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Is undoubtedly the purest and most reliable baking powder offered to the public.—United States Government Chemist's Report.

AT THE BEACH.
The waves cream up on the shingle
The sheen of the silver moon;
Faint flower scents from a mingling
The winds in the pine tops croon.

TASTE LIFE WHILE YE MAY.
O gin I were a soldier lad, a little less I
would be,
Or if a sailor I'd been bred, right well I'd like
the sea;
But, oh! for women work in town, it is nae
work for me;
I canna thole the three legged stool, I canna
hide the pen.

**My father in a country school, he ca's the cat
and pleugh.**
He labors both in farm and field, as I full fair
would do;
Above his head the lavender slugs, the caller
air drives free;
But he is said, his heart's grown cauld, and ill-
he head takes he.

**It's little pleugh and folk can win when once
they're auld and done;**
And siller comes but slowly in, it's lang or
further; for
For wealth comes but w' toil and care, and
care sunn turns to sorrow;
Then, haste ye, lads, to do and dare, and taste
life while ye may!

Checks That Need Little Winding.
Herr Noll, a mechanic of Herlangen, Germany, has constructed a clock warranted to run for 9,000 years without winding. D. L. Godd, in this country, has in his hall an old fashioned clock which, so long as the house is occupied, never runs down. When ever the front door is opened or closed, the winding arrangement of the clock, which are connected with the door by a rod with gearing attachments, are given a turn, so that persons entering and leaving the house keep the clock constantly wound up.

T. G. Farrer of Fresno, Cal., invented a clock, the only one ever known, which he alleges, is a grand piece of clock work, which keeps the clock running forever without winding. This clock consists of a plate glass disk suspended from the ceiling, and all the parts of it that are visible are the two hands, the pivot on which they swing and the dial. In 1840 J. Smith of Leeds, England, constructed a clock, the sole motor of which was electricity. He lived to see this clock go for 50 years. Clocks are now made to run five years with one winding. There is a clock in the Church of St. Quentin, Mayence, which is said to have stopped only once during a period of 500 years.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Melting Metals In Water.
The remarkable electrical experiments recently made in Berlin, in which a bar of iron was apparently melted by inserting it in cold water, have naturally stimulated further investigation on the same line. The apparatus used consisted of a glass jar provided with a sheet lead electrode connected with the positive pole of a continuous current generator. The vessel contained sulphuric acid and water. A flexible cable from the negative pole is connected to a strong pair of pliers with insulated handles.

Making in the Pliers a Piece of Metal of any kind—iron, for instance—and immersing it in the acidulated water, the liquid is seen immediately in ebullition near the iron rod or plate, which latter is rapidly heated and brought to a dazzling white in a few seconds and soon begins to melt in sparklike drops. The heat is produced so quickly locally that neither the water nor the body of the metal rod has time to become hot. So rapid an evolution of heat means a tremendously high temperature. In a very short time as high as 7,000 degrees F. has been developed.—Boston Transcript.

A Sunday School Guess.
A small boy from the slums had been brought into the mission school, and for a couple of Sundays he had been instructed in the rudiments. On the third Sunday he brought with him his brother William. To test his memory the teacher began to go over the previous lessons.

Light Balloons.
Professor Henry A. Hazen says that the construction of tight balloons must be the first step toward proper exploration of the air. It is hardly probable, he says, that a balloon has been constructed in this country which will not leak 25 per cent of its gas in 24 hours. On the other hand, a balloon has been built in France of goldbeater's skin which has leaked less than one-half of 1 per cent in 24 hours. In other words, if the former balloon could just keep afloat two days the latter would not give out for 100 days.

A New Set of Teeth at Seymour.
David P. Sutherland, of Seymour, is cutting a new set of teeth. He is seventy-four years old and had all of his teeth extracted five years ago. Since that time he has been wearing false teeth. Some days ago the old gentleman's gums became very sore, and to his surprise a tooth broke through. Others quickly followed and a new set is promised.—Indianapolis Journal.

CONSUMPTIVE CURE FOR
Consumptives and people who have weak lungs or Asthma, should use Foy's Cure for Consumption. It has cured thousands. It has not injured the stomach, and it is the best cough syrup sold everywhere.

Through Santa Clara Wheat

By FRANCIS BRET HARTE

The next morning Maj. Randolph took her with Adele in a light curiole over the ranch. Although his domain was nearly as large as the adjoining wheat plain, it was not like that monopolized by one enormous characteristic yield, but embraced a more diversified product. There were acres and acres of potatoes, in rows of endless and varying succession. There were miles of wild oats and barley, which overtopped them as they drove in narrow lanes of dry and dusty monotony. There were orchards of pears, apricots, peaches and nectarines, and vineyards of grapes so comparatively dwarfed in height that they scarcely reached to the level of their eyes, yet laden and breaking beneath the weight of their ludicrously disproportionate fruit. What seemed to be a vast green plateau covered with tiny patches, that headed the northern edge of the prospect, was an enormous bed of strawberry plants. But everywhere, crossing the track, bounding the fields, orchards and vineyards, intersecting the paths of the whole domain, were narrow irrigating ducats and channels of running water.

"Those," said the major poetically, "are the veins and arteries of the ranch. Come with me now and I'll show you its pulsating heart." Descending from the wagon into pedestrian prose again he led Rose a hundred yards further to a shed that covered a wonderful artesian well. In the center of a basin a column of water rose regularly with the even flow and volume of a brook. "It is one of the largest in the state," said the major, "and is the life of all that grows here during six months of the year."

Pleased as the young girl was with these evidences of the prosperity and position of her host, she was struck, however, with the fact that the farm laborers, vine growers, nursery men and all field hands scattered on the vast estate were apparently of the same independent, unoppressed and unprejudicial character as the men of the wheat field. There were no cottages or farm buildings that she could see, nor any apparent connection between the household and the estate. Far from suggesting tenantry or serfdom, the men who were working in the fields glanced at them as they passed with the indifference of strangers, or replied to the major's greetings of questioning with perfect equality of manner or even businesslike reserve and caution. Her host explained that the ranch was worked by a company "on shares"; that those laborers were in fact the bulk of the company, and that he, the major, only furnished the land, the seed and the implements.

"That man who was driving the long roller, and with whom you were indignant because he wouldn't get out of our way, is the president of the company."

"That doesn't make him so uncivil," said Rose, pointing, "for if it comes to that you're the landlord." She added triumphantly.

"I'll tell you the major good humoredly, "I'll simply the man driving the lighter and more easily managed team for pleasure, and he's the man driving the heavier and more difficult machine for work. It's for me to get out of his way. And looked at in the light of my being the landlord it is still worse, for as we're working 'on shares' I'm interrupting his work and reducing his profits merely because I choose to sacrifice my own."

I need not say that those atrociously leveling sentiments were received by the young ladies with that feminine scorn which is only qualified by misconception. Rose, who under the influence of her hostess' nationality had a vague impression that they sounded something like the French revolution, and that Adele must feel like the Princess Elizabeth, rushed to her relief like a good girl. "But, major, now you're a gentleman, and if you had been driving that roller you know you would have turned out as you are."

"I don't know about that," said the major mischievously, "but if I had I should have known that the other fellow who accepted it wasn't a gentleman."

But Rose having sufficiently shown her partisanship in the discussion, after the feminine fashion, did not care particularly for the logical result. After a moment's silence she resumed, "And the wheat ranch below—is that carried on in the same way?"

"Yes; but their landlord is a bank, who advances not only the land but the money to work it, and doesn't ride around in a buggy with a couple of charmingly distracting young ladies."

"And do they share alike?" continued Rose, ignoring the pleasantry; "big and little—that young inventor with the rest?"

She stopped. She felt the ingenue's usually placid eyes suddenly fixed upon her with an unalloyed precocity and as quickly withdrawn. Without knowing why, she felt embarrassed and changed the subject.

The next day they drove to the convent of Santa Clara and the mission college of San Jose. Their welcome at both places seemed to Rose to be a mingling of caste greeting and spiritual zeal, and the austere respect and reserve of those cloisters recalled that had already fascinated the young western girl. They made other excursions in the vicinity, but did not extend it to a visit to their few neighbors. With their reserved and exclusive ideas this fact did not strike Rose as peculiar, but on a later shopping expedition to the town of San Jose a certain reticence and aggressive sensitiveness on the part of the shop keepers and tradespeople toward the Randolphs produced an unpleasant impression on her mind. She could not help noticing, too, that after the first stare of astonishment which greeted her appearance with her hostess she herself was included in the antagonism. With her youthful prepossession for her friends, this distinction she regarded as flattering and aristocratic, and I fear she accentuated it still more by discussing with Mrs. Randolph in school girl French before them. She was unfortunately too young, however, to do this in the shop of a polyglot German.

"Oxozoo me, mees," she said gravely, "but dot lady speaks English so good mit you is halfin' gotten in English she dot speak you meech better, and it dot make nodings to me." The laugh which would have followed from her own countrywoman did not, however, break upon the trained faces of the "de Fontages L'Hommediens," yet while Rose would have joined in it, albeit a little ruefully, she felt for the first time mortified at their civil insincerity.

At the end of two weeks Maj. Randolph received a letter from Mr. Mallory. When he had read it he turned to his wife. "He thanks you," he said, "for your kindness to his daughter, and explains that his sudden departure was owing to the necessity of his taking advantage of a great opportunity for speculation that had offered." As Mrs. Randolph turned away with a slight shrug of her shoulders the major continued: "But you haven't heard all. That opportunity was the securing of a half interest in a Cinnabun lode in Sonora, which has already gone up a hundred thousand dollars in his hands. By Jove! a man can afford to drop a little social ceremony on those terms, eh, Josephine?"

"He's as likely to lose his hundred thousand to-morrow while his manners will remain," said Mrs. Randolph. "I've no faith in these sudden California fortunes."

"You're wrong as regards Mallory, for he's as careful as he is lucky. He don't throw money away for appearance sake, or he'd have a rich home for that daughter. He could afford it."

Mrs. Randolph was silent. "She is his only daughter, I believe," she continued presently.

"Yes; he has no other child or kin," returned the major.

"She seems to be very much impressed by Emile," said Mrs. Randolph.

Major Randolph faced his wife quickly. "In the name of all that's ridiculous, my dear, you are not already thinking of"—he gasped.

"I should be very loth to give my sanction to anything of the kind, knowing the difference of her birth, education and religion, although the latter, I believe, she would readily change," said Mrs. Randolph severely. "But when you speak of my already thinking of 'such things,' do you suppose that your friend Mr. Mallory didn't consider all that when he sent that girl here?"

"Never," said the major vehemently, "and if it entered his head now, by Jove he'd take her away to-morrow—always supposing I didn't anticipate him by sending her off myself."

Mrs. Randolph uttered her mirthless laugh. "And you suppose the girl would go? Really, major, you don't seem to understand this boasted liberty of your own countrywomen. What does she care for her father's control? Why, she'd make him do just what she wanted. But," she added with an expression of dignity, "perhaps we had better not discuss this until we know something of Emile's feelings in the matter. That is the only question that concerns us."

With this she swept out of the room, leaving the major at first speechless with honest indignation, and then after the fashion of all guileless natures, a little uneasy and suspicious of his own guilelessness. For a day or two after he found himself, not without a sensation of meanness, watching Rose when in Emile's presence, but he could distinguish nothing more than the frank satisfaction she showed equally to the others. Yet he found himself regretting even that, so subtle was the contagion of his wife's suspicions.

OLD TIME ROBBERS.

RECOLLECTIONS OF GENTLEMENLY NEVADA ROAD AGENTS.

They Made Big Bait and Seldom Committed Murder During Their Depredations—They Were Good Clothes, Had Plenty of Money and Were Popular.

Some of the Nevada road agents had physiognomies that indicated native viciousness and depravity, but the majority of them were of the good citizen type to which they belonged until accident sent them off as a tangent while on duty. The most notorious of them all, might readily have been mistaken for a studious professional man or a clergyman of extraordinary placidity and meekness. They were good neighbors, pleasant acquaintances and unexcelled on an equal footing with the leading men of their respective communities until the prison door closed suddenly upon them and interrupted the friendly intercourse. The judges, lawyers and bankers of the Comstock, when sitting down to a game of poker could have welcomed them to their respective seats than they did Jack Davis.

From the time the stages began carrying their immense loads of bullion from the mines and bringing large shipments of specie in return, stage robbing became one of the most lively and productive industries in Nevada, and the road agents, without one or more coaches being held up, produced a general feeling of dull times, but the energetic road agents seldom let the community settle into dejection of that character. From the Placerville, Heiness, Dutch Flat, Reese River, Humboldt, Esmeralda and other routes, intelligence of a robbery could be depended upon pretty nearly every day with a comforting degree of certainty. Most of the depredations, however, were committed near the large towns, to which the highways were well returned and productive industries. For women and children I have found them without one or more coaches being held up, produced a general feeling of dull times, but the energetic road agents seldom let the community settle into dejection of that character. 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