

EPITAPH ON MARY, COUNTESS OF DALKEITH.

(Died April 6, 1738, aged 13.) Stay, traveler, until my life you read. The living may get knowledge by the dead.

BLUEST OF BIRDS.

In a town of the ancient kingdom of Castile there lived in former ages a youth called Bartolo, who tried to eke out a living by making cages for birds and taking them round to sell at the neighboring villages.

One day as he was proceeding to a village he heard sounds of revelry, the buzz of many people and the strains of a band of music.

Bartolo moved away in a desponding mood, saying to himself as he walked on: "Is this the justice of the world? There they are flinging their money into these platters just because these children come in procession to announce to them that it is the month of May, as though they could not know it by looking in an almanac.

"You would never give me my price," replied Bartolo. "For if I would give my castle, with its nine forests," said the lord of the castle.

"I will add the orchards, gardens and houses," "I want something else." "What, still more? Why, man, you must want paradise itself."

"I will give you a piece of blessed candle, and he will have no power over you," replied the unrelenting father.

"Yes, sir, certainly, but my trade does not fulfill its own duty. Most people like to see the birds flying about free rather than in cages, and therefore day by day I find myself poorer than before."

"Come, come," the stranger said, smiling. "I will do something for you. As I cannot find customers for your cages, I will afford you a powerful means by which you shall never more be in want."

"By my faith!" cried the birdcage maker, "but I will try it at once. For the last 30 years I have wished to kill hunger. 'Bluest of bluebirds, do your duty!'"

Scarcely were the words out of his mouth than he saw suddenly spread before him on the grass a breakfast fit for a prince laid on a service of exquisite silver and glass and the whitest of cloths.

"I am the good genius of the honest workmen of Castile. Sit down and eat without fear. Take advantage of your lucky star," and then suddenly disappeared.

Bartolo reverently bent down and kissed the spot upon which he had stood, unable to find adequate expression of his gratitude.

He then sat down and ate his breakfast. After his meal Bartolo judged that a man who had fastened in such an elegant manner ought to have other better clothing than his well worn working suit, and lifting his staff he cried to the bird, "Bluest of bluebirds, do your duty!"

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A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Career of Lloyd Lowndes, Who Heads the Maryland Republican Ticket.

Lloyd Lowndes, whom the Republicans of Maryland have chosen as their candidate for governor, is a Virginian by birth, a Pennsylvanian by education and a Marylander by adoption.

In later years he has devoted more of his attention to commercial enterprises than to the law and is prominently connected with a number of banking houses, mining companies, manufacturing establishments, etc., in Baltimore and Cumberland. He is president of the Second National bank of Cumberland, the Union Milling company of Allegheny county, the Potomac Coal company, the Frostburg Gas and Electric Light

company and the Cumberland Paper company. He is one of the directors of the Cumberland Daily News Publishing company.

In 1872 he was elected to the Forty-third congress from the Sixth Maryland district. He was then but 28 years of age, and though the youngest member of the house served upon several of the most important committees. He was a strong and able supporter of President Grant's administration while in congress and was a delegate at large to the national convention in Chicago which nominated James A. Garfield.

Mr. Lowndes is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science of Philadelphia, the New York Southern society and various social and political clubs. He has long been warden and vestryman of Emmanuel Episcopal church of Cumberland and one of the lay delegates from that body to diocesan and general conventions.

A FAMOUS POEM.

Interesting Facts About the Author of "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight."

The million more or less of schoolboys and girls past and present who have begun their elocutionary efforts with the recitation of "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight" will be specially interested in something about the author of the poem and how she came to write it.

Mrs. Thorpe was born at Mishawaka, Ind., in 1850, and was the daughter of William Hartwick. In 1861 the family moved to Litchfield, Mich. Her parents were poor, and her childhood and young womanhood were passed in a dull and prosaic atmosphere, and there was nothing in her early education or surroundings to "charm the muses" or kindle the fires of poetry.

Mrs. Thorpe wrote "Curfew," her best and most widely known production, when she was 16 years old. This was in 1867. Some copies of Peterson's Magazine had come into her possession. In one of these she found the story of Bessie and her lover. The thrilling incident of the brave young English girl deeply

impressed her. She could not banish from her mind the words "curfew must not ring tonight." The inspiration to write came when she was in the school-room, attempting to solve a mathematical problem. Sweeping the prosaic figures from her slate she wrote "England's sun was setting," etc., and the poem was soon completed. It was first published in 1870 in the Detroit Commercial Advertiser over the signature of Rose Hartwick. The editor wrote her a letter of thanks, which is all the remuneration she has ever received for the poem, though it has been printed in thousands of publications in this country and England and has been declared by legions of youthful orators on two continents.

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He had not calculated that in parting with the bird he had parted with his luck, and therefore as soon as he dismounted the horse disappeared, and his elegant dress became changed for the shabby one he had worn before he met the kind individual who had wished to befriend him. When the beautiful daughter of the lord of the castle beheld the transformation which had taken place, she ran back to her father as fast as she could, flight lending wings to her feet.

Bartolo had to return to his old life of making cages and to his miserable existence.—From the Spanish in Strand Magazine.

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HOMENLOHE'S PECULIARITIES.

The New German Chancellor Always Cooks His Own Coffee.

Prince Hohenlohe, the new chancellor of the German empire, is cast in a different physical mold from his two stalwart predecessors. He is far from being so impressive in appearance as Bismarck or Caprivi. He looks more like the headmaster of a school in a middle sized town than like a statesman.

He practiced law until 1846, and pitted against young men of the middle classes, never distinguished himself. In the year mentioned he succeeded to the dignity of schillingsfürst and took his place as a hereditary legislator in the Bavarian reichsrath.

The prince is remarkably active for a man of his age. His excellent health he attributes to the facts that he spends as much time as possible in the open air—especially in the hunting field—and cooks his own coffee. Coffee he considers the principal course of a meal, although he likes good things to eat and employs one of the best cooks in Germany. When in his palace at Strassburg, he always prepared his own coffee. Even when he travels he carries the coffee machine with him and uses it to make his favorite beverage at least three times a day.

In the course of years he has become an expert, and few cooks can equal his brew. His guests flatter him on his art, as a matter of course, and there is no better way to reach his heart than by eulogy of his coffee.

Like many other men who have accomplished considerable in this life and love praise and their hobbies, he would rather hear praise for his "drink which comforteth the brain and heart"—to use the language of Bacon—than for his political wisdom.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

SPOTS ON THE RIBBON.

The French Legion of Honor Discredited by the Many Recent Scandals.

The long series of scandals during the past year or two in Paris have culminated in the serious discrediting of the French Legion of Honor, or rather of its management, which has failed to purge its roll from time to time. Nearly every journalist who is now accused of blackmail, for instance, wears the coveted red ribbon. There is a council of the order which is empowered to cashier any member guilty of dishonorable conduct. A chevalier who had, for instance, broken his word of honor and failed to pay a gambling debt might be struck off the rolls. This is the theory. In practice the council is content with expelling bankrupts, duelers and fugitives from justice.

The attack on the government for its shortcomings in this respect brought the present cabinet within an ace of defeat. The critics quoted, among other cases, that of a well known company promoting baron, who had numberless difficulties in the French law courts. Most of his companies went to smash. A captain in the French army, ruined through his faith in the baron's prospectuses, gave him a horsewhipping. The baron kept the whipping investor's money and the ribbon of the Legion of Honor. A deputy moved a resolution to call upon the government to remind the council of the order of its duty to deal rigorously with unworthy members. The government declining to accept the motion, it was rejected by the narrow majority of 239 to 234.—Paris Letter.

"DEVIL ANSE" PRESIDED.

A Barbecue at Which a Noted Vendetta Leader Mastered the Ceremonies.

The other day the people of Logan county, W. Va., held a grand barbecue to celebrate the division of the county. Tables were spread in the street, and all traffic was suspended. Hundreds of stalwart mountaineers came in with their wives and children from the region roundabout. Eight big black bears had been shot within a mile or two of the town, and their carcasses, served in barbecue style, were the piece de resistance of the feast. The bears were flanked and surrounded with roasted and baked possums, wild turkeys, pheasants, quail, rabbits and all sorts of domestic fowls. Potatoes by the barrel were roasted, and pumpkin pies by the hundred lined the tables. Hard cider was the beverage.

Devil Anse Hatfield, the noted leader of the Hatfield-McCoy vendetta, was master of ceremonies. He stood at the head of the table with a half open valve, from which the butts of three big revolvers protruded. Though there is a generous price set upon Devil Anse's head, it is said there was not a disturbing word spoken and that the barbecue was a great success. The popular satisfaction with the presiding officer largely grew out of the fact that there are over a score of graves on the adjacent hillside testifying to his deadly skill with those pistols.—New York Tribune.

Promising News From Sunol.

Mr. Robert Bonner, who spent two days with Mr. Charles Backman last week, said, after looking at the Great Mountain Maid monument, that he had great hopes of seeing Sunol reduce her record next season. The flying daughter of Electioneer is going perfectly sound, and she will have the advantage of the bicycle sulky. Her record of 2:08 1/4 was made to high wheel. Sunol is now 8 years old, and when she is retired from the turf may be bred to Kremlin, who carries the blood of Miss Russell. Worthier, the 2-year-old bay colt by Advertiser (son of Electioneer and Lulu Wilkes, by George Wilkes), out of Wax-an (dam of Sunol), by General Benton, second dam Waxy, thoroughbred daughter of Lexington, is showing a high rate of speed and should make a very fast horse.—Turf, Field and Farm.

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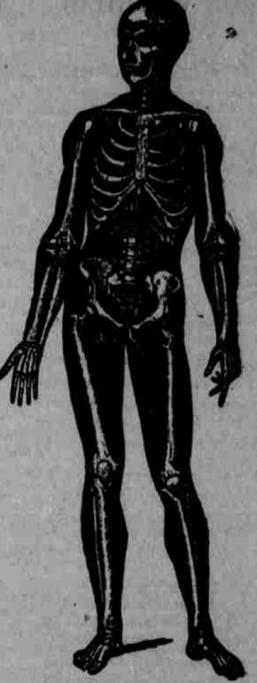
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