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## THE OLD TOWN PUMP

The announcement that the icdication of the public drinkof Za Grande bave cane tadies erceted in a central part of our city, will b: made with appropriate ceremony on tomorrow tartles memorie and sends the Wind back, far brick, into ve diden thes, In this Gigh ations and civilizations to call how perished nations drank cach mind peers into the nblivthrown over man's pathway tirough timeand dwells upon the dead people that appenl wost iorceable to him or her. Bible readers will revert "Laud of Judee, thrice hallowed
in song, where holiest of memin song, where holiest of mem-
ories prilgrim like throng," ent revis.t pools, brouks and driok ing places rendered sacred be cause thef quenched the thirs of prophets or cooled the het sps of the Son of Man. And when they recall the leathe upon the backs of toiling men or cruely burdened wowen that onstituted the water work bitants of cities and villiages in the land of the prophets and think of the long lines of iron pipes that conveys the rushing
waer from the mountain tream to our homes and city and bubbies in the benutiful fountain singing its glad song within our gates" to come and drink they will rejoice that thei 1.ves have
places.

Others whose mind delight pagan history will recal
tupendous water works of oient Rome whoso soiid so sonry and lofty brehes enst millious of money that the people
might have water to drink. But Rome bad neither pipes nor faucel to distribute water as for water to run down hill b kuew not how to take it le up nud bubble in fountains or
in skimmering mist eatch from in skimmering mist catch yorgeous
the evening sun the gor fues of the raiubow to shed el and gardens.
minds baek not to Palistine nor Italy but to some country viin the primeval American for uding from a well in the center pump what memories linger ande and hog wooter house wife urged it to fill her me with an intertupted
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ast hevigorning morning map knows the unwritten volumes of ossip that old pump could recit
i po seessel of the power or innation to tell its mind but els thankfal that like Judici

In carly morning and stily monds gathered about it ond amp would energetically mip water from the well be adroitly pumping eaoh other ho laler viliage nows and hen one would get an imporame morsel of news and her uckelfuil of water with a gigou bome, wopdering what on varth as tine a looking fellow as John M son could see in red headed Kate Smothers. Later in the day men and bare footed gather about the pump with their thirsty horses and oxen would drink out of aninats trough hewn from a laye log and peop le from a crooked handled oured that Aunt Nancy raissd
nd dounted $t$ ) the public. The nen talked politic and the trial of strength at the last log rollHicory Creeis has been out liftad in a hand spike test of strength hy the champion liNer cooled their bare feet in the mud paddle about the trough being areful not to step on any of the nud dauber wasps that garhered in a fringe on the margin of me pudile inaking pellets of mud with which to complete
heir mad nests. Though memorius that go back to the Ad town pump do not look digbified in print yet to those who cooled their thirst there from shook hunds with the men about t and exchanged glances with the girls, cannot forget them bring meve plenaure to such than the history of kings and stories of evanished nations and ex ploits of wartiors long since dead.


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