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Cypress.

Moonlight, and love, and magnolia trees;
A bare gray house on a lonely hill;
A river below with the sweep of seas;
An air of stillness, so strangely still—
So still of trouble or strife or stir,
I heard my heart as it beat for her.

Her lover and she and the cypress trees;
And I? Alone by the lake lagoon—
A place of ghosts and of mysteries—
Lake lilies up to the loveliest moon;
The darkness slain by the sword of the day
And under the cypress trees hidden away.

Her wondrous hair? Her eyes were as large
As torch-lent deer's, that, feeding in moss,
And seeing the light in the huntsman's barge,
Lifts up its head and comes wading across,
Wide-eyed and dazed, and reaches its head—
Trusting and reaching—and so, shot dead!

"The cypress is secret as death," said I,
"And death is dearer to me than gold."
So the cypress woods and the wave heard
Have many and many a secret to hold—
For why did she turn to the wood and the wave,
And look and look as in dead love's grave?
—Joachim Miller in the Current.

He Won the Bet and Lost His Life.

A curious accident occurred yesterday at Knorr's ice pond, a short distance from Middleton. A young man recklessly drowned himself in the endeavor to find out how long he could live under water. Jacob Schatz, the unfortunate victim of the freak, was 24 years of age, of great athletic powers, and possessed unbounded confidence in his strength and powers of endurance. He was one of a number of young men who have been accustomed to associate together, and whose chief amusement consists in hardy out-door sports. A few days ago the group of youths were together in Curley's shooting-gallery, and the conversation incidentally turned on the point how long each of them could remain under water. Schatz, who was always prepared to outdo his comrades, declared his ability to remain under water two minutes, and added that he spoke from experience, as he had already tried it. As his companions laughed at the idea, he arose excitedly and said: "You may say my way into the bath-house and I'll prove it to you now." This offer resulted in the laying of a wager between Schatz and one of his companions named Frohmyer on the point in dispute. The question was to be decided the next day or as soon as occasion offered. As Schatz was known to his companions as a young man of iron will, every one felt that he would at least make the trial.

The party were at the lake at noon yesterday, although they had not gone thither with the object of deciding the bet. On the contrary, every one seemed to have forgotten it save Schatz himself. While clambering up the runway leading to the ice-house Schatz accidentally dropped \$1.50 in change from his pocket. The money fell into the water, and as he was a skillful diver and swimmer he determined to recover it. He went down and groped about the bottom twelve consecutive times. The water at the place was about six feet deep, and while one of his companions held his feet he would scratch about the bottom. After a vain search he crossed the lake, having declared that he would return and find the money or die in the attempt. On his return two men of his acquaintances came along in a skiff, one of whom wore a watch. This at once reminded Schatz of the wager he had made, and which he had meantime forgotten in his effort to recover his lost coin. Turning to his friend he said: "Now, you time me, and I'll settle that bet." No sooner said than done—Schatz was beneath the water and Frohmyer was keeping time. Schatz was under the surface for a full minute. When he ascended he complained of a sensation between the shoulders that felt like the pricking of needles. Having taken breath and rested, he made ready to go down for a final test. The better to carry out his design, he went under the roadway and took hold of the chain that stretched across toward the icehouse. His comrades were to shout out the time at the end of each quarter of a minute. He remained quite still beneath the water, the crown of his head being just visible from above, while his hands firmly grasped the chain. The seconds were counted, and the quarters called out, while all stood and looked on in breathless suspense. Two minutes that seemed like hours passed, when a voice broke the silence:

"Frohmyer, you've lost your bet!" Every one now expected to see the amphibious Schatz arise. But he still held on to the chain. Another quarter of a minute passed, then another quarter, and finally another. At last, after having remained below the surface two and three quarter minutes, Schatz arose and puffed the air from his lungs. But while every one was expecting to see him climb up on the runway his hand dropped from the chain and he sank apparently lifeless to the bottom.

One of the young men present leaped into the water and plunged to the bottom. He grasped the body, but he was so weak from excitement that he was unable to lift it to the surface. One of his companions, named Stetz, who was in a row boat near by, pulled to the spot, and, letting himself down by the chain, succeeded in raising with his feet the lifeless body of the victim. All efforts to restore life were useless.—New York World.

The Administration and Business.

Nearly six months have passed since the inauguration of Cleveland, says an eastern dispatch, and men have begun casting about to see what the harvest has been so far. The other day a leading merchant at Washington City thus expressed himself: "The times are becoming desperate, and scores of business men here are just hanging on the verge of bankruptcy, hoping that some change may soon come that will enable them to escape the ruin impending; and I learn that a similar state of affairs exists in other cities. There are thousands of our very best business men throughout the union—our most enterprising merchants and manufacturers—who are in despair, and who see nothing but irretrievable ruin before them unless a change comes soon. When the new administration took charge of the government all were assured that new measures would be adopted at once that would afford relief to discouraged, despairing business men of all classes. The old rules and methods of the republicans were to be immediately overboard and Cleveland would, we were assured, put in force such measures as would restore confidence, accelerate business and make money plenty for all legitimate enterprises. More than five months have gone, and what has been the result? The strain on business men has been intensified a hundred fold; doubt and distrust and gloom have spread farther and farther; the vaults of our banks are bursting with money, piled up in cords by capitalists who are afraid to loan a dollar to a struggling trader. All the channels of business are choked and dammed because capital cannot be had where it is needed and make available the vast products of our mines, farms, mills and manufacturing. The promise that our commercial marine would be restored has been kept in such a way as to bankrupt the only ship-builder in the country able to construct a respectable vessel. The only effort to improve the financial situation consisted in calling together the bankers of New York City and confessing to them that the treasury was unable to keep up gold payments unless they would agree to furnish the gold, thus very nearly precipitating a ruinous panic. There is not a member of the administration," continued the business man, "who appears to have mental breadth and grip enough to comprehend the true situation or devise any adequate measure of relief, and it looks now as if we would have to drift along for the next four years, helpless and at the mercy of wind and tide; and heaven only knows what will be the result. One thing, however, is settled now, and that is that it will be another quarter of a century before the democratic party is again intrusted with the control of the government. A short six months have sufficed to satisfy business men of all parties that the democratic party is utterly incapable of conceiving, much less carrying out, any measures adequate to the situation." One hears this same story from representative men from all parts of the country every day. There is much impatience exercised on account of the failure of the party to do something to restore business confidence.

A Strange Swindle.

PHILADELPHIA, August 25.—Rumors afloat for some time to the effect that ex-Councilman Theodore Oliver, of the firm of Oliver & Co., of Easton, had obtained considerable sums of money from Mrs. Mann, a divorced woman, and had fitted the woman after becoming engaged to marry her, were effectively set at rest to-day by the revelation of a strange swindle. About a year ago Oliver became a widower, and shortly afterwards Mrs. Mann's daughter, a pretty girl of 18, who had recently returned from a boarding school, became a frequent visitor to the Oliver children. A month later the girl handed her mother a letter, signed with Oliver's name, saying he had become financially embarrassed and would like to borrow some money. A long correspondence followed and from time to time Mrs. Mann gave her daughter money to be given to Oliver, and received in return letters that led her to believe that Oliver had fallen deeply in love with her. Mrs. Mann replied not unkindly to the letters and continued sending money through her daughter. One day the girl came home with a gold ring, placed it on her mother's finger, and said it was from Oliver. Mrs. Mann was pleased with this evidence of regard and more pleased when a subsequent letter directly proposed marriage. The letter requested Mrs. Mann to consult a clergyman, which she did, and arrangements were made for the wedding. Mrs. Mann, meanwhile, ordered a bridal outfit, and learned from another letter that Oliver was making arrangements for his marriage. Another letter asked for more money, and it was given, and from time to time Mrs. Mann gave her daughter some more, in response to verbal messages purporting to come from Oliver. This apparent relationship continued for several months without once bringing the two faces to face, the daughter constantly bringing excuses to her mother for Oliver's absence. Gossip soon repeated the story of Oliver borrowing money from the woman who was to be his wife. He heard these rumors and, annoyed beyond expression, insisted that two of his friends should accompany him to Mrs. Mann's and hear her denial of the correspondence and loans. She, however, said that she had Oliver's letters in proof of his duplicity. She had, besides, loaned him over \$3000. The bewildered ex-councilman employed a detective, who to-day obtained from the frightened daughter a confession that she had written all the letters and manufactured all the messages from Oliver to her mother, and thus obtained for her own use over

\$3000 of her mother's money. With money thus obtained she had bought the supposed engagement ring, an alarm clock, and a pair of handsome vases, and persuaded her mother that they were all presents from Oliver. His friends congratulate him upon the solution of the mystery, while Mrs. Mann is deeply chagrined over her daughter's conduct, and earnestly entreats Oliver not to take legal action.

A correspondent has just been looking over and comparing a few figures having reference to the military expenditures of Europe, and the result is somewhat startling. In the year 1884 no less than \$917,500,000 was spent in keeping up naval and military forces, whilst \$1,037,500,000 was paid away as interest upon the national debts of Europe, all of which have been incurred in former years. These two sums, aggregating nearly \$2,000,000,000, have been dragged from the people in order to pay the butcher's bill of Europe during the past year. The total expenditure in Europe for all national purposes only amounted to \$3,645,000,000, so that the butchering expenses practically came to over half of the gross expenditure. France leads the list with \$440,000,000 paid away on her army, navy and interest on debt; Russia comes next, with \$395,000,000; Great Britain third, with \$305,000,000; Germany fourth, with \$230,000,000, and Italy fifth, with \$185,000,000. Spain spent \$80,000,000 and Turkey about \$50,000,000, the remaining small states being content to disburse smaller sums. The total national debt of Europe is no less than \$23,014,949,705. Well may Bright think that Europe is marching toward some great catastrophe; that the crushing weight of her military systems cannot be indefinitely supported with patience, and that the population, driven to despair, may very possibly before long sweep away the personages who occupy thrones and statehouses who pretend to govern in their names.

A few days ago an advertisement appeared in a Portland paper for a girl to do housework in a small family. A girl applied for the situation, and after being informed as to the number of persons in the family, the work she would be expected to do, etc., she expressed herself as satisfied with the situation and wanted to go to work. "Perhaps," said the lady of the house, "you may not be satisfied with my husband." "Why, what is the matter with him?" asked the girl. "He is a Chinaman!" was the reply. The girl did not stop to think twice over the matter, but skipped immediately, quicker'n scat. She could not tell for the fact, but she was a white girl, and the place was an easy one. She would have been disgraced with her associates. This seems hard on the servant girl, when lawyers and doctors work for Chinamen, and when any kind of business people are ready to serve Chinamen in their line with the same alacrity they do white people.—(Oregonian.)

A notable event at the Methodist conference at Tacoma, W. T., last week, was the admission on trial into the conference of a remarkably bright, cultivated and educated Chinaman—Chow Hoo Fan. He has been laboring during the past year in the Chinese mission at Portland, and commands the highest respect and confidence of all who know him. He was admitted with the impression that the native members of the conference must look well to their laurels, or they will be taken by a native of China.

Wm. Shepard was one of the last men shot in this state by being mistaken for a deer. On the 17th inst. he was found dead on the high prairie about 15 miles from Ashland, with one bullet-hole in his hand and another through his body. A neighbor found Shepard's horse tied, with a decaying deer strapped to it. He concluded something was wrong, searched and found the corpse. Shepard was an old hunter and it is not believed that he shot himself, but that he was shot by mistake for a deer.

Whogan tell the cause of hard times and business prostration? Money has been more plentiful in money centers, and the general condition of the country is good. What is the cause of the distrust which has locked the vaults and keeps the millions idle?

Ralph Bernard, a lad 19 years of age, fell into the cylinder of a threshing machine near Weston, last week, and had his left leg torn off below the knee.

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Origin of the Wilnot Proviso.

Ben. Perley Poore says the Wilnot proviso, which was destined to play an important part in politics, originated at the dinner table of a political club that met weekly in the city of New York. It was composed of democrats opposed to the extension of slavery, and among those present on the days in question were John Van Buren, Samuel J. Tilden, John A. Kennedy, Isaac Fowler, Andrew H. Green and other well-known free-soil democrats. Howe, a western member of congress, was a guest, he having visited New York to confer with the democratic opponents of slavery. During the consultation John Van Buren said that the protest against the extension of slavery introduced into congress was not worded right. He suggested that the exact words of Jefferson in the famous ordinance of 1783 and 1787 should be used. This was agreed to. Howe stated that it would be difficult to introduce the proviso, as the speaker would not give the floor to any one favorable to freedom. Tilden, as the chief organizer of the movement about to be made, proposed that a ruse should be played. It was agreed that each man composing the little body of 16 or 18 free-soilers in congress should have a copy of the proviso in his pocket. Each man should spring to the floor at the first chance and shout, "Mr. Speaker!" It was believed that one of them would be recognized. Tilden, with other members of the club, went to Washington to aid in carrying out the plan. At a time agreed upon the Spartan band, each with the proviso in his hand, sprang to the floor, and in concert shouted, "Mr. Speaker!" The speaker was bewildered. He could not ignore the whole crowd. He selected Wilnot as the most moderate of the party, and so the Wilnot proviso passed into history.

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