

**A German Legend.**

Many years ago in the little town of Dort, in Germany, were two large, unpainted, dreary looking old houses, standing directly opposite each other. One was the home of the aged Hermann Desseidorf and his gentle daughter, Bertha. The neighboring dwelling was occupied by one Jacques Lambert, a painter by profession, and Italian by birth. Very retiring in his manner. His only companion was a poor, half-witted lad, Paul Laroni. No one knew anything of their previous history, unless it might be Hermann Desseidorf and his lovely daughter. For Bertha Desseidorf, the belle of the whole village, was his affianced bride.

About this time came news of a great exhibition to be held at the neighboring city of Antwerp, where he produced the finest representation of the "Death and Sufferings of Our Savior," to be placed in the cathedral, should receive a prize of great value.

Jacques Lambert determined to win the prize. Closely he applied himself to the task, but as day by day passed, each one bringing nearer the exhibition, he became almost despairing; for as yet he had been able to create on the canvass no countenance he deemed a worthy likeness to our Savior. Bertha strove to win him from his project. One day as she stood by his side looking down at Paul, as he sat gazing up into her face with his beautiful eyes, his long golden curls falling on each side of a face of almost womanly sweetness and perfect innocence, she suddenly exclaimed: "Take Paul for a model!"

Quickly Jacques glanced at the face of the unfortunate, and wildly exclaiming, "Why did I not think of that myself!" he fell back in his chair for the moment motionless.

After that he came in every day for a moment to see her, but always bade her not to come to him until his picture was finished; for nothing now must disturb him from his work.

He daily grew pale and thin, and his wild dark eyes burned with a strange fire. All avoided him as much as possible; and one more bold than the rest alleged that one night, crouching under the window, led by curiosity, he heard cries and groans issue from within.

Poor Paul Laroni was missing, too, and Jacques offered a liberal reward to any one who would bring him back. A party headed by Hermann Desseidorf scoured the adjacent forest, and even dragged the river, but found no trace save one of the boy's silk handkerchiefs, which they found near the river bank.

Bertha, in her anxiety for her lover, watched his studio window hour by hour. Finally, one day he omitted his usual visit to her, and fearing that he might be ill she ventured to disobey his command; and, entering the house softly, she crept to his studio door. Suddenly a low wail, full of human agony, smote her ear, and then immediately following it she heard a wild laugh and the voice of Jacques exclaiming:

"The very expression! Oh! a few more such and my work will be complete!"

Cautionally she lifted herself to her knees, and peered through the key hole. A moment thus; then, with a piercing shriek, she fell back insensible.

Jacques came hastily out, terror impressed on his countenance, and, locking the door behind him, bore her to her home and laid her on her couch. Tenderly he watched over her until she opened her eyes; but never again was she conscious.

On the tenth day she died, and the same night came the news of Jacques Lambert's triumph. Truly it was a wonderful picture, and filled all who beheld it with awe and admiration.

It was the "Savior on the Cross." Blood was streaming from His side, His hands and feet were fearfully lacerated by the cruel nails, and His eyes were turned toward heaven with such a look of patient suffering and agonized meekness that they drew tears from the eyes of all beholders.

One singularity, however, to the inhabitants of Dort, was that the countenance seemed familiar, though at first no one could tell when or where they had seen one like it. Soon a suggestion arose, and was whispered from ear to ear, causing the greatest excitement among the usually quiet villagers.

A mob was formed and marched to the house of the artist. The doors were burst open, the apartments carefully searched, and what was their horror, on breaking open a closet connected with his studio, to behold the stiffened corpse of the idiot boy fall the reform! Fearful to tell, he had literally been crucified! He was found nailed to a rude wooden cross, his countenance wearing the same expression as that of the beautiful picture.

No trace of the artist was to be found. He had fled and was never heard of more. The indignant populace razed the house to the ground, and set fire to the ruins.

**What Number of Meals?**

Respecting the number of meals one ought to patronize, that must be regulated by want and habit. To digest well, it is necessary that the stomach should have completely dealt with the previous meal. However, feeble and delicate stomachs have need to eat but little at a time, though frequently. Also, to make an intelligent selection of those aliments which refresh, heat and sustain. The aliment which digests best is the most suitable. Digestion is but the preference of the stomach for something it likes, the attraction of suitable ingredients; it is the sustaining of our organs and their tissues, and if the stomach be healthy and well constituted, its instinct will never be at fault. "Strawberries and cream make me sad," said Madame du Defand, but they agreed with her not the less—[The Caterer.

**PERSONAL.**

Ristori is always up at seven o'clock in the morning.

Lord Mandeville is going into sugar-planting in Cuba.

The Marquis of Lorne is talked of for the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland.

In Valparaiso women are employed exclusively as street car conductors.

There is a little social club in Washington called "Les Precieuses Ridicules."

Novello has paid Gounod twenty thousand dollars for his new oratorio, *Mors et Vita*.

Mrs. Arthur Paget, Mrs. Paron Stevens's daughter, is said to be a remarkable fine shot.

In Vienna they consider Strauss a great match maker by means of his waltzes.

Mr. John Jacob Astor owns the De Bohun Psalter, illuminated on vellum, and dating from 1360.

Lester Wallack is sixty-five years old. He was at one time an officer in the British army in India.

The editor of *Punch*, Mr. Burnand, has among his "Happy Thoughts" eleven unmarried daughters.

Stanley, the explorer, has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Helle.

Professor F. weett's height was colossal and his voice mighty. He wore spectacles to conceal his sightless eyes.

John Stuart Mill's adopted daughter, Helen Taylor, is one of the editors of the new *London Democrat*.

A life pass over a railway was one of the gifts to Sir Moses Montefiore recently on attaining his hundredth year.

A colossal bronze bust of Elias Howe, of the sewing machine, is to be erected on a granite pedestal over his grave.

Lieutenant Dannenhower brought home to his mother a knit bed spread, that he bought of a young Siberian girl, not quite finished.

The eldest son of the Prince of Wales, heir-presumptive to the British throne, will attend President Cleveland's inauguration.

In carrying home to their country seat the wedding presents of the lately married Lord and Lady Stafford four large vans were loaded.

Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth is in her sixty-fifth year, and engaged upon her sixty-fifth novel. She writes with a gold pen in a heavy hand.

Cardinal Manning's niece, Miss Vera Manning, carries to the convent where she is to take the veil a pretty fortune of three hundred thousand dollars.

The *London Spectator* says that cultivated grown up people hanker after fairy stories as much as children do, provided they are genuine clever ones.

Poston Goshuron Takahashi, the postmaster of Yokohama, is visiting the post-offices in the States with a view of improving the mail service of Japan.

Lord Sherbrooke, formerly Robert Lowe, suffered from the want of a colored iris to his eyes, and his wife, who has just died, was always his amanuensis.

Robert Browning's *Blot on the Scutcheon*, which is to be played by Lawrence Barrett this winter, was originally produced with Macready and Helen Faucit in the leading parts.

The *London Standard* declares that the opinion steadily grows that Nathaniel Hawthorne was the most considerable literary personage that America has yet produced.

The real name of the German novelist Elsie Marlitt is Eugenia John. The real name of Adah Isaacs Menken was Dolores Adios Fuertes; her father was a Spanish Jew, her mother a French woman.

Jenny Lind is one of the faculty of the College of Music at Albert Hall, London, and does not allow the position to become a sinecure, being the most devoted teacher imaginable, and the idol of the scholars.

A Mr. A. C. Lavelle, in San Francisco, who had dropped everything aristocratic and applied himself to business, recently received, on the death of his father, a Russian nobleman, a fortune of thirty million dollars.

The Japanese attache of Legation at Berlin, Kido, having recently to make a sea voyage, took with him a coffin and all the requisites for embalming, so that he should not be buried at sea.

Arabi Pasha is of lofty stature and imposing bearing; he has thin lips, good brow, and a long black beard; he converses like a cultivated gentleman, and lives in Ceylon in luxurious captivity.

Pretty but not at all talented actresses of London variety theatres will in time be respectively Duchess of Grafton, Countess of Cowley, Countess of Feversham, Marchioness of Ailesbury, and Countess of Gainsborough.

Sir Moses Montefiore had an uncle, one of seventeen children, who was a lawyer, an author, a privateer, married a second time when considerably past seventy, and died at eighty-one, leaving six small children, the youngest of whom was six weeks old.

A printer employed in Scotland on Carlyle's manuscript, left and went to London. One day the terrible script appeared in the hands of his new employer "Great heavens!" he cried when he saw it, "you don't mean to say you have that man here!" and fled into space.

The landlord of the inn at Ystradgynlais, Wales, fitted up a room for Madame Patti's use during her short stops at the village, and in return the prima donna presented him with a painting done by her own hands, which, he says, he would not barter for all his house contains.

**CAPTAIN PIM'S PROPOSITIONS.**

The United States and England to Build a Railroad and the Nicaragua Canal.

Captain Bedford Pim of the Royal Navy, and lately a member of Parliament from Gravesend has on foot a plan for building a railroad from Cheyenne to Hudson Bay for the transportation of cattle to England, instead of bringing them to Chicago and then shipping them East. The road will cost about \$10,000,000 and he wants the United States to subscribe 1 1/2 per cent. of that amount, and England 1 1/2 per cent., and the remainder he claims to be able to raise on the London Stock Exchange in a few days.

Beside this, Capt. Pim has been in communication with Secretary Frelinghuysen and other heads of departments at Washington concerning the Nicaragua Canal. The United States has recently secured the contract from Nicaragua for building this canal, and talks about \$40,000,000 as a sum sufficient to do it. Capt. Pim contends that it cannot be done with \$100,000,000, and wants the United States and England to go in together and start a subscription of \$200,000,000, England to give 1 1/2 per cent. and America a like amount, and the remainder he volunteers to raise in London by the same means he proposes to raise the money with which to build a railroad from Cheyenne to Hudson Bay.

Captain Pim has visited Nicaragua, seen for himself the proposed route of the canal, and given those at Washington much valuable information. To a reporter Captain Pim said:

"The plan to construct a railway, say, from Cheyenne to Hudson Bay, has been endorsed by many cattle men I met. The idea is to save as much time as possible. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad runs to Cheyenne, and, if you like, cattle can be brought from as far south as Texas. Then from Cheyenne I propose to construct a road through Manitoba to Hudson Bay. There is a saving at once of 1,000 miles, while you save by shipping from Hudson Bay to England 500 miles, making in all 1500 miles."

Speaking further of the Nicaragua Canal plan, and in answer to an inquiry as to how joint action of the English and American Governments could be brought about he said:

"The President should appoint a preliminary commission, and for that purpose I shall wait on President-elect Cleveland at Albany. The English and American Governments both, so far, look upon the plan with favor, and I have no doubt that it can be consummated. The only question is that of a division of the proceeds of the canal, but I have no doubt that also can be amicably arranged."

**European and American Breweries.**

According to a report of the Internal Revenue Department of the United States the amount of beer which paid taxes in the United States last year was 588,000,000 gallons. Add to this the beer exported and evading the tax was 600,000,000 gallons. The United States now ranks third in the list of beer producing countries in the world. Although her breweries are few in number compared with those of other countries, she yet makes two-thirds as much beer as England, whose breweries are almost ten times as many. England is at the head of all beer producing countries, with 27,000 breweries, and a product of 990,000,000 gallons annually; while Germany, with 25,000 breweries, makes 900,000,000 gallons yearly. The United States, with only 3,000 breweries, makes about 600,000,000 gallons per annum. Then comes France, with 3,000 breweries, and a production of 157,500,000 gallons; and Austria and Hungary, with 2,093 breweries, but a production of 280,000,000 gallons. Belgium has 1,250 breweries, which produced last year, 210,250,000 gallons; Holland, 500 breweries, producing 34,000,000; Russia, 480 breweries, producing 3,000,000 gallons; Switzerland, 423 breweries, producing 13,500,000 gallons; Denmark, 250 breweries, producing 28,000,000; Sweden, 220 breweries, producing 21,000,000 gallons; and Italy, 150 breweries, producing only 4,000,000 gallons. Nearly 80,000 persons are engaged in brewing lager beer in the United States.

**Served Him Right.**

"I—I wanted to ask your opinion about a little matter, and also secure your advice," he said, as he cornered a member of the City Council on one of the City Hall porches yesterday.

"Well, sir, what can I do for you?"

"Is it your opinion that we shall have no open winter?"

"Why, sir, I—I can't really say. I do not pretend to be a weather-prophet."

"Sorry—very sorry," continued the other; "I've got to go to Chicago on foot. If you could guarantee me fine weather I wouldn't need to ask you to lend me more than half a dollar. As you can't do that, and as I am liable to be snowed in somewhere for a week, I shall be compelled to request the loan of at least eighty cents. Do you advise me to lay in a stock of crackers and cheese at this point, or would you buy as you went along and from day to day?"

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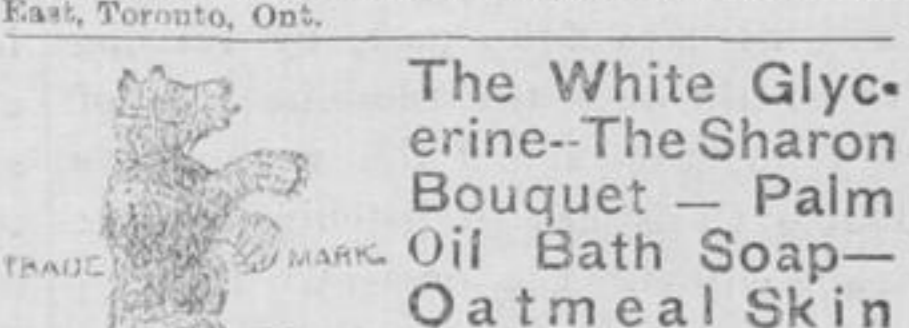
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