

TRAJAN'S COLUMN.—Trajan's column was erected at Rome in the middle of the forum named after the same emperor; but the other buildings of this forum—the palace, gymnasium, library, temples, arches, porticoes, statues, etc.—have all been thrown down, leaving the column alone standing in its original position. It was erected by the Senate and people of Rome in commemoration of the victories obtained by the Emperor Trajan in his two expeditions against the Dacians; in the first of which he compelled them to sue for peace, and in the second conquered them entirely.

There does not, probably, exist any monument in the world more precious or more exquisite in its proportions than Trajan's column, nor one which has rendered more capital service. It is of pure Carrara marble. The shaft is about ninety-seven feet, by twelve diameter at the base, and ten below the capital, which, like the shaft, is Doric, and composed of a single block of stone. The statue is composed of thirty-three enormous blocks of marble, of which eight compose the base, twenty-three the shaft, one the capital and one the pedestal supporting the statue. Every stone is hollowed in the middle, so as to consist, in fact, of a mere ring; and a central vertical aperture is formed, which is occupied by a spiral staircase from the bottom to the top. The column was anciently surmounted by a statue of the Emperor, and later by a figure of the apostle St. Paul. The head of the original figure supported a golden ball, which is now preserved in the capital, and which is said to have contained the ashes of the emperor.

A very remarkable feature in this column is the mode in which it is decorated. There is a series of bas-reliefs, running round the column in an ascending spiral ribbon, which makes twenty revolutions or turns of the spiral before reaching the top. On this is represented the chief incidents in the Dacian victories of Trajan, together with the two triumphal processions by which they were celebrated. The bas-reliefs represent the arms, the accoutrements, the engines of war, the dwellings of the barbarians; we discern the breed of the warriors and their horses; we look upon the ships of the time, canoes and quinqueremes; women of all ranks, priests of all theologies, sieges, and assaults. Such are the merits of this sculptured host, that Polydore de Caravaggio, Giulio Romano, Mihael Angelo, and all the officers of the Renaissance have drawn thence models of style and picturesque strategy. The pictures are not fewer than between two and three thousand, the figure of Trajan himself occurring as many as fifty times. In the lower part of the shaft the figures are each about two feet in height; but as they ascend, and are further removed from the eye, their dimensions are enlarged, and are more deeply worked, till at the top they become nearly double the size of those below.

FROM THE MICROSCOPE TO THE WOODPILE.—The other day a Detroit father purchased a microscope for his son, a boy of ten, patted the lad on the shoulder, and said to him:

"My son, take this microscope, and go out and study the beauties of nature."

The boy left all other amusements for that, and he took such great interest and improved so rapidly, that at the tea table, to which several visitors sat down with the family, he felt that he must make some remarks. Turning to a lady, he inquired:

"Did you ever look at cheese through a microscope?"

"I don't think I ever did," she replied pleasantly.

"Well, you just ought to see the things crawl!"

"John! John!" exclaimed the father, shaking his head at the boy across the table.

John subsided for a moment or two, and when his mother passed the cheese around, everybody said, "Thank you, no." Pretty soon the young student, desiring to mollify his father, asked:

"Father, did you ever look at a toad through a microscope?"

"I will talk with you after supper," replied the parent scowling at the boy.

John was rather disappointed at his failure to arouse enthusiasm, and just as the strawberries were being passed around, he remarked:

"Well, you just ought to look at a strawberry once through the microscope! They look just like warts, they do, and you think you see bugs running!"

"Jawn!" said his mother.

"Boy!" warned his father.

"Well, they look worse'n a fly's head!" protested the boy, who imagined that they doubted his truthfulness, "for flies!"

"Boy!" said the father, making a motion for John to leave the table.

John left, and as soon as it was convenient for him to do so, the father escorted the lad to the wash room in the basement, bounced him around, and said:

"My son, gimme that microscope, and you take the ax and go out and study the beauties of that woodpile!"

If that boy continues to feel as he does at present, he will become a bank-rover instead of a naturalist.—*Detroit Free Press.*

It is said that about 20,000 die every year in India from snake bites, while in the course of 1857-8-9 as many as 946 persons were destroyed in same country by tigers. Many in India are opposed to the destruction of those animals, except in fair fight as game, so that to a certain extent there is in that country what may be called tiger preserving with the above result.

BETTER THAN GOLD.

Better than grandeur, better than gold,
Than rank and title a thousand fold,
In a healthy body, a mind at ease,
And simple pleasures that always please:
A heart that can feel for a neighbor's woe
And share his joys with a genial glow,
With sympathies large enough to enfold
All men as brothers, is better than gold.

Better than gold is a conscience clear,
Tho' tolling for bread in an humble sphere;
Doubly blest with content and health,
Untried by the lust of avarice's wealth,
Lowly living and lofty thought,
Adorn and ennoble a poor man's cot;
For man and morals, or nature's plan,
Are the genuine test of a gentleman.

Better than gold is sweet repose
Of the sons of toil when their labors close;
Better than gold is a poor man's sleep,
And the balm that drops on his slumbers deep.

Bring sleeping draughts to the downy bed,
Whose luxury pillows his aching head;
His simpler opiate labor deems,
A shorter road to the land of dreams.

Better than gold is a thinking mind
That in the realm of books can find
A treasure surpassing australian ore,
And live with the great and good of yore.
The sage's lore and the poet's lay,
The glories of empires passed away;
The world's great drama will thus unfold
And yield a pleasure better than gold.

Better than gold is a peaceful home,
Where all the freeds charities come;
The shrine of love and the heaven of life,
Followed by mother, or sister, or wife,
However humble the home may be,
Or tried by sorrow with Heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were bought or sold,
And centre there, are better than gold.

MOLLY MORIARTY.
Molly Moriarty,
Pink of propriety,
Molly Moriarty, Molly my own;
Shure 'tis your Tim is sad,
How could his heart be glad,
Since like an icicle Molly has grown.

Och 't was your eyes so blue
Cut my poor heart in two,
Each took a half of it, carried it off;
Then when I spoke of love,
Score by the score, atrove,
Sure 'twas unkind of you, Molly, to scoff.

Och at my cabin door,
When the dull day is o'er,
Sully I sit and send signs on the gale;
Rain from my weeping eyes
Fully a stream supplies,
Where drink the cows that are grazed in the vale.

Pigs in a pratle patch,
Running a rotund match,
Sow in the buttermilk drinking her fill;
Cow in the cabbage,
Making sad ravages—
Every thing gone to destruction at will.

Soon in the waters deep,
Tim's weary head shall sleep,
Suckers and shiners shall nibble my nose;
Waves rolling over me,
Singing a lullaby,
Or a sad requiem when the wind blows.

What's that you're sayin', joy?
"Tim, come and kiss me, boy!"
Here, hold my hat, while I ship on the
flure;
Come to my arms, my love,
Molly, my turtle dove,
Whoop! what a jewel you are, to be sure.

PREJUDICE.—No man on earth is so much to be pitied as the man of prejudices. He builds a wall of mud around himself by which he shuts out the sunlight, and shuts himself in, away from all general influences. No man is so miserable as he. His mind grows narrower every day instead of expanding as it should, like the flower that opens its rosy petals to the sun and dews of heaven. Such a man is like the dog in the manger; he neither grows fat himself, nor can believe that any body else is flourishing.

The man of prejudice is generally ignorant. He is unable to see but one side of people or things, and that is the dark side. He is a man that reads little or nothing, so that his mind is not informed or enlarged, but is compressed into the infinitesimal compass of self and the narrow surroundings. He measures all things from his darkened sphere, and cannot get light enough to see that others are outstripping him on every hand, and that he will soon be left alone to grope in the increasing darkness.

The man of prejudice has never traveled; has not seen much of the world, if he had his prejudice would have been knocked away or worn off by attrition. As it is, they have grown and increased like the barnacles on the sides of a ship, which hinder her progress more and more. Such a man can see nothing, believe nothing good of those against whom his prejudices have arisen. He looks for, and hopes for their downfall or failure.

The man of prejudice is really a criminal. He has passed judgment beforehand, and stands ready to cast dirt on his neighbor's fair name. He is not to be trusted. He is not fit to be on a jury where correct judgment is called for; in his hands law and justice must suffer. Give him no place of trust, pass him by on the other side. He is not safe as a member of society, whose very foundations he would destroy. His opinion is not worth a straw, and the people soon find him out. His influence is at zero, because of his freedom in expressing his distorted or false opinion of others.—*Journal of Education.*

Kentucky, a State which possesses the greatest cave in the world, as well as some other things of unusual magnitude, is to have, it is claimed, the highest bridge in the world. It is to be constructed of iron, by the Baltimore Bridge Company, for the Cincinnati Southern Railway, to span the Kentucky River at a point near Shaker Ferry, where the grade line is 275 feet 6 inches above the water.

The Russian Government is engaged in putting fifty thousand cavalry on a war footing.

The Steamship Seythia's Encounter with a Whale.

The Cork Examiner has the subjoined particulars of the encounter of the steamship Seythia with a huge whale—to which it may be added that Mr. John E. Shepard, of Brooklyn, who was a passenger on board the Seythia at the time of the extraordinary collision, says there was no perceptible shock felt when the whale was struck. Neither he nor any other passenger in the saloon knew anything of the occurrences until the whale was killed and the steamer's propeller broken. The big fish, which was upwards of fifty feet long, was afterwards taken on board by a tug, and conveyed into port. The Examiner says:

The Cunard Royal Mail Steamer Seythia, which arrived in Queenstown harbor yesterday morning, from Liverpool, met with an extraordinary accident. It all went well during the passage down the channel, the weather being moderate, and the sea smooth, and when between Ballycotton Island Roche's Point, distant from the land about three miles, the ship struck something which caused her to vibrate all over. Several of the passengers felt the shock, and looking overboard they saw a huge whale rise at the stern, and leap over ten feet out of the water. A volume of blood also burst from the fish and it was clearly seen that the propeller had cut a gash estimated at twelve feet lengthwise, through the body of the fish, which is stated, by the eye witnesses, to have been over fifty feet long. The ship at the time of the casualty was steaming thirteen miles an hour. For yards round where the fish rose the sea was a beer color from blood. Immediately on the arrival at Queenstown, Captain Haines communicated with the Queenstown agent, Mr. McQueen, who had divers sent down to examine the propeller, and it was ascertained that one of the four blades of the propeller had been broken clear off. This collision must have been fatal to the whale, which will, if picked up, be a good prize for the Ballycotton fishing boats. It is supposed that the fish was asleep when run into by the steamer. Had the occurrence taken place during the night, the shock would have created a panic on board, and would have been attributed to sunken wreckage. The ship, otherwise than the loss of the blade of her fan, is not injured. Many people are incredulous respecting this strange occurrence, and the account given of the accident would not be believed generally, were not it that so many of the saloon and steerage passengers saw the whale as he rose under the ship's stern. The diver who went down to examine the propeller states that there are particles of the flesh of the fish as if it were glued and besmeared about the propeller. It is a fatty substance.

The dead whale has since floated ashore.

FAULTS OF SOCIAL LIFE.—Dr. Bellows, of New York, preached a discourse in his church recently, which was directed at the false manner in which children are brought up in this country. He asserted that there was never anything like it in any other nation. The cause of the trouble with children is, that we have a generation of untrained parents, in haste to be rich, the husband toiling and the wife expending, no time given to the careful training of the children at home, daughters kept from all practical knowledge of domestic life, exciting and sensational matters are discussed in the household where only pure and peaceful thoughts should prevail, ostentation being the rule, self-restraint in both manners and speech almost unknown, and a condition of things prevailing that would inevitably produce a generation whose future could hardly be foretold. Dr. Bellows told a volume of truths, but nothing but hard experience will impress them on the general mind.

ABOUT KEYS.—The invention of keys is attributed to the Lacedaemonians. They were first made of wood, and the earliest form was that of a crook introduced into a hole, to raise a latch or remove a bolt. Such ancient keys as exist are mostly of bronze and various shapes; the most remarkable are those which have the shaft terminated on one side of the works and on the other by a ring. These have been supposed by some to be the keys presented by husbands to their wives, and which were resigned upon divorce or separation. Among the Anglo-Saxons a servant was keeper of the keys. Tradesmen formerly wore bunches of them at their girdles.

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Dr. Benjamin Clark in the London *Milk Journal*, states that in the East Indies warm milk is used to a great extent as a specific for diarrhea. A pint every four hours, says this writer, will check the most violent diarrhea, stomach ache, infantile cholera and dysentery. The milk should never be boiled but only heated sufficiently to be agreeably warm—not too hot to drink. Milk which has been boiled is not fit for use.

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