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O, why not thou in me,
Perdita?

Perdita! dear one! flown,
Leaving me here alone;
What else can I do but be
Rivulet, brooklet to thee,
Best of the best in me,
As I am the worst of thee,
Queen of my soul's high throne
My darling, my love, my own—
Perdita!
—Richard Henry Stoddard.

A Society Lady's Unfortunate Mistake.

A prominent society lady of Washington, who shall be nameless in this sketch, went to the Japanese legation to borrow a handsome court shawl from Mme. Kuki. She readily obtained the desired garment—a very costly affair—and afterward had her photograph taken with the shawl gracefully thrown over her shoulders. When she took it back to its owner it is only fair to presume that she did not know that to Mme. Kuki the shawl was of no further value, and that she herself would probably receive it as a present.

The Japanese do not believe in wearing garments which other people have donned, and so she presented it to the borrower. The latter is now congratulating herself upon her good luck, unconscious, perhaps, of the fact that the donor has not recovered from the surprise she felt when the borrower made the strange request. Had the lady known more of Japanese customs she would not have asked for the shawl, which to the Japanese could not be viewed in any other light than that of lack of good breeding, but such instances are common in Washington.—Cor. Cleveland Leader,

A Few Words Concerning Ventilation.

Lack of pure air in dwellings is a direct result of our advancing civilization, a result, we should say, that now bids fair soon to be a thing of the past. Until recently the main object in planning houses has been to make them as nearly air-tight as possible. They protect their occupants better from the vicissitudes of climate than those of a century or more ago, but they also give them almost no ventilation. They give more comforts with less healthful surroundings; luxury at the expense of purity o lung food. A dwelling made tight enough to keep cold air out will also keep foul air in, unless some contrivance to allow it to escape is also used. The houses of our ancestors, being less tight, allowed a free passage of air out and in, and their occupants were exempt from many modern diseases that we now know to be due to confinement in the foul air of close rooms. In this respect, our forefather were better off than we are.—Hall's Journal of Health.

The Parasol Ants of Trinidad.

A resident in the West India isle of Trinidad noticed on one occasion what seemed to be a broad band of leaves moving across the path. Closer inspection satisfied him that they were swarms of the parasol ants, so destructive to tropical plantations. They were traveling in a column more than eighteen inches wide, and, as each ant carried in its mouth a piece of leaf which entirely covered its body, they resembled—as the observer describes it—a "Lilliputian grove in motion." Their number seemed to be inexhaustible. These little insects—their industry notwithstanding—are great pests. Nothing can turn them from their course, and, though a man may kill them by the thousand, enough will yet remain to make him repent his rashness. A swarm has been known to strip a fruit tree in one night.—Philadelphia Call.

The Commerce of Ste. Barbara.

The commerce of Ste. Barbara apparently consists chiefly of trade in coffee, hides, and Indian corn brought in nets holding about two bushel of ears each, slung over pack-saddles on mules. Sarsaparilla and deer skins are often seen coming in, and wheat flour from California is in constant supply. The department is rich in mines, but the precious metals make little show, and therefore are not often much noticed by the traveler. Fruits and vegetables from the forests and mountains are staple articles of trade, but unless one asks particularly for them they will not appear on the table. Plantains and bananas have been especially noticeable for their absence, yet there are plantations of plantain and bananas in nearly every valley and on many a mountain side.—Honduras Cor. Chicago Times.

Denmark and Imitation Butter.

A law enacted in Denmark compels all all makers and sellers of adulterated, imitation and bogus butter to pack it in elliptical tubs, conspicuously marked "margarine," and punishes infractions of the law by a fine of from 200 to 2,000 kroners ($54 to $540.) The enactment was forced by the agricultural element of the country, despite the opposition by the bogus butter people.—Chicago Herald.

A Covering for Cotton Bales.

A recent invention of a sheet iron covering for cotton bales is exciting some attention in the south. The covering can be used again and again until it is worn out. If the invention proves to be successful it will be of great value, as much cotton is burned while in transit, and several pounds from each bale is lost in various ways.—Chicago Herald.

Some Slang American Phrases.

In the distribution of slang American phrases "Do tell" and "I want to know" are confined to New England. "Is that so," or a lengthened "indeed," is to the unrefined American what "so" is to the German. It is capable of conveying a dozen different meanings. — Chicago Herald.

Sporting Item of the Period.

First sportsman (with fishing-rod)—Hello, George, what did yer ketch?
Second sportsman (with gun)—Oh, ketched forty bass this mornin' 'n—
First sportsman—Heh?
Second Sportsman—O, I mean——.—Detroit Free Press.

Jumbo Was Still an Infant.

It has been ascertained that the great Jumbo was still a child, the bones being still cartilaginous in parts, and the public will never know how he might have looked if he had attained his growth. —Chicago Times.

More Feathers in Their Caps.

The late M. Gicquel and Gen. Gordon were the only Europeans authorized by the Chinese government to wear peacock's feathers in their caps and tunics of imperial yellow.—Inter Ocean.

A shoot of a French prune tree, which shows a growth of twelve feet in a single season, is on exhibition at Santa Rosa.

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SCIENCE.

There is prehaps no subject extant in which we should be more interested and no subject prehaps that we know less about than Science; or if we do know, none that receives less commendation for the grand mission and immense work she is performing in the world. A great many know Science only as the time honored opponent of Biblical religion and that is not knowing at all. For the empire of Science is literally boundless, it is not only the groundwork fostering nurse of modern education, but a dweller in and a co-worker with all things. Science tells us many new and strange things, she goes down into the earth and discovers its treasures and its age. She soars into the realms of the air and tells us of things we never knew, she walks on the bottom of the sea mid corals and pearls and gems of rare splendor, and returns with knowledge of things we never dreamed of, she traverses the broad Llanos and Pampas and Sylvas neath a torid sun. The steps of Asia, the desert sands, the sounding aisles of a boundless forest, she tells us of wonders of the fauna and flora of every zone; she floats upon the pinions of the bird of paradise, she folds herself in the jessamine bud in vernal vales by the side of laughing waters, in desert wastes where the deadly simoon howls; she is leaving her land marks in Lebanon caves, on Sinai's steep her footprints, on Jordan and Genesaret, and writing her name on the walls of Jerusalem. She is delving beneath the ruins of Baalbec, of Palmyra, of Memnon and of Thebes; she is plowing up the records of nationalities lost in the ruins of time. In short she is doing a grand part in rolling back the dark pall of ignorance and making plain the ways of the dark unknown. It is strange that so many take so little interest in science when her agents are daily calling her attention to facts modern research has disclosed. Methinks I hear the voice of Humboldt ringing down from the heights of Aconcagua and Chimborazo, and Wympec gives us pages written above the clouds. I hear the voice of old Copernicus calling on the world to look heavenward and behold the proof of astronomic science: from the same source comes a voice from Galileo, from Kepler, Hercheli, Leverier and Ross; from the tropic wilds I hear the voices of Burton, Speake, Baker, Cameron, Livingstone and Henry M. Stanley who have written their names with a scientific pen on the face of the dark continent. From the north I hear the voices of Kane, McClintock, Hall, Greely and Hays: though explorers these men have all labored devoutedly in the field of science; it is difficult to estimate just what we owe to science and the men who have lived and died in its cause. Shall not Sir John Franklin, Lockwood and Delong claim our highest admiration? They have all died where their funeral dirge was chanted by the cold winds that moaned around the lonely icebergs of the frozen north. Lieut. Delong has written his last scientific record with a frozen hand, a hollow voice will ride upon the frozen blasts through the icy corridors and twilight gloom of a frozen zone and proclaim their praise forever. O science how true to thy cause are thy ministers, their deathless names shall be inscribed on the flaming front of the Aurora borealis with the grand motto "Science will conquer:" hail to science sits enthroned in the land of the midnight sun, hail to the invincible hand that shall lift the pall from the dark continent, and tear the mask of ignorance and superstition from the face of a benighted world. LODI.

Some Difference

Secretary Lamar has been making some rattling speeches in the Southwest and telling the people that the United States is a pretty fair place to live in after all. Though he did not avoid the subject of the war and former sectional differences, he expressed the belief that the North and the South have reached a stage in their history when they can lock arms and march through "the corriders of time', to the music of the Union. Let us see—Secretary Lamar is a Southern man.

Mr. Blaine has been making a tour through Pensylvania and New Jersey, doing his best to keep the old ante-bellum antagonisms alive. He has shaken them up as a kennel keeper lashes his dogs and sets them all yelping. Then in a magnificent perorration he described the tyranny of the whites and the oppression of the blacks until the groundlings were wild with delight.

It is a little odd that the South should accept the new order of things, while Mr. Blaine insists that unless the North hates the South it yields one of its greatest privileges and is recreant to its most important duty.—N. Y. Herald, Nov. 6,

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