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"THE MARSEILLAISE."

SONG AND AIR THE INSPIRATION OF ROUGET DE L'ISLE.

Than Cannons and Bayonets-Origin of the Famous Song-Its Effect on the Army.

On April 20, 1792, the national assembly of France voted for war with the emperor of Austria. It was a solemn moment, for it was the opening of a struggle which was to last for thirty years; a struggle in which France, single handed, would have to contend against the armies of Europe. If reason had been alone consulted, there seemed no hope of success.

Strasburg, in the month of April, 1792, was in a condition typical of most of the great towns throughout France. Its streets, its squares, were filled with people of all ages, but chieffy with young men. The bells were tolling, and mothers and sisters were hurrying to the churches, for the dread boom of cannon was heard at intervals. But the new hope, the new faith, rendered the young full of joy, and fetes and banquets, singing, embracing and handshaking were the order of the day.

The mayor of Strasburg entered with all his heart into the popular feeling, and on the day after the vote for war he entertained some officers at his house. Among them came a young man from Franche Comte, named Rouget de l'Isle. Born at Lans-le-Saulnier, in the Jura, the son of a barrister connected with the provincial parliament, well educated, and already known as a poet and musician, this young man of 23 represented the ardent and generous impulses that distinguished the youth around him. Mayor Dietrich's nieces and some other Alsatian ladies who were present added to the enthusiasm of the gathering. The wish was uttered that some poet might be inspired to express in a national song the intense feeling peat the declaration made a year ago that which at the moment made France a people. The host turned to Rouget de l'Isie and urged him to try to do this, and the company present joined in the appeal.

There is more than one account of the circumstances which attended this request, but a note is preserved in the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris, written by M. Delabarre, a friend of Rouget de l'Isle's, which is said to give the facts as narrated on the poet's own authority

"M. Dietrich appealed to him to compose both words and music of the song required. All concurred in the request, and about an hour before midnight he returned home, and finding his violin on his bed he took it up, and, full of the idea of that which he was requested to do, he began playing upon the upper strings for a fugue for the air. Believing himself to have found it, he immedintely composed the words. Trusting entirely to memory, and not committing anything to paper, he weat to bed. The next morning, rising at 6, he fortunately recollected both music and words. He took them himself to M. Districh, to whom he submitted it, and who was not a little astonished at its very prompt inspiration. He was in his garden, and after a cursory perusal of the song he said: 'Let us go into the drawing room, that I may try your air on the piano.' He was struck with its beauty, aroused his wife, who was still in bed, and directed that each of the guests of the night before should be bidden to breakinst, as he had something of importance to communicate to them. All came, believing that he had already received news of blows struck in the war from Gens. Luckner and Lafavette. He would not satisfy their curiosity on the point until they had breakfasted. Then he sang the hymn heartily, and it produced immediate admiration." According to Michelet's version, some one had said that "Allons" should be the key note of the hymn; and now, as the poet entered the room, he came singing the strophe; Allous, enfants de la patrie! The friends listened with ever increasing emotion; it seemed, both words and music, as a flash of light from heaven; it expressed, in a way characteristic of a true inspiration, the feeling of every heart. France had not only realized her unity, but found the gift of speech. The song, once sung, passed like wildfire from mouth to mouth, and in two months was all over France. The poet called it "Hymn of the Army of the Rhine," and he sent it the same day to Gen. Luckner, who was at the head of this portion of the French troops. It was immediately printed on a half sheet in oblong quarto, and those who could not obtain a copy made one for themselves. The orchestras at the theatres gave it, and the band of the initional guard played it on the following Sunday. Who composed the music? Undoubtedly, as we have said, music and verse were of one and the same inspiration. Germany has claimed the music as taken from a mass by Holtzmann, but research has been unable to find the mass in question, or that such a composer ever lived. The point is settled by the fact that in the original impression, dedicated to Luckner, and published at Strasburg in 1792, the music is there, and that contemporaries who knew Rouget de l'Isle say that it was he himself who composed it. It would be difficult to find a national ode filled with a patriotic fervor more intense, but the music s undoubtedly superior to the words, and I venture to say the most inspiring the modern world possesses The Austrian emperor had made three demands. Submission to the first two would have reduced France to a fiel of the empire. The third was still more odious, for it meant a return to the old order of things.

COLLECTION OF RARE RELICS.

The Valuable Memorabilia in a Chicago Man's Possession-Lincoln Mementos. C. F. Gunther, the candy man, has a collection of memorabilia of the world's great men which is probably unequaled in the United States. The elegantly decorated fire-

Birth of a Giant Force More Mighty proof room forming the second story of his State street store is completely filled with rare relics. Besides these Mr. Gunther has enough more relies to fill five rooms of equal size. Many of these are too valuable to be exhibited, and an exhibition safe is now being built for them. They include all the deeds, etc., by means of which George Washington proved his ownership in Mount Vernon.

> "Oh, you want to see the Lincoln collecentire would fill a whole side of this room. Here you see is a well worn leaf from one of Lincoln's copybooks when he was a boy. You see he didn't make any mistakes even then. Here are several of his bills for legal services. That one you see is for only \$5-not much like a modern fee. That pile there is the full text of the Lincoln-Douglas debate. They are in exactly the shape in which Lincoln left them after correcting them for publication. There are the muffler and the vest he wore on his inauguration trip to Washington. There are his spectacles-not much like those of our dudes now. That is the original manuscript of the act freeing the slaves in the District of Columbia. There is Lincoln's favorite poem written by himself. You see it begins: "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud." There are two original photographs taken before his inauguration. All these bronze, gold and silver medals com-

> memorate events in his life. "That manuscript there is one of the most valuable here. You know the original emancipation proclamation was burned in the Chicago fire. Well, this is a page from Lincoln's last message, written after Lee's surreader, in which he affirms the emancipation proclamation. You see it says; 'I rewhile I remain in my present position I shall not attempt to retract or modify the emancipation proclamation, nor shall I return to slavery any person who is free by the terms of that proclamation or by any of the acts of congress. It is the only document in existence in the original which proves Lincoln's acts in reference to the abolition of slavery, In connection with this you see this resolution of congress abolishing slavery here. It is the original document, engrossed on parchment and signed by Colfax, Hamlin and all the members of congress who voted for the proclamation.

"That deed of land made by the father and mother of Lincoln is very interesting. You see his mother had to make her mark. See how writing shows how a man is feeling at the time. That order for a pass through the lines shows that he was all worn out at the time he wrote it. But how long can you stay? Only two hours? Well, you can't even glance at all the Lincoln relics in that time."-Chicago News.

Faring Sumptuously Every Day.

I have in my mind several men, about 50 years of age, bachelors, men about town, who appear to have everything that God and creature can provide. They have money, they live in sumptuosity, their names printed among the elite of social gossip concerning their comings and their goings is frequent, and, if one might judge by appearances, they are happiness personified. They are bachelors; they go and come at their own whim and caprice. Here today, in the south of France to-morrow, quartered in the magnificent Ponce de Leon the next day, shooting on the boundless prairies of the far west later, back again for the caterings of the metropolis immediately thereafter. They live for themselves. They eat, drink, drive, shoot, walk, attend this, that or the other entertainment in search of what-contentment, comfort, pleasure, enjoyment. Do they get it? Apparently, yes. In reality, no. Follow them from the club to their own apartment. A valet undresses him and puts him into bed and leaves him. There he is alone. He goes to sleep, perchance to dream, of what! What has he done the livelong day to make himself happy? He has had enough to eat and to drink and to wear. He has done nothing for his kind, has thought of no benevolence, no has simply hugged himself, he has added another day to the delusive experience that he is popular because his name is properly spelled in newspapers as an attendant at a ball or a concert or an entertainment of some nature, and he snores as any pig snores, through the long watches of the night, and wakes to repeat the experience the following he hears of the illness of a friend "he day .- Joe Howard's Letter.

CHINESE URBANITY.

CIRCUMLOCUTION THEY DISPLAY IN LETTER WRITING.

The Educated Chinaman Can Give the American Points on Politeness and Befinements in the Conduct of Epistolary Correspondence.

It has probably fallen to the lot of most of us to have met people who, without the excuse of an unconscious habit, have the knack of asserting unpleasant truths, and who value the ungracious practice as a sign of honesty. tion," said Mr. Gunther to a reporter. "Well, There are others, such as the Quakers of here's a part of it. My Lancoin collection bygone days, who regard every expression which may not be in strict accordance with absolute truth as a sin against their consciences. To such people the idea of subscribing themselves "Yours truly," or of beginning a letter to a casual acquaintance, "Dear So and So," is abhorrent. But public opinion has been too strong for them, and we continue, and shall continue so long as society holds together, to address one another in terms of endearment and respect which are not required to correspond with our sentiments.

Orientals have surpassed us in this regard as much as the brilliant sunshine to which they are accustomed excels the murky atmosphere of Europe. The descriptions of ourselves and of our correspondents pale before the glowing expressions of objective admiration and subjective self abasement which adorn eastern epistles. We are content to confine our wishes and compliments to the present life; but such a limit is far too narrow for an Asiatic, who delights in wishing that his friends may live forever and ever, and that the ancestors of his enemies may be condemned to everlasting disgrace.

We are satisfied to speak of "I" and 'You," but an oriental loves to heap adjectives of contempt upon himself and of glorification upon his correspondenta. ELEVATING AND DEMEANING SIMILES. In all cases he avoids the use of the personal pronouns. By a system of circumlocution necessitated by this omission, he describes himself as "Your younger brother," the character representing his expression being written small, and partly at the side of the columns of words, and he designates himself and others conjointly as "We ants." But the person he is addressing figures as "Your excellency," "My benevolent elder brother," or "Your honor," literally, "You who are at the steps of the council chamber." His own house is "a mean dwelling," or, as the parts of the character signify, "a stricken and broken dwelling;" but he is unable to think of his correspondent's habitation as anything but "an honorable," literally "basket-of-pearls palace." In the same spirit of self abasement he feels obliged to wind up his epistle with the phrase, Your stupid younger brother, So-and-So, bows his head to the ground." The character for "stupid" is drawn for us by two hieroglyphics, meaning "monkey hearted." To bow to his friends is also pictorially expressed by a collocation of "a head" and "turf," suggesting the act of bowing the head to the earth.

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not possibly be anything left to learn. And if all your powerful arguments have failed to convince him of the reasonableness of your position—you have still one Parthian shot—tell him that you are simply aston-ished; that you thought him an intelligent man

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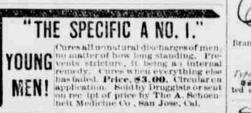
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A New Word Wanted.

A clever coiner of words may find a chance for his skill in manufacturing a suitable name for the product of the type writer. The difficulty lies in deciding whether the resuit should be termed manuscript or type matter. The present adjective, "type written," is of advantage, inasmuch as it .newts both conditions. Stil , Americans are nothing if not inventive,-New York Tribune.

Discovery of a New Sensation.

I have a little girl and when it is her bod time, in indication that she is getting tired and sloopy, she will yawn or gape, as it is sometimes called. One evening 1 said: "Gracie, I see you are yawning; it is time for bod." She spoke up quickly and said: "Mamma, I was not gaping; that was only mother kind of more." - Boston Globs

Great Depth of the Saguenay, y

The river is probably the deepest stream in the world; excepting in a few places the general depth is from 600 to 900 feet; and the bottom of the Saguenay at its mouth is 600 feet below the bottom of the St. Lawrence, Thus a low point of rock at the shore or an island is really the top of a great hill, spring- his letter, he winds up by "availing himing up steeply from the bottom; and many of the cliffs are not half out of water. As the spring tides rise about eighteen feet, the enrrents of the river are violent and eccentric; in some places the ebb stream runs from four to six miles an hour; the eddies along the shore are like those on a rapid; and the undercurrents sometimes lay hold of a vessel and turn her about or hold her still in spite of a tow boat.

Before the use of tow boats, a vessel left helpless by a calm sometimes drifted against the rocks, lodged on a ledge, and when the tide fell capsized in deep water. As anchorage is very rarely found, large iron rings were let into the rocks, and vessels even now sometimes tie up to the cliffs and await a fair wind. The tide, for some unexplained reason, advances with extraordinary rapidity in the Saguenay; thus, notwithstanding the fact that the ebb current very rarely ceases to flow out of the river, yet high tide arrives at Chicontimi only forty-five minutes later than at Tadousac--seventy miles. On the St. Lawrence the tide advances in the same time only from Tadousac to Murray Bay-Harper's.

Origin of Second Growth Forests.

Among the problems which have remained unsolved to the present day is the growth of a second forest upon the site once occupied by a forest which usually differed in character from the later growth. It has been supposed that the seeds from which the second forest sprang had been lying undeveloped in the ground for a great length of time, perhaps centuries, but the improbability of their retaining their vitality for such a length of time, and under the conditions to which they must have been exposed, makes the theory rather implausible, and besides, the origin of the seeds is not accounted for. A practical woodsman of Indiana supposes that the seeds from which the ascoud forest arises are carried in great numbers and from long distances by birds and the small animals which are found in the forests, and supports his view by relating observations of incidents in which it was actualy carried out on a small scale -Globs Democrat.

THE PROPERTY OF LOCAL OR

If his correspondent proposes to call upon him he hastens to assure him that "at the appointed hour, with bowing hands, he will await the time when his excellency shall abase himself by driving his chariot to his office." His friend's letter is "the revelation of his hand," and he takes pains to make him aware that holding it "with washed hands he had chanted" its contents.

On expressions of thanks particular emphasis is laid by the Chinese, and with true Oriental instinct, in their effort after hyperbole, they are accustomed to humanitarian idea has crossed his brain, he give a physical interpretation to their mental feelings.

POWERFUL HYPERBOLE.

For instance, a correspondent who wishes to say that he is profoundly grateful, writes, "Your kindness is very deeply engraved and enveined in my heart." If cannot help being hung up in suspense," and the symbol he uses shows to the eyes the heart of the writer tied up, while at the same time he urges him "to take care of his person as a pearl." And on the receipt of better news he breaks out, "How shall I bear the joy and pleasure!" Having finished expressing the object of self of the opportunity to wish his correspondent all the blessings of the season, and," if he is on the road to honor, "all the promotion he deserves."

But, if not ferocious, a sufficient latitude still remains to a Chinaman for the development of much plain speaking. It is as possible to "slit the thin spun life" with a stiletto as with a broadsword, and in the most finished periods a Chinaman finds himself quite able to express either withering contempt or remorseless hate. But he has other ways also of giving vent to his ill humors. The very punctilious rules of letter writing enable him to convey his dislike by omission as well as by commission.

Chinese is, it may be explained, written in vertical columns, beginning on the top right hand corner of the page. In ordinary circumstances each column is completed to the bottom of the page; but long usage has established the cusabout thirty-five miles -C. H. Farnham in tom that, if the name or attributes of the person addressed occurs, the column is cut short, and the characters representing these subjects of honor begin the next edy. The system is invigcolumn at an elevation of the space of one or two characters, as the case may be, above the general level of the text. It will now be seen what a ready weapon and nervousness dispelled. lies to the hand of a Chinese letter writer. To write "Your Excellency" or the name of the correspondent's country or sovereign in the body of the column is to inflict a dire insult upon him, and is equivalent to the expression of the bitterest contempt in European epistolary style .-London Saturday Review.

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