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In going over difficult ground it studies its face and picks its way so as to secure a footing in an almost infallible manner. Even when loaded with a pack it will consider the incumbrance, and not so often try to pass where the burden will become entangled with fixed objects.

Punishing a Blunderer.

A Puritan preacher named Boyd was in the habit of inveighing against Cromwell. Secretary Thurlow informed the latter, advising him to have the man shot. "He's a fool, and you're another," said the protector, "I'll pay him out in his own coin." He asked Boyd to dinner, and, before giving him any, prayed for three hours.

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THE WORLD'S RICHEST WIDOW.

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THE BOY AND THE BROOK.

There's nothing, nothing, like the brook To hold the boyish heart. To him 'tis like a promise book Of life's great treasure mart. It ripples, ripples on its way. Requiring to the boy: "Where goes my boy?" asks the boy, "Asking some bright summer day. It gives his thoughts employ."

"Tis flowing, flowing to the sea, Wavelets will billow make!" The boy's heart swells with things to be. The man's heart is awake.

its murmur, murmur is a song "Away!" is now his cry. "Why, I must to the world belong." A winsome thought, but coy.

It spreads and spreads in meadows green, From city by the sea. Here an inverted world is seen, The boy finds it a snare.

These depths on depths confound his soul. "Away!" is now his cry. "Why, I must to the world belong." A winsome thought, but coy.

And still and still the brook goes on, The boy to meadows green. Mayhap has many a harvest won. That boyish thoughts have won.

And now, ah now, his heart returns, From city by the sea. To trace the brook among the ferns The boy that used to be.

A boy's heart still, though old up years. He thanks God 'tis so. And sighs: "I find the brook endures The life of long ago."

"There's nothing, nothing like the brook To lift the human heart. To lift a leaf of God's own book, Of endless life a part."

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