

A Broken String.

and to you! No, no; with one note jarred...

A string, my friend, is dumb beneath your hand...

and yet, perchance, some day before we die...

and in the darkness it recedes and dies;

some old forgotten tones may rise and wake...

Death of Elisha Burritt.

The Hon. Elisha Burritt, well known to the people...

When his father died, in 1818, Mr. Burritt apprenticed himself to a blacksmith...

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Information in Brief.

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REGULAR ADVERTISING.

The following remarks from an American exchange are worthy the consideration of business men...

From "Vanity Fair" 22nd Feb.

Sir Phillip Cunliffe Owen has won a fine pianoforte at the Paris lottery.

Mr. Lawrence Oliphant has left London for Egypt on his way to the Holy Land.

The British soldier can seldom be accused, with truth, of not being outspoken when his officers' qualifications are being discussed.

In one of the cavalry regiments proceeding to the Cape, the Major is said to be a bad horseman.

Defalcations of an extraordinary character have been discovered in connection with the St. Petersburg Admiralty.

Lady Victoria Mount-Edgcombe, daughter of the lately appointed Lord Chamberlain, is one of the bridesmaids chosen for Princess Louise Margaret of Prussia.

General Peel's death was very unexpected, although he had been ailing for some time past.

I am told that 100,000 roubles are ordered to be expended in improving the sanitary arrangements of the Imperial Winter Palace.

There is a rumor that Sir Drummond Wolff is to be appointed Ambassador at Constantinople in place of Sir Henry Layard.

Regarding the quarrel between Roumania and Russia respecting the fort of Arab-Tabia, the members of the International Commission are divided in opinion.

The Agricultural Department reports that the quality of tobacco produced last year was generally better and heavier.

The perils of the rail have been notably reduced of late years. The number of accidents reported last year on American railroads was 750.

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A Question of Damages.

Some lawyers take very practical views of cases in which they are retained. In a certain town in Missouri Squire G— was defending a charge of malpractice.

London Truth.

"In politics one must not lay down principles of universal application, but take into consideration facts and circumstances.

Stenography

Journal for the Stationary Trade.

We are often asked which is the best system of stenography, and we are as often compelled to reply, "there is no best."

Young professional persons and students have frequently lost much valuable time in experimenting with the art under this delusion.

Stenography when only partially mastered is utterly worthless. As one of its leading experts has said, "There are two great difficulties to be encountered—

It has often been predicted by stenographic enthusiasts that, in this age of progress, steam and the electric telegraph, the present style of writing will soon be abandoned.

Expert short-hand writing, however, depends more upon the method of writing it, and the attention and judgment of the writer, than upon the system.

Besides the stenographic inventions that have been published, there are probably hundreds of others that have never been recorded in books.

In stenography it is generally conceded that Americans take the lead. The Congressional reporters at Washington are the best that write the English language.

The verbatim reports of great trials seem to have created a sort of stenographic fever among the young men of this country.

Perchance in the future, great orators may be developed whose words will be prized by the public and the press.

"You have married again, have you not?" "Yes, sir."

"How old is your present wife?" "About thirty-five, sir."

"Is she stout and healthy, Mr. Wilson?" "Yes, sir."

"Then, Mr. Wilson, will you please state to this jury how you are damaged in this case?"

Mr. Wilson had evidently never taken this view of the matter, and could make no answer.

Some people talk hours and say nothing; others there are who, by the mere lifting of an eyebrow or the gesture of a hand, are comparatively eloquent.

ANOTHER STARTLING INVENTION

Two Thousand Words a Minute Sent Over One Cable Wire—A Whole Newspaper Telegraphed in Half an Hour.

We are enabled to lay before the readers of the Post this morning a piece of exclusive intelligence which will be found of intense and universal interest.

The Old and New Worlds are about to hail the approaching dawn of cheap telegraphy on land and under sea between and throughout all the countries of the civilized globe.

What has enabled this wonderful process or invention to be brought to perfection and put to practical use is the new system and inventions now controlled by the American Cable Company.

The above named company has, we are informed, an exclusive right to the use on all of its proposed cables of both of these most wonderful inventions.

Inasmuch as it could not have been used by the Anglo Company for lack of the proper electric instruments, the benefit of it would of course have been lost to the world.

The other rights of the invention outside of those held by the American Cable Company. It is evident that ocean telegraphy is yet in its infancy.

New York, March 12.—The Graphic to-day says that some scientific tests which have been in progress for several months by one of the most distinguished professors of agricultural chemistry in the country have developed a rather startling fact.

The next crop will not equal 50 per cent. of the usual product. It is stated that the damage to the sprouting capacity of the kernel is not such as to affect its value for milling purposes outwardly and to all appearances.

A Chicago despatch of to-day confirms the New York despatch, and says there is no doubt that last year's No. 2 wheat, while all right for milling purposes, is mostly unfit for seed.

Secretary Evans, who is always saying neat things, especially at dinner, remarked, a few nights ago, in reply to somebody who happened to have been reading one of the regulation jokes about the Secretary's endless sentences and gracefully repeated it: "Oh, nonsense! I don't object to that sort of thing at all."

A German physician says that thirst arises from the loss of liquid in food which is cooked. He advises fresh fruit and oysters for medicine in gout and indigestion.

THE ZULU DISASTER.

The following paragraph appears in a recent English exchange, and speaks for itself:

After a short search the bodies of Lieutenant Melville and Coghill have been found 300 years on the southern side of the Buffalo River, together with the colors of the 24th Regiment, which they had succeeded in saving previous to their death.

There is yet another item of good news in the present despatch which will cause universal satisfaction. The colors of the gallant Twenty-fourth have been recovered, and that, too, under circumstances which, though still imperfectly recounted, appear to cast new lustre upon the devotion of the men of all ranks who died so nobly at Isandula.

The bodies of two officers who were with the ill-fated detachment, Lieutenants Melville and Coghill, have been discovered near the Buffalo River, and in their hands, or upon their persons, were found the regimental standards, safe and sound—nay, more glorious than ever, it may be justly declared, being stained with such faithful blood.

The fatal error committed became plain to all. The few men left among the wagons were overwhelmed, and, while the detached body strove desperately to regain their stores and ammunition, holding firmly together and mowing the enemy down with their fire, they were cut off and surrounded, to die unconquered amid heaps of Zulus, after discharging their last cartridges.

Among them perished, it now appears, fighting manfully, many of our Native allies, who swell the total of casualties very considerably beyond that first named. It was in the last moments of this strenuous attempt to retrieve a blunder that Captain Stewart Smith so heroically spiked the guns which could be no longer defended.

Yet it now seems that the noble fellow and his companion burst through the throng, mortally wounded but carrying the standards safe, and we gather that they were found lying dead side by side near the frontier line with the precious trophies round their bodies.

Such an incident crowns this sad story of valor with its last and greatest glory, for we must refuse to consider the preservation of a British regiment's colors a mere piece of military sentiment. There are those, it is true, who say that they should not be carried into action, that they are no longer useful to rally or to lead our new formation; that they draw fire to no purpose, and that they take away the color-sergeants from active duty.

But we must have the chivalry of battle preserved if only in order to redeem its horrors, and the colors which had not been carried upon the field could not fairly claim the blazonry of victory. Even the red Indian wears his scalping tuft to give the enemy a chance to take it if he can, and regiments must risk their standards that they may defend them.

Few, very few, happily, are the flags which an enemy can boast of having captured from British troops in action, and it was therefore felt as a national catastrophe that barbarians at Isandula should have carried off that sacred silk, embroidered with so many victorious memorials.

This shame has, however, been spared to the Twenty-fourth by the perfect devotion of Melville and Coghill, and the mournful recital of that day in January is rendered heroic for all time by their self-sacrifice and by the fearless death of their comrades.

No. 2 SPRING WHEAT.

A Scientific Discovery of Interest to Farmers.

New York, March 12.—The Graphic to-day says that some scientific tests which have been in progress for several months by one of the most distinguished professors of agricultural chemistry in the country have developed a rather startling fact.

The other day, after a strapping young man had sold a load of corn and potatoes on the market and had taken his team to a hotel barn to "feed," it became known to the men around the barn that he was very desirous of joining some secret society in town.

When questioned he admitted that such was the case, and the boys at once offered to initiate him into a new Order, called "The Cavaliers of Coveo." He was told that it was twice as secret as Freemasonry, much nicer than Odd-Fellowship, and the cost was only two dollars.

In case he had the toothache he could draw five dollars per week from the relief fund, and he was entitled to receive ten dollars for every headache, and twenty-five dollars for a sore throat.

The young man thought he had struck a big thing, and after eating a hearty dinner he was taken into a store room above the barn to be initiated. The boys poured cold water down his back, put flour on his hair, swore him to kill his mother, if commanded, and rushed him around for an hour without a single complaint from his lips.

"Now I'm one of the Cavaliers of Coveo, am I?" "You are," they answered. "Nothing more to learn, is there?" "Nothing."

"Well, then, I'm coming to lick the whole crowd!" continued the candidate, and he went at it, and before he got through he had his two dollars initiation fee back, and three more to boot, and he knocked everybody down two or three times apiece.