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THE ROAD THAT RUNS OVER THE HILL

One hill is wrapped in a bluish haze,
Our valley dips in the sun.
For autumn has come with her dreamy days.

And autumn's begun.
Like statuary ships the clouds sail high
In a wide-sarched sea of blue;
Clouds, like, below, as the clouds drift by.

"Are quiet and peaceful, too;

But far off and far off, wonder still

What becomes of the road that runs over the hill.

The silver ribbons of little streams
On a winding bauly;

Pathways smoke, pungent with dreams.

Hangs over them bauly,

O, our valley lingersome with autumn.

Bearlet and green and gold,

As over it all breath tranquil ease,

But I look far off and I wonder still

What becomes of the road that leads over the hill.

Over my head a lowing sheep.

As in a sea of freedom falling,

For it's just where yonder the unknown lies.

The road is wide and the road is good,

And it leads to an unknown world.

The valley may sleep in the sun if it would,

With a look of initial mirth,

But I look far off and wonder still—

What becomes of the road that runs over the hill.

—A. M. Clotfeller.

AQUA REGIA

In the laboratory about we learned how acids act on different substances. Sometimes they make a mixture that exploded bursts into flames. Sometimes they eat up the substance to which they are applied. Sometimes they act slowly, showing that they do not have much power over what has been exposed to their action.

In the laboratory our experiments that professor gave us a bit of cold and told us to dissolve it. "We tried one acid after another, but none had any effect on it. We left it out all night in the strongest acids, but in the morning it was just as it had been the night before; we might as well have left it alone." We tried combinations of different acids, but still the gold remained unaffected. Finally we told the professor that we thought gold could not be dissolved.

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was a man experienced in our lumber trade, who came from the north of France. This fire roared him in his new Canadian home, his furniture, his clothing and his hard-earned savings, while he was compelled to leave away in his old-country truck up the hill.

Around from this farm there were for many years an unpretentious cottage, owned by the G. T. H., and a small garden, which he had planted at the station. Here for many years Patrick and Mrs. Kelly had their home and raised a large and interesting family, mostly well educated and a credit to their parentage. The only member of this fine large family residing in Acton besides Mrs. Laike, the mother, is a son, Mr. John Murray McDonald, Samuel, the eldest son, is in Johnstown, N. Y., William is foreman of the glazier department in Wilcox's, and John, the youngest, is a boy of twenty-one, who is a glazier, and is now working for the boys and girls who are now our very own grandfathers and grandmothers.

I have a list of my old friends that the professor gave us a bit of cold and told us to dissolve it. "We tried one acid after another, but none had any effect on it. We left it out all night in the strongest acids, but in the morning it was just as it had been the night before; we might as well have left it alone." We tried combinations of different acids, but still the gold remained unaffected. Finally we told the professor that we thought gold could not be dissolved.

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THE HAPPY VALLEY

When the explorers who are pushing around the mighty shoulders of Mount Everest, came to a place that is called Hongkuk they found it a "wonderfully happy valley," says an English paper.

Here in this valley live between 300 and 400 hermits and monks in solitary caves that stand high above the valley. The hermits and the monks are the survivors of the giant army that once dwelt here.

It is further recorded that all the animals and birds in this valley are extraordinarily tame. Rock pigeons would come and take food out of our hands. Men and birds and beast dwell together in the shadow of the holy places.

All these know that slow urge that comes from the sun, from the earth and the atmosphere that causes the monastic life of the people.

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