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ARABESQUE.

BY CHARLES WARREN STODDARD.

Eyes whose every glance is such
I feel it like a velvet touch:

Eyes that all my comfort stay,
Yet grieve me when they turn away;

Eyes that flicker without fire—
That look, and burn, without desire—

That seem to darken while they beam,
And dart a shadow with each gleam.

Eyes that smoulder while they sleep,
And glow like planets when they peep
From an unfathomable deep.

Eyes that wound for pleasure's sake—
That languish when they triumph take,
And slumber most when most awake;

Eyes that blur and blind my sight—
That see my pain—that know my plight!
O, thrill me, kill me with delight,
Ye dark moons in a silver night!
—Overland.

LIVE AND LEARN.

[Written for the LEDGER.]

There are persons we meet with in life, and they constitute no small class of humanity, who are like walking newspapers, or cheap magazines, filled up with the "odds and ends" of literature. Whose ideas are jumbled together like the "splinter" stems of those same printed sheets. They have a smattering of everything, but really understand nothing. You may know them by their flippancy of speech and by their off hand way of disposing of a subject, no matter how deep, with an air of assurance if not to the edification of others, at least, to their own satisfaction. They are persons who read or run over everything that falls in their way rather from a love of what is new or exciting or from a desire to be thought vastly intellectual. Thus they are continually examining their brains with a heterogeneous mass of matter from which they can seldom draw a distinct idea that might serve a good purpose in confounding error, elucidating truth, or in strengthening the formation of good principles. Porousing a work without reflection they never endeavor to make a noble sentiment, or a great thought their own to use for the proper development of some desirable trait of character—for the suppression of evil tendencies, the strengthening of high resolves and aspirations after a higher, purer life in the soul, in these days of superficial attainments, of false show. In an artificial state of society the temptation to be satisfied with a mere outside polish is peculiarly strong. This trying to make the most glitter with the least outlay or expense is to a great extent prevalent in all grades of society, but if one can be content to enjoy a quiet non-assuming position, to realize a serene, sincere life without this cringing deference to hollow forms, to time-serving policy and belittling sentiments, how much of frivolity and tedious unrest would they escape, and their example, though for a time it might be disparaged, yet in the steady adherence to the higher interests of mind, would prove like the sun in mid-heaven—a blessing to the world as far superior to the flashy brilliancy of the time-serving world, if we were but sensible of the inestimable worth of mind so grand in its native endowments, so sublime in its far-reaching powers, and immortal in its being; how much that is poor and trifling, how much that is debasing in its nature. Should we discard as unworthy our attention and in the development of its latent powers, the cultivation of its higher faculties find our chief happiness, a happiness as pure as it is ennobling, we should then become what God designed us to be, learners for eternity, co-workers with all the true and good of the past and present, laboring for the improvement of humanity, for the uplifting of the soul to a higher, holier state of progress, whose perfec-

tion will be found in the far reaching cycles of endless being.
FRANK KING.

For physical ailments, especially those incident to declining years, there is no remedy which produces such satisfactory results as Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm, its genial and invigorating effect on Liver and Kidneys is remarkable.

THE ZEPHYR.

We have had our attention called to the good qualities of the new kind of cotton, "the zephyr," which has been raised in Wake county for three years and given splendid results. In 1886 the yield of lint to the 100 pounds of seed cotton was 42½ pounds. Last fall, owing to the bad season in this county, the yield was only 36½ to 39 pounds per 100 pounds. Mr. J. L. Stone, who has bought this cotton, is now selling the seed throughout this State. Mr. Stone has been prominently and favorably known for 15 years throughout North Carolina. That he should engage in selling these seeds after a strict inquiry into their merits, is a proof that they are as represented, and that there is no humbug in the matter. His name and trade mark on each package is a guarantee of their genuineness and good qualities. By the above it will be seen that this cotton made a fifth more than that generally planted. If cotton that will make this extra yield is planted this year, the good farmers of North Carolina will increase their profits over three millions of dollars. Believing that the use of improved seed is a matter of vital importance to our farmers, we have given the subject as much space as our crowded columns will admit. —Progressive Farmer.

Ladies who experience a sense of weakness, and sometimes lameness of the back should use Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier, it will supply the much needed strength and overcome all weakening irregularities.

WONDERFUL INVENTION.

A most wonderful invention is reported from Vienna. An Austrian engineer has, it is said, designed a truck to run before every railway train, being maintained always at a fixed (but adjustable) distance in front by the force of an electric current transmitted along the rails from a dynamo on the engine. The current is conducted through mercury contained in glass tubes on the pilot truck. If, therefore, the truck comes into collision the tubes are broken and the contact consequently destroyed. The interruption of the current instantly and automatically applies the brakes on the following train. It is claimed by the inventor that two expresses fitted with this system might with impunity be set to run full tilt at each other. The collision of their pilot trucks would arrest the progress of both trains before they could meet. The element of human fallibility is accordingly entirely eliminated, and drivers may dash through a whole series of danger signals without risk being automatically arrested the moment they reach the spot that is really dangerous. —St. James Gazette.

Sick headache is the bane of many lives; to cure and prevent this annoying complaint use Dr. J. H. McLean's Little Liver and Kidney Pills. They are agreeable to take and gentle in their action.

EDINBURGH CASTLE.

No city in the world is more picturesque than Edinburgh. Its site and structure combine to make it unique. It is a city of hills and valleys. When you are there everybody talks of the castle. You cannot forget it if you

would, for it dominates everything and is the heart of everything. Castle Rock, as the site of the castle is called, is seven hundred feet in circumference, and on three sides it is just bare rock, so precipitous that foot of man could hardly scale it. Accessible only on one side, a place more perfectly adapted for a fortress can scarcely be imagined. The old gray castle itself is one of the most picturesque of buildings. Whether you see it at sunrise, at high noon, in the tender twilight time, or when the pale moon visits it, it is alike beautiful; but the most impressive view is obtained at sunset, when the glow of the setting sun resting on the old gray castle, making its windows flame like opals.—Ex.

Disease lies in ambush for the weak, a feeble constitution is ill adapted to encounter a malarious atmosphere or sudden changes of temperature, and the least robust are usually the easiest victims: Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier will give tone and vitality and strength to your entire body

WRISTS OF STEEL.

During the Czar's visit to Copenhagen a German conjurer was giving an exhibition of his skill before a royal party at Fredensborg when the Czar took up the pack of cards with which the prestidigitator had been operating and said: "I will show you another trick, but I don't know whether you will be able to add it to your repertoire!" The Czar then tore the pack of fifty-two cards in two without apparently the slightest effort. The showman produced another pack and tried to imitate his example, but in vain; only those possessing wrists of steel can in this case follow suit. It is no trick, but the exercise of almost superhuman strength. A few minutes later the Czar called for a silver dollar and bent it double between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand.—Ex.

If you are suffering with weak or inflamed eyes, or granulated eyelids, you can be quickly cured by using Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Eye Salve. 25 cents a box.

EMBARRASSING.

"I intended to tell Jane to bring a fresh bucket of water," said the wife to Professor Nettlehead, looking up from her sewing.

"You doubtless mean a bucket of fresh water," rejoined her husband. "I wish you would pay some little attention to rhetoric. Your mistakes are embarrassing."

A few moments later the professor said: "My dear, that picture would show to better advantage if you were to hang it over the clock."

"Ah," she replied, "you doubtless mean if I were to hang it above the clock. If I were to hang it over the clock, we couldn't tell what time it is. I wish you would pay some little attention to rhetoric. Your mistakes are embarrassing."—Ex.

To allay pains, subdue inflammation, heal foul sores and ulcers, the most prompt and satisfactory results are obtained by using that old reliable remedy, Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment.

CALIFORNIA SHEEP-SHEARERS.

Still further South is the Nejuil Ranch, comprising 4,000 acres. Chief among its possessions are the vast herds of sheep that wander over its broad domains. Perhaps nothing is more interesting than to watch the processes by which the wool is obtained. The sheep-shears are mostly of Mexican origin, and when they put in their appearance present a picturesque sight, with their gay neckerchiefs and swarthy countenances. They would do well in a picture, but

as human beings they are to be avoided. Cruelty and love of gaming are their chief characteristics. They snip, snip the sheep, and if they take out a piece of flesh with the wool, they snip out another alongside, to make it nice and even, meanwhile chanting some queer little rune. Then a vat of acids is prepared, into which they drop the poor creatures, old sheep and little lambs, thumping them down with poles, not caring for the raw, tender flesh exposed through their brutality, nor for the feebleness of the lambs, which scarcely know which way to go. The old sheep, which has passed through several seasons of this sort of thing immediately swims through the vat to the place of egress, and passes out; not so the lamb, which struggles and struggles, with that cruel pole pushing it down under the bitter waters, not knowing what to do. Many of them are thus drowned, and the imp-like scarer, uttering an ugly oath, fishes them out. At night these inhuman beings sit up and gamble away every dime earned through the day to the sharper who follows in their wake, but the next day go to work again, chanting and snipping with accustomed celerity.—Cosmopolitan Magazine.

ELECTRICAL STRATEGEM.

When the electric telegraph was first introduced into Chili, a stratagem was resorted to in order to guard the posts and wires against damage on the part of the Araucanian Indians and maintain the connection between the strongholds on the frontier. There were at the time between forty and fifty captive Indians in the Chilean camp. General Pinto called them together, and, pointing to the telegraph wires he said: "Do you see those wires?"

"Yes, General."

"Very good. I want you to remember not to go near nor touch them; for if you do your hands will be held fast you will be unable to get away."

The Indians smiled incredulously.

Then the general made them each in succession take hold of the wires at both ends of an electric battery in full operation. After which he exclaimed: "I command you to let go the wire!"

"I can't; my hands are benumbed," said the Indian.

The battery was then stopped and the man released.

Not long afterward the general restored them to liberty, giving them strict injunctions to keep the secret, and not to betray it to their countrymen on any account. This had the desired effect, for, as might be expected, the experiment was related "in the strictest confidence" to every man of the tribe, and the telegraph has ever since remained unmolested.

NOBLEMEN WHO WORK.

A quiet-looking Montana millionaire remarked from beneath his big hat at the Astor House recently that the East seemed to catch all the bogus British noblemen. The mines and the mountains, said he, get the genuine articles. The superintendent of the Lexington mine, at Butte, M. T., is the youngest son of a noble house, wears kid gloves down into the shaft and silk underclothing all the year round. But there is not a miner in his force of 350 who knows more than he about the formation they are working, or who could lick him in a rough and tumble fight, for that matter. So nobody ever ridicules his gloves. Under him as an expert essayist, there is a noble young Frenchman who has held high official position in China. Good, honest fellows they are, who earn their money and invest quite as much as they spend, and they never mention their titles, either.—New York Sun.

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