The inconstant winds that rout the waves And shake the forest wide Seem shouting, "Foolish mortal, cast Thy tedicus rules aside."

The stars that calmly tread their course The same that Moses saw— Trace on the akies a surer word, "Conform thy life to law."

-James A. Tucker in Youth's Companion.

THE WOODS' GHOST.

Possibly General Fawncliffe was ecsentric because he could not belp it, but it is more probable that he did things in a manner entirely different from anybody else because he wanted to be odd and wanted to make a sensation. He was a wealthy man, and therefore he could do very nearly as he liked. He was haughty, overbearing and irritable. I always thought that if he had been the czar of Russia or the shah of Persia he would have played his role very well. He had built a fine house on the banks of the Delaware, and at the verge of the Block woods, of which he was the owner. He was not more than 45 years old and appeared to be entirely alone in the world; at any rate, no one in Blockville ever heard that he had any relations.

At the time of which I write I was a young fellow of 16, of no sort of consequence whatever, and my name was, but is not now, Parden Sashwood, though mother and everybody else called me Pardy. My mother was a dressmaker in the town and did a big business. She never said anything about my father, and I did not know anything about him, and I concluded that he had been hanged, or otherwise nipped in the bud, and I did not press my inquiries in regard to him. I was a regular resident in Block Hall, as General Fawncliffe called his elegant mansion, and my first duty is to explain how I happened to be a dweller beneath its princely roof. I was very fund of fishing, and my mother was very fond of eating fish, for I caught very nice ones in the river. One day I sat upon a rock that projected out into the stream just below the general's mansion, Above me was a sandy beach, and while I sat there the general drove down upon it in his buggy, with a high spirited horse. I wondered what he was doing there with such a turnout.

The horse was full of spirit, and the choleric driver seemed to be well supplied with spirits, though of the artificial sort. The animal pranced and capered on the sand, and did not appear to have learned that his master was as impatient as he was eccentric. The horse had a way of his own, and so had the general, and as the two ways did not run in the same direction it created an unpleasantness between them. At last the driver used his whip without the exercise of much discretion, and the brute manifested himself in a very decided manner. Then I decided that he was trying to drive the horse into the water, where he was unwilling to go. But the general got the best of it in the end and drove the obstinate creature straight into the river, as though he intended to cross to the other side. In a few moments the animal had to swim, but he struck out bravely, the general applying the lash all the time; in fact, he seemed to be whipping him for his own satisfaction, now that the brute had yielded the point.

In another moment the buggy, which appeared to be floating, suddenly toppled over and spilled the occupant into the drink. He lost his hold upon it, and then I saw that he could not swim.

The horse took a circle around the spot and awam leisurely to the shore, dragging the buggy after him. Just below the rock on which I was seated was a bateau, and I lost no time in rushing to it. I had some skill in the use of the paddle, and I soon reached the general, who was floundering about in the water like a grounded whale, He was a large man, and I saw that it would be impossible to get him into the boat. I asked him to take hold of the stern to support himself while I paddled to the beach. He used expletives and insisted upon getting into the boat. I told him I would leave him to his fate if he did not do as I directed. The threat carried him, and he held on to the boat till his feet touched the bot-

"I will kill that horse!" he exclaimed when he reached the beach and had recovered his breath. "He is the ugliest brute I ever drove."

"He is not so much of a brute as you are, general," I replied. "You acted like a heathen when you whipped him, and I had half a mind to let you

He looked at me in astonishment. Perhaps he thought I had earned the right to speak my mind, but whether I had or not I expressed myself as plainly as though I had been the general and he had been Pardy Sashwood. Doubtless it was a new thing for any

one to "speak up" to him,
"Boy, I want you to come and live
with me," he said, and I was amazed then.

"I won't do it," I replied. "I would not live under the same roof with such a porcupine as you are for all your money.

He actually teased me, and he expressed his obligations to me very handsomely, but I stuck to my text. I helped him right his buggy, now that the horse had cooled off, and he insisted on driving me home, which I permitted him to do. My mother saw me when I got out of the buggy. The general told me to think of his offer and come to his house if I decided to accept it. My mother, after she had heard all about the affair in the river, insisted that I should accept the offer. I argued against it for a long time, but I finally yielded to her wishes. The next day I belonged to the general's household, and Mrs. Cashley gave me a hearty wel-

General Fawncliffs treated me with a degree of consideration accorded to no other person. I helped him about

his accounts and papers, though I was permitted to attend the academy. really came to like bim after awhile, and I know that I improved his manners and morals to some extent. His narrow escape from drowning had strongly impressed him, I discovered. He was a victim to that malady of sedentary and lazy people, insomnia. He had been in the habit of drinking more whisky than was good for him as a remedy. He told me be could not sleep until he had drunk at least six glasses. I reasoned with him, talking flatly and plainly, as I always did. I asked him to stop it and walk one or two hours in the Block woods after 9 in the evening. He tried it with good results, and after that called me doctor.

After he had practiced this walking for a couple of weeks, he told me he had seen a ghost in the woods three successive nights. I laughed at him and asked him if he had been drinking whisky again, but he assured me he had The next night I watched myself in the grove. Sure enough, I saw a figure in white, though I did not believe it was a spirit from the other world. I saw that the figure tried to approach the general, but from fear, or some other motive, he kept his distance from it.

I had a revolver, and with this in my hand, though it was not loaded, I went with the general to the woods one bright moonlight night. The ghost came as usual, and the general was inclined to retreat. So was the figure when I showed myself. But I pursued it. I held up my revolver and threatened to fire if the ghost did not halt.

"No, Pardy! Don't fire! I am your mother, "screamed the ghost, not knowing that the weapon was not loaded.

She halted, and I went up to her, the general following me when assured that the figure was not a supernatural one. She was dressed in white, as she was usually in summer, and I wondered if she was troubled with insomnia.

'Pardy, General Fawneliffe is your father and my husband!" exclaimed my mother when the general had come up with us.

'Emily!" he exclaimed, "I wonder. ed where Pardy got all his impudence, for I thought he could have inherited it only from me."

We had a long talk in the moonlight. I knew that my mother had come from California, but her former home was one of the things of which she seldom spoke. The general acknowledged her as his wife before me. They disagreed and had separated. For the sake of her son she had followed him, hoping that years had softened his temper. She did not care to call upon him at his house, but when I became on such excellent terms with him she had decided to meet him in the woods, where I had told her that he walked every night. He had fled from her, but she persevered till I brought matters to a head. My mother is now the mistress of Block Hall, and I still have to do a great deal of plain speaking.—Oliver Optic in Philadelphia Press.

Packing a Trunk Well.

Do you know how to pack a trunk well? asks Ruth Ashmore in The Ladjes' Home Journal. And if you don't how many people do you know who do? And wouldn't you gladly give \$1 for a large and 50 cents for a small trunk that is properly packed? The packer comes with dozens of sheets of tissue paper and several pieces of tape. You can sit where you belongings are, and as skirts and bodices are taken down say which you want. Then the bodices have their sleeves stuffed with paper to keep them in shape, the trimmings carefully covered with it; the skirts are properly folded; the bonnets and hats have tapes pinned to them, and these same tapes are tacked to the sides of the hatbox, so that no matter how much the trunk may be shaken not a feather nor a rose moves out of its place. Then when everything is done there is laid on the top of the last tray a list of the things that are in the trunk, so that you don't lose you temper searching for the pink bodice which isn't there, or the tan colored shoes which you expressly requested should be left at home.

First Person Cremated In America.

The first white person lawfully cremated within the present limits of the United States, according to wishes and desires expressed by himself, was Colonel Henry Laurens, one of the Revolutionary patriots. He was born in Charleston, S. C., in the year 1724, and died on his plantation near that place on Dec. 8, 1792. His will, which he had requested them to open and read the next day after his death, was supplemented with the following: "I solemnly enjoin it upon my son, as an indispensable duty, that, as soon as he conveniently can after my decease, he cause my body to be wrapped in 12 yards of towcloth and burned until it be entirely consumed." The request was carried out to the letter and was the beginning of cremation in Amer-

ica.—St. Louis Republic.

Nature's Nobleman. One whose charity is as broad as the earth, who is generous to a fault, who is honest to a rival; who, becoming a friend, remains one through thick and thin; who, loving, loves with all the arder of a ble, consistent mind; who, being convenced of the right, is as immovable as a sphinx an yet is wise enough to hold his judgment in suspense and to change his attitude should superior arguments be brought to bearsuch a one is an ideal man and one of nature's noblemen. - New York Ledger.

Epacking Watch. W. L. Foyer, jeweler, of Chambersburg, Pa., has in his employ a workman who has produced a watch that marks the hours buckward. The figur I means XI, II means Z. and carryla the figures out it is a great thing for a sparking party. The yeeing gentle-man, not ready to be kicked out, triumpliantly shows his watch and stays until 7 o'clock in the morning. -Jeweler.'

za the Struggle For Life.

In tropical countries, where the struggle for life seems to rage even flercer than in the temperate regions, a vast number of animals have been driven by want to seek their livelihood in the dark through stress of competition. There are the howler monkeys, for example, who make night hideous in large tracts of South American forest, beginning their dismal music as soon as evening sets in and only retiring for the day as dawn purples the horizon.

There are the lemurs of Madagascar, so called because, like ghosts, they walk by night and withdraw at cockerowstrange, stealthy, noiseless creatures, with great, wistful, poetical eyes and enlarged pupils; monkeys that prey on birds and insects in the gloomy depths of their native forests. There is the slender loris, a graceful and beautiful beast, with eyes like a gazelle's, but treacherous manners, who pounces upon birds as they sleep in their little nests, creeping silently upon them from behind like an Indian upon the warpath, and affording no indication of his hateful presence till he is within arm's reach of his slumbering victim.

These are but a few of the nocturnal mammals of the monkey and lemur type, ancient ancestors of our own, gone wrong through keeping such very late hours, and now stranded for the most part in islands or peninsulas of extreme antiquity.-Cornhill Magazine.

Serious Side of French Dueling. Ever since the day when Mark Twain gave the American world his famous picture of the French duel, Americans have laughed at it and classed it with so much that is mock heroic and harmlessly tragic in the French character. And yet the French duel is a very serious thing in France, and particularly in the capital. Every day in Paris there are two duels fought, and 90 per cent of these result fatally or with serious and permanent bodily injury. But these cases rarely attain publicity.

The duel is a serious thing in Paris for three reasons. First, because of the triviality of the causes of these encounters. Secondly, because they are countenanced and justified by the law. Thirdly, because, being upheld by social custom and the French sense of honor, men are forced to duel or face utter disgrace in their respective circles of society and even in their own familles .-Providence Journal.

Several Shades of Green.

In Morrison, Ills., there lives a gentleman by the name of Green. It is now some 20 years since Mr. Green became the delighted father of an infant daughter. In a moment of gay facetiousness, inspired by his joy, he named the baby Olive. It was not many years before Mr. Green was once more a father. Again it was an infant daughter, and the subtle poison of that first christening having worked in his blood he named the second one Myrtle. A third time the joys of paternity became Mr. Green's, and a third infant daughter was added to his household. The father set his teeth grimly, got out the family Bible, and wrote in a firm hand, "Ivy Green," He furthermore assured his friends that if he should be presented with a son and heir he should look out for the youngster's future by naming him "Apple Green," for then no daughter of Eve could ever resist him.-Exchange.

A Tudor Gallant.

A gallant's toilet was no easy business, and a slow or clumsy servant, no doubt, got many an oath and blow if he failed to tie up the points of the hose, lace the doublet or arrange the stomacher and frilled shirt to his master's satisfaction. A gentleman's dress had so many fastenings, there was so much tying and lacing of his garments together, that it was impossible that he should ever get costumed (sic) without assistance. The long hose had to be securely tied by a number of latchets to the doublet; the doublet itself was laced up the front, and the sleeves, being slashed to show the shirtsleeves, had also to be laced sometimes,-"History of English Dress," Georgiana Hill.

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