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A Ramble on the Beach.

By ROBERT ROLAND.

From the study of that semi-"moluscan" creature—the star-fish—we find next on our ramble, just the funniest thing that ever was. We discover it in one of the little ponds, left by the receding tide, and near it stranded on the sand, dead and withering in the sun, several others of the same family. The first I ever saw was floating in the salt sea water at Hampton Roads, Virginia, near Fortress Monroe, and this one four thousand miles away, on the shore of another ocean, is just like it. All the little comrades of my ramble gather curiously around and two or three of the "girlie girls" ask in the same breath: "What is it, Uncle Robert?"

Ah, my dears; in this I'm an agnostic. *I don't know.* It is called the "jelly fish" in the books. It is a thing with life, and yet you can look right through it. In the water it has form and motion and propels itself by contraction, like the shutting of your hand, but when stranded on the sand, as you see these poor things, it is merely a shapeless nothing. In the water, see how easily and beautifully and swiftly it hustles itself around and those dozens of long tentacles—a yard long some of them, see how they float in the water like strings, or ribbons from a girl's hat, or the tail of boy's kite in the air. How they tangle, snarl, and then, how they all come out straight again, and this transparent, translucent creature does not seem to care, "the haper of a wild caper" how they are. 'Pears like they are all right anyway, and if some of them get caught on the rocks and half a yard torn off, the thing does not seem to mind it one bit, because for all we know it may grow out another in an hour, or splice out the one that is broken and go on rejoicing the same as before

"Oh what a funny thing" exclaimed little Miss Frankie. "It's shaped just like a saucer turned upside down."

Yes dear, and before I read about them in the books, I called them "saucer fish." Floating in the water, as you see, they are very curious and pretty, but out of their element also as you see, they are scarce a handful of inert nothing. For what purpose created, or for what purpose they live, we do not know, and yet, the same dear God made and watches over them, who cares for us, and notes the tiny sparrows, when they fall.

As I have said, you see this curious "fish" is transparent. You can look right through it. You don't see any sign of a heart, or stomach or veins, or bones, for the very good reason, there are none; nothing but a quivering mass of jelly, which assumes different forms as it floats about, or contracts itself and shoots away through the water like an arrow. What it feeds on, and you see nothing which looks like a mouth, or how it lives, no one knows, or if they do, they have kept very still about it, and yet this thing, a nothing on land, and so curiously alive in water, and which, as it floats, you can look through and see the sand beyond; even as old Scrooge looked through the ghost of Marley and saw the buttons on the back of his coat; this thing I say, has a sort of mind or instinct, is conscious of danger and makes haste to get itself out of the way. It has always stirred a grewsome feeling in me. It is so vapory and spirit-like, 'twere better called a "water sprite;" a semblence of something you cannot grasp, which as you see, when I seek to touch it with my cane, makes that spot vacant in an instant and reappears somewhere else. Ah, it is no fish, except it lives only in the salt sea water, only has shape in water, nor yet a "sprite." It is only an interrogation point. A "what is it?" and so it floats away.

And still another queer beauty of the sea, before we close our ramble, and retreat from the incoming tide. We find three of them in a nook, covered by the great Pacific's waves, during half the hours of the day, i. e. the twenty-four, which complete the earth's revolution. These are the sea anemone. A plant. An animal. A flower. Which?. For hundreds of years savants and scientists have wrestled with the question, and yet I have never learned that they know what it is, or whether it is a sort of trinity; three in one and a very reasonable trinity too.

The first one of these wonders I ever saw was at Ocean Spray—a summer home village not far from Boston—for when the tide was out I wandered there far away under the sea, where great ships had sailed at morn. I remember that this child of the Atlantic was of a delicate pink color. We are now wandering along the shore of the far Pacific, and these animal flowers at our feet, are of just a lovely pale blue—so pale, and so blue that the color seems flashing from their thousands of folding and unfolding petals. I put my cruel foot on one of them, and it seems discouraged and crushed for an instant, then it flames out again, and somehow puts off the sand and dirt—the contamination of my shoe sole—and is as bright as ever. It is like a great spreading chrysanthumum, except that it has more center, and is not as large.

Each part of the sea anemone seems imbued with a life of its own. Cut off some of its petals and they grow again; nor do they lose any time about it. Part it:—cut it in two and each part at once becomes the head of a family, and immediately starts in business on its own account.

Wonderful? It is more than that. Its a miricle. It is an animal because imbued with animal life. A plant because rooted in one spot. A flower because it blossoms—often seen along the shore, when the tide is out—for all we know, it is also a child of the deep, dark sea! Now if this wonder is an animal, whence its food, which must all be brought within the range of its star-rayed petals. If a plant, whence its sustance, in the cold sea waves? If a flower, whence its wonderful kaleidoscope beauty? Who can make answer, for this mameless animal,—plant,—flower of the great Oceans.

I give it up.

Fastened upon some century sunken hulk—sprouting from the skull, of some long forgotten relative, the sea anemone, sheds its beauty o'er old Neptune's cares, radiating forever, its starry luster, in the deep, cold sea. A wonder we know not of, tho' we see it. a miricle of the days, when miricles are said to have passed away.

Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a rose is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

"Who wrote that beautiful stanza—"Uncle Robert"—up spoke the Bessie of our troupe. "I think its just lovely.

"And so do I" and I" chimed a lot more of them.

"That all right Uncle"—said practical Johnny—"but I don't see what its got to do with this thing." and he thrust out his foot at one of our sea anemones.

Perhaps nothing Johnny tho' you must admit that many a rose wastes its sweetness, on the desert air, and by the same rule, this wonderful thing, may waste its beauty, in the oceans depths, and now Bessie, dear, to answer the first question last, that stanza is a quotation from "Gray's Elegy," said to have been written in a churchyard, tho' as he was seven years writing it, I have my doubts about it. You are quite right however about it being "lovely." Gray lived and wrote more than a hundred years ago, but his "Elegy" is the only poem, he is remembered for, and that is considered the most elegant, finished verse in the English language, as in my opinion it ought to be, as he was seven years polishing it up.

"Oh the tide! the tide!" Shouted Billy. "Look at the tide! We'd better get out o' here," and so sure enough the tide was crowding in around us, and we at once scampered for higher ground and after a stiff climb were soon on the bluff over looking the scene of our late ramble, and fifty feet above the highest tide mark; whereupon we found seats upon the grass, and fell to the investigation of certain mysterious baskets, which always go along with such a crowd; the girls all talking at once, and the boys, whooping such whoops, as only boys can when "school's out."

Then we discussed our future plans and deciding to rest up next week, and that two weeks hence we would tramp a mountain trail and have a camp in the woods. The girls all said it would be fine, and the boys all said, they'd have their guns loaded for bear! Oh they are a brave merry troupe, these nephews and nieces of mine, and I anticipate much pleasure going over the mountains, with such a troupe of hustlers.

The expedition of Lewis and Clark will be nothing to it, and so with all we saw during our ramble on the beach and much more which cannot now be told, about our doings on that beautiful April day, "At Bandon by the sea," we all came safely home again, well pleased thus far—voted the time well spent, and like little Oliver Twist, all wanting "some more."

On our way up the river, several of the larger nephews and nieces came to me with a proposition to organize "A club." It nearly took my breath away. "Why not" they all exclaimed in chorus. "Everything nowadays is done by club organizations, and sure enough—why not?"

Well my dears, I'll think about it. And so it was left until our meeting on the mountain trail.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Coquille, in Coos County, Oregon, for the purpose of assessing the damages to accrue by reason of appropriating that stream in Coos County Oregon, known as Rink creek for the use of a proposed water system for the said city, has appointed J L. Kronenburg, E. W. Guptill and J. Fred Schroeder viewers and appraisers. to view the property rights hereinafter described and to assess how much less valuable said property premises and property rights will be rendered by reason of the appropriation of said stream of the rights of way for laying its water pipe, diverting points, reservoir sites described as follows to wit:

Eight miners inches of water from that part of Rink creek flowing through the se ¼ of ne ¼ of sec 5 t 28 s of r 12 w, in Coos County, Or. belonging to the Southern Oregon Company together with the following described rights of way and diverting point site upon land belonging to the Southern Oregon Company to wit:

Being 4 feet on each side of the following line.

Begining at head of falls in the north branch of Rink creek at a cedar log marked "O," said log is 978 feet north and 450 feet west of the ¼ sec corner between sections 4 and 5. t 28 s r 12 w Willamette meridian, and running thence s 9 deg e 200 ft s 4½ deg e 165 ft s 6 deg w 80 ft s 29 deg w 120 ft s 9 deg w 295 feet south 140 feet s 25 deg w 300 feet, s 60 deg w 200 feet, s 43½ deg w 500 feet, s 16½o w 800 feet, s 6 deg e 900 feet, s 33 deg w 215 feet, s 71⅔ deg w 485 feet to line between sections 5 and 8. Thence 8 feet wide on the north side of the following line viz:

West along section line 793 feet to ¼ section corner. Thence n 84 deg, 52 min w along section line 2832 feet to corner of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8. Thence 4 feet on each side of the following line: s 70½ degrees w 535 feet, n 81 deg w 221 feet. Thence west 665 feet s 61½ deg w 270 feet s 46 deg w 405 feet, s 65 deg w 445 feet, n 80 deg w 780 feet, n 57½ deg w 100 feet, n 23 deg w 485 feet to line between sections 6 and 7 a total distance of 11,926 feet,

Also beginning 194 feet north of the cornor of sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 of said township and range, and running thence n 87 degrees w 59 feet, w 667 feet s 83 deg w 233 feet w 490 feet to intersection of line from North fork of Mat Rink creek; a total distance of 1449 feet.

Also a strip of land 60 feet wide on each side of the said north fork of Rink creek from the initial point of the above survey, running n 22 ½ deg e up stream for a distance of 300 feet for a resorvoir or diverting point site.

Also 4 miners inches of water from that part of Rink creek flowing through the s w ¼ s 4. t 28 s of r 12 w in Coos County Ore. belonging to J. D. Walker together with the following described right of way and diverting point site to wit:

Being 4 feet on each side of the following line: Begin 1052 feet north and 1262 feet east of the corner of sections 4, 5, 8, and 9 t 28 s r 12 w at top of falls of south fork of Rink creek, and running thence s 38 deg w 200 feet: Thence s 56 deg w 1260 feet. Thence n 87 deg w 94 ft to line between sections 4 and 5 a distance of 1554 feet. Also a strip 50 feet wide on each side of the creek beginning at the initial point of this survey and running thence easterly along said creek 300 feet for a reservoir and diverting point site.

Also the following described right of way and resevoir site on land belonging to John Notley to wit:

Begining at a point on section line between sections 6, and 7 t 28 s r 12 w 703 feet west of the ¼ sec. corner and running thence along line as now staked out, n 23 deg w 215 ft n 48 d w 500 ft n 65 d w 651 ft n 20¾ w 549 ft n 110 ft to a Chitum tree 12 in. in diameter marked BM on south side. Also beginning n 6 deg e 187 ft from the above described Chitum at a cedar stump, and running thence n 29 deg w 1550 ft to the line between ranges 12 and 13 w, being 4 ft on each side of the above described line. Also a piece of land begining 50 ft south of the above named Chitum tree and running thence s 70 deg e 120 ft; thence n 20 deg E. 300 feet. thence north 70 degrees west 240 feet, thnece s 20 deg w 300 ft; thence s 70 deg e 120 ft to the place of beginning containing 1 65-100 acres for resorvoir site.

Also all the right that Caroline Myers has in and to the said 12 miners inches of water hereinbefore mentioned by virtue of being owner of the following described land through which said Rink creek flows, to wit:

n ½ of n w ¼; n ½ of n e ¼; s w ¼ of n e ¼ and se ¼ of n w ¼ of sec 8 tp 28 s r 12 w W M,

Also all the right that C. H. Bunch has in the said 12 miners inches of water hereinbefore mentioned by virtue of being the owner of the following described land through which said Rink creek flows, to wit:

s e ¼ of n e ¼ sec 7 and s w ¼ of n w ¼ sec 8 tp 28 s r 12 w W m,

Also all the right that Wm. Colvin has in and to the said 12 miners inches of water hereinbefore mentioned by virtue of being the owner of the following described land through which said Rink creek flows, to wit:

s w ¼ of n e ¼ and w ½ of s e ¼ and w 15 acres off of s e ¼ of n w ¼ and of n e ¼ of s w ¼ of sec 7 in tp 28 s r 12 w W m.

Also all the right that J. P. Jacobsen has in and to the said 12 miners inch of water hereinbefore mentioned by virtue of being the owner of the following described land through which said Rink creek flows, to wit:

Lot 4 of sec 12 in tp 28 s r 13 w W m, and lot 1 and s ½ of n w ¼ and e ½ of s w ¼ less 15 acres off of s e ¼ of n w ¼ and of n e ¼ of s w ¼ of sec 7 tp 28 s r 12 w W m

w That the said City Council has set Monday the 4th day of May 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time, and at the office of E. G. D. Holden, in the City, of Coquille Coos County Oregon as the place of meeting of said viewers, for the purpose of performing the duties hereinbefore setforth.

Published by order of the City Council for the City of Coquille in pursuance to the resolution duly made on the 15th day of April 1903.

E. G. D. HOLDEN
City Recorder.

For Municipal Onership

A late Chicago dispatch says:—Mayor Harrison's first official act today was to announce that he would ask the Council tomorrow night to authorize him to appoint a commission of ten aldermen and as many private citizens to go to Springfield as the representatives of the city and urge the passage of a municipal ownership enabling act and a bill providing for the initiative and referendum. He also sent a telegram to Governer Yates asking him to aid Chicago in getting this enabling legislation.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has signed the bill passed by the Legislature now in session at Harrisburg prohibiting the sale in that state of cigarettes or cigarette paper to any person under 21 years of age. A similar law in this state has long been a dead letter. Parents do not take the trouble to see that it is enforced. Perhaps, being busy with other things, they do not care anything about it. Possibly some of them share the belief of their stunted, mistaken boys that smoking cigarettes is a manly accomplishment. At all events, no pretense is made of enforcing the law. Perhaps the parents of Pennsylvania will make a better record in this line. Let us hope so.—Oregonian.

Buffalo Bill Injured.

Manchester, Eng., Apr. 13.—W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) met with an accident at the first performance of his show here today. His horse reared and fell on him. He was removed to a hotel.

Salt Lake City, April 11.—Brigham Young, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Mormon Church, died in this city tonight, after a lingering illness.

Topeka, April 6.—(Special Correspondence.)—All railroad lines runninig into the state issued an order to the effect that hereafter the freight on all consignments of liquor must be prepaid, and a guarantee for the return freight if the consignment is not claimed in ten days.—The New Voice.

In view of the extended duration of the President's present trip the question of taking along a laundry car was seriously considered, but it was finally determined that the expense would be too great. Instead the members of the party have provided themselves with enough linen to start a haberdasher's store.

The art of glyptics, engraving on precious stones, is being revived in France. There is little liklihood that it will ever find a place in the United States, however. Even artistic stone sculpture is seldon practiced by Americans whose quick, impatient temperaments rebel at the slow methods essential to success in this direction.

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