

A Dinner with the Governor of Ismahalia.

We were interrupted in our talk by a grand clatter. A little black urchin rushed wildly either and thither staggering under a huge bouquet of roses. There was a flutter and waving of lanterns, and out of the crowd emerged the Governor, in white and gold leading by the hand Sir Garnet Wolsley, groggers in a red tunic and white duck trousers. Turveydrop, whose smiles had been growing fewer and fewer, and who, with corrugated brow, had been gazing wistfully toward the kitchen, lighted up and beamed once more. An obese cook appeared at the doorway waving a large spoon, and at the signal the master of the ceremonies marshalled us to our seats at the little round table with the *hors d'oeuvre*. Nestor had Sir Garnet and Sir Owen on either side; I sat next to Turveydrop, who plied me freely with titbits till I was fain to cry him mercy. The magnificent Governor in white and gold would not sit in so august an assemblage, as he would have preferred behind Nestor's chair; and the latter, by the bye, treated that splendid vision for all the world as if he were the traditional green-grocer in Berlin gloves, rating him soundly once because he was not satisfied with the cleanliness of the Governor's staff followed the suit of their lord, standing each behind a guest; and, though I shall be eternally grateful for the polite attention of the descending gentlemen who waited on me, yet does vanity complain to ever that he had not been seated at the table with the first. The Governor's staff followed the suit of their lord, standing each behind a guest; and, though I shall be eternally grateful for the polite attention of the descending gentlemen who waited on me, yet does vanity complain to ever that he had not been seated at the table with the first.

THE LIME-KILN CLUB.

Brother Gardner's Views.
The peach stones ceased rattling around the hall, the windows went down, the manching of peaches was hushed, and Brother Gardner had firm hold of the platform with his feet on the floor and began:
"A resident of my neighborhood died the other day, an' dis eben' de committee 'pinted to write an eulogy on his character w' showin' me a draft of what they had put on 't. The eulogy was in seckshuns, an' I will quote it to you:
"He was a man who did not gib to de poor wid one han' an' steal from de taxpayers wid de oider.
"He naber gin a dollar to de heathen in Africa, but he alus paid his debts in America.
"While he did not purfess to be a perfect Christian, he remembered dat only one seat belonged to de white man in de church, an' he no no go to de 'bout his honesty, an' yit he remembered when an' whar he borrowed a hoe or a shovel.
"He did not call hisself better dan a fellow-man, an' yit he had a kind word for a n'ob, an' he was a ton of coal fur a n'ob wid a broken leg.
"He felt dat he had a duty to do by de church, an' yit he entery a circus by de front door, an' de seon' of a fiddle put new spirit in his feet.
"If he did not ring hymns from de house-tops, neither did de world h'ar what he said, when he arrove home an' foun' his wife sick a-bed, de hired gal gone an' de baby howlin' wid a paper of pins in his mouf."

The Electric Light on the Railway.

There is now to be seen at the Pennsylvania Railway Company's depot at Jersey City a passenger car lighted by seven incandescent lamps, representing the initial effort of the Pennsylvania Company to introduce electric lighting on their cars. The incandescent lamps used are manufactured by the Edison Electric Light Company, and the wiring and other parts being supplied by a number of Fair's secondary batteries manufactured by the Light and Force Company, of No. 224 Broadway. The car has made several journeys between New York and Philadelphia, its occupants enjoying the comfort of the clear, powerful, steady light. The same system of lighting railway cars was introduced a few months ago by the chief engineer of the Light and Force Company on the London Brighton and South Coast Railway, England, where the system has ever since been continued with great success and is being largely extended.

What Will it do Next?

A Philadelphia electrician has invented an entirely automatic system for preventing collisions upon railroads. At the distance of a mile apart, two cars are placed, containing a magnet and armature and all acting in accord. The locomotive in passing one of these boxes breaks the current, which sends forward a projection by the side of the track, and the other car being on the track, the box two miles away. At the next box the current is restored to the box furthest behind and broken again still further on, throwing by the projection just spoken of, the iron projection comes in contact with the rear axle of the locomotive applied to air brakes, shuts off the steam and blows the whistle, bringing the train to a standstill without human aid. In this way trains can be kept one or two miles away from each other, and the risk of collisions is entirely avoided. The system is in working order, as electricians believe it might be, people who have seen and compared the new system with the former for the sake of a trifling extra in cost.—*New York World.*

Swift's Verses on "The Vowels."

"We're all different sizes,
All of different sound and features;
One of us in glass is set,
And the other four are free,
Tether you may see in tin,
And the fourth a box within,
It can never fly from us,
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AN AYRSHIRE DAIRY FARM.

Farm Improvements—Increase in Rent—Wages in Scotland.

Most readers of the *Witness* have seen or heard about the milking qualities of Ayrshire cows, and the large quantities of milk, Dairy farms are very numerous in Ayrshire, and, as was to be expected, the Ayrshire breed of cattle are almost exclusively kept on them. One morning, on the banks of the River Afton, a short distance to "Mossbank" farm, where there were at that time forty-seven superior milch cows, besides a number of young cattle and calves, the following conversation took place across the Scotch acre is nearly one-sixth larger than the English acre of arable land. It was leased by the late James Wilson in 1840 for 140s. per annum, and at that time yielded fifty milk cows besides a number of young cattle and two pairs of large horses. The farm originally consisted of a gravelly peaty soil and partly of rolling hills with a hard subsoil of brownish yellow gravel, which, even now, in many places, will not permit ploughing to be done to a greater depth than four or five inches. As the land was at that time in a state of "spouty," Mr. Wilson was compelled to underdrain the whole of it at enormous cost, of which the landlord (the Marquis of Bute) paid from one-third to one-fourth, but to the match that he has raised the rent from 140s. at which it was at first let, to 254s. the present rent. Mr. Young, the farmer, who has been living on the farm since boyhood, showed me a low field of between four and five acres which was originally a meadow, but which he has reclaimed, and Mr. Wilson at a cost of about 70l. per acre spent in draining and removing from the soil the stumps and roots of Scotch fir and oak, also for lime put on the land and for ploughing during the winter months, in which it was kept in fallow. Mr. Young says that he believes that the improvements made at such enormous cost pays a fair interest, for each acre will now furnish pasture for a large stock of cows during the whole of the year, and the milk can be pastured together, but the milch cows are divided into four herds which are kept in separate pastures, while the young stock occupy another pasture by themselves. Mr. Young says that the improvements made at such enormous cost pays a fair interest, for each acre will now furnish pasture for a large stock of cows during the whole of the year, and the milk can be pastured together, but the milch cows are divided into four herds which are kept in separate pastures, while the young stock occupy another pasture by themselves.

The Hudson's Bay Route.

Every investigation regarding this Northern route between Europe and the American North-West reveals more of its practicability, and lessens the apparent difficulties regarding its establishment and effective working. The ocean portion of the route is gradually being shortened, and the great Bay of the North and the straits connecting it with the Atlantic are fast falling into line as a safe navigable inland sea, and a deep and shoalless channel, while their arctic properties are gradually vanishing under the sun of close investigation.

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