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RECREANT THOUGHTS.

*Even as a captive bird, when free,
Seeketh its former nest.
So do my thoughts dear one, to these
Fly back again to rest.
Even as the bird finds nest here,
At last it must leave it there.
The time thy love is little left
To comfort me to classless beat.
They fly to them from storms that beat.
They have no place to rest.
And cry to them, oh, death were sweet.
If sheltered on the breast.*
—Lilie C. Baer in Arkansas Traveler.

THE STONEBREAKER.

There was once in Japan—at a time so remote that seafarers hardly dare speak of it—a poor little stonebreaker who was employed upon the highways.

He worked upon the highways, while it was daylight, all the time during all seasons, under the rain, the snow or the sun. He was always half dead with fatigue, three-quarters dead from hunger, and was not at all contented with his fate.

"Oh, how I would think heaven," said he, "if I could one day be not rich enough to sleep the whole morning through and eat and drink my fill. It is said there exist people, blessed by fortune, who thus live in ease and comfort. Stretched upon thick mats before my door, my back covered with soft vestments of silk, I would make a svastika to be broken every quarter of an hour by a servitor who should recall to me that I had nothing to do and that I could sleep without remorse."

"Take his place," said the angel smiling.

And the miserable personage became that which he was before—a poor little breaker of stones.

As in the past he worked upon the roads while there was light all the time in all seasons, under the rain, the snow or the sun.

He was always half dead from hunger, and three-quarters dead from fatigue—all of which did not hinder him from being perfectly contented with his lot.—Translated from the French of Ernest L'Epine by Laura Lyon White for Short Stories.

fallen and showers. The transformed stonebreaker took pleasure in pouring rain and hail upon the earth in a fashion so terrible that trees fell down, finding no mud in which to fasten their roots. Under his aquatic rule of several hours streams became rivers, rivers became torrents, seas merged into one another and formidable waterfalls were everywhere.

A rock, meanwhile, held up his head in the storm. In face of all he remained impulsive. Upon his banks of granite the waves dashed, covering with froth the waterspouts breaking at his feet, and the thunder made him laugh each time that it tickled his sides.

"I am at my wits' ends!" said the cloud. "This rock ignores my power. He rots me, and I envy him."

Said the angel. "Take his place, and let us see if you will at last be satisfied."

The transformed cloud at length fell at ease. Impervious, inaccessible, impulsive, under the burning exressions of the sun and under the fury of the thunder, he believed himself master of the world.

But lo, at his feet a little soft hammering drew his attention. He leaned over and saw a poor creature, covered with rage—thin and pale as he himself had been in the time of his greatest misery—who with a mallet in his hand, chipped the granite into pieces to repair the neighboring roadway.

"What is this?" cried the superb rock. "A poor wretch, miserable among the most miserable, mutilates me and I cannot defend myself. I am profoundly humiliated. I am reduced to envying the state of this creature."

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The Troublesome Spider.

Many years ago, when the writer used the level with an engineering party, there were frequent difficulties with the instrument. Curved lines like arcs of circles would appear in rapid sequence across the field of vision, which would be nearly eclipsed at times. These difficulties would arise at irregular and generally inconvenient intervals. The instrument was carefully examined with out revealing any cause.

The writer, distrustful of his own eyesight, visited an eminent oculist, receiving some vague advice and paying a反射 fee. It was afterward discovered that a minute spider had ensconced himself in the cover of the eyeglass of the telescope of the level.—Cor. Engt.

'Twas Not a Mosquito.

A Maine man in attendance at a camp meeting and in the attitude of prayer was greatly annoyed by what seemed an especially persistent mosquito. First it perched upon his neck, and his impulse was to fetch it a whack, but a sense of decorum restrained him and he gently dislodged it with his hand. Next he felt a tickling sensation on one of his ears, and up went the other hand. It was not long before the pest was again fanning around the back of his neck. This time the annoyance was too much for him, and with his eyes still closed, he made a grab for it. What he caught was a feather from the hat of a young woman who was devoutly kneeling behind him.—New York Sun.

Electricity in Dentistry.

Electricity is going to play a very important part in the future of dentistry. Now the fully equipped practitioner has an electric motor in a corner and with its engine is run. Then we use little electric lights in connection with the mouth mirror and at night we use it with a reflector. Electricity is also used as a galvanic cautery to burn out dead tissue and diseased bone instead of cutting them away. This renders the work almost painless, and you can see it is a very important adjunct.—Interview in Philadelphia Record.

He Lived About Lincoln.

Gill Hamilton somewhere tells this story about a friend of Mr. Lincoln who in the first convention that nominated Mr. Lincoln for the presidency, had both worked and spoken with great effect for Mr. Lincoln. Afterward, in thanking him for his enthusiasm, Mr. Lincoln said to him, "But, I am afraid, colonel, that when you spoke for me you prevaricated just a little."

"Prevaricated, Mr. Lincoln?" said the other, "prevaricated? Why, I lied like the devil!"—New York Evening Sun.

"Assuredly, great mildado—the equal, to say the least."

"You told me but a moment since that nothing was impossible to me. You have lied to me—you have disobeyed me or you have badly executed my orders. Give me five minutes in which to put out the sun, or ten in which to commit hari-kari! Go!"

The prime minister went away, but did not return.

The imperial stonebreaker was purple with rage.

"Upon my word! This is a fine position—this of emperor, when one is obliged to submit to the familiarities, the caprices, the brutalities of a moving planet. It is no use to deny it, the sun is more powerful than I. I would like to be the sun."

"You are the sun," said the angel.

And the little stonebreaker shone in the high heavens, all radiant, all flaming.

He took pleasure in scorning the

earth, in drying up the rivers and the

seas, in making the mountains tremble.

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