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From you, your life and singing heart.

Strange bits of fitful moods of sound
Are in your aspects interwound;
Your attitudes and movements own
An oversight of time and tone.

Brief notes of rhythmic light arise
Through the blue shadows in your eyes:
Your each breathing seems to be
A draught of silent melody.

The room that holds your song seems hung
With tapestries your soul has sung.
A soft and gentle radiance falls
From where your voice glows on the walls.

And where your harmonies have shone
A quiet warmth still lingers on.
Like embers on an evening lawn,
After your living self is gone.
—Edward Lucas White in New York Sun.

SAVED BY A RAVEN.

Two brothers, George and Frank Blackburn, lived with their father in one of the largest settlements on the Labrador coast. George was seventeen and Frank fifteen, and both the boys in summer ranged the coast in a small skiff collecting birds' eggs and other specimens. George owned a pet raven, which he had trained to follow him, carry small parcels in his mouth and do many other intelligent things, and the bird was exceedingly attached to him. Whenever George went into the woods or among the hills Jack, which was the raven's name, followed him, cawing and chattering, sometimes walking, sometimes fluttering, and frequently darning far ahead with loud, delighted screams. He liked also to go with his young master in the boat, but this he was seldom permitted to do.

One lovely June morning the two boys and their cousin, Ned Bradshaw, put out from the little wild dock in an open skiff, with two tanned sails, to make an excursion to Cormorant island, about three leagues down the coast. Jack came hopping and flying down the rocks, appealing piteously, with loud cawing, to be taken on board. George raised his hand and shouted: "No, Jack; can't come. Home, Jack," and then the pop was pushed off, while the poor, lonesome bird stood on a rock close by the water's edge. Then he raised his wings, flew over the water and circled over the boat, cawing and looking at George as if begging him to relent and take him on board. But George arose in the boat, and in a stern, angry voice ordered him to go home. The disappointed bird turned and flew quietly ashore, perching on the edge of a narrow strip of meadow, looking disconsolately after the fast disappearing boat.

The object of the visit to Cormorant island was to get some of the eggs of the cormorant, which are rather difficult to obtain. The boys had not told their parents where they were going, but they had decided upon nothing less than the ascent of the island, the sides of which rose almost perpendicularly out of the sea to a height of nearly 400 feet. The island had three sides, and on one of these sides was a series of rocky shelves resembling a stairway, but some of them were so narrow that it was impossible to get a steady foothold upon them.

When the coast fishermen passed the island they shuddered because so many tragic events were connected with its name. Five or six adventurous persons had scaled its shelvy sides and got up among the multitude of birds, but not a man of them had ever been able to make the descent. As a cliff climber of considerable experience myself, a precipice which you may climb with safety may, in the descent, defy the skill of any human being.

The boys very well knew the history of the island and its dangers, but George had for more than two years been studying the problem of how to get up and come down in safety, had examined every rock shelf on the side through a glass, tracing the same on paper, and had talked with every fisherman on the coast who knew anything about the place, and obtained his opinion as to the safest ways of descending.

So he had quietly provided himself with two short hand gaffs, with stout wooden handles, having on one end a running loop of cord to be fastened around each wrist, and on the other end a strong steel hook. These were designed for getting a hold in cracks and fissures in the face of the cliff where it would be impossible to draw one's self up by means of the fingers, for George knew that the most daring and expert climbers had used gaffs with success.

The coast was bold and desolate and contained no human habitation between the dock from which the skiff had set out and the island, or for several leagues beyond. When they reached the base of the island, which stood close to the main land, they pulled their skiff upon a small platform of rock, got out their guns and began shooting the birds that circled around the island and nested on the terraces. Then George told her he was going up. They knew how to get up and were remembered all the dangerous places that he had climbed before, but their faces grew white with fear as they looked at the 400 feet of spongy, rocky wall that towered above them.

"Now, boys," said George, as he threw off his coat and tightened his belt, "don't be a bit frightened about me; with these gaffs I can climb up there without any trouble, and I can come back, too, with the greatest safety. I'll take your bag, Frank, for the eggs, only put plenty of oakum in it so they won't break when I am coming back." Frank brought him the bag, and his hand trembled as he put it around his brother's neck, but neither of the boys seemed to know what to say.

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and it certainly will surprise the public to know that in the last five years the total wheat crop alone has been equal to the total product of gold and silver, while in Oregon, which has produced in twenty-one years \$17,518,787 of precious metals, the wheat product has amounted in value to \$142,653,027. And it must be remembered that these states, excluding Alaska, contain only 2,268,958 people, more than one-half of whom have come in during the last ten years. With an annual product of wheat now exceeding in value \$60,000,000; of salmon, \$1,800,000; of lumber, \$5,000,000; of other cereals than wheat, \$20,000,000; with an annual wool clip of 80,000,000 pounds; with farm animals valued at over \$64,000,000; with savings bank deposits amounting to \$167,396,157; with 11,474 miles of railroad, representing an investment of \$542,792,231, and annual earnings of nearly \$65,000,000; with a foreign commerce of more than \$100,000,000, and a permanent tonnage of 357,000 tons registered; with taxpaying property assessed at \$1,652,075,859, and worth in fact fully \$3,000,000,000, it is certainly fair to claim that the Pacific slope is a country of superb achievements and inexhaustible resources.

FREE SILVER.

Portland Telegram: After all the talk about cheap money it is still true that \$100 in silver will buy just as much of any purchasable thing as \$100 of gold; nay, it will even buy the gold itself. While this is true the people are not going to become badly scared at the tales of the gold bugs.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution says: The money sharks of the North and East are setting up some dangerous arguments to show their organs that free coinage of silver would result in flat money. They not only show what rasals and hypocrites they are, but they set the people to thinking. If silver money is flat money, how and wherein is flat money dangerous? Legal tender silver is as much the money of ultimate payment as gold, and if the money of ultimate payment is flat money, why all this tedious argument about honest money? What sort of money are national bank notes? They are not based on gold, but on bonds which are merely evidences of a debt owed by the government. In other words, the national bank notes are founded on a debt, and the treasury notes are simply promises to pay. It is estimated that there are \$500,000,000 of these debt evidences and promises to pay in circulation, and as there is not enough gold in the treasury to pay them, what are they but flat money? The money sharks and bankers should be careful how they misled the people in this matter. When Wall street teaches that silver money is flat money it breaks down the barriers between what is good and what is bad, and suggests comparisons.

BOYCOTTING THE GERMANS.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—A Vienna dispatch tells some funny incidents connected with the new Magyar National Society recently founded at Buda-Pesth. The society is partly Hungarian and its rules provide that its members shall buy no German newspapers published in Hungary, patronize no German shops and frequent no hotels, restaurants or cafes where there are German waiters or where the bills of fare and notices to the public are in any but the Magyar language. The fact is, the Germans control the best hotels and restaurants in Buda-Pesth, and they in turn are boycotting the members of the society; but the latter, when driven by hunger for a good dinner, forget the rules and seek a German restaurant. Several of the Magyars have been going with their faces unshaven for days because the leading barber-shops refuse to discharge their German employees, and a good shave can be got nowhere else. The society seems likely to fall to pieces because its principles are so difficult to practice.

THE CHILIAN MINISTER TALKS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—"The war is over," said Senor Pазano, the Chilean minister, to a press representative, commenting on a cable dispatch received from the Chilean minister of foreign affairs. Senor Pазano wore a contented expression upon his determined face, while his handsome wife, who acts as his interpreter, beamed with enthusiasm, joy, and happiness. "The war began six months ago," Senor Pазano exclaimed, "and the insurgents were led by Colonel Canto, who had been dismissed from the Chilean army. He succeeded in securing the Chilean navy, and on this account has been able until now to maintain his army. The Chilean government had no navy, and because of this disadvantage they have been unable to hem in the insurgents."

"Had we had ships," said Senor Pазano, trading the positions of the government and insurgent forces on a rough map he had drawn so as to explain himself, "we would have succeeded long ago."

He then traced the positions of the army of the Chilean government under command of General Velazquez, present minister of war, and who distinguished himself in the war between Chili and Peru ten years ago, and at Coquimbo, on the northern coast of Chili.

There were 1000 government troops in the garrison, while below at Concepcion 1000 men were under arms. To the left of Concepcion an army of 6000 were rendezvoused between Santiago and Quintero, above the Aconcagua river. The insurgents under Colonel Canto moved down the coast toward Valparaiso. At Aconcagua river the insurgents were met by a force of 500 men from the

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

It is better to fly low and roost high than vice versa.

What Oregon does in peaches, can be done with corn and grapes.

It is one thing to say so, but that don't make it so, not by a long shot.

The governor of Oregon will no longer share the exclusive confidence of his private secretary. He has wed.

Don't be too exclusive in this world. You don't know whom you may have to associate with in the next.

Hon. Jerry Simpson desires to say that he now has engagements to occupy his time until November, and can make no more appointments to lecture.

GOLD AND WHEAT.

The New York Tribune prints an article under the caption of "The Romance of the Pacific Slope," with the following peroration: These states and those of the Rocky mountain country generally have been conspicuous in the public mind chiefly for their vast mineral wealth, of which the output of silver and gold is no more than an illustration. But the fact is, enormous as are the sums derived from their mines, their agricultural products have been far more valuable. Of the \$25,000,000 acres contained in the Pacific slope, 300,000,000 constitute Alaska. Of the remainder not less than one-half has been as yet surveyed, and not more than 40,000,000 acres can be called improved lands. From these the agricultural results have been obtained,