

THE VOICES OF THE PAST.

From the vale of the past, thro' the mist of years, Voices of the long ago Come dreamily, soothingly to my ears, As the sun of my life sinks low.

THE KING OF LAPLAND.

I know a tiny monarch who has taken his command Within a quiet room, where a faithful little band Of people do his bidding, or yield him homage true, And watch his faintest gesture, as old vasaals used to do.

SLEEPING WITH DAN'L

How the Squatter's Son Entertained the Visiting Stranger. The squatter informed me that there wasn't a spare room in the house, but if I was willing to sleep with his boy Daniel he'd be glad to accommodate me.

"Dad, the stranger's got all the bed-clothes!" As a matter of fact, I simply had my share of them, but to quiet him I gave him some more, and was closing my eyes when he shouted: "Dad, the stranger's pokin' his elbow in my back!"

"Dad, the stranger's makin' faces at me!" "Look-a-yere, stranger," said "dad" as he came to our door with a lighted candle in his hand: "Dan'l has allus bin brought up as a pet and is kinder tecky, but if yo' don't worry him he's one of the nicest boys in the hull territory. Jest give him his way and he won't find any fault with yo'."

I gave him his way and all of the clothes and nearly the whole of the bed, but the old man had hardly left us when the ingrate called out peevishly: "Dad, the stranger says he'll kill me when yo' and ma go to sleep!" "Did yo' say that, stranger?" asked the father, as he reappeared at the door again.

"Why, of course not!" I replied, angrily. "I haven't said a single word to him since we came to bed!" "Wall," he continued, kindly, "jest b'ar in mind that Dan'l has allus bin brung up as a pet and don't bother him. He's a mighty nice boy, Dan'l is, and yo'll say so when yo' know him better."

I was too tired to answer him again, and for the third time was almost in the land of dreams when that boy broke out again: "Dad, the stranger's snorin' and won't let me git to sleep!" "Dan'l!" called the squatter in a voice of thunder, "and yo', too, stranger, if yo' uns don't behave in sleep I'll cum in and wallop the both of you!"

OBEYED THE JUDGE.

Got His Man and Brought Him to Town. Among the wills that were probated the other day was that of a negro blacksmith named Austin Thompson, whose shop was on Sycamore street. There is a story connected with this man's name that is worth telling, says the Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

Just after the war old Benjamin F. Graves was county judge. He was an eccentric man, very peculiar in many ways, very honest and very positive. He ruled with a strong hand. One day Austin Thompson, who lived in the county, was brought before him charged with hog stealing. The meat was found upon his premises, but he had made no effort at concealment.

BOVINE VALOR.

Two Cows Stormed a Barbed-Wire Fence to Rescue Their Calves. The editor of the Condon (Ore.) Globe saw a deed of valor lately that was worth recording as well as seeing. A herd of cattle, among them two cows accompanied by their calves, were grazing in tall, dead grass when the calves became separated a little way from the rest of the cattle, and some wolves started in pursuit of them.

The wolves quickly followed the calves through the fence, and were rapidly running them down on the other side, when the two cow mothers discovered what was going on. Each uttered a loud bellow, hoisted her tail and started for the rescue.

It appeared to be a hopeless chase, for the fence intervened, and the cows were certainly much too large to get through it. They knew well enough that it was there, and could, beside, see it plainly; but both cows plunged straight into it. The watching editor, horrified, looked to see them hurled back, frightfully wounded, but, instead, one of the posts gave way under the onslaught, the wires sank down, and in another moment the mothers were on the pasture side of the fence, badly cut and bleeding, but still able to charge the wolves successfully and put them to flight.

Soon the cows were licking the rescued calves affectionately, and the coyotes were howling a disappointed duet from the summit of a knoll nearby.

Strange Cases of Poisoning. Gila Bite Was Not Deadly, But Umbrella Tree Was. In the far northeastern part of Arizona territory, that is to say in Navajo county, a young man was bitten by a Gila monster recently. Almost at the same time, at Yuma, in the extreme southwestern corner of the territory, a little girl ate some berries that fell from the umbrella trees that grow so plentiful in southern Arizona.

The young man lived, but the little maiden died. The latter case is the more remarkable, perhaps, for until this instance not even the medical profession suspected that there was anything poisonous about the umbrella tree. The child's name was Dora Lynch, her father being well-known in Yuma. The lucky young man in the northeast was Orrin Barney, who had started out with a party for Utah. He was following a wagon up a hill and "scotching" it with rocks. He reached down for a rock and picked up a Gila monster. The monster's head had to be cut off to loosen the grip on Barney's hand. The latter suffered severe pain for two days, but then recovered. His only remedies were tobacco and whisky.

It is said that the pilgrim to Mecca, starting from Washington city, would have to travel 6,598 miles in order to reach the Caaba. To go from New York to Aden, in Arabia, via London, by the swiftest steamer and crossing the continent of Europe by rail, requires 29 days.

Gold and Silver. A pound of feathers contains 16 ounces, or 7,000 grains; a pound of gold contains 12 ounces, or 5,760 grains. In the calendar year 1894 3,093,972 silver dollars were struck at the mints; in the fiscal year 1895, ending June 30, 2,956,011 dollars were struck. A woman at Walkerville, Mont., who keeps hens, gathered four dollars' worth of gold in the crabs of three chickens she had just killed. Now she follows her hens to discover the spot where they find gold. A California gold prospector has written a letter addressed to Mayor Pratt, of St. Paul, Minn., in which he advances the claim that gold can be located in eastern Minnesota. Production of gold has enormously increased, particularly in California and Utah. Gold ore yielding as low as three dollars per ton can now be worked by the new cyanide process, whereas silver ore must show \$24 a ton before it can be worked.

CHILDREN'S EYES.

Did you ever look In a child's clear eyes, And feel the heaven that lay In the innocent depth Of the open soul, As yet unclouded by clay? Oh! a holy thing In a child's clear eyes, And tender the hand should be That touches the flower Still wet with the dew Of Heaven's own mystery.

It was said "of old" That the demons that strove For the doom of the race that fell, If meeting the look Of a child's pure eyes, Sank down to their native hell.

And the truth that hides In the myth "of old" Breaks as a star doth rise; For the utmost heaven Of innocence dwells In the trust of a child's sweet eyes.

And this is the look That the God-man loved, When He gathered them close to His breast, And laying His hands On their shining heads, Pronounced them forever blest.

And the angels sent From His kingdom above, To watch "of old" guard, and to stay, Do always behold The face divine Of Him who spoke that day.

Are we worthy to share The holy charge? Let us fold our hands and pray, Lest we meet the doom Of those who cast "Offense" in the little one's way. —Emily B. Dickenson, in N. Y. Home Journal.

Feeding a Pumpkin. Nebraska Farmer's Successful Scheme to Win a Ten-Dollar Prize. "Say, did you know that pumpkins could be fed and made to grow to an enormous size?" asked a retired farmer of the Omaha Bee man.

"It's a fact," he continued. "I remember one spring that my father was elected secretary of a county agricultural society and he told me that he was going to offer a prize of ten dollars for the largest pumpkin exhibited at the fair. I determined to get that prize and I did.

"How did I do it? By raising the biggest pumpkin, of course. I selected a vine that looked unusually thrifty and gave it extra care until pumpkins had formed about as large as a baseball. Selecting one of these I began to feed it. Yes, feed it. I cut a gash in the stem and run a soft cotton rag through it. Then I covered the place with wax. Every night I set a pan of milk on each side of the stem and put an end of the rag in each pan. That pumpkin would drink up that milk faster than a pig. It would absorb from a quart to three pints every night and it began to swell at an enormous rate. When the fair opened I loaded that pumpkin into a wagon by the aid of a derrick — it weighed 308 pounds — and took it down to agricultural hall. Of course I got the ten dollars.

I have often wondered how many pies that would have made. Estimating 33 per cent. waste, there were about 202 pounds of pie material and 5 1-3 ounces to the pie would make — But the reporter was too busy to hear the rest. He was figuring on feeding a watermelon on port wine and astonishing the world.

Gallant Conduct of Piper. Instances of Bravery Shown in Perilous Quarters. There have been several instances of bravery similar to that of the gallant Gordon piper at Dargal, who continued to play after both his legs had been shot off, says the London Chronicle. One of these, which occurred during the Peninsular wars, was almost identical with that of the capture of the Dargal ridge. It was at Vimiera, when the then Seventy-first Highlanders hurled themselves against the French as a counter-stroke to the attempt of Kellerman to recover six captured guns, and drove back their assailants in headlong rout. When the Highlanders were advancing Piper Stewart, of the grenadier company, fell, his thigh being broken by a musket shot. Yet he refused to quit the field, and, sitting on a knapsack, continued to inspire his comrades with a pibroch, saying: "De'il ha'e me, lads, if ye shall want for music!" For this he received a handsome stand of pipes from the Highland society of London.

Again, there is the historical incident of Pipe Major Mackay, who, when his regiment had formed square to receive a charge of French cavalry at Waterloo, stepped outside the square and strode round the bayonet bristling ranks playing his most inspiring pibroch in the presence of his comrades — an incident which forms the subject of one of Mr. Bogle's finest battle pictures, exhibited at the academy a year or two ago.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at Oregon City, Ore., December 6th, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Tillamook co., at Tillamook, Oregon, on February 21st, 1899, viz: JOHN WILLIAM STRINMETZ; H. E. 11,254, for the Lot 3, Sec. 14, of Twp. 3 N. & E. 1/2 of Sw 1/4 of sec. 4, Twp. 3 N. & E. 1/2.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.—That by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Tillamook, sitting in probate, made and entered in the records of said Court on the 20th day of May, 1898, the administrator of the estate of J. C. HALL, deceased, will from and after the 20th day of January, 1899, proceed to sell at private sale for cash, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: The W 1/2 of the Sw 1/4 of sec. 27 and the Ne 1/4 of the Se 1/4, and the Se 1/4 of the Ne 1/4 of sec. 28, containing 160 acres in Twp. 3 N. & E. 1/2 of the Willamette Meridian in Oregon, save and except all of that portion of the Sw 1/4 of the Ne 1/4 of sec. 28 lying North of the Big Nesticca River and containing 15 acres more or less, deeded by W. A. Hanor and wife to R. O. Richards, November 14th, 1891, also saving and excepting all of that portion of the Sw 1/4 of the Sw 1/4 of sec. 27, said Twp. and Range heretofore deeded by W. A. Hanor and wife to James Hutzey and wife, leaving a balance conveyed herein of 149 acres more or less. Dated at Tillamook, in Tillamook county, Oregon, this 12th day of December A. D. 1898. CHARLES E. HALL, Administrator of the Estate of J. C. Hall, deceased.