linen sum-
mer suit. He had to take a jury seat
at once, and buttoning a black robe
from a fellow juror, went at the
South Carolina bar all the English
form and fuss, and the Judge said:
"Mr. Pettigrew, you have on a light
coat. You cannot speak."

Pettigrew replied: "May I please
your honor, I strictly conform to
the law. Let me illustrate."

"Black gown and only and your Honor
or thinks that men in a black coat?"

"Yes," replied the Judge.

"Well, the law also says that the
sheriff shall wear a cocked hat and
word. Does your Honor hold that
the second must be a cocked as well as
the first?"—*Ex.*

ALL SAVED.

We tell about the school maste-
ry, the sacred desk, and the sacred
pulpit; but we want our school
sacred books, sacred papers, and
sacred maps, and every man, woman
and child to have a copy of the
Bible, and a copy of the New Testament,
and a copy of the Psalms, and a copy
of the Gospels, and a copy of the
Epistles, and a copy of the Acts, and
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