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The General Drift to Cities.

The tendency of the laboring population in rural districts to migrate to the cities is receiving forcible illustration in Germany. Not only has the city of Berlin increased in population nearly 200 percent in the last quarter of a century—but the cities of Hamburg, Berlin, and Cologne have increased four times as rapidly as that of London, but almost twice the growth in Germany exhibits a similar tendency to align their population at the expense of the country. In many parts there are not enough laborers to perform the necessary agricultural operations. The country is, in fact, becoming deserted, and in some cases land is approaching its "peasant value." In the kingdoms of Saxony and Bavaria at this moment there are said to be many small farm-houses, each with a large plot of garden land, advertised for sale at prices which elsewhere would barely suffice to pay the ordinary conveyancing fees. One little property of this sort, for instance, is offered to any purchaser, for the ridiculous sum of \$20 and another for less than \$50. House and land included—all freehold. It is pretty clear that all Germany's protective import duties have been powerless to ward off agricultural depression. In fact, her farmers appear to be suffering a good deal more than those of Great Britain.—New York Post.

The Throwing Power of a Wave.

To appreciate wave force and what may be termed the throwing power of a wave, let it be understood that in the winter of 1860, at Bishop's Rock lighthouse, the bell was torn from its fastenings, although situated 100 feet above high water mark. At Ust, in Shetland Islands, a door was burst in at a height of 195 feet above the level of the sea. The most wonderful effects of wave force recorded were witnessed at Wreck Harbor breakwater. Blocks weighing from 5 to 10 tons were built in above the line of high water, first with hydraulic lime, then with Roman and last with Portland cement. This great work was considered by the most learned engineers in England to be capable of withstanding the assaults of the ocean for ages, but in October, 1864, over 500 feet of this giant barrier was swept away.

In 1872 a monolithic block, 1,350 tons, was lifted bodily and carried to leeward of the breakwater, and in 1873 another and heavier concrete mass, weighing 2,000 tons, which had replaced the former, was swept away intact and carried to a point equally distant.—San Francisco Argonaut.

An Interesting Sight.

A most interesting sight to see is that of a young lady with "lips like ruffles" and with teeth of "pearly whiteness," and with cheeks that have stolen the "deep carnation of the deathless rose," with her mouth full of hot potato.—London Times.

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By FRANCIS BRETT HARTDE

To a girl brought up with a belief in the right of individual independence of thought and action there was something in Mrs. Randolph's practical ignoring of that right which startled her in spite of her new conservatism; while as the daughter of a business man her instincts revolted against Mrs. Randolph's unbusinesslike action with the telegram, however vulgar and unreined she may have begun to consider a life of business and its connections. The result was a certain constraint and embarrassment in her manner which, however, had the landable effect of limiting Emilie's attentions to significant glances, and was no doubt variously interpreted by the others. But she satisfied her conscience by determining to make a confidence of her sympathy to the major on the first opportunity.

This she presently found when the others were preoccupied, the major greeting her with a somewhat careworn face, but a voice whose habitual kindness was unchanged. When he had concluded with her on the terrifying phenomenon that had married her visit to the ranch—and she could not help impatiently noticing that he, too, seemed to have accepted his wife's theory that she had been half-diluted frightened—he regretted that her father had not concluded to come down to the ranch, as his practical advice would have been invaluable in this emergency. She was about to eagerly explain why, when it occurred to her that Mrs. Randolph had only given him a suppressed version of the telegram, and that she would be betraying her or again taking sides in this partisan divided home. With the same hesitation she at last alluded to the accident to the artesian well.

The major did not ask her how she had heard of it; it was a bad business, he thought, but it might not be a total loss. The water may have been only diverted by the shock, and might be found again at a lower level or in some lateral fissure. He had sent hurriedly for Tom Bent—that clever young engineer at the wheat ranch who was always studying up these things with his inventions—and that was his opinion. No, Tom was not a well digger, but it was generally known that he had "located" one or two, and had long ago advised the tapping of that by a second boring in case of just such an emergency. He was coming again to-morrow. By the way, he had asked how the young lady visitor was, and hoped she had not been alarmed by the earthquake.

She felt herself again blushing—and what was more singular, with an unexpected and, it seemed to her, ridiculous pleasure; although outwardly she appeared to ignore the civility completely. And she had no intention of being so easily placated. If this young man thought by mere perfunctory civilities to her host to make up for his clownishness to her he was mistaken. She would let him see it when he called to-morrow. She quickly turned the subject by assuring the major of her sympathy and her intention of sending for her father. For the rest of the afternoon and during their alfresco dinner she solved the difficulty of her strained relations with Mrs. Randolph and Emilie by conversing chiefly with the major, tactfully avoiding, however, any allusion to this Mr. Bent. But Mrs. Randolph was less careful.

"You don't really mean to say, major," she began in her dryest, grittiest manner, "that instead of sending to San Francisco for some skilled master mechanician you are going to listen to the vagaries of a concealed, half-educated farm laborer and employ him? You might as well call in one of those wizards or water witches at once." But the major, like many other well managed husbands who are good humoredly content to suffer in the sunshine of prosperity, had no idea of doing so in adversity, and at the prospect of being obliged to go back to youthful straits had recalled some of the independence of that period. He looked up quietly and said:

"If his conclusions are as clear and satisfactory to-morrow as they were today I shall certainly try to secure his services."

"Then I can only say I would prefer the water with. He at least would not represent a class of neighbors who have made themselves systematically uncivil and disagreeable to us."

"I am afraid, Josephine, we have not yet got beyond a certain point he couldn't get back. But the sensation of being free from his body was so delightful and the landscape was so inviting that he felt no desire to return. All the while, however, he seemed to himself to be attached to his physical body by a fine, almost invisible thread, which kept drawing him back. He lost consciousness, and when he revived he was again lying on bed with his family around him.—Boston Record.

**A Physician's Experience.**  
The following story is about Dr. Wilcox, who says himself die out west and came back to life again:

The doctor told how he saw himself go out of his body, saw his body lying on the bed with his wife and sister kneeling by his side and weeping. He thought it a great joke on them that they should not know he was as much alive as ever. He laughed outright at the "joke," and was surprised that they'd not hear him laugh. He went out of the house down street, and then struck off into the country, thinking to himself, "This must be the road people take when they die."

He hadn't gone far when a voice warned him that if he got beyond a certain point he couldn't get back. But the sensation of being free from his body was so delightful and the landscape was so inviting that he felt no desire to return. All the while, however, he seemed to himself to be attached to his physical body by a fine, almost invisible thread, which kept drawing him back. He lost consciousness, and when he revived he was again lying on bed with his family around him.—Boston Record.

**A Vegetarian Cat.**  
A gentleman residing on Bush street is the owner of a black cat which he calls Nig, which has developed an extraordinary fondness for vegetables. "Nig is extremely fond of vegetables," said the owner of the cat. "We first noticed that he liked green peas when he was but 6 months old. Then my wife caught him eating some that had been left on a dish after dinner, and he was stealing them. After that I tried him on string beans, cauliflower, etc., and he relishes them all and cries for any of the vegetables when they are set on the table and he does not get his share, but what he likes most is asparagus."

"I have known him to eat eleven plain boiled ones, one after another, and he only eats that portion which is soft. Potatoes? No, he seems to draw the line at potatoes, but he'll fill up on baked beans. He appears to enjoy them as much as does a Bostonian."—San Francisco Call.

**Centers of Crime.**

The most notorious crooks at the present writing are produced by the Balkan states, and the police of all civilized countries, especially Germany and Austria, watch terribly the index of thieves, burglars and crooks of all kinds that are wending their way westward from Serbia, Bulgaria and Bohemia. Bohemia is known today as the greatest den of swindlers in the world.

"We won't discuss this any further at present," said Mrs. Randolph stiffly, as the major smiled grimly at Rose. "The earthquake seems to have shaken down in this house more than the chimneys."

It certainly had shaken all powers of sleep from the eyes of Rose when the household at last dispersed to lie down in their caves on the mattresses which had been arranged under the awnings. She was continually starting up from confused dreams of the ground shaking under her, or she seemed to be standing on the brink of some dreadful abyss, like the great chasm in the grain field, when it began to tremble and crumble beneath her feet.

It was near morning when, unable to endure it any longer, she managed without disturbing the sleeping Adele, who occupied the same curtained recess with her, to slip out from the awning. Wrapped in a thick shawl she made her way through the encompassing trees and bushes of the garden that had seemed to imprison and suffocate her to the edge of the grain field, where she could breathe the freer air beneath an open starlit sky. There was no moon and the darkness favored her; she had no fears that weighed against the horror

of exclusion with her own fancies. Besides, they were camping out of the house, and if she chose to sit up or walk about no one could think it strange.

She wished her father were here, that she might have some of her own kin to talk to, yet she knew not what to say to him if he were here. She wanted somebody to sympathize with her feelings—rather, perhaps, some one to combat and even ridicule the uneasiness that had lately come over her. She knew what her father would say: "Do you want to go or do you want to stay here? Do you like these people or do you not?" She remembered the one or two glowing and enthusiastic accounts she had written of her visit here, and felt herself blushing again. What would he think of Mrs. Randolph's opening and answering the telegram? Wouldn't he find out from her accepted his wife's theory that she had been half-diluted frightened?

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