

TO BERNARDINE.

I love thee, Bernardine, nor more nor less
Could I amplitude of words express,
If with poetic art and fancy's play
I trooped and figured for a summer's day.

What isn't to quiver when thy name is heard,
Like organ leaves by breath of evening stirred?
What isn't to hope for these like heaven above?
Tell me, my Bernardine, is this not love?
The chemist's skill can never analyze
What makes the liveliest flash from beauty's eyes.

Nor can philosophers in words impart
The intuitions of man's love moved heart.
I do not love thy head, distinctly placed,
Thy taper fingers or thy dainty waist,
Or eyes or lips, but thy sweet soul serene,
That blends all these and makes them Bern-
ardine.

If in a vale of poppies I should sleep,
While centuries of land and ocean sweep,
Waking, as firstling of my life I'd yearn
That heart inwoven, love word, Bernardine.
—London Academy.

Canvassack Ducks and Terrapins.

There is a general impression among people in other states that Baltimoreans eat canvassack ducks with honey for breakfast, dinner and supper, and indulge in terrapins as temperately as Philadelphians do in scrapple. As the gastronomic capital of the universe, we are supposed to revel in these luxuries. Perhaps it may surprise our friends to know that there are thousands of people here who do not taste canvassack duck or terrapin from one year's end to the other. Baltimore's wealth has increased marvelously, but the canvassack and Brer Terrapin have distanced it.

In twenty years their value has gone upward about 500 per cent. It costs from three to five dollars for a canvassack and from four to six dollars for a "count" terrapin—prices that are somewhat different from the days when the ducks could be got for one dollar a pair, and the terrapin for six dollars a dozen. We fear that these prices will never again come within the circle of the average man's finances. It is a well known fact that both got their peculiar flavor from the celery found on the flats of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries.—Baltimore American.

The Burning of Rome.

When London burned for three days and three nights in 1666 its population hardly exceeded 250,000, and in regard to the extent of the destruction neither that fire nor those of Hamburg and Chicago can compare with the conflagration of Rome under Nero at a time when the capital of the Roman empire had probably more than 3,000,000 inhabitants. That calamity, by the way, may, after all, have been caused by an accident. Professor Emilie Reich, in his history of the ancient civilization, proves that both Nero and Tiberius were the victims of gross slanders, not limited to the exaggeration of their vices and the misrepresentation of their political acts.

The authors of their annals were politicians whose privileges had been curtailed by the omnipotence of the Caesars and who avenged themselves by painting the objects of their resentment in the darkest possible colors. That Nero, in his mania for music, added during the burning of Rome a little more than he was capable of, but it is hardly credible that he would have survived even the suspicion of the alleged monster crime.—San Francisco Chronicle.

How to Keep the Feet Warm.

A life insurance company, whose advice under the circumstances may be taken as infallible, tells its clients that the golden rule in cold weather is to keep the extremities warm. The first and most important rule is to carry out of this idea is never to have a tightly shod foot. Boots or shoes that fit closely prevent the free circulation of the blood by pressure, but when, on the contrary, they do not embrace the foot too firmly, the space left between the shoe and the stocking has a good supply of warm air. The second rule is never to sit in damp rooms. It is often supposed that undresses are positively wet it is unnecessary to change them while the feet are at rest. This is a great fallacy, for when the least dampness is absorbed into the sole in its apertures it absorbs the heat from the foot and thus perspiration is dangerously checked. This can easily be proved by trying the experiment of neglecting the rule. The feet will be found cold and damp after few minutes, although on taking off the shoe and examining it it will appear to be quite dry.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

For Mending Little Things.

"And I want a large sheet of black court plaster," said a young woman at a notion store the other day, "which," she proceeded to explain to a friend at her side, "is a chief mending implement. I always and gloves with court plaster, using black the light tint according to the shade of glove. I turn the glove inside out and the plaster over the rent, first of course sewing the edges together as a surgeon would a torn skin. It is much better than stitching and lasts longer. Sometimes I get ugly three-cornered rent in a gown. My court plaster case mends the rent, leaving scarcely no indications of it. I mend my slippers, lace, everything almost, with—New York Press.

A Precious Gift.

Portland citizen sent to his daughter Colorado the other day a coffin—a dry old coffin—and he sent it by mail. She told back that the coffin was one of the most precious gifts that she ever received that she was going to keep it just as it was, as she could, "just for company's sake." He seemed like a friend from home.—Oregon Journal.

There to Stay.

There is a bright boy with a teasing uncle, other morning the uncle took him by the ear.

"I guess I'll take this ear down to the water with me," he said.

"You can't do it," said Karl; "it's boned"—Detroit Free Press.

The largest electric locomotive yet built has been finished at Baden, Zurich, believed that it will show extraordinary speed, as it is gauged so as to develop not less than 2,000 horsepower.

On a clear night a red light can be seen at a greater distance, it is said, than a white light, while on a dark night, if aimed, the result is just the reverse.

'TIS A STRANGE SIGHT.

Where the Sea Water Spouts Up Through a Hole.

One of the strangest things to be seen at Santa Cruz, Cal., these days is a queer spouting rock, or rather a tunnel and rocky aperture, through which the sea water boils and bubbles furiously. Hundreds of people have been out to see it. The queer spouting rock was developed during a recent storm. Every two or three minutes alternately a volume of water sixty feet high shoots into the air. To view it wholly from the surface, it appears to be a gigantic geyser, compared with which those of the Yellowstone park are at times insignificant.

The water which is thrown up in such a great volume is salt brine from the Pacific ocean. For a thousand years possibly and maybe more, for nobody knows, the waves of the ocean have been playing such an earnest game of hide-and-go-seek with themselves and the rocky shore that they have worn great chasms and tunnels into the land.

It is a rock bound shore, but the rock for the most part is not very hard. It is mainly a siliceous or micaceous sandstone of a light yellow hue, and if you walk over it while it is wet you must be cautious, for it is almost as slippery as soapstone. In this curious stone the waves have cut long avenues and dug out caves far inland.

In some places the tops have already fallen or partly so, and one may peer over the edge and look through queer circular holes fifty feet down into the seething blue waters. The tunnels, open cuts and this strange spouting rock are two miles south of Santa Cruz, not far from the Esplanade and in full view of the crescent bay, the mouths of the Salinas and San Lorenzo rivers and the white shaft erected to the memory of the Franciscan friar, Junipero Serra. The nature of the ocean, the faint blue of the two wings of the Cascades and the varied colors of the sky, with the other surroundings, make the place one of singular beauty.

It was odd to see such a column extending out of what appeared to be a level stretch of land covered thickly with grass, which for much of the year was redolent of wild flowers. Very fantastic the water appeared. Day and night at intervals of two and three minutes the column would shoot up and as suddenly fall, only to appear again as before. Throngs went to see it and wonder at its fantastic colors. The wilder the storm the loftier the column. It varied from forty to sixty feet high, according to the force of the waves.



THE SPOUTING CAVE.

An examination of the ground there abouts revealed novel things. It was found that a long, narrow groove or cut led into the shore. It was widest at the sea end, like a wedge, and grew narrower as it reached into the land. It extended about eighty feet.

Into this the waves thrashed and hammered as they rolled in from toward the mountains across the bay which borders the Salinas river. As the waves crashed against the end of the tunnel they kept wearing away the soft sandstone which composed it and a portion of the roof above. At length the waves extended far beyond the weak portion of the roof, and there was a rebound which was very powerful. Gradually it ate away the roof.

Suddenly during the storm it burst through, making an aperture about two feet square and looking much like a hopper to a grain mill. It appears to have been at a point where a peculiar strain was put on a portion of the cap rock, which cracked and fell. When this occurred the water was partially freed from the queer underground prison, and as the waves played back and forth it sent the column skyward.

A loud sound accompanied it, like the roar of artillery. The bending of the little eucalyptus trees, the incoming of the many white waves, the falling of the sheets of rain and the fury of the tempest made up a scene inexplicably grand. As the waves died down the lofty column of water ceased to appear, but as they increased in power with the storm it again shot up into the air. Altogether it is a new attraction for that part of the beach.

Only Sixteen, but a Terror.

Albert Sharrard, a sixteen-year old disciple of Jesse James, is reported to be "terrorizing" the ranchmen near Dungeness, Wash. He began by breaking into a settler's cabin and stealing two rifles and a quantity of ammunition. Two deputy sheriffs who tried to arrest him he caught off their guard, and covering them with his rifle forced them to lay down their arms, turn round and walk home with their hands held above their heads, while he added their weapons to his arsenal. Two weeks ago he held up two men and robbed them of their watches and money. He has robbed several cabins lately, and it is reported that of the petty thieves who have joined him he has organized an outlaw band.

A Justifiable Blow.

Justice Wright, of the English bench, told the jury in a murder trial at the Yorkshire assizes recently that it was his opinion that "if one man called on another a slight blow in retaliation is justifiable." He added, "This may be new law, but it is common sense." He expressed this opinion in summing up the evidence in the trial of Frederick Claude Vernon Harcourt for killing a man in a quarrel arising out of a dispute regarding the relative merits of the rival candidates at the recent Sheffield election.

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