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LINE TO A CYNIC.

He daily trod the ways of busy men,
Silent, serene; and in the city's mart
They often marked his placid features, when
They could not read the anguish in his heart.
Inscrutable, and grave of mien, to all
Save me he seemed a man of marble wrought.
But I, I knew his calm was but a pall
Wherewith to shroud the skeleton of thought.
Was not his secret writ upon his brow,
In one sharp symbol, pitifully plain,
That furrow was not turned by Time's dull plow.
Rather a sword cut dealt by deathless pain.
He daily paced the city's populous ways,
But through his heart a sad and hopeless song
Went ever singing, and his patient gaze
Was fixed on something far beyond the throng.
—University Courier.

JOE JEFFERSON'S SUMMER HOME.

A New and Fireproof "Crow's Nest" at Buzzard's Bay.

The new summer home which Joseph Jefferson has erected on his Crow's Nest estate at Buzzard's Bay is as near fireproof as possible. The old Crow's Nest was burned down a year ago, entailing a loss of \$200,000—quite sufficient to give a man of ordinary good sense a wholesome dread of fire—and Mr. Jefferson concluded he would run as little risk as possible in rebuilding. So the new house was built after his own plans and every possible precaution taken against another conflagration.

The architecture of the structure is of a composite style which is difficult to classify, but it is handsome and substantial beyond the generality of summer residences. It is situated on the high bluff overlooking the waters of Buttermilk bay and commands an expansive view of the bay and the surrounding hills of the picturesque country. The foundation and first story are of rubble and the second story and gables of brick. The roof is of copper in imitation of Spanish tile, and there is but one other like it in the eastern states.

While the bricklayers were at work on the tower, which is at the northwest end of the building, one of them arranged the bricks so that the word "Rip" stood out in bold relief. Mr. Jefferson noticed it when



THE NEW CROW'S NEST.

passing a few days later and dryly remarked that in future the bricklayers need not pay attention to relief work without orders. The word still remains on the tower.

The arrangement, finishing and decoration of the interior leave nothing to be desired in the way of comfort, utility or beauty. The house is lighted by electricity, and there are electric bells and speaking tubes in every room. The woodwork of the rooms in the first story is of oak. The other stories are finished in white pine. Mr. Jefferson has not forgotten to provide a studio, where he can indulge in his favorite pastime of painting. It is on the top floor and has a large oval window, with a splendid north light. There is a door from the studio into the look-out of the tower. A little distance south of the house is an attractive structure designed by Mr. Jefferson for an engine room and dynamo station. Wires leading from it supply the house with light and also connect with the cottages of his sons, who are his nearest neighbors. Gray Gables, the summer home of President Cleveland, is not far away, and the great actor is a frequent and welcome visitor there.

Patti Has \$375,000 Worth of Diamonds.
Adeline Patti's diamonds have been valued at \$375,000. The Empress Eugenie gave Patti as a wedding present when she married the Marquis de Caux a comb set with twenty-three diamonds. A gift from Queen Victoria was a superb diamond locket.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts once gave the songstress an enormous diamond set in a ring. The diva's wonderful set of sapphires was sold when she was obliged by French law to divide her fortune with her first husband.
The emperor of Russia was the giver to the prima donna of a pair of large diamonds mounted as earrings. Emperor William of Germany gave her a splendid diamond brooch, and the emperor of Austria a bracelet of diamonds. Patti possesses twenty-three diamond bracelets, and has a necklace of very large and fine emeralds. Her turquoise jewelry set with diamonds includes four pins, two bracelets, earrings and a handsome pendant.—Jewelers' Weekly.

A Story of Italy's Queen.
The favorite governess of the queen of Italy when she was a child was Mile. Rosa Aberser, who was a girl of twenty-two when the ten-year-old princess of Savoy became her pupil. The two became very much attached to each other, for the Viennese teacher's yoke was easy, and her instruction was pleasantly imparted. The princess at that time received a small amount of pocket money every month. The governess at one time noticed her pupil had spent nothing of it for several months, and when asked what she intended doing with it gave an evasive answer. At the end of the fourth month, however, Princess Margaret of Savoy presented her governess with her initials in diamonds.—Revue de Famille.

One Way of Making Piecrust Flaky.
To make piecrust flaky spread the crust when rolled out for the top of the pie with a thin layer of butter. Dredge with flour and cover your pie with the crust as usual. When ready for the oven tip the pie slanting, holding it in the left hand, and pour over the pie a glass of cold water to rise off the flour. Enough of the latter will stick to the butter to try into the crust while baking and make it flaky.—Exchange.

Onion Notes.
Onions are improved by soaking in warm salt water an hour or so before cooking, as this removes some of the rank flavor. They cook tender much quicker if sliced in rings and instead of splitting. If they are peeled and sliced with hands under water some "little tears" may be avoided.—Exchange.

Many persons buy material for their own trapecloths, have them stamped at some art establishment, then embroider them themselves.

COMES OF FIGHTING STOCK.

General Miles, the Greatest of Indian Fighters, Inherits His Military Ardor.
Major General Nelson A. Miles, who will succeed to the command of the military division of the Atlantic on the retirement of General Howard during the present year, seems to have been born for a military career. He is not a West Pointer, as everybody knows who knows anything about army matters, but achieved his military reputation "even at the cannon's mouth," in actual service on the field of battle during the civil war and in suppressing various Indian rebellions in the great west. He is unquestionably the greatest of Indian fighters. His career in this regard makes a splendid argument in favor of atavism, for his earliest ancestor in America, Rev. John Miles, a Welsh minister who came to Massachusetts in 1643, left the pulp to lead a company of colonists in the bloody King Philip's war.

Later on another Miles fought through the Revolution from Bennington to Yorktown and took an active part in the war of



GENERAL NELSON A. MILES.

1812. From Plymouth Rock to Pine Ridge the Miles family seems to have been of considerable service to the nation, and as to the subsequent extraordinary usefulness of its present leading representative the whole American people are amply prepared to testify.

When the war broke out, Nelson A. Miles was in business in Boston. He entered the army as lieutenant of a company of Massachusetts volunteers in 1861, being then 21 years of age. Five years later he was mustered out as a major general of volunteers, the youngest soldier of that rank who came out of the war. He was at once appointed a colonel in the regular army and served in North Carolina throughout the "reconstruction" period.

Then he was ordered west to look after the restless red savages of the plains. The Cheyennes and the Arapahoes in 1870 were first to get a taste of his quality. Next he inflicted exemplary punishment on the Kiowas, Comanches and Cheyennes in southern Kansas. After the Custer massacre he went up to the Yellowstone region and wiped out Sitting Bull's band, and next he performed the same kindly duty for the wily Chief Joseph and his Nez Percés. Every body remembers how he cooped up Geronimo and his Apaches, leading his troops for weeks over mountains and across sandy wastes, under a broiling sun, clad in nothing but their underclothes.

One of his western veterans said of him: "He never asked us to go anywhere he wouldn't go himself, and we'd have followed him through hell. We did, pretty near, I'm thinking, when we were after old Geronimo."

A Boy with a Heart.
First Little Chap—Sackey Swipes, he's th' right sort of a boy. He's got a heart in 'm.
Second Little Chap—Wot did he do?
"Ye know his brudder got killed by an explosion last Fourt."
"Yep. Too much powder in der lead pipe."
"Well, that little brudder had four packs of firecrackers wot he didn't have time to shoot off, an Sackey never touched 'em."
"Did'n'?"
"Nary one. He saved 'em till this Fourt. Sackey was wot 'round this Fourt. D'ye know where he was?"
"Nope."
"He was off to der cemetery shootin' off them firecrackers over his little brudder's grave."—Good News.

A Borden Elected Sumner.
The name Borden, which has come so sadly into notice in connection with the late Fall River murder, is one that has long been prominent in Fall River. It once furnished a Massachusetts member of congress in N. B. Borden, and a representative in the state legislature from that town bearing it was the member who gave the vote that first elected Charles Sumner to the United States senate after the many weeks of that celebrated controversy. He was the only Whig who voted for Mr. Sumner, and his defection from the Whig party insured Mr. Sumner's success.—Boston Herald.

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An Industry of the Future.

The banana is one of the most valuable food products of the earth. No other vegetable compares with it in productivity, as Humboldt pointed out, and none other is as rich in pure food constituents. Yet it is in one sense almost a neglected product. Bananas are eaten as fruit more and more every year, but until now hardly anything has been attempted in the way of making a staple meal from them, although banana meal was known as long ago as the time of the Montezumas.

It has been supposed that this meal could not be made in a manner to keep, but recent experiments have proved that it may.

Several governments—notably those of England, Germany and the United States—have now become interested in the question, and it is altogether likely that within a few months the manufacture of banana meal will be an established industry in various parts of the world.—New York World.

Over a Hundred Stone Knives.

While plowing a field on Jesse Doan's farm, in Buckingham township, near Furlong, one day recently, Frank Doan struck a curiously shaped flint stone of a kind not found in that vicinity. It was about 5 inches long by 1½ inches wide in the center, with the edges sharp but irregular. Convinced that it was an implement left by former Indian residents of that neighborhood, it having been found on the site of a wood near a chestnut tree that is said to be over 200 years old, Mr. Doan concluded to investigate further. He dug down several feet, and was rewarded by finding 110 stones of the same shape and kind, which those learned in the ways of the aborigines say are "skinning knives."—Doylestown (Pa.) Intelligencer.

The Summer Umbrella.

The rise of the sun umbrella is manifest these insufferably hot days. Perhaps it would be more strictly accurate if it were designated the rise of the summer umbrella, for the most practical article of that description is one equally adaptable to sun or rain. It has a light stick handle, and is in a shade of light blue or dark green—for this in a summer when it rains as unexpectedly as the sun shines fiercely. There is no adjunct of later day costume that is a greater boon than the summer umbrella.—W. A. Clarke in Clothier and Furnisher.

Stanley's Stepfather in Homestead.

Watkin James, the aged stepfather of explorer Henry M. Stanley, is one of the strikers at Homestead. Mr. James is a Welshman, and married Stanley's mother some years after the African hero was born. He is a gray haired man of about seventy years of age, and speaks English with a strong Cambrian accent. Stanley's mother, who was Mr. James' first wife, died many years ago, and the old mill worker has since twice married.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Miscalculation.

When the crew started to bring the cables for the suspension bridge to Topsham, it was discovered that they were seventy-eight feet too short, necessitating ordering new cables, thus delaying the work.—Brunswick (Me.) Telegraph.

Nearly 60,000 veterans have indicated their intention to attend the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington in September.

THE COMPLEXION OF A CHINESE

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