

TRIBUTE.

Because my body turned a red,
And death set on this shrouding bed,
My soul rose upward, seeking God.

DIAMOND DOLLARS OF 1804.

Only Four of the Original Coinage
of 1804 in Existence.

"Every now and then one reads about
the discovery of another of the famous
'diamond dollars' of 1804," said a gentleman
of this city who owns one of
the finest private collections of coins
and medals in the south.

"I did his local work several days
longer, and when his assistant had
fully recovered from his illness I re-
signed and returned to Pottsville in
much better spirits than when I had
left it a month before.

"The next day I took up my routine
assignment, and at the morning session
of the police court what was my aston-
ishment to see in the prisoner's dock
the very same young man whom I had
met among the mountains.

"I at once became deeply interested
in his case. He was charged with pass-
ing counterfeit coin, the same charge on
which he was arrested several months
before. His honor concluded, in view
of the serious charge and the fact that
it was for the second offense, to hold
him for further investigation.

"During the previous six months
Pottsville had been flooded with bogus
money, and the authorities had offered
a reward for the makers and shovers
of the queer. Young Barron had been
twice accused of passing the money,
but each time he told such a plausible
story that the officials were loath to be-
lieve him responsible for the whole
matter. The situation was becoming
alarming. Detectives had been em-
ployed, but they were as much at sea
as the local officers. As a last resort a
reward of \$1,500 was offered for the ar-
rest and conviction of the offenders.

"I began to do a little detective work
on my own account. The sum of \$1,500
was a snug one, and I began to make
deductions with the prisoner, Barron,
as a starting point.

"I looked back over the trail that I
had covered a few weeks before—the
location of the Barron home in Wash-
ington county, the situation of the old
hut in the level shaped depression among
the lofty mountains, the one room in
the hut with a rear door. What was
behind the portals of that rear door?

"Then my imagination came into
play, and I thought what an excellent
place for a counterfeiter's den could be
under the mountains, with the hut as a
hideout.

"Well, to make a long story short, I
told the mayor of my suspicions, and
asked for a detail of four men from the
force, to go down into Washington
county and investigate. He only
laughed at me, until I made things so
plain that he was carried away with
enthusiasm over the plausibility of the
whole thing and ordered four police-
men in citizens' clothes to accompany
me to the spot and make a thorough
investigation.

"We arrived at our rendezvous one
evening, having each one gone individ-
ually, so as not to arouse any suspicion
as to our object, and left after nightfall
for the Barron home.

"We reached a point about a mile
from the narrow lane, at daybreak,
tied up our rigs and started on foot for
the hut. We were not long in reaching
the place, and a vigorous rapping
brought the sharp dressed woman to
the door. She was rendered speechless
with fright at the sight of five stran-
gers at the door. She was invited to
come outside and keep quiet. Our next
point was the door at the rear. We
cautiously pushed this open, and the
sight that we encountered was one that
I will never forget.

"Six men and two or three boys were
busily engaged about a sweltering fur-
nace, with a full set of molds, each at
his particular work. On the floor was a
large quantity of both gold and silver
coins, of dollars and eagles, half eagles
and double eagles.

"We captured the gang without a
struggle and also took charge of the
outfit, which, by the way, was one of
the most complete that ever was seen
outside the United States mint. At the
subsequent trial the entire gang, in-
cluding young Barron, were given
strong terms in the penitentiary. I re-
covered the \$1,500 reward, which I made
very good use of."—Newspaper item.

Conscience or Policy?
A certain fond mother of Memphis
is worrying herself over an incident
which occurred a few days since. She
is trying to decide whether her 4-year-
old son, who figured so prominently
in the incident, made a display of deep
penitence or whether he worked a
"con" game on her. Some time ago
the boy in the case was presented with
a toy hammer, which he appreciated
very much. He appeared before his
mother about 30 minutes after receiv-
ing the hammer, wearing a woe-begone
expression.

"Mamma," he said, "I feel awful
bad."

"Why, what is the matter, my son?"
asked his mother.

"I feel bad right here, mamma," the
lad answered, putting his hand on his
heart.

"Well, tell mamma what it is, son."

"I feel like I do when you are going
to whip me." He was whimpering by
now, and his mother was so sorry for
him that the tears were welling up into
her eyes.

"What have you done, darling?"

"I've hammered a hole in your bed-
stead," he said and burst into tears.

He was not whipped, but his mother
is wondering whether he will be a
preacher or a "wise gambler."—Memphis
Scimitar.

One Not Still.

When Captain Cook's ship, the En-
deavour, lay in Mercury bay, New
Zealand, in 1769, a brown boy of 8, who
afterward became a chief and lived to
a great age, went aboard of her.
His name was Taniwha.

It was easy enough for the brown
boys to pick out Kapene Kuku (Cap-
tain Cook) among the men on board.
Taniwha said; he was the leader of
the "Goblins," a very great man. He
walked the ship grave and dignified.
He held up a nail, a priceless treasure,
and when Taniwha laughed, gave it
to him. Then the boys knew that he
was good as well as great. They were
shocked that a grown up Maori stole
a piece of metal.

"They paddled away," Taniwha con-
tinued. "The Goblins went down into
the hold of the ship, but soon came up
with a walking stick in his hand and
pointed it at the canoe. Thunder
pealed and lightning flashed, but those
in the canoe paddled on.

"Then they landed. Eight rose to
leave the canoe, but the thief sat still
with his dog-skin mat and the Goblins'
garment under his feet. His compan-
ions left him, but he did not answer.
One of them shook him, and the thief
fell back into the hold of the canoe
and blood was seen on his clothing and
a hole in his back."—San Francisco
Examiner.

A Tort Reform.

The plaintiff was undergoing a rather
sharp examination from the defend-
ant's counsel. The case was one of
damages claimed on account of severe
bodily injuries by the plaintiff on a
railway, due, the plaintiff claimed, to
the negligence of the defendant rail-
way company's servants. Mr. C., the
railway company's counsel, was noted
for his overbearing manner in examin-
ing witnesses and endeavoring to dis-
concert them. This witness, however,
determined not to be confused by his
opponent's conduct.

After becoming thoroughly provoked
by the attacks of the man of law he
remonstrated. "Mr. C.," said he, "I
am an layall. I cannot allow you to
question me in this manner. It is a
positive injury to my nervous system,
which is at best in a shattered condi-
tion. I shall have to refuse to answer
your questions unless you put them in
a different manner. I am troubled on
account of the injury received on the
railway with scoliosis of the spinal
cord. At this minute I can see you
double, and you know by experience it
is generally enough to upset a man to
see you once."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

How They Make Lemons Sour.

Until recently the California people
did not know how to cure lemons. The
fruit was never tart enough. There
would be plenty of juice, but it con-
tained a high percentage of sugar and
a small percentage of acid, which
made it unmarketable. But a few
years ago the lemon growers clubbed
together and sent experts over to Italy
and Spain to learn the business, and
now they are producing much better
results. They pick the fruit before it
begins to turn yellow and put it in a
curing house, where it is kept at an
even temperature of about 50 degrees
for about 20 days, which "sweats out"
all the sugar. It is then removed to
another temperature for 60 days more
before it is ready for the market.
Thus the highest degree of acid and
the largest degree of juice can be ob-
tained. One of the curious effects of
this "sweating" process is to reduce
the thickness of the skin. It originally
grows thick and tough, but the acid
seems to eat it up.—Chicago Record.

Famous Floggers.

Among schoolmasters whose names
have come down to posterity with the
jubilant reputation of great floggers
Dr. Busby of Westminster school is
the generally acknowledged chief.

Of him it is recorded that one of his
head boys having insulted a young
French viscount, who came to the
school to demand satisfaction, he flog-
ged the viscount first for the blood-
thirsty intentions and next his friend
who was the bearer of his challenge.

Dr. Valpy, too, who edited an edition
of the classics, was a potent wielder
of the rod. Archdeacon Green, who was
a pupil of his, tells a story in illustra-
tion of his prowess. One of the boys
had been flogged by the redoubtable
domine, and the lad's father came to
complain.

"Sir," said Valpy to him. "I flogged
your son because he richly deserved it.
If he again deserves it, I shall flog him
again. And," rising, "if you come here,
sir, interfering with my duty, I shall
flog you."

The parent fled.—London Mail.

What Offended Her.

Milk Dealer—What did you say to
Mrs. Sharpe yesterday when you called
for her money?

Driver—Nothing particular. Why?
Milk Dealer—She's sent word that
she don't want us to serve her any
more. You must have said something
to offend her.

Driver—No, I didn't. I simply asked
her for the money for the week's milk.
She says, "You'd better chalk it up,"
and I says, "We do that already."—
Catholic Standard and Times.

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