

Night in the Moon.

At last, however, night sets in. Grateful it comes after the sun has gathered up his smiling rays and gone down to his rest. All at once we are plunging into comparative obscurity, for again there is no twilight to stay the steps of departing day. At one stride comes the dark. But, looking up into the sky, we behold a vast orb which pours down a milder and more beneficent splendor than the great lord of the system. It is such a moon as we terrestrials cannot boast; for it is not less than thirteen times as large and luminous as our own. There it hangs in the firmament, without apparent change of place, as if "fixed in its everlasting seat." But not without a change of surface. For this great globe is a painted panorama, and, turning around majestically on its axis, presents its oceans and continents in grand succession. As Europe and Africa, looking the Mediterranean in their embrace, roll away to the right, the stormy Atlantic offers its waters to view; then the two Americas, with their huge forests and vast prairies, pass under inspection. Then the great basin of the Pacific, lit up with island fires, meets the gazer's eye, and as this glides over the scene the eastern rim of Asia, the upper portion of Australia, sail into sight. The Indian Ocean, and afterward the Arabian Sea, spread themselves out in their subdued splendor, and thus, in four and twenty hours, "the great rotundity we treat" turns his pictured countenance to the moon and grandly repays the listening lunarians by repeating to the best of its ability the story of its birth. Nor is the sky less marvelous in another respect, for the absence of any atmospheric diffusion of light permits the constellations to shine out with a distinctness which is never paralleled on earth. They glitter like diamond points set in a firmament of ebony. Stars and clusters which we never see by the naked eye flock into view and crowd the lunar heavens.—*The Pacific Methodist.*

—Artemus Ward once said he "would love to die for his country, but if it was all the same to the country, he would like to die of old age." An amusing anecdote, which shows that Artemus's philosophy is widely entertained, is told by a writer in the *Philadelphia Times*. It was told him by one of the boys who was present at the battle of Murfreesboro', Tenn.

When the lines of both armies were advancing to the charge, a rabbit, or more properly, a hare, was aroused from his quiet seclusion immediately in advance of the Confederate line, and went bounding away to the security of the hills, making at each jump a large exhibit of white bunting. In the line there was a great, raw-boned North Georgian, who was celebrated for his indomitable courage and reckless bravery. He had the reputation of being willing to fight anything, and was supposed not to know the meaning of fear; but his apostrophe to the vanishing rabbit not only put the matter in a different light, but caused a burst of laughter from all who heard it. He said, "Go it, little cotton tail! Go it while you've a chance. I'd run, too, if I didn't have any more reputation at stake than you've got!" The poor fellow never returned from the charge. He had lost his last chance of running.—*Companion.*

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—An Australian schoolmistress feels unkindly toward Miss Gladstone, the daughter of the English Premier, and expresses her feelings in a letter to the *Vienna New Free Press*. Miss Gladstone teaches a school at Hawarden, because she thinks it a good thing for a lady to be useful, and the public praise bestowed upon her putting her views into practice has reached the Australian schoolmistress. The latter upbraids the English lady for taking work and bread from some poor young woman who is deprived of a situation because a "lady"—whose chief duty, as the schoolmistress thinks, is to be ornamental—chooses to play at keeping school. This Australian censor would probably hold to the same view, even if she knew that Miss Gladstone created and carried on at her own expense the school that is so fortunate as to have her services as a teacher.

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