

A BALLAD OF SARK.

[Algeron Charles Swinburne.]

High beyond the granite portal arched across,
Like the gateway of some godlike giant's
hold
Sweep and swell the billowy breast of moor
and moss
East and westward, and the dell their
slopes unfold
Beaks in purple, glows in green, exults in
gold
Glens that know the dove and fells that bear
the lark
Fill with joy the rapturous island, as an ark
Full of spicy wrought from herb and
flower and tree
None would dream that grief even here may
disembark
On the wrathful, woful marge of earth and
sea
Rocks emblazoned like the mid shield's royal
boss
Take the sun with all their blossom broad
and bold
None would dream that all this moorland's
glow and glow
Could be dark as tombs that strike the
spirit-cold
Even in eyes that opened here, and here
behold
Now no sun returns from hope's belated
spark
Any comfort, nor may ears of mourners
bark
Though the ripe woods ring with golden-
throated glaze
While the soul lies shattered like a stranded
bark
On the wrathful, woful marge of earth and
sea
Death and doom are they whose crested tri-
umphs toss
On proud phantasms whence mourning
notes are loosed
Wall of perfect dream and moon, for utter loss
Raise the bride-song through the graveyard
on the wold
Where the bride-bed keeps the bridegroom
fast in mould
Where the bride, with death for priest and
doom for clerk
Hears for choir the throats of waves like
vowels that bark
Sore unhealed, off the drear Eperuquerie,
Pain to spoil the strongholds of the strength
of Sark
On the wrathful, woful marge of earth and
sea
Prince of storm and tempest, lord whose ways
are dark
Wind whose wings are spread for flight that
none may mark
Lightly dies the joy that lives by grace of
thighs
Love through these lies bleeding, hope lies cold
and stark
On the wrathful marge of earth and sea.

"Cobs" and "Hacks."

[Wallace's Monthly.]
The descriptive words "cobs" and "hacks," as applied to particular types of horses, are of limited use in this country, and some of our readers seem to suppose that they are used to designate certain breeds that are known by those names. This is a mistake. The terms are not used to designate a breed, but to indicate the type of an animal, in his size and conformation, no difference what his blood or whether he has any blood. A "cob" is a short-legged, stout, block and compactly built animal, varying in height from thirteen hands three inches to fourteen hands three inches. The "hack" is the same type of an animal, varying in height from fourteen hands three inches to fifteen hands three inches. The hack is larger than the cob and the cob is larger than the pony, and the sizes we have indicated are after the best English usage. The Morgan horse, in his original type, would have been the Englishman's true ideal of the cob.

The First Visitor to the Yosemite.

[Western Letter.]
In all that has been recorded about the Yosemite no satisfactory evidence has ever been produced as to the first white man's footprints on the level where the beautiful Merced seeks egress from the rock-bound chasm. We concede that honor to Louis Sammann, a Mono county man, now residing at Mono lake. Louis is a pioneer, an old hunter and a guide in that portion of the Sierra, and figured in many escapades during the Indian troubles. He has abundant proof of a memorable trip into the valley in 1851. When hunting for game he followed the sinuosities of an Indian trail from the direction of Coulterville, and brought up in the vicinity of Bridal Veil fall. He had killed a deer, and, being nearly worn out with fatigue, was seeking the nearest water, when he came unexpectedly upon a large camp of hostile Indians, which had the effect of setting all desire for thirst. As may be supposed, his visit was of short duration.

In the Early Centuries.

[Exchange.]
Dr. French, in a recent work, "Nineteen Centuries of Drink in England," says that mead was the intoxicant of the ancient Briton. The Romans introduced wine. Cider was known at an early date, but the Saxons, Danes, and Normans brought in the secret of stronger beverages. Distilled liquors were introduced under the Plantagenets, and clergymen then began to tipple. In the sixteenth century men of all degrees "slumbered away their time in drunkenness." The prevalent intemperance of the seventeenth century is said to be due to the act to encourage distillation, the exhaustion of light wines, the influence of the court, and the development of toasting and club life. Dr. French predicts that moderation will increase until intoxicating beverages shall be used and not abused, and thus become one of our blessings.

How the Spell Was Broken.

[Boston Transcript.]
They sat upon the shelving rock, while before them was spread out the rich and grand panorama of nature. "How awful! How sublime!" thought Miss Pensive: "And Charlie's soul, like mine, is in sympathy with the scene. He, like me, thinks it were profanation to break the stillness with a single word." Involuntarily she turned her head. Charlie was fast asleep. A sudden and strange emotion filled her bosom. List! She speaks!
"Charlie, you great dunce! Come, let's go into the house!"

Metereological Item.

[Texas Siftings.]
"Mamma, the weather is red hot," said a little Austin boy.
"It's pretty warm, sonny, but I don't think that it is red hot."
"Yes it is," it says in the paper that the thermometer is at blood heat, and you know blood is red."

D. Z. Evans: A padlock is not an unnecessary ornament to a duck-house.

The Girls in Long Branch.

[Manhattan in Chicago Journal.]

The most slightly and satisfactorily things to study at Long Branch are the girls. They are constantly presenting new and curious aspects of femininity. Just now they are engaged in a fight for and against the bang. Shall or shall not the forehead be exposed to view? The curtain of hair is ordered up by a mandate of fashion, but obedience is by no means general. Girls with low brows are willing to denude them, because they know that the effect will be pretty in itself, besides nonplussing the possessors of high foreheads, who are bound to look odd in exposing an expansive portion of cranium so long kept covered. The common result is a kind of compromise-cropping of front locks, and a frizzy arrangement like that shown by Mrs. Langtry during her last tour here.

The increase of apparent intellectuality is astonishing, but I am forced to write that there is a corresponding loss of prettiness. The change is improving to only a small minority. Lawn tennis is played in the most picturesque manner possible to art. The girls wear costumes for this game that are doubtless distracting to impressionable observers. Very jaunty jockey caps; Jersey waists that are plant to every move of joint or muscle underneath; scarfs that encircle shifting outlines, skirts that are short and scant, stockings that are bright in a brief sectional view, and canvas shoes matching the dress in color, that make a show of utility in their rubber soles—all these components of the tennis toilets are highly approved by the admiring eye of man, when the game is pitched on the lawn of a big hotel, and the adjacent veranda holds a crowd of critical spectators, it is a stretch of credulity to suppose that the girls are other than conscious performers; and the success which most of them achieve in an affection of indifference to the staring, of complete absorption in the exercise, and of unstudiedness in graceful posing, is remarkable proof of the American trait of cool self-possession.

The expenditure for dress is extravagant or not, according as the indulgers can not or can well afford it. Hard times have not apparently lessened the display of costly clothes. A few of the wearers in former years have disappeared, but their places are taken by fresh dressers. On the whole there is no deterioration.

The New Fog Signal.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]
The fog-signal apparatus is now constructed in such a manner that in calm weather its sound may be heard twenty miles. This power is gained by means of two slotted cylinders, one fixed and the other revolving in it. The slots, as they pass one another, stop or cut off the passage of compressed air or steam and thus cause a series of vibrations, and consequently a musical note, the pitch of which depends upon the speed of the revolving cylinder. In order to vary the note, it is only necessary to control this velocity. The double-note horn is formed with a casing within which is a fixed slotted cylinder and a revolving cylinder moving upon a spindle. The slots are formed in each cylinder at opposite inclined angles, so that the motive fluid impinging against a number of inclined planes causes the inner cylinder to revolve with rapidity, carrying with it two disks, attached to the common spindle, and upon their peripheries are pressed levers, under the action of small pistons operated by diaphragms, to the outer surface of which compressed air is admitted. When the high note is required, one brake is put on; for the low note, both brakes.

A Sea Cook's Training.

[The Century.]
A sea cook is a peculiar character, requiring a special training. He must know how to prepare a sea hash out of salt-horse flavored with onions, interwoven with the variegated browns of polished mahogany, and savory enough to create an appetite in a stomach that the tossing waves have rendered as sensitive as the needle of a compass. He must understand how to make eatable bread, and take his duff out of the kettle on Sunday as light as cotton and as delicate as sponge cake. Besides this, he must know how to economize in the use of water and provisions, and, more difficult yet, he must contrive to keep the crew satisfied with the mess he cooks for them, while, at the same time, he looks out sharply for the interests of his employer and the captain. He must also be proof against the worst weather, and undeviatingly punctual to the hours of meals. It goes without saying that it is not an easy thing to find such a paragon in the galleys; but when he is there, he is, next to the captain, by far the most important character on board.

The Earth as a Projectile.

[Exchange.]
If, looking at the earth in an artillery point of view, and following the principles Helmholtz has laid down, the earth were considered an enormous projectile, and if it were supposed further the whole energy stored up in gunpowder could be utilized, there would yet be required a charge 150 times greater than its own weight, or 900 times than its volume, to communicate to the earth her orbital motion.

The Secret of Success.

[Phrenological Journal.]
Daniel Webster on one occasion presented, with a brief epistle, a valuable book to a literary society at Harvard. The note, so carefully elegant and graceful, elicited many compliments. It was discovered, however, when the book was examined, that the donor had thoughtlessly left between its pages a paper on which half a dozen different forms of the same note were written.

Advice to a Teacher.

[Charity Snow.]
"Let me tell you, young man, git the good will of yer scholars. There ain't nothin' in the world but what they'll do for ye, if they like ye, but if yer git on the wrong side of 'em, they'll thawn (thorn) ye to death. I could study up more ways of thawnin' a master, in twenty minutes, than he could lick out of me in half a day. Now, you jest callate that's the truth."

WHAT AN EMINENT LECTURER SAID.

Prominent among gentlemen who have attained a national reputation is Mr. Edward L. Wilson, of Philadelphia, a natural artist, a superior photographer, and a fascinating speaker. In winter he addresses large audiences, and in summer he gives illustrated lectures at the various camps of moral and religious instruction throughout the country.

In consequence of close application to his professional duties Mr. Wilson became a confirmed invalid. His absorbing labor connected with photographing the Centennial Exhibition in 1876, when he had charge of over a hundred artists and workmen, first impaired his naturally strong constitution.

To a representative of a city paper who called upon Mr. Wilson, he gave the following relation in regard to his loss of health and subsequent complete restoration:

"The strain on me had been too great. I went down, down, gradually, I became so prostrated that I could not sleep more than an hour or two in the course of the night. I suffered with acute neuralgia, and with headache, which, when they came on suddenly, would render me powerless to think or act. My appetite became capricious, and my digestion deranged. My throat gave me trouble, and I began to be afraid of Chronic Bronchitis. One day five or six years ago, a friend who had been cured of rheumatism by Compound Oxygen, said to me, 'Why don't you try Compound Oxygen?' I laughed at the idea, for I had no faith that such a thing could reach my case. But I consulted Dr. Starkey & Balen at their office in Girard street, and concluded to give their Treatment a thorough trial.

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